

E Coosh EEWA: *The way it is*

SPILYAY SPEAKS

Thank you for making this week a success

Now that everyone has had his fill with "Lookish, and Coom-Coom," as the Root Feast and Salmon feasts have been observed here in Warm Springs, Simnasho and Celilo. Observing the first roots and the first Salmon of the season and the thanks given to the Creator for all the abundant crops for the year. With the ceremonies completed everyone can feel free to go out and dig roots and catch salmon for their own use.

It's always good to hear the Chanting of all the traditional songs and the drumming while all the native foods are being prepared. The salmon, deer meat, roots and berries, being prepared in their special way for the ceremonies. The drum beats can be heard at an even pace, and the songs with their special meanings for the occasion.

For so long I never really paid any attention to the songs and drumming. Why they called them the first seven and stuff like that. Each sequence consisted of seven songs. The only time I did pay some attention to the chanting was during funerals. I used to have a sad feeling hearing those songs. All the songs have a sacred meanings and messages, everything done in these ceremonies have special meanings.

When I was a kid, the Root feast meant the first rodeo of the year. But it was respectful to wait until the final seven was completed and feast ceremonies were carried out before we would start the rodeo. Sometimes they would run behind time and we'd have to hold up the rodeo and that caused the crowd to become impatient. Yep! everyone eager to test his skills against that salty bronc, and sometimes it seemed to take for ever for them to complete all the ceremonies and tear into the meal.

When the ceremonies were completed it was like a big "sigh" of relief, and the rodeo can begin. People never realized why we never started the rodeo at 1:00 pm, and they would become impatient and call it a slow rodeo, they would even start honking their horns for us to begin. Some times the ceremonies would run past 2 pm, and that really would make our rodeo the slowest rodeo ever. But when the rodeo did finally get started things would go just fine. We didn't have the finest rodeo arena and most of the time wondered how it held those wild horses. Some of those wild horses were rough on the Chutes. When we would start to let them out of the chutes, than we'd get the hammer saw and nails and repair the chute for the nest horse. Most of the time we'd end up using one or two chutes, and nail the others shut and using them to rig the horses to be moved up the go good chute.

In them days the Root Feast rodeo used to be one to the first rodeo's around this country. But now days they have indoor rodeos. Many of the top cowboys got their start in rodeo at the root feast rodeo here in Warm Springs.

After the root feast rodeo than there were all kinds of rodeos around the country, like Arlington, OR., Prosser, WN., Naches, WA., Bickleton, WA., Packwood, WN., to name a few of the early rodeos. In them days we'd find any kind of reason to have a little rodeo and Easter was another week-end for a rodeo if the root feast didn't come on the same time. Or if there was nothing going on anywhere a bunch of guys would say, "Let's run in some horses and ride-em," so away we'd go to round up a bunch of wild horses. Those were the fun days when we'd have a little rodeo and everyone donated something for the repairs of the arena and never expected any compensation because we loved the sport.

Well, today one can only think back of the good ole days when everyone worked together to have a little fun. Progress can't be stopped as we had to abandon our old rodeo grounds and the Early Child Hood now occupies the area, from there it was moved across the road but soon had to abandon that area for the new IHS complex.. So today we don't see any free rodeos and good times like in the past, where did everybody go??? AHH-NAH-CHI—TOON!!!

The Casino, Move to Madras or not

"Oh Yeah!" Have you been thinking about the proposal of moving our Casino to Madras?

Remember that's next on the agenda, on if we should move to Madras or not. Give it some thought and visualize the operation and who would benefit the most from this move? Madras of course...It would bring in business for the townspeople, more important it would create more employment for that area. How many locals can safely drive to and from Madras, as the police have taken away most driving priveledges from the local residents.

If we kept the Casino on the Reservation all th income would come to the Tribes. Keep it here locally and we won't have to deal with the state or anyone else.

It will cost no matter where we build it so lets get all the final results from the Casino here locally.

Toe Ness

These days more and more Politicians pass the buck, but they manage to hold on to the tens and twenties. YIKES!!

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Editor's Note

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To the editor,
Warm Springs celebrated "Week of the Young Child" April 8th through the 15th this year. The purpose of the week was to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to support early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The "week" was also an occasion to CELEBRATE CHILDREN!

We would like to thank the following individuals who did an outstanding job of volunteering their time to make all the activities possible. Leah Henry and Tiffany Henry for their extraordinary fund-raising and also for running the photo booth for kids at the Free Kids Center during Chilinium 2000. Thanks to Ben & Shon Hintsatake and Alison Schuster for running activities at the Children's Fun Center. Thanks go out to parents who contributed to our bake sales and also to those who helped run the bake sales: Martha Winishut, Elizabeth Johnson, Louella Bagley, Leota Saunders & Radine Spino.

