



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPLYAY SPEAKS



The year is up once again to where we must start thinking of who is best suited to serve in the tribal council chambers.

Let's think of things for a moment. In the olden days when people traveled on horse back and buggy, the people had to live in certain districts and when the council held it's monthly meetings members from that district rode to the agency to attend the meetings and after the meetings they would go back to their district and explain what took place at the meetings. That's how the districts became active.

Today everybody lives where ever they please and it don't take them very long to get from one place to the other. So why do we

need districts. It's one thing that causes friction among all the tribal members here on the res. people trying to relive the olden days. Today it doesn't take very much more time for a person to come from Simnasho as it does for a person living on Sidwalter Flat. or Seeksequa for that matter. At one district meeting I was going to cover the Simnasho district meeting for elections and on my way up to Simnasho I was passed by all the Simnasho district people going to the meeting from Warm Springs. We are all Warm Springs people and I don't see why we have to segregate among each other. We all share the same benefits of the tribes, we all suffer the losses, and we all pull together when there is a crisis, so why must we always have a grudge for one another during these critical times on who is to run the tribal business.

To me it's just a waste of money to have all these district meetings when everyone lives in one area. People are always saying that the tribal council spends money foolishly, well here is one good example.

When are ever going to wake up and do the right thing, do business while we still have a business to run.

Take some of the large successful corporations in the world who operate with millions of dollars, they have a board of directors who oversee a lot of the important decisions, and the board of directors are not people who live in a certain district, they are the top people in business and make decisions on what's the best way to run the business. The Board of Directors hold meetings at 5am to decide on what's the best way to do business for the coming day. They meet and discuss problems make their decisions and go on their daily jobs. They don't have to take a whole day to meet to discuss important issues and the best solutions for each problem.

We should encourage people to seek a position on the tribal council him self. Stating his intentions on why he feels he should be on the tribal council what he intends to do while serving the people, and not wait for the nominations where people get up and nominate people who really don't meet the proper criteria.

Another thing that's disturbing is the use of all the consultants around here when we have some well qualified people to serve on the tribal council where they don't need the advice from consultants on matters concerning the tribes welfare.

Well when we do go to the elections let's not take the method of saying, "Let's nominate Ole Joe Blow, he lived on Eagle Butte all his life and he should know what's best for that area." Well maybe if Ole Joe Blow really knew what's the best thing for that area he might have moved out a long time ago. We should not take that attitude to the nominations but to try to find the best qualified person to operate the tribal business, not because he lived in a certain area for years. Or say, "Hey, it's your turn to serve on the tribal council, I'll nominate you." Setting a date for the nominations is another thing we have to do, I hope we don't select the date April 1st. You know what day that is. "April Fools Day."

Yep! times are becoming very critical and our resources are slowly dwindling away and we won't have anything left if we don't watch what we do today.

Our Treaty rights are top priority and we have to watch them very careful so as not to lose any more such as the Water agreement we just completed recently where pats on the back seemed to be the big deal. To me I feel the Feds and State made a dent in our treaty rights on that deal even though they said it won't cause any problems with the treaty rights. While they were willing to say yes to what ever the tribes wanted we should have had Kitshaber abolish the treaty of 1865, as Senator Hatfield had suggested before he left Congress.

Well I'm sure many of the readers will consider this unnecessary comments and a waste of time what I have mentioned, but I feel that's what we need and something to think about. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

We are all members of the same tribe: Act accordingly

To the editor,  
To our people of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes and others; good morning. Myself, I have a lot to be thankful for. Not only do I belong to our WSCT plus my family.

I think it is time we collectively realize just how much we, WSCT, all have in common...seems like too often we harbor hard feelings among our people, tribes. Too much energy wasted in disagreeing; one tribe trying to act better than another. Toe good init.

We have to accept the fact that we are of the same nation, Warm Springs Confederated tribes, our people & children are intermarrying and most of our people are a mixture of our tribes & other blood. And as far as I'm concerned this is a blessing, something to be thankful for & proud of...."our children" collectively. We are all enrolled in teh same Warm Springs Nation and we must protect what little we have left.

Time is money to some people but conservation is life to many people for generating. Our WSCT have limited resources so we must conserve, conserve, conserve. TV teaches everybody to consume, consume, consume which is wrong I think. Everybody thinks of the future of our WSCT people but who is

actually doing something about it!? It is time to take action to protect what very little we have left. Whose going to act? If not us....who? If not now....when!? It is upon our generation to act now! Are we going to allow greed, economic forces to overpower our conscience to do right by our children's future!?

I'm thankful for our ancestors, elders, children, grandchildren, thankful for all people no matter their color. I'm thankful for our natural resources that we must protect....water, forest, land, minerals, thermal, nooksook, yamish, birds, roots, berries & all the water, wind, forest, natural peoples of this mother earth. I'm thankful for our leaders, especially our tribal member leaders, who for the most part put our WSCT people first instead of money & greed.

