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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Once again it's time for the County Fairs across the state where it gives everyone a chance to show off their skills in arts and crafts, where they put them on display during the fair.

This takes place in everything the family members do during the year. For the housewife it's usually sewing, baking, cooking or canning fruits, vegetables and gardening. Yep! some of them do real fine work. It's always interesting to go through the exhibit halls to see some of the fine work people do during the year. The kids get into the act also by raising animals or poultry. Some kids do real well with their projects and even end up at the state fair.

There are all sorts of things happen during a county fair, there is some good entertainment on stage from some top entertainers from across the country. Reminds me of one time we were going to the state fair and saw the list of entertainers and I said, "Hey, tonight they are featuring the Everly Brothers." My daughter said, "Who's that?" I had forgotten that they were way before her time, and she never knew them. Yep! I can remember one of the top hits by the Everly Brothers was, "Wake Up Little Suzie!" This year at the State Fair they will be featuring "The Righteous Brothers." So this year I won't mention them or get to excited because there are some people who have never heard of them either.

The first rodeo session was held on Friday night and the final performance on Saturday. There is always the rodeo dance where people go and shake their legs and have a great time. I haven't been to a dance for quite some time now. I can remember when people got out on the floor to dance they actually put their arms around one another, the western dances are still like that, I think!. Sometimes I think at a dance today you don't need a partner to get out and do your thing on the dance floor.

Yep! the County Fair is always one of the fun part of the year when all people get together and have a great time. Well at least once in a year people get out their boots and dust them off for the dance.

Many years ago at the location where the high school is now there used to be a rodeo arena and a half mile race track. They used to have a rodeo and horse races. They had quarter horse races therobred horse races a free for all race, they even had a buck race and a squaw race..

Today the rodeo's around the country are all sanctioned by some rodeo association, like the Columbia Basin Rodeo Association, The Northwest Rodeo Association. In Indian Country there is the Western States All Indian Rodeo Association. In each Association they have their rules and regulations to follow. Each rodeo the cowboys earn points for each dollar they win and at the end of the year all their points are added up and the one with the most points win's that event.

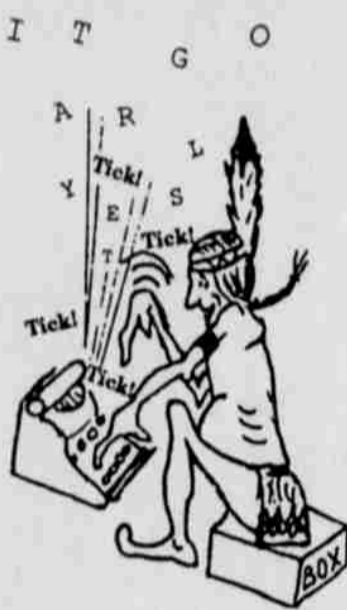
Each cowboy has his special event, there are some who just work the bareback riding, some the saddle bronc, the bull riding, and there are some who just rope calves, or team rope. You hardly see a cowboy do more than one event anymore unless its in a roping event. In the olden days cowboys used to compete in almost all events, but I guess the competition in specialties is so keen that one has to do what he is best at.

In the Olden days the people for Warm Springs used to take their horses to the fair by riding them over to either Madras, Redmond or Tyghvalley, to participate in the Fair parades and races. Also there used to be a big Teepee encampment at all the fairs where the tribesmen all got to gather from different tribes and had bone games and stuff. Used to be a fun part for all the fellow tribesmen.

Today a person can hook up his trailer haul his horse to the parade and after haul him home. Or get into the rodeo events. Today many guys have race horses and travel around the race tracks.

For the kids who have worked hard all summer raising some kind of animal for the fair, usually a steer, pigs, sheep or something in poultry. They sure do work hard raising them and getting them ready for the final show at the fair. There is a special day when they have a Auction sale where they sell all the animals for the kids which is always good for them after all that work they put in raising their animals.. Sometimes I wonder how one animal is better than the other but they have judges who pick the winners and they get the blue ribbon. The award is rewarding and the kids appreciate it. Just like one time Jack Benny was getting a award and he said, I really don't deserve this but I have authorities and I don't deserve it either.

