

## “Funky” Water

By Duran Bobb

Recently, residents of the Sunnyside neighborhood have noticed a peculiar smell and taste to their tap water. Some have described it as muddy-tasting and “funky.” There was one report of cloudy water.

*Spilyay Speaks*

Residents from Dry Creek and Greeley Heights have also noticed a strange taste. People are beginning to wonder if the water is still safe to drink.

“The water is safe to drink,” Roy Spino, manager for the water treatment plant, said.

The Deschutes River is experiencing an algae bloom.

“It’s hard to tell what causes this,” he said. “It could be the temperature of the water, the river warming up.”

Workers at the plant became aware of the problem several weeks ago, and increased chlorine levels. Later, a carbon filter was put in place at the water treatment facility, and carbon was added to the water.

“We’re running a few more tests on the water,” Spino said. “We’re hoping the taste and odor hasn’t hit the agency area yet.”

The next step in fighting the problem will be to flush the system. This will involve about a week of work with the fire hydrants around the community. Volume will be forced through the system in an attempt to clear out the taste.

The water treatment plant was built in 1982 and was meant to last for 30 years, so it is operating beyond its peak capacity.

The treatment plant is in need of several upgrades, if not a replacement. Workers are able to maintain the plant, however special parts must be ordered.

“That can cost an arm and a leg,” Spino said. “But that’s what you have to deal with when you can’t get the parts over-the-counter.”

### TOE NESS...

Spilyay and Tila are going through old pictures. “Those were the days! I didn’t care about things like what to wear. My parents dressed me.”

“Well by the looks of these pics, it’s obvious they didn’t care either!” YIKES!

## Letters to the Editor

### Stick games

The results from the Starr stick game 2012 Pi-Ume-Sha tournament are:

First place: Alice Sampson, Warm Springs.

Second: Ed Scott, Omak, Wash. And third place: Eli Williams, Nespelham, Wash.

Everything went well. We would like to thank everyone that helped out with donations.

Thank you, Donnie Winishut for helping out with the brackets.

The Starrs.

### Great parade

Thank you to all who participated in the Fourth of July Parade and barbecue:

Delson Suppah, master of ceremonies; cooks and Sacred Road and all the volunteers; the police escort; Head Start and Prevention. Also:

Big Brothers Big Sisters, KWSO, Harvey Scott Honor; Dennis Thompson Honor; Girl Scouts, Indian Head Casino, the Community Action Team, and High Lookee Lodge.

Thank you N’Chi WanaPum, Salmon King; Full Gospel, the four-wheelers; Pastor Rick; Dan Martinez, fire chief; Utilities, Sparky; the ambulance, Engines no. 2244 and 2220; Warm Springs Fire Management; Warm Springs WildFire Prevention; Engine 35 Type 6; Engine 36 Type 4; Engine 37 Type 4; V-49 Stakeside flatbed; Smokey Bear. Also:

The Boys & Girls Club, the bicyclists and walkers; Warm Springs Recreation; the Get Out & Vote; Warm Springs Market.

Once again, Thank you to

each and everyone, and God bless.

Warm Springs Summer Recreation.

### Fire season

How fast can your house run?

Give your home a chance before the fire season really starts by getting your defensible space in place:

Trim trees, cut weeds and brush from around your home, and move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home. Also:

Get rid of unwanted debris, and make sure your address is visible from the road.

Be safe and responsible, and be ready.

Warm Springs Fire Management.

### Incident

To the casino staff, I would like to apologize to the people that work at the casino, especially the security guards. I am sorry that I was under the influence of alcohol at the casino. I never meant to hurt anyone. If I did, I’m sorry. I feel embarrassed and hurt because I like to go there and have fun. I pray that it will not happen again. Thanks for your time. With all due respect to you all, sincerely. Keep up the good work at the casino.

Michael Meanus.

### For donations

We are having our annual powwow at the Warner Creek Correctional Facility on Sept. 29, 2012, and would like to invite you to take part in the event. Currently we are also looking for donations from tribal members.

