

County fairs are still a good time

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The county fairs are springing up all over the country, and during the recent Jefferson County Fair, I thought of the fairs of the past.

Down through the years, there has been drastic changes at all the county fairs.

For instance, I can remember way back when I was just a cute little tyke, the location of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds used to be located where the high school is now.

There was a half a mile horse race track and a rodeo arena. The exhibits would be located in the community building, which was located where the County Courthouse is located at the present time.

The carnival was in the same area and just had a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, a hammer and some game booths.

The Indians would set up a teepee encampment at the rodeo grounds. This was open for view for the public.

Almost all the Indians had horses at the fair, and during the street parade there would be a whole string of Indians dressed in Indian regalia and on horseback, which really dressed up the parade and made it colorful.

In the afternoons they would have the rodeo and horse races, which provided plenty of excitement, especially hearing the names of the local boys participating in the rodeo.

The events included bareback riding, saddle bronc, and in those days they used to ride steers.

The bareback riders used a loose rope, the calf roping was pretty much the same as today, and in between events they would have a horse race.

The races consisted of a kids' pony race, a race for the Indian girls, a buck race for the Indian men and boys, a quarter mile race for the fast horses and a free for all, which was open to anyone and all kinds of horses. This mostly drew thoroughbreds.

Everything seemed to be more wild and woolley as everyone really enjoyed themselves and went all out in doing things.

I can remember we used to travel to all the county fairs in Central Oregon. Only to me, I used to refer to them as the Madras Fair, the Redmond Fair and the Tygh Valley Fair, when in reality they were the Jefferson, Deschutes and Wasco county fairs.

At that time the fairs were held in September.

As a youngster it was a special time in life to be camped in Madras, and to hear the whistle as the train passed by.

The Deschutes County fairgrounds were located where the Fred Meyer store is now.

All the activities for the Indian people were about the same as they were at the Jefferson County Fair, only the carnival was a bit larger than the one in Madras, and the crowds were larger.

The Wasco County Fair and Rodeo was and is still held in Tygh Valley, which is located about 30 to 40 miles south of The Dalles.

At the Wasco County Fair, they still continue the old traditions for the Indian people with the teepee encampment, a building for Indian exhibits, and special events for the Indian people.

If you are lucky, time passes, things change, but we still enjoy these events.

Ahh-Nah-Chi-Toon!

Spilyay Speaks

New library

The Warm Springs Library would like to thank the following people for their support of the library:

For help at the July 15 work party, Charyl Patterson-Courtney, Pastor and Mrs. Rick Ribero, Mavis Shaw and Nancy Thomas. Thanks to these fine folks we processed over 2,000 books.

For the donation of a 3-year subscription to Ranger Rick, Chilkat Enterprises, Pinky and Kelly Beymer.

For the donation of almost 1,000 quality used books, The Bend Library and Friends of the Bend Library.

For staff and training support, the Jefferson County Library District.

If anyone is interested in donating time, books, subscriptions or funds for books and library supplies, please contact me at 553-3241.

Sincerely, **Shawnele Shaw**

Hard year

Attention friends, family and community,

We would like to inform you that the memory for Michael James Saludo has been postponed until July 2003. Sorry for any inconvenience.

It has been a shocking, hard year for all who loved this fine young man. He had a way and touched all of our hearts: smiling, sharing, wonderful, thoughtful, do-anything, for all of you. Crazy, outgoing, most loveable, huggable, always loving young man we all hold dear to our hearts. Tears.

There isn't a day that goes by us, or a holiday that passes, or memories, and we would like to take time as a family to say thank you to those who supported us.

With your words of prayer, or just being there for us as a family, and to those who continue to lend that extended hand, love, hugs, words. We appreciate it all. Michael James Saludo, aka "Manson Wawa," will be deeply missed in our hearts, may he R.I.P. now. We love you man. Miss him a lot. Thank you.

Sisters, mom, mate, father, grandma, uncle.

Walk in peace

Dear Editor,

My Name is Rayfield Jeff Mitchell, and I'm a tribal member of Warm Springs. I'm locked down within these iron house walls of U.S.P. Leavenworth, I'd like to tell my family back on the rez to drop me a line and send me some family photos too. I'm doing Okay. I got four years to go, then I'll be hitting the streets. But I'd also like to tell the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, we need to stand up for our people and our land. Tana Frank, holler at me. We went to Mazama High together in K-Falls. Drop me a line. Matter of fact we had the same class. I haven't heard from ya since 1988-holler soon.

Anyways, this goes to the people. We have bits and pieces of different prophecies written down. I don't think this'll be over in a week or a month. The Bible speaks of 42 months and if that's a guide, we must prepare. We all know what has happened and why and maybe even a few of us will be left who'll remember these lessons and not make the same mistakes of the past. We'll know one another by our actions. Truth'll be the strength of our seventh generations. Often I wonder why some of us lived in the most difficult circum-

stances to be healed and made strong. The only thing I can come up with is that the Creator has a purpose for us, and as long as we serve that purpose, we'll be protected from all things harmful. May we continue to walk in peace, native pride, and strength. I'm gone for now.

With Respect, **Rayfield Jeff Mitchell**. P.S. to my family don't send Polaroid photos.