I'm thankful for our way of life, our drums, songs, sweathouse, longhouse, Nooksook, teachers, elders, all that our creator has offered us in a good way. To live in a good way. To forgive one another for our mistakes and come together for the good of all of us for generations to come. As our elders taught us to plan 7 generations ahead. To share, take care of one another, conserve, forgive one another for the good of all...conserve what little our WSCT

have left, use it sparingly, wisely, so that our resources will last forever...recycle, regenerate our resources, let our mother earth, ourselves heal. I think it is time for us to work on our people to heal ourselves of all that is going wrong in our WSCT lives, community. We are more than money, we do not have to accept or go by foreign standards of personal greed, that victimizes our own Indian peoples.

I've said it before & I will say it again. Warm Springs Oregon is home, dear to me & there is no other place that I would rather be. To live & die in Warm Springs is a privilege. Sometimes it is hard to live down one's mistakes...but I will not leave for an easier life someplace else. This is home. Warm Springs is a beautiful place with kind, beautiful people. I'm here forever. Good times or not so good times, I will not leave. I know I will find the peace & beauty that exist here in all our people.

Forgive me my mistakes especially the elders & children for my weaknesses. As I realize that alcohol, drugs, violence, etc. has kept me from doing more for our people, children, family. My faults, mistakes. Maybe I will get stronger or maybe I will continue to be weak? Only Pusha, our Creator knows this for sure. Time will heal? But I do want all our people, Wascos, Warm Springs, Paiute to start forgiving each other and work together for the good of all of us. Don't let outsiders come in and manipulate & use us against ourselves. Divide us and we are lost. Let's stay together, work together, we will grow stronger together, work together & we will grow stronger.

Thank you Warm Springs for all that you have given me in a good way. Sending prayers & feelings to you all. May our Creator watch over all of you during the holidays & always. Have a save holiday season.  
*Bobby EagleHeart*

See the light best when dark

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Well, the new year is here. We now have before us the meat of winter. The time of living life. The time of getting along. The time of cabin fever. The time of little money. UGH...Maybe I'll win the Reader's Digest super fund and spend winter in Australia. OOPS...the Bible is against gambling. Well, into the meat of winter with my faith, my love, my hope, and my dreams. Into the meat of winter with the relationships of family and friends. And most importantly a living God who lives above, below, and within the meat of winter. A living God of warmth and light.

You know, maybe a time of little money and cabin fever will be a chance of some deep prayer, bible study and scriptures. Maybe the meat of winter will be the greatest time of my life. Maybe the best of my spiritual life will happen in the darkest

time of the year.  
You know I believe the best of the Bible story is the presence of the Lord as a baby born and to a young man on the cross and finally of a woman standing in front of an empty tomb. All three events were the times of stress and concern. You know maybe in the midst of the dark is the best place to see the light. See you in church.

*Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro  
WS Presbyterian Church  
On the campus*

Thank you

A sincere thanks from everyone in the Table Games Department at Indian Head Casino. Your generosity is truly appreciated.  
(Thank you Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs).

Help appreciated

To friends, family and loved ones,  
Our deepest gratitude to all of you who were with family during the loss of our father, Grant Smith, Sr.

A special thanks for being with us in our time of need, before and after our father's death. Your presence was greatly appreciated. This was a real unexpected death and tragedy for the whole family.

To the many caretakers, nurses, doctors, all religious denominations who came and offered comfort through prayer during his illness.

To cooks and kitchen help during the funeral. And to people that we may have forgotten, our apologies. We do not mean to forget you; both time and things ran short.

May God bless you and watch over you and your family.

*Sincerely,  
Richard A. Smith, Roger Smith,  
Grant Smith, Jr.*

Happy Birthday  
to my sister  
January 3,  
Lillie VanPelt  
Robert & Marella

Happy Birthday  
January 3, 1997  
"Baby Ann"  
Margie Ann VanPelt  
I love, love, love you  
and miss you. Hope  
to see you soon!  
Love Auntie Marella  
& Uncle Robert

Happy Birthday  
January 11  
Tates VanPelt  
From Robert & Marella Sam

Happy Birthday  
January 11  
Auntie Tates  
Tracy & Natalia Sam

Happy Birthday  
January 11  
to my husband  
Robert Sam Sr.  
I love you  
From your wife  
Marella

Happy Birthday  
Elizabeth Whiteplume  
Dec. 30, 1991  
Annie, Faron, Scott,  
Levi, Tatum & Hero

Happy Birthday  
Elizabeth Whiteplume  
Dec. 3, 1991  
Love, Angela B/

Family grateful for support

To the Editor,  
I would like to give gratitude to the people and family who helped us get through this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers—we still need them.

