



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

this is Pow-wow season and it is a way of life for some who travel all over the country following pow-wows to compete in dance contests to earn money. It is a difficult way to earn money but that don't stop those who are willing to move from place to place all season long.

The Pi-Um-Sha, is just one stop along the way and just another pow-wow for the true competitors. But for the locals the Pi-Um-Sha is a big deal and people around here look forward to this for days or weeks and even months.

It is amazing to see so many different kinds of beautiful dance costumes that people bring to dance here. The time they must spend on putting these costumes together. So colorful and so keenly put to gether so carefully. It must take many hours making a dance costume.

It's so colorful to watch the grand entry when all the dancers make their way into the dance arena before the contesting gets underway. The dancers of all ages young old boys, girls men and women, all there hoping to get some of that prize money.

A person can tell just what type of dance contest each one is in according to the type of dance costume they have on. For the men you see the colorful bushels and fringes that hangs and so evenly put together that he will be in the men's fancy dancing contest. Those with the leggings and ribbon shirt carrying a staff will indicate they will compete in the Traditional dancing.

It's the same with the women where you see a young girl with a bright colored Satan style winged dress and a shawl pretty leggings you will know she is in the women's fancy dancing contest. The girl who has a dress with all those metal jingles hanging you know she will be in the Jingle dance contest. And those who have the beautiful beaded buckskin dresses will be entered in the Women's Traditional dance contest. Almost every category has a dance step of its own. There is the fast rapid moving dancing and the slow even tempered rhythm, or some have a big bounce but are all in time with the rhythm of the drumming.

Just last week some were dancing at other pow-wows like one last week was the Delta Park pow-wow, in Portland, Oregon, where many of these same dancers were competing, while others were at other points of the country doing the same thing competing in other pow-wows. Its the same thing all summer long for many of these dancers, as a matter of fact some do this all year round as there are dances during the winter months also.

Not only the dancers do a lot of traveling so does the different drumming groups that follow pow-wows also. There were about 32 different drumming groups here in Warm Springs during the Pi-Um-Sha weekend. Many of these singers travel right along with the others from pow-wow to the other.

The pow-wow trail has no end people travel all over the mid-west to the east coast and to the southwest and the trail never ends when you are on the Pow-wow trail. Both dancers and the drummers are busy all season long hoping to get their hand on as much of that prize money as they can and to see all the country they can while on the Pow-wow trail.

Speaking of people who follow the pow-wow trail are the Indian artifacts vendors who travel from place to place selling their merchandise from just about anything a person could imagine. Ear rings, beaded items or just about any kind of Indian artifacts there are for sale. Many of these vendors were at the Delta Park Pow-wow last weekend.

Now that this pow-wow is over who knows where they will travel to next. It must be interesting or they would not do that. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!



Thanks to all that helped honor our two sons

To the editor,
We had the privilege and honor to conduct two ceremonies for two sons at the "Honoring Our Parents" pow-wow. Our 11 year-old son Victor got his first kill, an elk-spike on a hunting trip with his dad Rick. We are grateful to his brother Ty EagleSpeaker and his uncle Vince Blodgett for preparing the meat. We shared all the meat at the ceremony conducted by Silas Williams and Larry Dick. We can't thank them enough for sacrificing their weekend plans to conduct the ceremony, and the generosity of Silas who presented a 22 magnum rifle to Victor! There were many young men that participated and I can't remember all the names, but thank you for being there. Thank you to my parents Neda and Jim Wesley, Amanda Watlamet and Eliza Brown who offered moral support and as always a kind spirit with giveaway items.
Our two-year old son Jonathan was initiated into the powwow fam-

ily as a traditional dance. The Eagle Spirit drum provided a heartfelt beautiful son for the new joiner. We also wish to acknowledge all the drums present through the powwow. There could not be a powwow without them. (It was fun Wasco dancing for aunt MaryAnn Meanus and grandchildren) Jon's cousin, Owen Danzuka Jr. danced with him along with uncle Earl Wesley who traveled from Washington. Owen presented Jon with his own first beaded staff, which Jon treasures and has been possessive of it! Jon admires the leaders who carry the staffs and flags during grand entry. At home he takes a stick and will hang just about anything off of it and dance in imitation of the flag bearers!

Thanks to Aunt Aurelia Stacona for the contribution of toys for the giveaway. Jon became quite attached to the purple big wheel pickup. We are truly blessed that you are always there for our family with spiritual guidance and prayer. We couldn't

possibly carry this out without the generosity of giveaway items and the support of our family Neda and Jim Wesley, Amanda Watlamet, Eliza Brown and Charlotte Shike. WE want to especially acknowledge Wilferd Sr., Geraldine and Manny Jim for being receptive to our ceremonies, and for their personal time, talent and money for the powwow, and meals provided for everyone during the powwow. It was a very busy weekend and Geraldine was honored at a reception at the Northwest Indian Art Show as a "traditional keeper" of culture. We hope we didn't leave anyone out that helped us observe our custom. It was a happy time of celebration for the accomplishment of a son that is learning to provide food, and another son who has paid his dues to dance in the circle.

