



E Coosh EEWA: The way it is

SPILYAY SPEAKS

It's very disappointing to see how the vote turnout is for every election we have. Out of all the eligible voters only a hand full turn out, just enough to carry the election to make it legal. Even though gaming was over whelminly voted in it still appears that more people would have some interest to get out and vote. When dividends do come out they are usually the first in line. Some day a measure could come along and with the usual turnout of interested individuals we could come out losers. There are so many items on the threshold that looms over the entire reservation and with out a good turn-out of supporters disaster could come and there is nothing we could do about it.

The tribal members should take more incentive in things like this and not drag their feet and expect others to decide what's best for the entire membership and the future of the tribes.

Today we can make plans to continue in gaming at the Indian Head Casino. With the past experience and with studies being conducted on what's the best direction we should go. The Indian Head gaming establishment has proven that there is potential in that area, even though it was in a rather awkward area for its nature, but there still was positive accomplishments made and a progressive improvement right along. From the stand point of the present location there seems to be some controversy of its popularity. There are several who pass through Warm Springs VIA highway 26 from Portland as they do business out in the rural areas of Central Oregon, say that the present location is just a little out of the way, meaning being Kahneeta. They say if it were along side highway 26, they would be more than willing to stop and relax for a while and play the machines.

If we did move the gaming the next item would be an appropriate location for desirable access right along the highway. Well at any rate a good location would have to be selected to accommodate everyone that is interested in the gaming field.

A suitable location for the gaming center where there can be expansions and improvement with out any difficulty. We have all kinds of land along highway 26 and with out much more work they can be improved to accommodate a gaming center.

In the beginning when we first started to talk about a gaming center the location of Bear Springs was one of the hot topics. To me I feel that its still off the main route and the general public would be passing us right by. We should build right along the highway to catch all the business we can. The junction where highway 9 meets highway 26, would be a good place, that's where the highway turns off to travel to Kahneeta at the HeHe turn-off where it would be accessible right along highway 26. There is talk of a location in Madras, or in other areas in Warm Springs, how about the Wide Spot, aye!!

There are plans to enter into negotiations with communities along the Columbia River, just off I-84 freeway. The Cities that have been approached are Hood River, where there is some opposition at the present time. Also meetings with the citizens at Cascade Locks, where they are in favor of a Casino being built there. Also being included of Cities were The Dalles, OR.

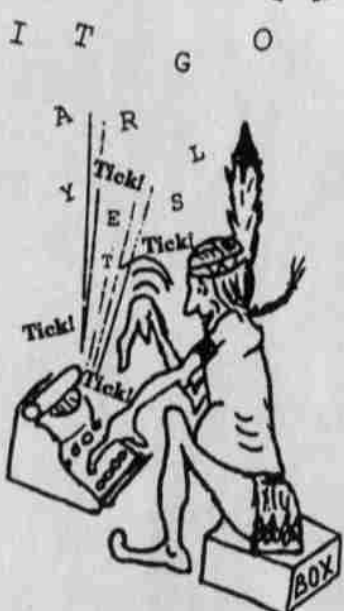
A gaming center in the Gorge would be very accessible from the freeway I-84, from east to west. It was stated that a off ramp from I-84 would cost some dollars, that could be made up very easy in no time at all, and the cost of construction could be paid for also in no time when the operation once got on its feet and greeting the general public.

As for people wondering about employment, if a person wanted to work he wouldn't mind the move, or there could be other alternatives from the casino in that area. We could fund various projects on the reservation to employ local people.

But no matter what route we take there will be costs that rise into many zero's, which we could overcome during regular operation. Cascade Locks has shown positive reaction toward a gaming casino in their community. One advantage for Cascade Locks it would be the nearest gaming establishment to the Portland area. Cascade Locks see a lot of potential for their small community that would improve their economic condition as it is at the present time. That is a very good prospective area to solve our problems. We should do it...AAAH-NAAH-CHI-TOON!!!

TOE NESS

If you think Fishermen are the biggest liars in the world, ask a jogger how far he runs every morning. YIKES



Grandmother expresses concerns for new baby rooms

To the editor,

In a previous issue of the Spilyay Tymoo, there was wonderful news of additional rooms added for infants at the Early Childhood Center. We know we need that and more. However, are our babies receiving quality care? Are our people in management making sure of this? What can we do to protect our infants from being traumatized, babies defenseless, unable to talk yet but know the word, "Ah-na-na". Why? It is time for us to be heard. Because of my love for all children, I am concerned that the persons who violated three precious babies between the ages of 12 months to 14 months, who were entrusted to their tender loving care are still out and about creating problems for our working tribal members.