Thank you to James Halliday for putting together the Family Infor-

mation Fair: Jane Kirkpatrick, Charlene Stacona-White, Versa Smith, Shilo Shaw, Gwen Leonard, Kevin Blueback, Lillian January & Sarah Thomas, Juanita and her helpers from IHS dental, Bernadette Handley, Minnie RedDog, John Brown, John Finch, Amy Hardin, Maria Lopez, Anson Begay & Judith Charley. Thanks to McGruff and Smokey the Bear for your continued participation in events for children and youth. Big thanks to Jessica Coyle for her outstanding coordination of "Zoo day" for the kids at Early Childhood Education. Special thanks to individuals who took time to share their pets during "Zoo day."

Many letters were sent out asking for donations from local businesses. Please recognize the following merchants for contributing money and items to make much the weeks activities possible:

Wildcat Logging, Indian Head Casino, Head Start Parent Club, Warm Springs Market, Warm Springs Forest Products, DMJ Automotive, Safeway, Figaros Pizza, Erickson's Sentry Market, Holly-

wood Video, Museum At Warm Springs, Ahern's Market & Deli, and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. Thank you so much for supporting "Week of the Young Child." We appreciate your investment in our children.

Today we know more than ever before as to the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. It is increasingly clear that an adverse early environment can compromise brain function and place children at greater risk of developing a variety of cognitive, behavioral and physical difficulties. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child receives the type of positive early environment—at home, at Child Care, at school and in the community—that will promote their early learning. Making the early years count as the very best learning years for all children—that what Heart of the Young Child is all about.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,
Sheila Wahneeta & Sue Maters
WOTYC Co-Chairpersons

Jordan J. Patt
Memorial
(11/20/78 to 12/07/98)
Son of Evaline E
(Simtustus) Patt
and the late
Byron Patt
on May 13, 2000
at the Simnasho
Longhouse
beginning at 9 a.m.

Happy Birthday
Mom/Gubba
We love you!
T. Boise family

Sunrise service begins at 6:30 a.m.

To the editor,
Hello from Pastor Rick. Hello to all. Hey, have you noted the cars and pick-ups with the heavy tinted glass. Man, there seems to be a lot of them here in Warm Springs. Why is it that more and more people want isolation? They want to be cut-off from others. Why? You know they had a conference out at Kah-Nee-Ta called "Kids". I was told one idea from this program is that Warm Springs has a lot of resources for people. Yet the connection between resources is very lite. Why are the resources in isolation?

Maybe it is turf protection. Or fear. The Bible talks about connections between resources. It calls it "Community". The gathering body of believers bring to the community their gifts and abilities. And they bring their willingness to share without fear. This Sunday is the Greatest of celebrations. Easter Sunday is the reason a Christian

should have no fear to come to the "Community". The Creator gives to us the greatest connection between us and Him. Between this world and the world passed death. The Cross and the empty tomb are there greatest reasons to step out of isolation and into the Light. Easter Sunday. April 23. Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. Agency Cemetery. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Worship service at 10. Egg hunt and piñata to follow worship.

Well, here we go....Hug someone you love. Hug someone you dislike. No alcohol or tobacco for children. One day at a time. Buckle up the kids and yourselves. Don't hit or beat on yourself. Pay your bills before gambling, then stay home. Read the Bible for its effect on your heart. Pray to God to the point of your hearing Him. Honor someone. Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro
WS Presbyterian Church
On the campus

Jim family says Thanks to all

To the editor,
We the family of Wilfred Jim Sr. would like to thank all the family & friends who sent their prayers, you were so much support to us while he was in the St. Charles Hospital, he is at home and doing great. He is already on the go and busy again, which is great, but he does need more rest to be back at his best.

We would like to thank Mary Danzuka, Jimmy & Neda Wesley, Eliza Brown, Hilda Culpus, Josephine and Wilma, Gwen Leonard, Sheila Spino, Rob & Rosaline Moran, Lucinda Green, Roma David, Mary Ann Meanus, Mary Sando-Emhoolah, Sheridan Hale and her late son, these people listed were there daily supporting us. And the many, many others were either there at the hospital or calling to get an update on a descending their prayers for Wilfred. We would also like to thank Dayle Tufti, Minnie RedDog, Carroll Dick, Jimmy, Neda, Eliza, Hilda, Josie, Margie & Ivan, Sheridan & Late Son who brought hot meals or snacks & pop.

