

## Bullriding from the living room the only way to go

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"Burp!" "Ahh!" After a good Thanksgiving dinner I thought I'd click on the tube and watch a football game. Sat down on the couch and got all adjusted, took one more stretch, yawned, leaned back and was ready to watch the game. Yawned again, closed my eyes and when I opened my eyes again I saw the game was over. Hey! What happened? Must have fallen asleep all through the game.

Well at that point it was about time for seconds on that old turkey. Filled my plate with food and sat down to "munch," changed the channel to bull riding. The Pro Bull Riders Tour with bull riders Chris Chevers, Cody Lambert, Wiley Peterson, Ross Coleman, Mike Lee to name a few. Bulls like Indian Nation, Slam Dunk, Hammer Head, Alligator and many more tough bulls.

Bull riding from the living room is the only way to go. To watch each rider climb aboard, work his bull rope and set his hand in the handhold, take the wrap around his hand. Everything is so near and makes me feel like I could climb aboard the bull, but oh! Some of those falls from the bull - I could just about feel the thump on the grounds especially when they are thrown from a tough spinning bull. Almost makes me want to say "ouch!"

The Pro Bull Riders (PBR) tour is one of the toughest sports today. All those who compete are doing it on their own. A cowboy pays his own way and no one can tell him when or where to go. The bull riding challenge is very competitive as there are big purses at stake. Each purse is in the thousands. Watching the bull riding takes me back to the past, and I also remember how I got all those bumps and bruises that I attribute to bodily injuries that have to be taken care of by surgery today.

Today there are two sets of bull riders, the ones that follow the Pro Rodeo Tour and the others who follow the big rodeo circuit. A bull rider in each group has his goal that at the end of the season he will be the champion.

There is no difference in bull riding in whichever group a cowboy decides to follow. Each group has a lot of dollars to compete for. In the PBR circuit there is nothing but bull riders on the program. For the cowboy who follows the rodeo circuit, there are other events to fill a good show.

No matter whichever group a bull rider decides to take, the competition is tough. In the rodeo circuit there are other events like bareback, bronc riding, bull riding, and tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, and the girl barrel race.

Yep! There's no guarantees of any kind, the cowboys just have to do their best. It's a tough way to make a living.

## Rodeo rider appreciates support



Photo by Deann Brady/The Press Enterprise

Joe "Juice" Scott rides in the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

Dear Members of Jefferson County and Central Oregon, hello neighbors, family and friends.

I would like to formally thank all of my sponsors, family and friends for your encouragement and financial support as I attended and competed in the 28th Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo in San Jacinta, Calif. The rodeo was Oct. 13-17.

The final rodeo was a spectacular event for me. This is the third time I have qualified for this prestigious affair.

I rode my saddle broncs to the best of my ability and the rodeo stock contractor, Casper Baca, brought his best bucking stock to this rodeo. I was only able to respectfully place in the third go round of the finals rodeo.

I represented the Pacific Northwest from the Western States Indian Rodeo Association at this National Finals Rodeo. Thank you again. And watch for me on the rodeo season of 2004. I am in pursuit of another

qualification for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

I would like to proudly mention to my sponsors that your business was announced every time my chute gate was opened for me in my riding event. Thank you to the following:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribal Council members, the Administration Department and the Health and Welfare Department, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino, Chinook Winds Casino of Lincoln City.

Also, the Museum At Warm Springs, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Power Enterprise, KWSO 91.9 radio station of Warm Springs; Karnopp Petersen & Noteboom attorneys at law, of Bend, Howard Arnett, attorney. Also, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission; Rita and Earl Squiemphen Quarter Horse/Cattle Ranch of Warm Springs; JP Patt, Buck and Susie, Jason and Snuffie, my family and friends. Respectfully,

Joe "Juice" Scott Jr.