The person who were being paid to care for our infants and were subsequently put on administrative leave and for how long? With pay! It is no wonder we have parents and grandparents upset. I myself have seen the trauma in the once bubbly, happy babies. No eyelashes, hair loss and fear of any kind of tape. One baby has absolutely willed itself to pass out at the sight of any kind of tape. I also had access to the investigative report and it made me sick.

Has anyone thought of obtaining grief sessions for the parents and their families or is it, "why don't those people just go on with their lives", which we have often heard said by sympathizers of those so-called teachers who committed the offenses to these babies. When was the story changed to say it was all a game the teachers were playing with the babies. A game of taping the babies eyes shut, taping their hands to their toes, tape around the head and if the baby cried, what next? Scary Huh?

The Tribal Acting Prosecutor and a Tribal Judge allowed the freedom of the teachers with a kiss of the hand and let go. Yells of cheer was heard while the young mothers wept shamelessly, openly and the defendants hugged. Can this case be appealed to the appellate courts? Why not!

A young single mother, sole supporter of the victimized baby was eventually forced to quit her job because of the closeness of having to work with the ex-teacher. What about the Affirmative Action hiring practices? We protect the accused, non-tribal member living off the reservation. Is it because we violated ourselves by hiring a non-Indian (wana-be Indian) to direct this department?

The young mothers drafted a petition of support to expel this individual from our reservation. We received word that the Tribal Council did in fact approve the expulsion. The ex-teacher did return to the clinic with an attitude that was publicly offensive. I saw all the excitement her presence created while I waited and waited and waited. I felt I had an emergency need too. I made several phone calls to see what she was doing on the rez. There was great effort to get her out of public view by her sympathizers. You know who you are. I was especially concerned that a victimized baby and it's mother happened to be in the facility at the same time.

Another Tribal member has been suspended from her job for supposedly calling the cops to remove the ex-teacher. Did the Director have this verified by the Police? She was suspended with leave without pay for how long? Should it have been the other way around? Suspend the guilty parties for hiding her, putting her needs without an appointment before tribal members and escorting her out of the facility?

Who are we afraid of? Tribal Members we have made great sacrifices to build our own E.C.E and

Wellness Center by providing the money for it. For who? For our people, our children and our children's children. I am so tired, tired of pounding on CEO and COO's doors, only to hear "we'll look into it, we'll bet back to you." Where do we go from here—Let's do it.

Grandma
Neda Wesley
TM #74

Thanks Bob

To the editor,

A very big Thank you to Bob Whittenburg, Lt. of investigation and corrections facility.

You have made a big difference to our corrections facility and helped a lot of inmates with a lot. Such as, getting drug and alcohol classes and GED classes, computers, furniture in the cells and most of all, getting the job done around the jail. We all appreciate what you have done Bob.

We hope they don't try to pull you from your job because it would be all a down the drain job.

Thank you for everything,
Inmates at WS Corrections

Asking for another chance

To the editor,

I would like to bring forth to everyone's attention that I, Clara Kennedy am writing in regards in the matter of care #CR211-98 Exclusion Order. I have been incarcerated at the Warm Springs Corrections Facility and been since January 29th, 99. I have been sentenced to 340 days on February 1st 99. Upon serving my sentence, I still have to leave the Warm Springs Reservation due to the Exclusion Order still in effect.

Now, I would like to take this time and opportunity to Appeal the Exclusion Order, given another chance to reside here on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The reasons for this is that I have lived here for a number of years. I feel I was raised here. With my fam-

ily, Manuel Teeman, Laura Kennedy and younger brothers Wesley, Michael Teeman and grandmother Marion Biss, in which I wish not to leave behind for they are my family that I have been with.

I find it very impair not having a chance to finish High School and being separated from family while incarcerated that could have been dealt with a different way.

With the Appeal having another chance to prove to myself, not only tribal courts, but to the Warm Springs tribal members as well that I can be a better person if given another chance. I fee powerless, apprehensive without proper legal help and advice. So where does this non-stopping circle lead on to?

Sincerely,
Clara Kennedy

Thank you all for prayers

To the editor,

Dear relatives, friends and co-workers: I would like to take this time to THANK YOU, for all the prayers and empathy that was given for my DAD Truman Lumpmouth Sr. His surgery went well and he is healing with time and your prayers. A special thanks to the Full Gospel Church for their prayers.

Our family has been going through worried times, but with the concern and love that has been pouring in for our dad it has become an easier road.

I Thank GOD for my mother whom without her strength and belief in Our Heavenly Father; we would be in disarray. So mom, Thank You for being here and taking care of

Lauren,
Happy Birthday, Na Na
Love, Alexis

Lauren Toya Anne
March 7, 1993



Happy B-lated Birthday baby girl. Look at you 6 years old. You are growing up to a very beautiful young lady. I love you. Jolene & Cory

Happy Birthday PaPa!
Lotsa love, Bunny, Pumpkin & Peanut!

dad. I would like to let everyone know that my dad hears of all the people that ask about his health and of people who want him to know that they are praying for him and this makes him very happy to know how many people care for him.