Sincerely,
Aurolyn Watlamet
"Na-Kish-Ayat"

Congratulations sent

To Spilyay Tymoo "editor in Chief":
To whom it may concern; We would like to have this printed for our good friend and our relative, who are getting married unfortunately we are currently paying a debt to society (incarcerated) and have no other way to congratulate and wish them well other than this most heart warming letter and the power of the press. Please consider and thank you.
Congratulations! To Lil Virgil and Jewel on their sudden engagement.
From the Snake Pit Krew,
Mack, L.D.L., Huck,
Lil Meat Maury Rhoan,
with special prayers
from Kuh-Kuh-Ow-Lupsh,
Wishbone L.A.R.G.#1
& last of all G.W.
and Johnson H.
We found out love was unconditional...PEACE!

UNITY conference set

To the editor,
Native Youth Are Our Leaders for Tomorrow!

I am pleased and honored to be taking four very fine young women to attend the 1998 National UNITY Conference in Washington D.C., July 10-15. United National Indian Tribal Youth Inc. (UNITY) has been in existence for over twenty years helping Native American youth with developing leadership skills that will benefit themselves, their communities and their Native people. These four young ladies Gladys Graybael, Shamona Charley, Cecelia Polk and Taralee Suppah have worked hard, made sacrifices and remained committed to their goal which is to raise funds to attend the Conference in Washington D.C. I feel strongly that their choice to work hard and dedicate themselves is the stuff true leaders are made of.

I attended my first UNITY Conference in 1986, was a UNITY Earth Ambassador in 1994 and got a Portland State University UNITY Chapter in 1995. UNITY has been an incremental part of my success as a

young person in many ways; academically, spiritually, culturally, physically and intellectually. It is a strong part of the UNITY theme to give back to our communities and to the generations to follow. I feel by taking these young women to Washington D.C. is a small way of giving back to my community. I know someday they too will give back and the UNITY circle will continue.

In addition, to participating in the conference activities these young women will have an opportunity to meet with their state Senators and Representatives. They will be given exposure to the political culture of our nation's capital. These young women will be an outstanding delegation to represent our tribe at the National UNITY Conference where there is over 1,500 young people from across the nation and Canada. Each one of them deserves recognition for their outstanding accomplishment, dedication, thoughtfulness, sacrifice and leadership.

Superb job ladies!
Direlle R. Calica, Advisor,
WS UNITY Delegation

Forgiveness asked

To the editor,

"Let us pray for the children". I ask forgiveness from my brothers & sisters in the Lord, for making us look like hypocrites with my back-sliding activities. I have trouble in the flesh (1 Corinthians 7:28) and that is my weakness. But understanding that weakness is pure strength. I ask forgiveness from everyone that I have ever wronged.

This is the "Year of Jubilee", the very imminent return of Jesus, the foretold Rapture where present Christians will not see death, but will fly away with Jesus after the sound of the trumpet. Soon after comes the Tribulation for seven years of suffering the world has never witnessed before.

I am full assured I will be in that number "flying away" because I received the Holy Ghost upon my repentance, and the Ghost is our pledge from God of our access to the Kingdom of God. When the people in Noah's day gossiped, ridiculed and criticized Noah for his building of

the Ark, they were proud. That pride fell when the rains destroyed them and there was weeping & gnashing of teeth. Please heed the warnings that you might get left if you don't jump on board to sail home. Ask any brother or sister in the Lord.

R.T. Thompson
(Roscoe V. Thompson, Jr.)

Thank you to all

To the editor,
Dear friends & relatives; thank you so much for your cards, letters, flowers and other expressions of sympathy. Your generous gifts of time and help with the services and dinner for the funeral of Gilbert Cecil Conner were truly a blessing and a comfort to us. We are grateful to those who sent special gifts in memory of Cece to the Kahneeta Golf Association so that an Indian Youth may enjoy golf.

Sincerely,
Virginia Wilkinson Conner
& family

Water & Soil selected for funding

The following was a letter submitted by the Water & Soil department, written from the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA.

Dear Mr. Segal
Congratulations. The proposal submitted by the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes was selected for funding under the Clean Water Act Section 104 (b) (3) point source watershed program. The award amount will be \$24,754. This amount is less than what was budgeted in the proposal. Clarence Orman has been in contact with Chris Gannon regarding revisions to meet the tentative award figure. You have provided most of the information/signed forms EPA requires through your submission.

for the General Assistance Program (GAP) or other EPA grant program. However, please submit an original signature application for federal financial (SF-424 form) along with the accompanying budget information (SF-424A) as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 1998 to: Clarence Orman; EAP Oregon Operations Office; 811 SW 6th Ave., 3rd Floor; Portland, OR 97204.