There are just too many people to name, but we will always remember & know who you are, so please do not feel offended if your name or family is not mentioned for we had a lot of concerned friends and family to keep naming into this publication of appreciation. But we are still just as grateful for your support and continued support. We will also be having an appreciation dinner for Wilfred sometime in May, as soon as we, the family can sit down and decide on a definite date we will be posting flyers.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Geraldine Jim & Jackson Mitchell
Mona, Mike & Stefan Bird, Denise & Marquis, Manny Calapoo, Wendell, Kathy, Douglas, Christopher Maynard, Lisa & family Cy Daffy & Ryan Carl Anquoa-Adopted Son & family

Thanks for all the help

To the editor,
Back in April of 1994, my trailer house burned down with everything I owned in it. When I returned from Washington from seeking employment because of the job freeze here in Warm Springs, I came with just the clothes on my back. Marvena & I rededicated our lives to the Lord in July, abstaining from using and the Lord has blessed us with people with large hearts to help us out. This is a thank you letter to these people for their gifts: trailer house from Wendy Leff, walnut desk credenza from Brenda & Dave Strait, microwave oven from Antoinette Pampercin, washer & dryer from Gladys Thompson, slow cooker from Pastor Hunt & wife Frances, stove & refrigerator from Wendy, wedding bands from Marvin Meanus Sr., couch & loveseat from Veronica Smith, couch & loveseat from Lillian Brunoc, desk from John Culpus, car engine from Voc. Rehab., answering machine from Gwen Spino, answer-

ing machine from Susanne McFarland, Pick-up at great discount from Will & Suzette Bean, TV trays from Irene Towe, dishes, frying pans, silverware, etc. from Hilda Culpus, new waterpump for my 280ZX from Rose Scott, bookshelf, electric skillet from Deanie Johnson & grandma, knives from Ronnie Stacona, hospitality from Alfred Wolfe, help from assorted secretaries, phones from Marisa Thompson, encouragement, strength & support from the Full Gospel Family, and all the rest of you that helped us put our lives back together. We pray constantly for you to receive the blessings promised to you by Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:40) (Proverbs 14:31). Do not hesitate to call us, when you are in need of help materially, physically, professionally or spiritually for we will always be obligated to you as friends in Christ. Jehovah Jirah (God provides). Bless you all.

R.T & Marvena Thompson

"Mind your own business"...

To the editor,
Is it just business? When you are busy discussing a friend, relative or person who lives in the community, have you ever thought to yourself, "Is this any of my business?" Because, really, what right do any people have to discuss any business other than your own? Is it because you are jealous of this person? You have a need to make yourself feel better than someone else and the only way you can do it is talk about other people?

A real friend will tell you how it, a phony friend will sit and listen, smugly wanting more and not asking you questions as to why you feel this way about someone or some particular situation. Gossiping about people does not get you anywhere. If you have a problem or a complaint

against someone, talking to them to their face will help solve the problem. If you can't do this, then your problem won't go away. Yes, it will be your problem and only your problem. It is not right to talk about people behind their back.

Really, you don't know a certain person's situation. When you hear about people fighting, remember, it takes two to fight and you are usually hearing only one side of the story, there is always two sides and if you want to correct one, you should confront both parties so you can get the right story. (If this is any of your business, which it probably is not in the first place!) Don't judge other people, you do not have the capacity to judge rightfully. Only God, The Creator does. The moral of the story is mind your own business.

Kimberly Smythe



April 23
Happy Birthday
Auntie "Mutsi"
Love you lots
Your niece,
Angela Polk

Birthdays for April:
3rd-Bruce Erwin Smith
19th-Iris Smith
21st-Leminnie Smith
24th-Renso Rodriguez
Love from your family



Happy 1st Birthday
Baby Girl Savvy!
Love Mom

To Arianna Henry
Hoping you had a
great Birthday
Love, Auntie Leah,
Trevan & Theyliah

Arianna Henry
Happy Birthday
Love, Grandpa



Theyliah,
Hugs and Kiss
Love you
Matesa & John

Happy Anniversary
Phyllis & Alex
Love, Anga

Happy Birthday
Savannah!
We can't believe you are
one year old. You are so
special to us and we love
you lots.
Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday Grandma
Love ya grandchildren
Sallie, Ozzie, Bosh, Angela,
Tessie, Baby Tiarne



April 14
Happy Birthday "Mom"
Victoria Polk
I love you
Love, Angela