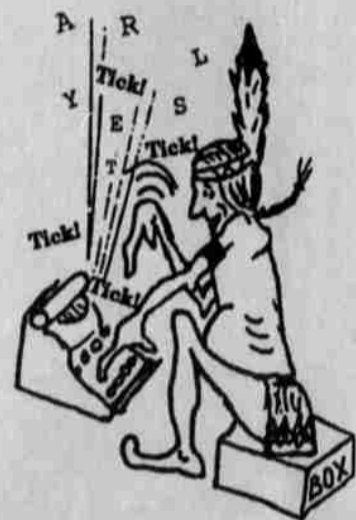




E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

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Our first five years in the gaming field has come to where we've made that decision at the beginning to try it for five years and decide if we want to continue or get out of the gaming situation.

Five years have gone by since we have decided to have a try at the gaming establishment at Kahneets. Also at that time we agreed to try it for five years and decide if we want to continue in gaming or get out.

There are several factors to consider in this but first we must ask our selves. "Have we gained in this venture?" or "have we lost in the gaming area?" There were many pictures painted before we went into gaming. One of the biggest was to create employment for our tribal members.

To me that's always the big selling statement, "To create employment for our local people. Let's see, has this helped our local employment situation? Has the gaming helped the tribes economically?" Or has the gaming been a detriment to the local population?" Has it helped the resort in any way? There are so many unanswered questions floating around out there.

Let's take a little look at what's there and is visible. What type of local staff do we have there at the present time. How many tribal members do we have at top level positions, or positions at any level?

The statement, "To create employment for our local tribal members?" It's always there what ever we have gone into. There are always jobs available for everyone. Working at a resort or in a public place like Kahneeta has its draw backs for many people. Especially those who like to be free on the week-ends, because working at a resort the week-ends are the busy times and that's when the help is needed. That's when most Pow-wows are being held too, on the week-ends. There have been many tribal members hired in the past but when all the outside activities take place its hard to go to work on the week-ends. So they either go to the pow-wow or work, and in many cases they go the pow-wows instead of work and lose out on their jobs. One person can upset a whole lot of people who have to take up the slack of one person missing and it costs the organization lots of money and time. Just like a small piece of hose in the gas line if it gives away the whole car wont operate. You've got to have the complete staff to make things work right.

Than people start complaining, why is there so many Non-Indians employed at the Resort? It's simple, they want to work.

As far as Income for the tribe is concerned, we've go to look other places other than our natural resources as the timber is slowly being harvested away where each year the cuts are getting smaller and smaller.

The next thing is, "Should we relocate our gaming center to a more populated area or along highway 26. There would be a big difference in the attendance. As it is there are many who live in Portland and do business in Central Oregon say it's just too far out of the way to drive to Kahneeta to do some gambling and a little relaxing, but if it were along highway 26 they would be glad to spend an hour or two there.

Now there are negotiations with towns people at Hood River and Cascade Locks, on moving our gaming establishment. If we could go through with this it would be a real ideal set-up. Right along Inter-state I-84, freeway from the east along the Columbia River, and it would be the nearest gaming center to the city of Portland. If we can I think we should do it. These are just thoughts from yun-wy!!

AHH-NAHH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

Father to Son: "Remember, words are very important. When you talk to the Neighbor, just say that your mother likes to crochet." Donn't call her a happy hooker.. YIKES

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Internal Revenue Service has a sign in their office. "In God we trust. Everyone else we Audit." YIKES

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A lady asked her Husband as he was in the rough, "Why can't you play on the Grass like everyone else?" YIKES

People who say they sleep like a baby obviously don't have one. YIKES

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Member regrets misdeeds

To the editor, I remember his words that day, that long ago day. "I hereby sentence you to 5 years 10 months in Oregon State Penitentiary with no chance for parole, no second look, no good time." It's been almost two years since I seen the outside. Now all I do is wish for a new day. These are things that I wish I could have but can't I can't so to all those who think you're cool for doing violence to people in or around you, it only gets you in places like this.

It's hard to say this because I don't think people are going to listen to what I say. But if you do, I thank you for that. Right now I got a chance to better myself in here cause out there I didn't get that chance because I was into the drugs and violence. I am also a member of a gang from there called Native Gangster tribe, so to all my friends who read this, I hope you change for the better.

To all my family members, I'm sorry for what I did. And I thank those who tried to help me.