So please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers because we still have a long road ahead of us for my dad's healing, and may GOD BLESS EACH OF YA'LL in return.

Thanks again,
Francella "Tia" Wheeler,
Daughter

P.S. Dad, if you read this I want you to know that I love you and I'm here for you if you need anything at all.

Happy Birthday to
BIG Girls
"Shoshonda & Sheyna
Love, Triston & Tobi,
J'Von, Kye Owna & gram-moo
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
To Uncle & Sheryle
How many years?
Love, Triston Wade & Tobi,
J'Von, Kye Owna & gram-moo

Happy Birthday
Auntie Ambrosia
Love, Lauren & Alexis

Ambrosia Suppah



Happy 18th Birthday
How the years fly by when you are having fun. You take care of yourself & best of luck to your future. Love, Jolene & Cory

Celebrate that God loves you

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. In two days the body of Christ begins to celebrate Easter Week. Sunday the 28th is Passion/Palm Sunday-April 1 Passover/Monday Thursday-Crucifixion/Good Friday-Vigil Saturday-Easter Sunday. Each of these days are a reminder and a reveler of the love of God for each of us. For me even after nearly 19 years of my service to my God as Pastor/preacher, I still feel the tingle in my toes of the Joy and Peace of the season on Easter.

Find a church and join in on the celebration. Celebrate that God loves you.

For the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church, our Easter week goes as follows: Palm Sunday service at 11 a.m. Passover Service at 7 p.m. on

Thursday; Good Friday at 7 p.m. Friday; Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m. at the Agency Cemetery upper hill. Easter Breakfast 9 a.m. Easter services at 11 a.m.

Also, some thank-you's. Thanks to all the kids at Warm Springs Elementary who give can-goods for the Food Bank. To the ECE walkers, thank you for your can goods.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped put on a great Red Cross Blood Drive, 55 units collected. It took 14 people to run a successful Blood Drive.

Finally, buckle up the kids when you drive. Keep tobacco and drinking alcohol away from kids. Go easy on the gambling, take care of family. See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro
WS Presbyterian church

Thanks to all for your help

To the editor,

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the following Tribal Members who assisted me in Shiprock, NM while my son was hospitalized: TC Chairman JP Patt, Garland Brunoe, Grandmother Bernice Mitchell, my father Jody Calica, Charles Jackson, my mother Gloria Mitchell, Muriel Thompson, John Brown, Gayle Rogers, Charmaine Calica, and to the Northern Medical Center and staff for giving my son the air to breathe and another chance in life. My son was diagnosed with Pneumonia, Bronchiolitis and Bipoxia in which he had to be under support of oxygen to keep him going.

To be so far away from home and then my son being exposed to these viral infections in the air was very hard on us while down there. If it wasn't for people like this we would have gotten by and I also would like to thank the Creator for His help in

time of need. Quindon's paternal side of the family religion consist of the Native American Church, Beardance and Sundance down in the Southwest, his late Great-Grandfather was a Sundance leader in many states and he had one of his Grandfathers' come and pray on him and I respect all religions that are put on this earth, for we all worship the same creator. My sympathy goes out to the children that have passed on while we were done there, for it was a learning experience for all that had children in that hospital.

I would like to tell all you parents to value the life of your children because they were put on this earth to follow in your footsteps and it is not too late to make a change in your lives to better the lives of your children. These people were put in our Organization to do a job and it benefited a life of a child. Again THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Carlos Calica

Thanks to all

To the editor,

To the Warm Springs community, in our time of sorrow and grief, your prayers, cards, flowers and words of comfort were most appreciated. We want to thank the drummers, cooks and the traditional leaders: Larry Dick, Alex Tohet, Fred Wallulatam, Wilfred Jim, Ellen Thompson, Warm Springs Catholic

Church and Warm Springs Presbyterian Church who all helped provide direction, support and advice regarding the care of our loved one. Please accept our appreciation and gratitude to all who helped us in this most difficult time in our lives, the passing of our oldest son, Joel Martinez. God Bless.

Urbana "ToTo" Ross
& the family of Joel
Brunoe Martinez



Happy 27th Birthday to "My Baby Son-Aaron Renuis!" This picture seems like yesterday when we were celebrating your "Big 1st B-day!"

Hope your day is as wonderful as you are. I am so proud of you and what a man you've grown to be. We love and miss you. God Bless you always!

Love, mom, Easton, Shanell, Colleen, Perry III, Perry Jr. & Deb, & the rest of your family down here.

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