Well anyway the annual County Fair is always a great place to meet old friends and make new ones. Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!!!



Why are students having trouble with Higher Ed.?

**To the editor,**  
My name is Patricia F. Mitchell Schuster, #637 and this is about my nephew Allen Mitchell #2860, D.O.B. 2-15-79, and niece Debra Mitchell, #2696, D.O.B.10-10-77, who I have had legal custody for the last eleven years along with their brother Joseph. What I have been told is that their mother is dead and their father Jeff Mitchell in a treatment center at Tacoma. I have raised them when no one wanted them, I feel that they are just like my own children and I worry about them like a mother would. I am very proud to say that Debra is going on her second year at the University of Washington and Allen

just graduated from Wapato High School and wants to go on to college. I have concerns about what I have been told what to do in order for Allen to get funding to go on to the college of his choice. Allen and I were told that Allen would have to go back to Warm Springs for eight weeks and enroll into a bridge program before he will get any type of funding and if he does not enroll into this bridge program he will not get any funding. Allen has no place that he can stay at or anyone that I can trust in Warm Springs for eight weeks, nor do I want to impose myself or my children on anyone. Also after talking to

Debra, I am finding out that she too is having problems getting funding from the Higher Education Program. We have been told that all of the colleges have some type of new student orientation program, Debra went to Yakima for her orientation. They want these kids to go to college, but they put these barriers up and they wonder why they lose so many kids to drugs and alcohol! I also have problems in dealing with some of the personnel in the Higher Education Program. This goes back a number of years and I feel that my children will not get treated fairly just because of the past conflicts or the ill feeling we have for each other.

What I want to know is who made these strict rules, was it the staff or tribal council? Why my children will not get funding from their own tribe to go on to college or to stay in college?  
Is there more children having the same problems that my children are having with the Higher Education Program, if so, why?  
I regret that we will not be able to make it to the awards diner June 4, 1997, but we have car problems.  
*Sincerely,*  
**Patricia F. Schuster, Parent**  
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Quinn joins AA

**To the editor,**  
I, Walt Quinn am committing myself to be at Community Counseling Center for noon time AA meetings. I will be there!

*Sincerely*  
**Walt Quinn**

Missing items

**To the editor,**  
I am asking the people of Warm Springs to keep an eye out for some very valuable things that came up missing from our home recently in Wolf Point. My son Gary was given a handdrum by some dear friends of his, they have signed in the back all their names and to Gary, from the Black Lodge singers. It was in recognition to him. Also missing is his favorite baseball mitt, it should also have his name on it. It is black in color. My sally bag is also missing which was made by Carolyn Tohet and given to me by her. It is turquoise color.

These items mean a lot to us, if anyone at all has seen them or can return them, please contact Gary Villa at the Housing dept. or come to our new address 1376 Elk Loop apt. B. There will be a reward

*Respectfully*  
**Gary Villa Family**

Happy Birthday to Lyda  
From Monica, Tray and Jordan

Happy Birthday to our Mom "Joni David"  
July 25th, 1997  
You mean the world to us and we are very grateful to you and remember we will always Love You!!!!  
From Butch, Missy, Nerd, & Larry

Happy Belated Birthday Mom across the miles  
**Mary Cole-Miller Cook**  
I love you,  
Paula Jo!

Happy 4th Birthday  
**Tyrone from Mom & Maureen**

Happy Birthday Kathy from your Dad & Family

Member asks: Listen to the cries for help

**To the editor:**  
My precious grandchildren were removed from their home and mother two months ago. Although Wards of the court, they are in my temporary custody.

My daughter, who has always been a good caring mother, was said to be neglecting her children. No on but me knows the kind of parent she has been. People tend to listen to what they hear and not what they really know. My two grandchildren have always had a lot of love, food, clean clothes, and nice clean house to live in, and uncles and grandmas and other relatives who love them. they have never been wanted for anything.