Need for change

Millions upon millions of dollars are going to start rolling in, and then we all can 8-5 it and live in Madras. Then we won't have to see and hear all the pain, tears, sorrow and death from mismanagement that stems from greed.

I know some people remember the community meetings sponsored back in the 1970s and 1980s that were supposed to address all the kickbacks, fraud and lack of work, etc. I wrote a letter to our construction board last year, again trying to address the reluctance of our so-called construction labor force to actually show up and work. I don't care who you are: People who don't show up for work but collect a paycheck are stealing from the tribes. We can save our people millions by simply creating an accounting, inventory, labor system that actually works.

I hope I'm wrong but don't hold your breath for our new Hood River casino to start making us all millionaires, because I think we've just created a monster that is going to eat our people alive. How many more crimes do we have to endure before we do something about these selfish crooks. There is too much lust for money.

I admit that I have many defects and faults. I also admit that I have a brain of my own that is not controlled by politics or business as usual. I'm not one of the good ole boys because I refuse to suck up to our politically correct uncles and I refuse to steal from our people.

The millions we are wasting on this gambling thing could have built a Safeway store, an amusement park, etc, created lots of jobs. If we are to survive we must deal with all the fraud. Who isn't stealing from our people? That is the question.

You just watch. Over time, things are going to get more difficult for most of us impoverished Warm Springs people, while a few prosper. If we don't build our local infrastructure and community up, then we will be forever be putting our money into other communities.

Bobby Eagleheart

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To Ronald,

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Letters to the Editor

sary. So please help me out just long enough to get me through 9-20-02. I have to admit that I did hit the bottom and will bounce back. I would like to have my counselor Peggy Williams come and see me at Jeff Co. Jail again regarding doing Outpatient in Portland. May God bless you all.

Sincerely, **Richard W. Payne Jr.**

Thanks for candy

On behalf of Warm Springs Fire Management and Smokey the Bear I would like to thank Erickson's, Safeway and Warm Springs Market for the candy donations for our Piume-sha and Fourth of July parades. Young and old alike, enjoyed seeing Smokey the Bear hand out the candy to all the parade goers. Thank you for your thoughtful contribution. Respectfully,

Suzi Macy, Fire Prevention Tech, Warm Springs Fire Management

A thank-you

We the Sams of 1309 S. Eagleway would like to thank everyone for support during our meeting we had at our home.

The three-night shake was a blessing for the brothers and sisters came together as one family, helping, as an instrument of God's ways to help us at our home.

Thanks to Williams for your support, and we thank Laura Whacheno helping with the lunch meat and candles.

Thank you once again for being open family, for being there July 15, 16 and 17 of 2002.

May God be with you.

Thanks from **Mr. and Mrs. Morris R. Sam, Darla A. Sam**

Reminder regarding letters

It is the policy of Spilyay Tymoo to print Letters to the Editor from any and all tribal members.

Because of space limitations, letters should not exceed 350 words.

Letters that are longer than 350 words may be cut starting with the last sentence and progressing up until the item is within the 350-word limit.

This policy is necessary in order to ensure that room exists in the newspaper for all of the Letters to the Editor.

Some first-aid advice

I want to talk about me, today. My family and I have been here for about 17 years now. My wife Carolyn works at the counseling center. We have three kids; one in college, one in high school, and one in middle school.

My wife and I have been married for 29 years this coming Sunday. I have a college degree and a master's degree. I have been a pastor for 23 years.

I am a student of God and of people. You can never know enough about God or people. My work is the study of the Bible, counseling, visiting hospitals, High Lookee Lodge, the jail, youth work, worship, and praying for people. I do not work at Fire and Safety.

I am a volunteer fire/medic. I am there in the mornings to sort my mail. I also want to say I like living in Warm Springs.

We have many issues to wrestle with, but there are many great individuals who fight the good fight. So, as a pastor and fire/medic, let us talk about first aid.

One: Say words "I love you" to family members. Love is a great medicine for family members.

Second: Buy a thermometer and learn three ways to take a temperature. It is great to know with kids.

Third: Drinking beer/wine and smoking dope kills love. You grow

apart instead of getting closer.

Fourth: Keep Band-Aids at home and keep a clean washcloth ready. Soap and water is a great wound cleaner.

Fifth: Listen before you answer or make a remark. Listening shows respect. Respecting reduces anger.

Sixth: You can call the hospital with medical questions.

Seventh: Liking yourself is important. It is okay to like yourself. Then you can learn to like others and your God.

Eighth: When someone falls and hits their head hard, tell them not to try and get up. Get help and stay with the person.

Nine: All humans need a loving touch. Hugs are good. A light hand on the shoulder is fine. Holding hands with a loved one is required.

Ten: When you call 911 make sure the dispatcher knows the address, what happened, and what the person looks like and is doing now. This helps the medics prepare themselves. Finally, as a parent, let us all do the parent dance knowing that school starts in four weeks. Amen.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro, Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Hello, from Pastor Rick

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To the editor,

Is there anyone there who can identify this picture?

My Dad (Rev. Machamer) took it in the 40s or 50s.

I am interested in knowing who they were - especially the young one.

Thanks, **Bill Machamer**.

(Editor's note: Anyone with information can contact the Spilyay, 553-3274.)