## Headstone book

Last year a family came to our office and borrowed our Book for Headstones. We are always glad to assist the public in finding a good headstone, but would like to have it returned to us as we have several other families wanting to order a headstone as well. We will not mention any names just for confidentiality but would you please contact the Probate Department at 541-553-3264. You may be able to speak with Richard Toher, public administrator, Mona Jim, probate assistant, or Josephine Wyman, probate clerk.

## Safe holiday

This holiday season, please celebrate responsibly and don't take a chance. Driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol is a serious crime and very dangerous. In 1999, about 16,000 fatalities and more than 305,000 injuries occurred due to alcohol-related crashes. This translates into one death every 33 minutes and one injury every two minutes.

Additionally, traffic-related crashes annually result in more than \$45 billion in economic costs. Designate a sober driver, or plan to stay where you are when drinking alcohol.

December is Drunk, Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Drive safely. Drive sober. Have a designated driver, if you are drinking alcohol. Wear your seat belt. Put your children in car seats.

Montell Elliott

## SMART

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year go out to some very special people who have volunteered to become readers, and who contribute to the education and joy of reading for students at Warm Springs Elementary:

Thank you very much Vivian Macy, Lois Squiemphen, Flora Davis and to the many people

who have called SMART volunteering to become a reader. Give me a call weekly to check on your status to be a reader. We welcome and thank each of your for your interest and dedication to help our youth.

We continue to need more volunteers to accommodate students who would benefit from one on one reading. Please give a gift of your time, one hour a week, to help students become better readers. They receive two books a month to take home and keep.

A great big thank you and Season Greetings go out to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino for the \$500 check to the SMART Reading Program. Your donation to our program will go toward the purchase of more books here at Warm Springs Elementary SMART Program. Thank you so very much. It's donations such as yours that keep us going from year to year. Thanks to KWSO, Sue Matters for the PSA for the SMART Program, also for KWSO's dedication to the education of our youth and people in every way. A big thank you to the Tribal Council for the bonus. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Seasons greetings, God bless everyone, Merry Christmas, Happy Bonus and A Happy New Year

Myrna Frank.

## Sovereignty

Hello to my people, family and friends of Warm Springs. I am writing this concerning our sovereignty rights. This is truly seeming to be squeezed upon more and more by the federal government, thus taking away what little rights they have supposedly given us Native people as a whole. I'm mainly speaking on the changes that have been going on through the years. Especially for the people who still use our hunting and fishing rights as a part of their liveli-

hood and means of providing for their families and relatives, who are less fortunate to obtain such things, either due to poor health, age or other circumstances.

It is sad to see that we as a Native people to this land have to be treated as though we are outsiders and given seasons as well as boundaries to do such things as hunt or fish on our own tribal lands. For I can remember when I first came back to the reservation 25 years ago and how the Native people of Warm Springs were allowed to hunt and fish anywhere, any day of the year on our tribal lands.

During these times we were taught by older ones what sex to shoot during certain times of the year and also when to keep certain catches due to spawning as well as how to tend to such things as drying, smoking and canning along with other usages which were and still are a way of tradition as well as means of support for those of us that continue to keep this type of life and living alive.

There are reports by certain officials who work for the U.S. government, making their claims and blaming the people when its really the government

as usual making their move on our tribal natural resources by one means or another. They then tend to lead the people into believing their claims, thus persuading our tribal officials into giving us Native people these seasons as well as boundaries in which we are allowed to do these type of things, which have been our so-called sovereignty rights ever since the U.S. government signed treaty rights to what was never theirs in the first place.

So I find this as being another way of assimilation, which is to say that one day we as Native people of this land will truly have no say or sovereignty on our own tribal lands, which is the U.S. government's ultimate plan towards all Native people and reservations. For it's time we as Native people need to take a stand and stand firm for our sovereignty or what's left of it. For the sake of our children and their children and on.

David K. Belgard Sr.

## Letters

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## Seyler completes Navy training

Dustin M. Seyler, son of Dean and Jeannie Seyler, of Pinetop, Ariz., has recently completed his basic training in the U.S. Navy.

