

Spilyay speaks

Old year bucks and grinds to end

Everything is coming to an end for the year 2001, as the New Year is just around the corner.

The rodeo season is winding down all across the country where all the finals are being held to determine the champions for the year.

Rodeo, one of the roughest sports in the world, will be starting a new year, where all cowboys will be starting from scratch again. During the year they will be traveling all over the country making as many rodeos as they can. Trying to place in as many rodeos as they can, for each dollar they make is points toward the finals of each year.

A cowboy will try to make as many rodeos as he can and most likely making at least two rodeos a weekend. In doing so he spends much time on the road traveling from one rodeo to another. As one drives the other sleeps until it is his turn to take the wheel. Sometimes eating bologna san's and potato chips.

One day he may be in Oregon and the next Washington, Idaho, Nevada or California. It's a hurry, hurry, sport. While the local residents enjoy the weekend of fun and joy rides in the carnival and western dances, the rodeo minded cowboy is on the road.

Rodeo is a sport where the cowboy is on his own. He can make as many rodeos as he can and answers to no one. He pays his own way and if his is lucky he won't get hurt, that will set him back out of the competition.

At one time it used to be when a cowboy won the All-Around Championship he would have to participate in as many events as he could and both rough stock and timed events. It depended on his ability to work on all events. Today it goes to the one who makes the most money. And the most money comes from the timed events like team roping and calf roping. The timed events draw more entries, which builds up the purse for the winner.

Today competition is based on specialty events, where a cowboy usually goes for one or two events. In the rough stock competition means specialize in one event and he does a good job at it. There are a few that do more than one rough stock events like bareback and bull riding or and saddlebronc riding. There are a few who take in all the rough stock events, but majority of the contestants go for the timed events.

It's a rough sport to follow, but once you get with it you will always be looking to the next rodeo to enter. New places, new faces, new bumps and bruises. But it's enjoyable.

--Sid Miller

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Letters to the editor

Build foundation for time of storm

Hello There,
My fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord. I hope this letter finds you in good health: mentally, physically and spiritually.

You probably see by now the leaves are beginning to fall, the color of the faded green trees are starting to change as mother earth begins to prepare herself for another different season. Even as it is our daily lives, one day clear, blue and beautiful, then another day it's dark and cloudy, and times very stormy awful days.

I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house could not shake it, because it was well built. Luke 6:47-48 NIV.

Because we are living in the end times, the storms of life are only going to get worse. We can see it with "America under attack", wars and rumors of wars, threat of deathly illnesses etc. All of which the bible calls the beginning of birth pains-Matthew 24:8. I invite you to fellowship with all nations Christian fellowship & support group. Sunday afternoons at the school in Simnasho at 3:00 p.m.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25 NIV. (The day of Christ's return for his faithful.

With much love,
Pastor Billy Joe

Given to the law

The family of Jefferson Greene would like to take this opportunity to let each and every person know that we, including Jefferson, want no retaliation, fighting or harassment on behalf of Jefferson.

We have given this situation to the law in hopes that Justice Will Be Done and to the Great Creator that He will bring peace and unity to our nation.

We have faith in the Great Creator and in the Judicial System, that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will do the best job of seeing that justice will be done.

So, again the family ask that any vengeance regarding the incident of Oct. 12, 2001, is to be stopped right here and now, and to be left to the law enforcement and Great Creator.

The family would like to

thank the parents, students, friends and family for the prayers, calls, cards and flowers. You all have given the family the strength to get through this tough situation.

We will continue our faith in the Great Creator and move on with our lives. Thank you,

Sarah (Greene) and Jose Gonzalez, Jefferson, Benj, Francis and Alexys. The Upper Dry Creek Greene Family.

Proven guilty?

Are we really innocent until proven guilty in a court of law? Or are we guilty first and foremost and then, if we are given our due process, found innocent? Are we found innocent in public, but in reality still guilty in the back of their minds?

I heard of an article being circulated with the names of my boyfriend Eduardo, my mother and a family friend being slandered! We were already being called people that they called us by the editor of this newsletter. We have not yet been found guilty in a court of law, yet they have the gall to put our names in the newsletter.

Why did they not print everyone's name that has gotten charged with said charges, and not just the ones who they pick and choose to? I did not give my written or verbal permission for them to print my name and neither did the others.

Not all of the people named were charged, they only took my mother in "for questioning," and then released her because she was not named in the affidavit or search warrant. I would like to clarify that for the editor of the newsletter.

I feel that if I win my case, which I feel I can, then I may not have a chance to get a job in Warm Springs due to the fact that potential employers (if there were any in the first place) may not want to hire me because of the defamation of my character.

I would not recommend believing the newsletter until you know for sure or actually ask me about it. I do not want my children or Eduardo's children being embarrassed by the newsletter or people talking about how we went to jail. They do not deserve it.

I am choosing to fight these "very thorough" people, because from what I read and have received from them, they do not have enough evidence, and I will prove that.

On a different note: I was told by someone who knows a lot about the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction, and who helped me learn a lot about myself, "To not close the door on the past, always remember where you came from" because a lot of people have skeletons in their closets that they are not willing to disclose, not even to themselves, so don't look down

at others when you may have done the very same thing yourself, way back in the day, but just don't want to admit it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michele Gonzalez

Sovereignty

This is in response to a letter sent to Spilyay Tymoo written by Daphne Cascade of Madras, regarding Warm Springs Sovereignty.