The Warner Creek Correctional Facility is a 400-bed minimum correctional facility with about 20 Native American from various tribes attending our weekly meetings and ceremonies. We have three members from the Warm Springs Tribes that attend our Native Circle and events. We are in need of monetary donations for our 2012 powwow and would also appreciate donations of Native American DVDs and CDs, beading and leatherworking materials as well as traditional medicines for sweat and smudge.

We would be honored to have your counsel and sup-

port for our Native American population at WCCF. If you would like to make a contribution to our fund this can be done by sending a check to: Warner Creek Correctional Facility, c/o Native American account no. 2462 20654 Rabbit Hill Rd., Lakeview, OR 97630.

Also, if you would like to donate Native American DVDs and CDs, beading and leatherworking materials as well as traditional medicines for sweat and smudge, they can be sent to the above the above address c/o Chaplain Ball.

Thank you for your time and support. Sincerely,

Chaplain Ball, All Nations Circle, WCCF.

### Chamber

The Warm Springs Chamber of Commerce participated in the 2012 Pi-Ume-Sha Parade, Saturday, June 23. Street rumor is that the parade attracted the largest number of participants and spectators in its 43-year history.

The parade theme, “Continuing On,” was depicted on the Chamber float as an Indian woman, carrying the wisdom forward into future generations. Thank you to Ted Brunoe’s granddaughter Sagi Johnson for being our wise woman.

Thanks also go to Gruner Chevrolet and Bullet Rental and Sales for providing the rolling stock. Chamber members provided the treats.

A wise person along the parade route pointed out the dichotomy between all the candy being directed to the crowd and our neighboring Diabetes float. Thanks for that wise council.

We took the suggestion to heart, and for the Warm Springs Chamber Fourth of July float plastic toys and games were distributed with just a little taffy. Now we have a full year to plan how to go green and healthful both.

Thanks to Rainbow Market for the use of their four-track and trailer in the Fourth of July Parade. Chamber meetings for July and August will be on the second Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Community Action Team building at 1136 Paiute St., Warm Springs. Sincerely,

W.S. Chamber of Commerce

### Apologies

Marijuana is a plant that is illegal. I got caught with some recently, and it is bad because you won’t get anything out of smoking it. And it is also bad for your lungs. The only thing you get out of smoking weed is trouble. It is bad for me also because it keeps me back from doing things I want to do in life. I just want to say sorry for having marijuana on the Warm Springs Reservation. It won’t happen again.

Galen J. Northrup

I am writing this to apologize to my family, the community and the Warm Springs Police Department. It’s been a whole year since domestic violence was part of my relationship with my lady. I am not saying that with pride and joy. When I think about my actions back in April 2011, I feel ashamed, embarrassed, guilty. Not only those feelings, I also look at what could have happened due to my actions. Somebody could have been seriously hurt or even worse. Now I am going to pay for the consequences. Since this has happened I’ve learned to control my alcohol use, deal with my problems in a positive way. Looking at how domestic violence could impact people’s lives in just a blink of an eye is scary, especially if children are involved. I’ve

had family members pass on in car accidents due to drinking and driving. Even back then I said I wasn’t going to follow in those footsteps but I still did....

My kids didn’t deserve to see their mom and dad fighting. That was uncalled for and we both recognize our problems and have been able to deal with them in a proper manner instead of dealing with it in a negative way. Respectfully, from PJT.

### Public Notice

Attention all Warm Springs and Simnasho Schoolie Flats water users:

As a public water system, we are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under the 1996 amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act to publish the Consumer Confidence Report.

Copies are available by calling the Water Treatment Plant at 541-553-1472.



There was a Sasquatch sighting in the West Hills area recently. “I found footprints in my backyard about June 8, after it rained,” commented Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb, who made this drawing of the Kushtaa (River Devil).

“It might be the same creature that made footprints in the garden by the administration building,” Bobb said.

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Recognize this old place, from a photo taken during a winter some years ago?