If you have questions, please contact Clarence at (503) 326-7024 or Don Creek at (503) 236-5015. You may also contact me at (206) 553-1603.

Sincerely,
Alan Moomaw,
Acting Director,
Office of Tribal Programs

Kirsch in Warm Springs each month

Cameron Kirsch, County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency, will be available at the Range and Ag building in Warm Springs the first Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. You can call Cameron at 553-1962 on these days.

The daughters of Helen Napyer invite all friends and relatives to a Birthday Dinner for Helen Napyer, July 11, 1998, at Harrah Park.

Help needed

To the editor,

Hi. I've a grandmother x 4 that maybe could be Native American. Her name was Thankful Waters. I don't have anything on her, but her son's name is Uriah Samuel Barton, born 2, August 1814 in Bolton's Landing. The father's name is Joel Barton. If you couldn't help me, I mean because your tribe is on the west and her's is on the east, who would I write to? I don't mean to put you down, if it sounds like that, but I would like to find out more about my family tree. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Anthony Ireland-Martinez
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Eugene, OR 97404-8401

Congratulations from all

To my son, Aaron Renus Squally,
I am very proud of you and love you very much. I am glad you took a bad situation and turned it around for

the good. I want to congratulate you on receiving your GED. I'm sorry we couldn't be there to tell you in person but we received your card after the fact. I know it took many hours of studying and it paid off!

The kids said to tell you hi as does everyone else. They all are happy for you also and send their love & congratulations. It won't be long when everything will be put behind you and you can start anew. Our prayers are always for you & your family. Hope to see you soon.

Love,
Mom, Easton, & kids,
& the rest of the family from WS



Aaron R. Squally

Happy Father's Day
Wayne Saunders
from Willie & Pam

Happy Father's Day
Stuart Smith
from Demetria

Happy Father's Day
Jon K. Smith
from Mercedes



Happy Birthday to Sonny Darrin Tapia
You have brought a lot of joy and laughter into our lives.
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad & twins!

Thanks for all your help

To the editor,

"Week of the Young Child" was celebrated in Warm Springs this past April 19th through the 25th. The purpose of the week is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to raise the community's level of commitment to making a difference for children. We also just wanted to plan some fun activities for children and families!

I'd like to thank the following people who donated their time to our planning committee and to the various events and whose efforts led to a successful celebration of "Week of the Young Child."

- Happy Anniversary Miguel Tapia
It's been 3 wonderful years. Many more to come. Love you forever, Your wife
- Happy Birthday to Daniel Gilbert from your cousins Patti, Cassi & Darrin
- Happy Birthday to our Lil' Cousin Suzanne Sam-Smith Love you, your cousins, Patti, Cassi & Darrin
- Happy Birthday to my grandson Darrin Miguel Tapia on July 1st. Love you Forever, Grandma Lucy
- Happy 14th Birthday Sergio on July 3 Love Mom & brothers

Thanks to: Helena Jackson, Arlene Boileau, Leon Tenorio, Kathy Queampts, Marie Tom, Melinda Tohet, Anson Begay, Starla Green, Laura Sahme, Lovey Colwash, Lovey Ike, Andy Leonard, Vivian Wewa, Carol Wewa, Girl Scout Troop 800, Fire & Safety, Elfreda Mitchell, Bobbie Calica, Jamie Smith, Versa Smith, Bob Medina, Jolene Atencio, Anita Jackson and all the teachers, children and families of ECE.

Sorry if I've forgotten anyone, everyone's help was appreciated!
Sincerely,
Sue Matters
WOTYC Committee Chair

- June Birthdays/anniversaries
- 3-Jack Langley
- 4-Kaloo Trimble
- 10-Steven Wms
- Larson & Pat Kalama
- 12-Lareina Wms
- 13-Melvin Tewee Sr.
- 17-Deb & Perry Kalama Jr.
- 18-Jason Palmer
- 20-Clint Switzler
- 21-Reona Trimble
- 22-June Aguilar
- Mouse T.
- 25-Paula Brisbois
- 28-Foster Kalama Sr.
- 29-Lisa Smith
- 30-Albert Kalama

Wishing you all the best with lots of love & prayers,
Tina, Easton & Kids

Toe Ness

The mountain boy came home from college and his pa asked; "Whatcha learnin', Son?"
The boy said, "Well, Pa, I'm studying English."
"That's good, Son."
"And I'm studying algebra."
"That's fine, Son. Say something in Algebra."
Not wanting to let the old man down, the boy thought a minute, then pronounced solemnly, "Pi-r-square."
The old man exploded, "If that's what they're learnin' ya, you kin stop school right now. Everyone knows pie are round and corn bread are square." YIKES

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College education never hurt anyone who is willing to learn something afterward. YIKES

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