Dustin is now in Pensacola, Fla., for his advanced training until Jan. 20, 2004, at



Dustin Seyler

which time he will receive his orders for his duty station.

Dustin is training to be an aviation ordinance man. He recently graduated from the Blue Ridge High School in Pinetop, and is looking forward to an

interesting four years of active duty with the world's greatest navy.

Cecil and the late Aradonna Seyler are Dustin's grandparents in Warm Springs.

His other grandparents are Patsy

Orr and the late Alvin Orr of St. Ignatius, Montana. Step grandmother is Jean Orr of Pablo, Mont.

His family is very proud of him and wish him the best.

## Happy birthday and other wishes....

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 10 to our Little Cowgirl Ellise Rose David. We love you. Mom and Dad.



Happy Birthday to Larry Scott, Sr. Butch, Angie, Ellise and Harlee.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Tyrece Jones. Love Aunt Angie, Uncle Butch, Ellise and Harlee.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Chad Thurby. Love Angie, Butch, Ellise and Harlee.



Happy birthday to my big sister Ellise David. I can't wait to grow up and follow you around. Love, Harlee.

Happy birthday to my Mom Marlena M. Becarra. Love you.

Happy Birthday to Annette Arce on Dec. 11, Carol Parra on Dec. 15, Tarivia Parra on Dec. 20, Teresa McKinley on Dec. 20, from Diana L. Felix.

Birthday wishes to my three youngest sisters in the month of December, Annette Arce, Carol Parra, and Marlene Bacerra. Happy Birthday; Happy bonus, I mean, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and the rest of the Frank family. To all my siblings, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, may God bless each of you and keep you safe and protected throughout the year to come. These wishes for the upcoming holidays and New Year especially go out to my beloved children: Selena Bobb, F. Duran Bobb, Travis Bobb, Amy Bobb, C. Michael Bobb and Kendall Bobb. I love each and every one of you and pray you will have a blessed New Year. A very special birthday to my grandson Kendall on December 18, Happy Birthday Kendall may you always be the happy, loving boy you are, you're my joy and laughter every day, Skate Board Kid. Our family has gone through a lot in the past two years but God doesn't give us more than we can handle and we've become stronger and grown a lot. God bless each of you, my relatives. Myrna Frank

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the following: Dad/Grandpa George - we love you, Hector & Darlyne & twins (gramma), Claude Smith Sr., Snuff & Versa Smith, Ray & Colleen, Angie Smith, Frank Smith, Chuck & Suzie & kids, Ken & Jeannie, Joe & Margo, Gary & Elvita, Rosella & Marcus, Wauna & Rusty, Mary Calica, Floyd Calica & Joe, Mildred Adams & kids, Uren & Glenda Leonard, William & Maureen, Alexa Leonard & Family, Sheldon Leonard & Fox, Auntie Gwen, Andy & Lana & kids, Christel Leonard & kids (5<sup>th</sup> nugget), George & Natalie Picard, Leiron & Kiani Picard, Vernon & LaDonna, Dennis & Denise & kids, Tessa Picard, Lionel & Nicole & kids, Woody & Sadie & kids, Rachelle Smith & kids, Clem Picard, Delores & kids, Marcy & Lennox, Ray Picard, Heather Picard, Victoria Smith & baby, Edison & Priscilla & Terri Jo and Amanda, Herb & Earlyne, Carolyn Harvey. And any others we may have left out. The Leecy's and Yallups.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Bev! Love, your bro Eric.

Happy (late) birthdays to Sasha and Chanda. Love your Auntie, Uncle, Ellise and Harlee.

Happy birthday George and Jackson. Keep up the good work. Love, Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters.



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Happy 21st birthday, Sheena! Love you lots, and wish you many more.

Love from Mom and Marvin.

Merry Christmas to my family and friends. From Duke.

Merry Christmas and happy birthday, Mom. Love from Dave and Cheryl.

May the joy of Christmas be with you always from Spilyay Tymoo ad department  
Sam Howard, Selena Boise

