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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Member thankful for chance to prove himself

The twentieth century is now falling into the ages of the past, and a new millennium peeking around the corner with just a few days left.

Think I'm going to reflect back as far as I can remember during the twentieth century. When I was a "cute little tyke," I used to hear my parents discussing the "Wheeler-Howard Act," and they would be talking about, "Self-government," self determination. I really never knew what they were talking about or paid any attention to what they were saying.

In them days we used to house councilmen from the Simnasho district, and it would be just like a council meeting all night long on the topic that was on the agenda for the following day. That was in the days when the districts really played their roll, because when the councilmen returned to Simnasho they would call their district meetings as the travel was very slow in them days.

Well, let's see! The reservation was established in the treaty of 1855 with the United States Government and the Warm Springs and Wasco tribes as the treaty signers. The tribes had agreed to move to the present site of the Warm Springs reservation when they agreed to accept what the U. S. government promised that they would protect and provide for them. They agreed to provide homes, school, medical assistance, employment and to teach trades or farm and cattle raising. The move was caused by the big rush of the immigrants seeking the new land and the move west.

The tribes gave up more than ten million acres of land they had occupied since time immemorial. The Tribes retained the right to fish, hunt and gather foods in the usual and accustomed places and to govern their own affairs.

The present government, The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, was established in 1938. The Confederation consisted of the Wasco and Warm Springs tribes who were the treaty signers of 1855. The Paiute Indians joined the reservation twenty five years later.

In 1934, Congress passed the Indian re-organization act of 1934. Was also known as the Wheeler-Howard act. The act recognized the tribal governments to manage their own affairs and it offered assistance to tribes organizing under its provisions. The preamble to the act stated its purpose:

To conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form businesses and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes.

The members of the three tribes studied the act very carefully before they decided to accept its terms. In 1937, the three tribes adopted a Constitution and by-laws for the tribal government and re-named themselves as The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

The following year the three tribes formally accepted a Corporate Charter from the United States for their business endeavors. These organization documents spelled out self-government on the Warm Springs Reservation. The Warm Springs Constitution established an eleven member Council to oversee all tribal operations. In the past either the Agency Superintendent or the general Council, a body of all tribal adult tribal members had decided what action would be taken. The members of the three tribes studied this very carefully before they decided to accept its terms, Self Government.

The Council was made up of eight elected Tribal Members who would serve a three year term and the three Chiefs who serve for life. Three from Simnasho, three from Agency of which one would be chosen to represent the Sidwaller area, not district, and he didn't have to live in that area, two from Seekseequa area. The Council elected their own officers and the Secretary-Treasurer

In the 30's everything was in bad shape because of the depression, until the World War II, broke out in 1939. Things started to pick up after that, but that scared the dickens out of me as a little feller.

The depression had it's toll on the population as the bottom fell out of the entire economy. Men jobless people having a tough time getting enough to eat. Finally, President Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corp, the CCC's, as camps sprung up all over the reservation, there were camps at the Agency, Old Mill, Peters Pasture, Hee Hee Mill, Schoolie Pasture, Camp One, White Water, Peter Springs, and Simnasho. During their existence they improved livestock watering places, built livestock corrals, improved roads and trails on the reservation and many other projects here.

With the warring in mid 40's it was just great to have all the boys come back home, and in the 40's kids started to integrate into school in Madras. Madras Union High School. After the war Dwight D. Eisenhower became President of the United States, he opened up the liquor laws permitting the Indians to purchase liquor and be able to drink in bars. Before that you needed a buyer, going around asking Non-Indians if they would buy a bottle of wine, beer, or Whiskey.

In 1950, the Korean war broke out taking many boys into the armed forces, the forgotten war. A war where no one thought would be so severe where more than 58,000, men lost their lives or missing in action in just a short time. That was supposed to have been just a little police action to restore peace between North and South Korea.

Also in the 50's the Tribes opened up the Rehab employing young men on jobs building homes for the tribal members.

In the 60's saw the assassination of President Kennedy, the Vietnam war started, Woodstock and rock-n-roll, Soul music, the American Band Stand, with Dick Clark, was a big hit to all the Teenagers across the country.

In the 70's the creation of "Spilyay Tymoo," Aye...The tribes dedicated the new lodge at Kahneets, employing several tribal members at the new establishment.

Just recently the Indian Head Gaming facility has made quite a headway as a enterprise for the tribes and is gaining as time passes. In the beginning it was voted on a five year trial basis and all voted to have it in Kahneets, now there are talks of relocating the establishment.

Everything from there on to the present is pretty much explainable. We will have to plan a good future for our gaming situation and hopefully it will bring in good revenue for the tribes in the future. Only one thing, they should put in one machine that could let me win once in a while... "Auck-thou umney!!"

Toe Ness

Inernal Revenue Service has a sigh in their office window. "In God we Trust. Everyone else we audit." YIKES

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One good thing about me going on vacation, I don't have to make any decisions. The Boss tells me when, the wife tells me where, and the bank book tells me how long. YIKES



To The People of Warm Springs and surrounding communities:

I'd like to take this time to thank and give all my appreciation to the following people for giving me a chance of employment so that I could get a start and come to reality in life (work for a living).

