



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS Tribal member expresses concerns on Gaming

Speaking about the "Good Ole Day's," does anyone remember when the big fall Chinook Salmon run would come? This was before the Dalles Dam was built and the Celilo Falls was the place to be at that time. Tribesmen from all parts of the Northwest would gather at Celilo Falls when the big fall run came. Man, you could see Salmon jumping all over the place, people melling around on the islands and looked like ants as you viewed them from the highway. There were camps all over the place, with the towns people at the Dalles all smiles. Can you imagine how much money there was taken in during the big run in them days?



Well, if you don't have any idea, there were many people who would come out of there each year driving a brand new car.

Yep! Those were the "Good Ole Day's," that's one of the few times I can say was the good old days, and that's when the big salmon run came each fall. The big roaring sound of the falls, men pulling fish out in nets, the tourists would flock in by the hundreds to watch the spectacular sight. And that was the Indians doing what they did for years and years at Celilo Falls, catching fish.

Men would be fishing on scaffolds while women and children would be packing Salmon in gunny sacks to the weigh station. There usually were big name Cannery Companies there with trucks. Companies like Sufferts, The Portland Fish Co., and others from around the country, where the Salmon would go out by the truck loads each day.

Men would fish all night long because there were some fishing places that really produced a lot of fish, so in order to take advantage of all those fish they split their crew and half would fish at night, the other half during the day.

There were cables set up on each island for boxes to transport the fish to shore and also for the fishermen to ride out to the islands each day. Going out to the islands in the morning the boxes would be high up in the air, but in the evening when the fishermen would bring in their catch the weight would cause the box to go through the water and the ride out was very scary as you could look down and see the falls right below you. You could see the water whirling and making that rumbling sound and finally come to the end and think, "Whew," we made it.

There sure used to be some huge Salmon caught and when the run was at its peak a person would just drop his net into the water and he would catch a Salmon. Yep! Them were really the, "Good Ole Days." Today even when the run is said to be good you never see men catch fish like they did in the olden days. You see them dip and dip for a long period of time before they catch a Salmon, and say the fish run was good for that day.

Well, today a person can just sit reflect back to those days of old and remember what it was like to really catch fish, when the fish were plentiful, and wish those days were still here.

Toe Ness

They Say you can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar—but who wants a lot of flies? YIKES!!!

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Husband: "I wish there was a book to tell us where to go vacation this summer."

Wife: "We have a book that tells us where we can't go—our check book." YIKES

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The Doctor come into the patients room and said, your cough sounds better this morning.

Patient: It should, I've been practicing all night long." YIKES

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To the editor,

Regarding the Warm Springs Indian Head Gaming I have resolved to what I promised myself not to do by making my misgivings public because no one who matters will do anything positive to correct the problems that have surfaced.

Aurolyn Stwyer-Watlamet with a Masters Degree and several years gaming experience was lured back to her birthplace and reservation. With her expert knowledge of compact negotiations with the state of Oregon and the time limit, we fell into the unpredictable "fast track". A referendum date was set after short notice of district meetings and was passed by majority rule. Our elders advised against the approval of the Gaming facility. My advice was we do not want to "miss the boat". Gaming was to provide jobs, revenue and to have the ability to fulfill the vision that our ancestors had for us.

I could not imagine the monster we were creating which would eventually divide our people. The dilemma was the appointments of Gaming Commissions with no experience, no business tods (diplomas) who already had bad work habits and hanging on a limb with no regard to ones morals. They can pass judgment but don't live by it. What happened to Holy Matrimony? A Board of Directors were appointed by the Tribal Council. With what duties? Were you ap-

pointed to do the General Manager's job? Place employees against each other? Reinstated persons who chose not to show up for work for days, weeks, months? And demand the General Manager to back pay them, which totals into the thousands? To show up at the Casino and demand your days pay (\$150.) on the same day even if you were there for three hours or just ten minutes? Safeguard you immediate family members who are employed at Indian Head Gaming? 1995 Tribal budget General Council meeting, did a Tribal Member ask Board of Director's Chairman if the board took action to fire the General Manager? And he said, "No! That never happened." Has the Board of Directors made good decisions to protect the industry financially? Hold costs down? What was the purpose of numerous trips to Salem for one board member? Costs of trip? Do you have to depend on the Tribal Attorney's at your meetings with no regard for his fees? This is both the Gaming Commissioners and Board of Directors, rely on the attorney?