Andrew McCloud
3852 SW Houston Rd.
Prineville, OR 97754

Busy bodies, "mind your own business"

To the editor, I'm putting out this letter because of how frustrated and POed I feel. My neighbor, who supposedly has nothing else better to do but to document and have me under surveillance like I'm quite the criminal, to be the nosy busy body persons they are. Who you'd say brown nosers trying to score points with Housing or whoever. For whatever their reasons may be!

I have as much right to my privacy as much as you, to have friends/family/relatives over to visit when they want.

I sure don't know what you're trying to prove. Isn't that invasion of privacy? Maybe I'll give you something to document.

If you're going to try and get me and my kids kicked out, just keep on trying because we're here to stay. So get use to it and mind your own business.

Angie Governor
Mt. Jefferson St.

P.S. If you feel the need to report, turn in the dog(s) who broke in and stole my father's VCR and my son's stereo on 1/20/99.

Wedding announcements

On January 31, 1999, Trent and Jovan Heath are proud to announce the engagement of their Mother: Miss Clarice L. Tewee of Warm Springs, OR to Mr. James R. Starr Jr. of Yakima, WA.

Travis Andy and Vanessa Knight would like to invite friends and relatives to the Simnasho Longhouse on February 28, 1999 as they join together in marriage. The ceremony will be held at noon and dinner will be served afterwards.

Happy 21st birthday on February 14, to Marcie Smith from Bob, Kim, Thomas, Covy, Phoebe, and Frankie.

Good luck Sharice

To the editor, Congratulations to Sharice Gladys Johnson!!! On making it to the State Hoop Shoot Finals in Salem, OR on March 13, 1999. GOOD Luck!

From your fav, Uncle Bo

Happy Birthday on February 12, to Kim Medina with lots of love from your husband and the whole family.

New Community Recreation Center Would Create More Jobs

To the editor, To build a new Community Recreation Center which would feature a 25-30 lane bowling alley plus other business opportunities. This bowling system would feature full-automated bowling and ball return, score keeping electronic equipment, full services and sales of bowling accessories, complete men and women's locker rooms and will be the biggest bowling facility in Oregon. This building will include a snack bar, deli or small cafe, a large party room for children, and a gift shop to purchase party items. In another part of the building there could be an arcade and space for two large conference rooms with room dividers or partitions which can be utilized by the local community or visiting guests.

A building of this size and capacity will employ many tribal members or others to work or train in the fields of electronics, electronic repair and maintenance, customer service, food service, janitorial maintenance,

management training, sales and promotions and could include thriving local small business growth. There would be more construction jobs opening and could provide summer employment for youth and students.

Currently there are many tribal employees, managers, tribal council members and local members who participate in this recreational activity. Wouldn't this be an ideal tribal enterprise? This could promote many alcohol and drug free activities and would bring life into this community. With a facility of a large recreational building, there could be an even more opportunity for other businesses or tribal enterprises. Visiting groups or state tournaments could be held in this facility for youth and adults. This would open up other economic development enterprises such as motels, food businesses, craft shops and new vending areas, plus more growth of recreational avenues. The Warm Springs Indian Reservation, is the gateway into Central Oregon, for there are many passing tourists

and visiting families who pass through this place called home.

The growth of economic development continues to increase off the reservation especially in the City of Madras. It is sad to see that our community fails to keep up with the surrounding communities. We have many opportunities this community can offer. It seems to be more difficult for upcoming small business owners to achieve funding or receive support to help our self-sufficient businesses to be successful, just too many hoops to jump through. I hope that the tribe could grasp the many enterprising ideas of our people and give us the chance to somehow prove that our tribe can be sufficient. It seems that the natural resources are slowly being depleted and maybe this will increase our profits for our reservation and tribal organization's future. I hope this idea is not forgotten and could be considered as one of the many growing opportunities our reservation could develop, for it is for the future of all our people.

William Moses

Council, members need to open their ears

To the editor, To envision a safe, drug-free, non-violent community is a dream that everyone has in their minds and heart as this time. I use to remember how every community event involved everyone in the community as a big family gathering. Now you don't see it!

Basketball tournaments, Culture camps, Boys & Girls clubs, community activities, sports activities, and parental involvement is very important. A lot of families are fighting and criticizing one another. For what? To show the people off reservation that we can't take care of ourselves. So one day they can come take away what land and rights we bearly have compared to long ago when we had it all.

People ask what are we fights for? The outside white people want Native Americans, Hispanics, Blacks and other nationalities to kill each other so they can come take it away from us and then look down on us as we were nothing.