First of all in December of '98 the W.E.D.D Program turned me down after I was incised to leave a job at "Housing" for a misunderstanding. The W.E.D.D Program cut me off and told me that I wouldn't be able to go through the program for two years. So, I had to take it upon myself to seek employment on my own.

I don't know how many job applications I've turned in around the community, but the following people I would like to thank the most. As of 4-16-99, Buck and Suzie of The

Deschutes Crossing Restaurant were the first ones to give me that chance of employment.

And, Roxanne of the Rainbow Market and Rainbow Shell Station. Thank you for getting a hold of me while I was working at the Deschutes Crossing with a job that I couldn't refuse at the gas station.

I've never realized how much responsibility there is to running a gas station. Like taking daily inventory, keeping records, and handling money.

6-12-98 was my last time of incarceration (detox). Man, that was 18 months ago. I feel a lot better with the life style that I have chosen to live. Sure, I still pickup cans once in awhile, but not for a living anymore. And, I still visit and hang with my same friends.

For sale Purebred Miniature Doberman Parents, AKC registered born November 21, 1999 at 11 a.m. 1 male, 1 female (not registered).

Cash only!!! Stop by to check on price at 2111 Wasco Street. Shirley A. Smith

2000. Love you, Auntie Lori, Uncle Jesse, Katrina, and Adrianna.

Understanding family & traditional values are at a loss

To the editor,

Understanding of Family and Traditional values are lost when a loss of an important person or family member is lost, I know I could speak for a lot of people and them again this letter will make me a bad guy but truly hurts me to gear about "Claiming Indian Way" when it comes to requesting leave for Funerals for family members. Bad enough we are all in sorrow and to hear certain individuals speak of everyone using this "Indian Way" just to get off to go to Funerals. My Grandfather the late Grant Waheneka was a well respected man, as well as a recognized Veteran who served not only for our country but our people. If it wasn't for Tribal Member like Grant and other Veterans would we even be her today? Personnel Policy? Even though we live on the Reservation we still are living under white man's ways with

the PERSONNEL POLICY! Supervisors, Managers, and General Managers don't understand the values people have for their families and will respected members or our Reservation.

The impact of hearing "No" they are not immediate family to you! If there was only compassion of feeling for people who lose a loved one once in awhile. We continue to live by white rules we night as well be white. I guess since the paper the Personnel Policy is written is white! I know our people could use some consideration and open discretion when it comes to individuals can be granted Administrative leave that why can't our tribal employees be granted the same when an Importat person such as Grant Waheneka or other important people pass on. Our whole community should mourn the loss of people like Grant Waheneka.

At times it seem like the "Road Warriors" are the only friends that I have. How many people are there on this rez that have put me down in the past for the way that I lived, at the park and under the bridge, can truly say that they've made it to work every day since mid April? I know that I can.

Everything that I now own I've gotten with in the past eight months. Thanks again to the people that be-

"Creator will guide me"

To My People, Hello, my name is Andrew McCloud. I've just turned 20 years old, inside a penitentiary which I believe is bad and good for me. Since I was a kid I've been palai and always gotten into mischief. Never cared, or seen the destruction I caused to those around me, yet I knew it was bad. As time went on I got worse, so worse that I knew I was going to end up in prison or dead. It appealed to me as cool, and I would be remembered. But now I had that chance to turn around but didn't. Now it's going to be harder to make my people

believed in me. I seriously do appreciate it.

Thank You for Your Time God Bless You All, Tim Wainanwit

One more thing that I forgot to add, to my moms, dads, sisters, brothers, cousins, friends and relatives that don't claim me, PLEASE have money when you come to gas up. No more breaks. Thanks Again.

believe that I'm not the same as before. But I am not going to say I changed because these are just words. But when I get out it's going to be a different story because I'm going to have all these things I craved for at an arms length away. But I believe that the Creator will guide me to the right path, the Red Road.

Sincerely, Andrew McCloud SID#12/9/65 777 Stanton Blvd. Ontario, OR

PS. Thanks for all those who stood by me in such hard times.

Come Help Us Celebrate a Decade of Accomplishments

Please join us January 6, 2000 from 3-5 p.m. in the multipurpose room #309 Hoke Hall on the Eastern Oregon University Campus. Featuring... Keynote Speaker Jack Ward Thomas "Forest and Range Management in the Blues—Then, Now, and Tomorrow" It's a time to mingle and visit. Musical Entertainment and Refreshments will be served! Also Door Prizes!

Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute

Queen size blanket missing

Queen size, brown & tan with eagle design (furry) blanket was taken from my house. It belonged to my mom and I would very much like it to be returned. No questions asked. Also a polaroid camera. Contact Dorothy Yahin

Kindling Bundles For Sale

Reg. size [12"-14"] \$5.00 diameter Lg. size [15"-17"] \$7.00 diameter Call WEDD at 553-3324 or come by [blue house-campus]

To: My son; With Love and thinking of you; Talon Stormbringer; all my Love Mom

To: My mother and brothers: With Love and Thinking of You; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I Love You all with my heart and I miss everybody! God Bless You All! Wy-sh-naï, all my Love, Isa, Na-Na-Lee-ah I am doing good! Love Mom, Cecelia Ann Winishut and Family, (Wy-sh-naï) It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Cody on January 9, 2000! Love, Auntie Lori, Jesse, Katrina, and Adrianna.