Kids are all fine and at home now. Visitors are welcome.

Extra prayers are needed for Nadine. She's still at St. Charles and needs more surgery.

*From the Herkshan Family*

December 19, 1977  
Love, annie, Faron, Scott,  
Levi & Tatum & Hero

Happy Belated Birthday  
B. Lee Whiteplume  
Love & prayers,  
Tiny, Lovey, Farilyn,  
Laurissa & Angela

Happy Belated Birthday  
B. Lee Whiteplume  
Love, Millie, Mom, Liya,  
BJ, Cedo & Delmer

Girl Scouts, Brownies deserve recognition, thanks

To the Editor,

Children's Protective Services (CPS) would like to thank the Girl Scouts Troop 800 and the Brownie Troop 801 for donating their precious time to the Giving Tree at ECE and for delivering those presents to CPS. They were given from their heart and actually brought true the wishes of children in need at Christmas.

Girl Scouts Troop 800 members: Melissa Danzuka, Samantha Gomez, Devenia Kenyon, Colleta Macy, Carina Miller, Dorian Miller, Sharda Miller, Verna Mitchell, Kahlea Phar, Riana Phar, Raylene Thomas, Catherine Tulee, Kaylyn Wolfe, Leanne Wolfe, Lucy Wolfe and Jenni Van Pelt.

Brownie Troop 801 members: Shirelle Adams, Miranda Blueback, Michaela Camas, Samantha Cole, Alyson Cole, Chelsea Hudson, Kara Katchia, Victoria Katchia, Jenna Johnson, Jenny Redfox and Terrilo Squiemphen Yazzie.

The excitement and joy has kindered many children's spirits this Christmas Season because it was expressed through love and kindness of giving from numerous people involved. Children's Protective Ser-

vices would also like to thank the following individuals for donating gifts. We are truly sorry that if we inadvertently forgot individuals who may have contributed their time or donations. CPS is very appreciative of all that has been done.

Alicia Adams, Allee Tewee, Alison Mitchell, Andy and Lana Leonard, Anita Cole, Ann McKenzie, Ashton BruisedHead, Bernice Mitchell, Bobbie Calica, Carina Miller, Darlene Figueroa, Dylan Miller, Elfreda Mitchell, Santa Claus, Jackson Mitchell, Janell Smith, Jennifer Tufti-Smith, Jolene Soto-Torres, Joseph Cook, Jr., Josie Redfox, Kadoo Trimble, Kevin Rodine, Les White, Lisa Stevens, Lucille Suppah, Marilyn McKee, Martha Gomez, Nancy Seyler, Nola Queahpama, Renee Rodin, Sandi Thomas, Shawna Jackson, Stacy Fasthorse, Emily LaPage, Priscilla Yazzie, Women's Resource Group, Tammy Wells, Tryna Mullenburg, Versa Smith, Gayle Rodgers, Willow Flande, Willy Fuentes, Pat Tanewasha, Rosanna Jackson, Sue Matters, Michelle LaPage and Randy Smith.

*Sincerely,  
CPS Staff*

Thank you for your help

To the Editor,

On behalf of my sisters and by brothers, I would like to thank all of our elders, relatives, and friends who came to help us prepare our little bro' Chris on his journey back to the Creator.

This holiday season was a very difficult time for us and our kids that miss their uncle. He had planned to go to see the Puff Daddy concert with some of his nieces, go shopping over at the Supermall in Auburn, Washington, then make a surprise visit with his two kids in Bellingham, Washington (Christopher, Jr. 9 and Melinda, 12).

Our little Bro was always the

friendly type person who was always teasing, joking or telling a good story or reminisce about things he had done. His favorite pastime was "checking out" cars, new movies, concert, new shoes, new videos and going to eat out.

I know he is going to be missed a great deal. He always will be in our hearts.

Again, thank you to all who came to support, comfort and guide us in our time of need.

*Sincerely, Julie Seelatsee, of Harrah; Colleen Seelatsee-Johnson, of Wapato; Roosevelt Heath and Marylena Heath-Picard of Warm Springs and all the kids*

12-step group to begin January 21

To the editor,

Several people have asked me if I planned on beginning a new 12-step group. Because of the many requests, I decided to go ahead with a new session beginning January 21st, Wednesday, since Monday is a holiday.

The group will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. as usual.

If you are interested in attending or want more info about the 12-step group, please call or contact me at 553-7021.

*Thank you,  
Myrna Frank*

Toe Ness

There was this drunk going home after being in the bar all evening and see's a sign up on a pole. He couldn't make out what it said so he climbs up to read it. "It said, Wet Paint." YIKES

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It is said, "If you can smile when things go wrong, than you must have someone in mind to blame."

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