

## Spilyay Speaks Follow parades to rodeos, dancing

One of the biggest highlights in the Northwest is the annual Rose Festival. Each year it draws thousands of visitors to the city for a week full of excitement and fun. The big Grand Floral Parade is one of the biggest in the West and has many gigantic floats each year. The big parade is full of floats from all parts of the Northwest, and creative to say the least.

Once again Spirit Mountain had a winning float in its category. They have a float in the big parade each year and usually place or win with their entry.

The Rose Parade is always full of marching bands, horseback riders, and kids or people afoot all decked out which really makes the parade a big success.

A few years ago we had a "Go gitter" person working for the Tribal Council, and managed to get the Confederated Tribes into the Rose Parade with a float. That was always something to look forward to each year to see a float representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. There would be people going down to work on the float getting it ready for the big parade. Usually Miss Warm Springs would ride on the float, with the Chiefs and elders all decked out in native regalia.

Also in the past there was another hard worker who entered an all Indian girl drill team to march in the Rose Parade. That was another special event for the local people to see members of The Confederated Tribes marching along with the rest of the parade. Efforts by people such as that were never acknowledged or appreciated and today they are gone and no one to take their place to work on getting a float or some kind of an entry in the Rose Parade.

The Museum entered a float in the parade at Sisters and won first place as the most original in its category. That in itself says a lot for the Tribes and the Museum, here in Warm Springs, during the Rodeo days at Sisters.

This past week there were so many activities taking place like the Rose Festival in Portland, the rodeo at Sisters and the Treaty Days in Yakima. This all took place at the same time so it was hard for people to witness all the events. At Yakima there are several special events and one of the biggest attractions is the All Indian Rodeo in White Swan, which brings cowboys from all parts of the Western states. There is a big Softball Tournament, a golf tournament and other things that take place on the Yakama reservation.

In the rodeo events all contestants will earn points toward the finals that is held each fall in Albuquerque, N.M., as all year long cowboys enter the Western Sanctioned rodeos to earn as many points to enter the finals.

The points are earned by as many dollars a person wins during the rodeo in each event. This is in the major rodeo events, such as the Bronc Riding, Bareback, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Bulldogging, Wild cow milking and the girls' Barrel Race. There are always added attractions at each rodeo like Kids entries, and races of some kind and the Wild horse race.

There will be a big All-Indian Rodeo here sanctioned by the Western States for the cowboys to build their points. This will be during the Pi-Um-Sha days. The rodeo will have the standard events where the and will draw all the top Indian Cowboys trying to build as many points as they can. All the cowboys have their eye on the finals each year.

On the other hand their will be a big Pow-wow which draws the top Indian dancers in each category, like the Fancy Dancers, Traditional dancers, and it runs down to the kids. People come to compete for all that prize money that is put each year. The place will be buzzing with a lot of people from all parts of the Western States and Canada.

For the rodeo fans dust off your boots and hat and for the dancers get your regalia together and get ready to join in at the Pi-Um-Sha days here in Warm Springs.

Sid Miller

### Editor's Note

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Singing from the featured guests, top, gift-giving and the Lord's Prayer were all part of the happenings during Black Lodge honor.

## Black Lodge provides entertainment

The Honor Seniors, Graduating class of 2001, Madras High boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams and Grammy nominees Black Lodge singers was held June 7, at the Agency Longhouse. The Longhouse was full as the Warm Springs community honored these individuals with a dinner and awards ceremony.

The evening was to honor the Black Lodge singers for their achievements in music. Nominated for a Grammy, with the CD "Honoring the Elders," World Champion Hand Drummers. Also the Graduating class of 2001, Madras High Varsity

basketball teams and the Warm Springs Elders.

The event was a special time for members to enjoy life and celebrate achievements of family and friends. The Longhouse was filled with laughter from announcer Thomas Morningowl and a spiritual and emotional speech from Kenny Scabby Robe Sr., Black Lodge leader. Scabby Robe Sr. closed the evening with a prayer for all the ladies in the community, which was very emotional and uplifting, with the emphasis on the importance of the roles women play in our daily lives and

in molding our future.

The Black Lodge singers sang songs that made you want to get out there and dance. You could tell by just listening to them sing, that they spend lots of time rehearsing their songs. The songs seemed to make you feel real good inside. The crowd really enjoyed listening to the group, joining in with the group and had a wonderful time all evening.

The Warm Springs Elders were a big, important, part of the program; the Black Lodge CD was "Tribute to the Elders." The Elders were honored with T-shirts, Museum items

and canned fish and huckleberries.

The Madras High Seniors were not on hand due to the fact that most at Disneyland, which they fundraised all school year for, and were not back yet.

The Madras varsity basketball teams were honored also. The Janet Jackson concert tickets were awarded to Chasen Walker and Nicole Main for their hard work on and off the court.

In all the evening was a great success and the committee deserves a round of applause for their efforts in making this event possible.

## Organizers thank those responsible for event

The event turned out to be a time for laughs and fun, where people had a good time. Everyone enjoyed the meal, performances and Round Dances. Thomas Morningowl, the emcee, kept the crowd laughing and made the event run smoothly. We the event committee would like to thank and recognize everyone who helped make this happen.