We have the act of God problems of 1996. The Flood and the Fire. During the flood we were able to continue operation. The fire brought drastic problems, devastating, the Managers at Kahneeta placed our Gaming Managers in a predicament, people were being evacuated, the

roads were closed, residents were forced to go to Knt from Wolfe Point, some had no money, clothing or blankets. The managers of the gaming facility reopened the Casino and manned it themselves. Where are all you residents that rec'd help from the Gen. Mgr. for Gaming to accommodate you with refuge for your families? Can we hear it from you? How did KNT front desk greet you? Did they offer you tribal members a place for your family, food or tell us what you observed happening between KNT Gen. Mgr. and a Gaming Mgr. named Jim. I totally am disgusted by KNT Board of Director, Gordon Shown's letter in Spilyay about the Boards cooperation in handling the fire evacuates. Not True! I don't know where you Gordon Shown was or where he got his information. I spent a whole day waiting to see Tribal Council when the Commissioners pulled the Gaming licenses of all our managers who were involved with reopening the Casino. It left Aurolyn and Jim Gichiona to face a firing squad alone, the Tribal Council.

People in Warm Springs, when the licenses are pulled from any employee by our inexperienced Commissioners, those persons can never ever work in the gaming industry again. One of the mgrs. worked 28 years in this field and he was good, a real people person. It hurt to see Jim

humble himself before the Tribal Council to no avail. I truly believe we are opening ourselves up to a law suit by the people who lost their careers forever by the actions of the Commissioners. And with the boards rush to accept the Gen. Mgr.'s resignation and to immediately hire the Board of Director Chairman's niece who, has a college degree or experience in the gaming industry. What is the rush to hire a GM. immediately? Are you aware that the compact agreement with the State of Oregon can close the Indian Head Gaming facility because of no experienced mgrs. on the premises. What about Niga? There will always be a demand for Aurolyn's expertise.

It is our tribes loss for now we may have to hire Gaming Managers and pay triple what we paid Aurolyn. The curtain fell on this chapter of Aurolyn's life as she was celebrating her 39th birthday September 18th. I am happy we as family celebrated Aurolyn's birthday with a dinner and climaxed it with the blessings of their Indian Medicine Society. We chose this activity over the choice of an alcohol related birthday other's choose at KNT.

With the resignation of our own tribal member, we did not get the message. Was she trying to send a message for help? Tribal Council, wake up! Aurolyn, I encourage you

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Member selling tickets for powwow

9th Annual Mid-Columbia River Powwow, October 25-27, 1996 at Celilo, Oregon "Lil' Brave" Candidate. My name is Albert Dean Adams, I will be 7 years old on September 22, 1996. I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I am currently a first grade student at Warm Springs Elementary School.

My parents are Andy and Lana Leonard. My maternal grandparents are Raymond and Charlotte Shike of Warm Springs. My grandmother by my step-father is Gwen Leonard, of Warm Springs.

My paternal grandparents (biological father) are the late Delmar Adams of Burns, Oregon and Ruth Adams of Salem/Keiser, Oregon. My

great-grandmother is Rena Beers of Burns, OR.

I enjoy going to school, playing basketball & baseball, bowling and riding my bike.

I am seeking your support as a Lil' Brave candidate for the Powwow. The raffle tickets are \$1 each and there are several prizes such as: \$500 cash, RCA mini satellite dish, western saddle, 13 inch TV/VCR combination and many more.

For tickets you may call my mother at the Housing department at 553-3250 or my step-father at the Recreation department at 553-3243. Also selling tickets are Charlotte Shike, Sandra Danzuka and Raymond Shike, Jr.