A former Police officer for our people had told me that Warm Springs is in his prayers and that "God put us here to stand in peace"! Things get political and personal now days and young people who we so much talk of as our future leaders are watching every move or decisions we make. The people have put forth some good concerns regarding our Public Safety, but they have to think of all that contributes to the problem: No hous-

ing if any available it is unfit or aged, No employment, No community involvement, No new ideas activities for our Tribal members offered from our Tribal program, and so on. When this petition was put in front of me I declined my signature due to any changes or altering of any or all documentation that are in there or any petition, plus we as people need to help ourselves before we get up and put a petition in place.

I stated that our whole organization needs change and the spokesman that was present said "We are gonna take care of these issues one at a time". Why can't we put them all on the table and sort them out? That was an answer I got from the people! When these management team meetings are held alot of talks should be going out about providing or utilizing new services for our people. And our membership as one person had addressed in his respected district meeting about putting yourself in check! Our people are receiving bonus monies every year and the people are being patted in the back for bad deeds. Everyone is a contributor to Public Safety problems in our community and lets all pull together and solve it now so our future won't end up where we are today.

When people get up and speak of our past people, think of what that family is thinking of when you bring them back out when they are in there resting place. As a young person in our community, I hear and see a lot of

violence in our community and people if they look back into family trees or archives, they will see that everyone has a family tie one way or another.

Look at the market across the bridge, the market probably grosses a substantial amount of money by poisoning our people. This tribal member can help control the problem.

Why can't our people who decide to change their lives with treatment/counseling be offered more? Then again, you go back to issues like no housing upon return; no employment, no community support services. Look at our youth activities, there is nothing for them to do. Our children need a place to turn to for activities or cultural activities.

Our Tribal council and our Tribal members need to open our ears and our hearts to one another and communicate. Positive and professional communication will work to everyone's advantage. And discipline, be positive when you discipline your children whether it be verbal, or physical. Now is the time to join hand in hand and forgive one another and let's make a better community. This letter is after the referendum. But felt it can make changes.

Our goal to be a healthy community by the year 2000 is less than a year from now and look where we are at. Let's get together and make Warm Springs a better place.

Carlos Calica

Happy 17th Birthday Alex
January 31st
From, Dad & family

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday
To my baby sister Antonia
Wahsise, have a good one.
Love always your sis Edee

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday
Janell Tailfeather
Love, a cuz Edee

Happy 18th Birthday
David Belgard, Jr.
Always a cuz, Edee

Happy 3rd Birthday
2-15-96
Lupita Phyllis Ocampo
Love you very much,
Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday
2-2 Tavia Polk
2-3 Anniv. Mutsi & Fred
2-12 Tonia Polk
2-14 Laura Crowe
2-22 Liza LeClaire
2-28 Sallie Ann Polk
Love, Harvianne & Raul & Lupita

Happy Birthday goes out to my grand daughter Tavia Polk and wish you many more.
Love, Grandma Phyllis

Happy Birthday to my niece, Tonia Polk
Love, your auntie Phyllis

Happy ?? Anniversary goes out to my sis & bro-in-law, Gloria & Fred Quechpama
Love always, Phyllis Tohet

Virginia Wyena
"Sap-Pacht'-Ah"
Memorial to be held at the
Priest Rapids Longhouse
February 20th, 1999 at 9 a.m.
Basketweavers, Family, Friends,
Relatives & Co-workers invited.
Dinner following.



Happy Birthday to Lupita Ocampo
February 15, 1999, who will be 3 years old.
Love your cuz, Johnnie James LeClaire

Happy 7th Anniversary Duts
Love, Kris

HIP-HOP comes to Warm Springs

STR8 SAVAGE ENTERTAINMENT, presents first ever in Warm Springs, Friday February 12, from 6 P.M. until midnight at the Community Wellness Center. HIP-HOP POW-WOW come dance the nite with P.O.'z Finest acts COOLNUTZ, G-ISM Ray-Ray and Randall, IZAYA mixes by DJ. WICKED, ROSECITY PLAYAZ, Brother Luv, Maniac LOK, Mackin' ROBIN, B. Sharpe and BIG TAY Tha Mayor. Warm Springs very own, STR8 SAVAGE and SEVEN DRUMS. Don't miss this special event. Tickets are limited so get them while you can.



Happy 3rd Birthday to my granddaughter
Lupita Phyllis Ocampo
And wish you many more to come.
Love always, your Grandma Phyllis Tohet

Happy 12th Birthday out to my granddaughter
Liza Marie LeClaire
Love, your grandma Phyllis Tohet

Happy 12th Birthday to
Salli Ann Polk
Love always Phyllis Tohet