It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Larry Kenneth Switzler! January 30,

It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Jasper Switzler! Love you, Grandma Maxine, Uncle Jay, and Uncle Clint!

It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Jasper! January 24, 2000 Love Always, Auntie Val, Uncle George, and Kids

It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Grandma Ella! January 21, 2000! Love, Val, George, and Kids!

Lets get ready for the New Year

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Let me begin by thanking the Warm Springs Elementary School for such a great job in providing 2,000 Lbs. of food for the Food Bank. What a great effort by the kids. The Community Food Bank works as a emergency food source for the Warm Spring Community. Thank the Lord for the Commodity's Program. The 2,000 Lbs. must last until spring. So if your household needs food assistance on a regular basis then go see the Commodity's people and see what they have to offer. Well, did you survive the Christmas Season? Gotta Yea! We are still in the season of Christmas in the calendar of the Church. The Christmas Season ends on the day of Epiphany. That is the day to remember the three wise men who bring gifts to the baby Messiah Jesus Christ. You see the season of Christmas is not suppose to have you

survive it. You are suppose to be renew then I think you need to rethink how you are living out the season of Christmas.

Well, now it is time to get ready for the new year. Let's see my New Year's promises... To loss weight. To clean my office. To yell less at my kids. To pray more. Maybe if I do the last one the other three will happen by grace?

So into the New Year let us: Hug someone you love. Hug someone you dislike. No alcohol or tobacco for children. Buckle-up the kids and yourselves. Don't hit, or beat on yourself. Pay your bills before gambling, the stay home. Read the Bible for it's effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of you hearing Him. Honor someone. Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. On the Campus

Please honor court order

To the editor,

I am writing in regards to the people that are offering free information on me. I would like to take this time to inform people that they are violating a FEDERAL RESTRAINING ORDER. This Federal Restraining order overrides the Warm Springs Tribal Court Order. The Federal Restraining order states that I cannot receive mail and/or have contact with my children, and now my grand children, by the request of my children's mother, which is in writing. This includes but not limited to photos, letters, postcards, birthday and holiday cards etc... I have recieved letters with photos lately and you are jeopardizing my detention. I don't know if my older chil-

dren have been misinformed, but we can not have any type of contact.

I would like to request that the BIA investigators, and Tribal Police not give out information about me. This is nobody's business. I do have regular contact with people of my choice. Certain people in Warm Springs are misinforming my family that I am gossiping and spreading wrong information.

This goes out to my immediate family and friends that I talk with regularly. Merry Christmas, and have a Happy New Year. Thanks to all that write and accept my calls (you know who you are). Its good to hear familiar voices and get mail from you.

George Picard, II.

January 1st 2000! It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Grandma Gladys! With Love, Valerie, George and Kids.

It'ukdi Imi Wigwa Cody on January 9th 2000! Love you sonny! Auntie Val, Uncle George and Kids.

Happy 14th Anniversary Mom and Dad! December 25, 1999! With Love Always, Mayanne, Ashley, Georgie, and Evelyn.

Merry Christmas, Happy Birthday Mary Govenor-12/20 Viola Govenor-12/20 Cecil Wesley Govenor (Deetz)-1/2 Hazel Queahpama-Tewee (Tah-sa-lee)-12/25 Belated Birthday to Uncle Chesley Yahin, Sr.-12/8

We love and cherish everyone of you from the bottom of our hearts. Smiles and happiness forever. We love you.

From, Angelina, Valerie, Julie, Mary Lynn, Lorelei, Mervyn, Leila, your grandchildren, Romaine Miller, Jr. (AKA Smoke), Earnest Jackson.

Happy Holidays Donnie Holiday From all the Gov's, Chewy & Saddlebags. Put em up, Am I right?

Happy Birthday Lawrence Caldera, Jr. December 18 Take care, from the Gov's

Congratulations on your wedding day

Julie & Earnest Jackson thank you to Pastor E. Hunt. May you have an everlasting love together forever.

With Love and Thinking of You: To: My children, Shard, Loreen, Kodi Stormbringer, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year-2000, I Love you with all my heart, be good, see you soon, be strong! God bless You! All my Love! Love your Mother I miss you all three of you, Cecelia Ann Winishut and Family

Happy 2nd Birthday, Born December 17th 1997! Our son Charles Joseph winterhawk Winishut Cook. All our Love from Mommy and Daddy, We're proud of you! We Love You!

To: All My Sons; To all my other children, Remo, Talon, Lance, Tearle Stormbringer with Love and Thinking of You, MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year, God Bless You All! With All My Love! Love Your Mother, Cecelia Ann Winishut (Wy-Sh-naï)

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