A complaint was made that the children were being neglected, and my grandson was removed and placed in the group home, my granddaughter was said to be a runaway. She was not even in the home but spending the night with a friend. My grandson was said to be all dirty with dirty clothes on, and had sores on his feet. I would like to know what little boy would not be like that after a day outside with his friends playing. Good Lord, it was only 7:00 in the evening. The next

morning I talked to the nurse at the group home who examined him, and she said he had athlete's foot, which is not uncommon with children. the CPS worker also stated that a complaint was made that my granddaughter may be sexually abused by two male subjects in my daughters home. The two males were my son, John, my granddaughter's uncle, and his friend, who were there because of my daughter's life had been threatened by some worthless hoodlums, for fear that she would file a complaint against them for vandalizing her car. Where are the police when they are needed? And why can't they provide protection for people who need this? My daughter's home has been broken into over and over again. where is the help?  
My daughter knew that she has a sever drinking problem, and has asked for help time and time again. She has asked to be put in treatment. Why hasn't she been helped? I was told that you can't help someone until they ask for help. She and I are sure a lot of our tribal members have asked for help from AA and other programs, only to have the door slammed in

their faces. I have heard that the tribes do not have the money to be putting those in need in alcohol treatment., then where does all the funding go? Does this money to for more training for these so called dedicated people? Does it go to two or three people who have completed the program, let's have a sobriety dinner? what are the statistics for the people this program has helped? Why are so many tribal members collecting cans to get another bottle, and why do we have so many homeless tribal members?  
To me, a person dedicated to their profession is one who will go to the extremes to help fellow man. Not one who worries about their next pay raise, vacation pay or lunch break. A dedicated person is like a doctor, on call whenever the need is there, not just eight hours a day.  
We have too many tribal members self trusting themselves and their families. It is time for them to get help that is needed.  
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"Renewal means new time"

**To the editor,**  
Hello from Pastor Rick, well, the month of August is here. A short wait through fire season then school starts. WOW, you know you are getting older when time is a blur. Time seems to be our best friend or worse enemy. We fight time at times, we want something not to change. We want time to stand still. Or we want time to go back to better days. We want time to speed up and slow down. We want control over time. Yet, in trying to control time my waistline grows larger, and more white hair comes to

my beard.  
So what do you do with time? What happens to the alcoholic who is stuck in time? Or young couple who now fight each other both wishing time could go back to the days of dating and a happier life.  
Here is my answer to the question of time... Jesus Christ. A loving God inside your heart is a God of renewal. Renewal means new time. New time to seek answers of old questions. New time to see that it is never too late. New time to let you feel the freedom of not having to try to control time. That is the power of the Lord. That is new time. That is Love.

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Happy Birthday to Dan Brisbois  
From the Davids, Alley, Joni, Nerd & Butch

Pastor Rick Ribeiro  
WS Presbyterian Church  
(on the campus)  
  
Happy Birthday  
**Uncle Dan Brisbois Jr.**  
July 25th, 1997  
From Byron & Lil Larry

Happy Belly Button Birthday  
Lucy Ann Miller-Smith on July 28th. But more important, Happy Sobriety Birthday July 29, I know these past 3 years have been the best for you and you deserve it.  
**Love, Paula Jo**



Happy 9th Birthday to the BEST daughter in the world....  
**Traci Lei Suppah-July 10**  
Love, Hector, Jolene, Adriel, Joy, Carlitos, Damian & Grandma



Mi Amor, Quisiera poder decirte lo feliz que soy a tu lado y lo mucho que significa todo lo que haces por mi...  
Mi Amor, quisiera poder decirte la dicha total que siento al saber que tu me amas como yo te amo a ti.  
  
Happy 1st Anniversary July 31st to my wonderful & loving husband,  
**Hector Torres.**  
  
**Love, your wife,**  
**Jolene Soto-Torres**



Happy 71st Birthday  
**Sherman Holliday**  
August 2nd  
From Ben Holliday & family

Toe Ness

Ole John said: "Our children inform us of wonderful things, things that they feel we should know. Forgetting that those were the very same things we taught them ourselves longago. YIKES

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Ole Joe said: "Life is like a dog sled team." If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes. "YIKES

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