First of all, she should understand we have Sovereignty Rights agreed to by a treaty signed by the United States Government and the people of Warm Springs, Reservation. We are regarded as a nation within a nation. We are given the same accord as would be given to Japan, Great Britain or Russia. We have the right to govern our people without outside interference. All dealings between Jefferson County, the state of Oregon and the United States with Warm Springs, Reservation is on a government-to-government basis.

This Treaty was signed some years before Oregon became a state. The Original Treaty would have bordered on the north by the Columbia River, and just below present day Bend would have been the southern border, to the Cascade Mountain to the west, and the Blue Mountains to the east. But U.S. Government treatise with the Tribes again for what is our present reservation, with certain rights on ceded land upon which you live.

Daphne Cascade believes that we should give up our Sovereignty to have better lives. She listed bad things that she believes are caused by our Sovereignty.

You, Daphne Cascade live in Madras where drug abuse and sales are equal to, if not higher than here. Your community is equal or higher in alcohol abuse and children in your community are running around breaking and entering, vandalizing, abusing one another and disrespecting their own community (look at all the graffiti). So just read your own Madras Pioneer and you will see what's happening also when you get away from main streets of Madras and you will find homes in disrepair and broken down or abandoned vehicles.

I suggest Daphne Cascade take of her rose colored glasses and see what's going on in her own community, instead of trying to take away our right to be a Sovereign Nation.

Signed,
G.T. Chase

Thanks amid sorrow

First I would like to thank the Spilyay Tymoo for allowing me to thank so many of you, through this publication.

We lost our beloved Richard Morris in September this year,

in the Warm Springs Community. We were so blessed to have been there when Rich began his journey Home. Rich moved to Warm Springs in the Fall of 1998, after finding work in Warm Springs in order to be closer to his family. ...

To the Seven Drum Religion, the Shaker Church, the Full Gospel Church and the Catholic Church: Thank you for making a difficult time a very spiritual experience, for offering your warm generosity and friendship to us even in our ignorance of your traditions and customs. Rich did not want us to say goodbye from a religious building, but rather from a gathering of people who enjoyed him while he was here. It took you all to make our final "so long" such a beautiful and loving experience. We will never forget what you have done for us.

To the United States Veterans: I know Veterans were represented from the Warm Springs Community, the Yakama Community of Washington State and the Portland/Vancouver Native Communities. To all of you,

thank you for traveling, for taking time from your daily lives to honor Richard and to send him off as only a great warrior can be sent Home. If you noticed, there were eagles accompanied by other birds circling us all during the Marine's honoring services...what a confirmation of the wonderful things that await Rich as he makes this last journey, and of the privilege of your presence at this time. We were so very honored to have your participation, you who protected alongside Richard, this great land where we belong.

To the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center staff: Thank you to those of you who helped pave the way for Rich's care during his illness, and who helped me arrange the memorial services at the Center. Managed Care Staff, thank you for easing the burden to get necessary medical care for Rich. Rich so appreciated the consideration that so many of the medical staff members showed towards him.

Thank you Orthelia and Eileen, Martha and Evamarie for knowing my pain and giving me your strength to face those days and staying with me 24/7! Thank you Tom, Ernie, Steve and Bob, for your support and kind words to me in the loss we shared with so many. Jenny, Gwen, Rob, Susie M., Jewel M., Minnie, Liza, Wolfman, Ellen, Laura, Sister Pauline, CD, Marvin, Darlene & Micco, Onte & Kim & Michelle, Marcia, Pingo, Sharlene, Juel L., Cammie, Connie, Melissa and the many others we came to know as our friends, for your friendship to Richard and I, especially in the past months.

God bless all of you,
Tracy Spencer,
Whiteriver, Arizona

Put an end to the hitting and hatred

Hello from Pastor Rick, Stop The Violence. Enough Is Enough. To attack someone with a knife, gun or fists; to attack yourself with a weapon must stop.

Our Creator, Christ Jesus, gave us a great tool to stop the violence. It is called communication. Talk to someone. Talking through a cloud of beer in your head does not work.

Talking about life, about your dreams, about your plans for life is a great thing. Do it. When you talk you discover the truth about who you are and what you have in life.

You will discover the greatest trust that God has given to us.

We are created for the purpose of loving and being loved.

No, not just sex. The kind of love that lets people take care of each other. Of working together. Of supporting each other.

These are the things we must do to get ourselves into heaven.

For loving and being loved is what heaven is all about in the presence of God. Stop The Violence.

Now for the lighter side... You know you live in Central Oregon when:

"Vacation" means going to Portland for the weekend.

You measure distance in hours.

You know several people

who have hit deer more than once.

You switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.

Your parents drive at 65 mph through 13 feet of snow during a blizzard, without flinching.

You think of the major food groups as deer meat, root beer - hey, I'm a minister - fish and berries.

You carry jumper cables in your car, and your wife knows how to use them.

You think sexy lingerie is tube socks and flannel pajamas.

You know all four seasons: Almost winter, winter, still winter, and construction.

It takes 13 hours to get one item from the store because

you have to stop and talk to everyone in town.

Finally, you actually understand these jokes. Hey, Central Oregon.

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 each day.

Love yourself. Like yourself. See you in Church.

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church - on the Campus. Worship is 11 a.m.

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