Thank you for your support. Albert Adams



Happy 7th Birthday
Albert
September 22
Love, Mom, Dad & Patch

Clarification

To the editor,
Please print a correction on Joella Lea Smith's residency for the adoption enrollment. She has been on the WS Reservation for 3 1/2 years NOT 1 year.

Thank you.
Jason & Ronda Smith

Member wins two silver medals

On August 9, 1996, Whitney Jackson (a member of the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs) figure skated her way to two silver medals at the ISI World Team Championships in



Happy Birthday Agnes
October 3
from your family

Happy Birthday Frank, Jr.
October 8
from your uncle and the rest of the family

Seattle, WA. Whitney competed against fellow seven & eight year old girls from the United States, Canada, Korea and the Philippines. Whitney won her first silver medal when she skated to the song "Running Bear" wearing a special jingle dress and carrying an eagle fan. Her second silver medal was for precision stroking. Whitney is seven years old and skates for the Valley Ice Stars of Beaverton, OR. She will attend second grade at Sabin Elementary in Portland, OR. Whitney's goal is to become the first Native American figure skating gold medalist.

Whitney would like to thank all the people who have helped her reach her skating goal so far. A special hug and love to my grandpa Frank Lucio of Warm Springs, Lillian Brunoe for making my jingle dress, Betty George for the Eagle fan, Rick Saunders & WSFPI for their financial support, without you, Whitney couldn't have made it this far. A deep heartfelt thank you to Kahneeta, Steve Whittaker, ZoAnn Jarrett, Margo Snyder for the room donations. To all the people who bought raffle tickets from Frank Lucio and Lolly Jackson.



Happy 5th Birthday
September 29th
to my one & only
favorite child:
Tamiesha Brown
Love you forever,
your mother Darla

Thanks for all the help

To the editor,
We would like to than the following people for their help with the Donovan Danzuka Memorial Horse Race. Thanks to the DDM committee for all the help and making it all come together.

The WS Fire & Safety for their donated time on having the ambulance there for the event. A special thanks to Tribal Council for their sponsorship and support. All the people who put in endless hours leading the six buckles that were given to the 1st & 2nd place team winners. They were beautiful.

All the friends & family who were there to help and support the event. To all the people who generously supported the event by donations or awards: Braids & Boots Hair Salon; Buck & Susie Smith; Marcie & Gibson, Ray & Colleen Roba; Leroy Smith; Eunice Esquio; Guerin Logging; Maurice Smith; Nathan's Business Service; Indian Head Gaming; Tribal Council; DDM Committee; Erickson's of Madras; Chilkat; Versa & Snuff Smith; Aherns; Macys; Wy-East; Kahneeta; Zane Jackson, Louie Pitt, Jr and Howie Arnett
Donovan Danzuka family

Happy Birthday to
Deanna Lamebear
September 1
From Rhonda

Special poem sent

To the editor,
To my brother Alvis III, always remember Martin & I love you very much! And hang in there!

Flavors
You are alone now
And you've got to know
You've finally reached a time to grown.
You've messed around
And made mistakes
And suffered pain
That's what it takes
You've passed through flame like tempered steel.
You've gained the strength
You now can feel
So use it wisely
Don't let it waste
Each day you live
Take just a taste
Taste who you are
What you can be
Most of all
Taste being free
Free to take
What life will give
Free to love
Each day you live.
by Sheila Grant
With all my love, your little sister,
SuYenn

Happy Birthday Curtis
Love you, and think of you always.
Your sis, Selena

Happy Birthday to my
sister **Laura 1/2-pint**
Robinson
September 5
Love from you sis
Rhonda

Happy Birthday to
Hodzie Kalama
September 17

Happy birthday
Lil Sis **Julia Johnson**
in **Pendleton**
From Sisters, brothers
& mom

Happy Birthday
Roy Tulee
From Tulee Family & Mother Pat

Happy Birthday
Mamma Boo
Denise A. Gabriel
Love U Always,
U know who.

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