Honored guests: The Class of 2001, Boys' and Girls' basketball team, Elders of the Warm Springs community and the Black Lodge singers.

Local Artist: Archie Caldera-sculpture for Black Lodge, Marcia Soliz-vests for Black Lodge and Natalie Kirk-basket for Louise Scabby Robe (wife of Kenny).

Emcee Thomas Morningowl, a tribal member of the Umatilla Tribe, from Pendleton.

Items for the graduates and elders Human services t-shirts for the class of 2001; WSPD t-shirts, canned fish/berries and Museum items for the Warm Springs Elders.

Tribal personal, tickets for the Portland Fire, of the WNBA, won by Marla Hicks.

The Madras boys and girls varsity basketball teams for their great season they had this year. The Madras boys made the state tournament and the Madras girls did a great job, placing second at the state tournament. One player from each team was selected for Janet Jackson concert tickets. The players were selected for their hard work, dedication and their outstanding athletic abilities. Chasen Walker, Tri-Valley player of the year, and Nicole Main, 1<sup>st</sup> team at the state tournament, were the athletes chosen. They both made us proud and we would like to wish them well through out their future endeavors.

Most of the graduates were not present as they were still in Disney Land to celebrate graduation. We will be looking forward to seeing them at the graduation banquet June 14.

The performers did an excellent job they all were great and we would like to thank them.

Natasha Edwards and Lola Sohappy for the Lords Prayer.

Foster, Titus Kalama and Larson Kalama Jr. for the Flute music.

Valerie Switzler, Radine Johnson,

Mary Ann Meanus, Irene Towe and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for the Wasco singing and dancing.

Gary Villa Jr., Raylene Ike, Farrellynn and Laurissa and Angela Bellanger for the pow wow-dancing exhibitions.

Nationally known Warm Springs Hot-Shot fire fighters for the slide show presentation and demonstration.

Felipe Brito, Hoop dancer.

The Black Lodge singers; Kenny Sr., Algin, Matthew, John, Myron, Edwin and Emerson Scabby Robe, Fred Ike Jr. (of Blackstone), Clint Croff and Gerald of Little Island Cree.

Volunteers for the preparations and advertisements: Morningstar Spino, Mary Calica, Becky Soliz, KWSO staff (Wayne Gilbert, Dana Smith, William Robbins, Mary Sando Emhoolah and Rose Charley), Teri Carnes, Farrel Shortman, Reina Smith, Lovoy Colwash-Bellanger and Angie Backwolfe.

Sponsors for the vest Embroidery: Kathy Queampts, Robert and Calvin Queaphama, Russ Alger, Anson and CR Begay family, Eugenia Tappo and family, Lovie Ike and family, Mary Calica

and family.

The banners and decoration done Sharon Jones and Don Courtney. The Drummers Quartz Creek-Austin Greene and Eagle Thunder-Carlos Calica.

Cooks Annette Jim, Renita Henry, Julie Meanus, Annette Arc, Valena Sargeant and Michael Meanus.

Sponsors, High Desert Resort/Casino, WSPFI, WSPE, Tribal Council, Natural resources, Tribal Personnel, WS Composites, Human services and Education.

Door prizes, Radio Shack, Abbsy Pizza, Aherns market, WS Musuem, WSPD and C.H.E.T.

Mascots, Madras White Buffaloes, WSPD McGruff and WSF&S Sparky.

We would like to thank Willie Fuentes, Jeff Ford, Jim Quaid, Jim Manion, Gale Rogers, Benson Heath, Ken Smith and Kenny Scabby Robe Sr. for their support.

Lets keep supporting our kids and elders. They are the lifeline between the past and future.

Congratulations to all the graduates "Stay in School."

## Putting God first is investment in future

To the editor,

Hello from Pastor Rick. Long ago in the stories of the Bible. A good man with a righteous heart was told my God that he was to stand and to look up to the heavens and see the stars. And God told Abraham that the number of the stars was to be the number of future heirs of Israel. Why? Abraham was a man. He made mistakes. Yet, he kept a loving heart towards God. He tried. He put his God and his family ahead of his own life. His family grew to become the Nation of Israel. He put his God and his community ahead of his own life.

Now, what is interesting to me is how that same principle is seen in so many other cultures, and nations. Indian, Spanish, Black, Italian, etc. To put your God and your family/community ahead of your personal wants is high honor before the Lord. To prepare the future for your children and future children, we the adults must make good choices that require some discomfort today for a better tomorrow. Now, I am not saying that we have to cut off a finger, but we need to continue to make smart choices. And if we haven't we need to start. One less trip to the casino for the sake of needs of the

family budget. A few more dollars to be put away into the savings account. Admitting that we need help to read or to fight our addictions issues. Asking Tribal leaders to look to the future even if it means some pain today.

The Good News of the Bible is that God puts us first. Jesus took the cross upon himself for the sake of us all. What can you do to receive high honors from the Lord?

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church-On the Campus will be having Vacation Bible School the week of June 24 to June 29. Watch for the posters for times.

Our worship is at 10 a.m. Communion and potluck is the first Sunday of the month.

So love and be loved. Oh yeah, 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.

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