

# On Patrol

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## In Brief:

Statistical data continues to rise for the month of November as domestic disputes continue to lead in numbers. Since the 15th of

This month, there have been another nine domestic cases handled by the department.

Of the most serious incidents, two adults were arrested in connection with an incident where a male adult was slashed on the face with a knife. He was transported to Mountain View Hospital where he was treated and later released.

On another unrelated incident, officers responded to a fight in progress call where a male adult was assaulted who was found with a cut on his right arm. The subject who refused medical treatment also refused to press charges.

On a domestic disturbance in the Kuckup street area, officers took a complaint on a restraining order violation as a result of an assault. The complainant did not wish to pursue charges on the assault. Court action may be pending on the restraining order violation.

Two additional noise complaints were filed by residents in the West Hills and Mt. Jefferson street areas.

In the category of motor vehicle crashes; four additional accident investigations were looked into. One crash was the result of a motorist striking a deer on highway 26 near milepost 85. The most significant

factor involved in the majority of crashes this time of year is the speed of the vehicle in relation to the condition of the roads.

A complaint of Custodial Interference was filed when a male subject was alleged to have been harboring a female runaway in his home.

A juvenile was arrested on Poosh street who is alleged to have been intoxicated, in need of supervision, and curfew violation. On another complaint, a male juvenile was arrested in connection with a vehicle who faces allegations of Liquor Violation, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting arrest, and for not having a drivers license.

## McGruff Speaks:

Hi...In passing the other day, I was asked to remind our community members about stop signs. Several officers have noticed an increase of motorists who tend to roll through these signs. Naturally, one might say that the police have better things to do then having to warn or cite a motorist for this type of violation. Then there are those that would say...why aren't the police doing their jobs by citing these individuals. So...please make sure and come to a complete stop when approaching a stop sign.

Don't forget to look for me at this years Christmas light parade in Madras. For those of you who haven't seen this parade in previous years,

your missing out.

## Gang Prevention Continued...

As mentioned in the previous article, Gangs, Guns, and Graffiti was the topic on October 28, & 29 at the Agency Longhouse, was Wauneta Lone Wolf, B.A. CADC III of the Oglala Lakota Nation presented to our community a presentation on juvenile and young adult issues. Again with permission given by Wauneta Lone Wolf, the following is a continuation of her excerpts from her presentation.

With regards to the Dominant Society Values (Non-Indian) versus Traditional Indian Values (Native American); we find that one must become aware of these conflicting values or risk becoming confused, angry, or frustrated. In turn, one could become unbalanced when it comes to one's own Mental, Physical, and Spiritual health.

Comparing the two, we find significant differences that tend to cause problems within our youth when it comes to dealing with the two cultures. Non-Indian/Dominant Society Values teach us to: 1.) Take care of #1, always look out for yourself. 2.) Prepare for tomorrow, always have a plan. 3.) With regards to time; you must use every minute. 4.) The youth is rich, young and beautiful. 5.) Competition Compete, you must be competitive in today's society. 6.) Learn to be aggressive. 7.) Speak up. 8.) Take and Save. 9.) Conquer nature. 10.) Be skeptical and

logical. 11.) Self-attention (ego). 12.) Religion (a Part of Life).

Native American / Traditional Indian Values teach us to: 1.) As a group, take care of the people. 2.) Today is a good day. 3.) With regards to time; there is a right time and a right place for things to happen. 4.) With Age you gain knowledge and wisdom. 5.) Cooperate. 6.) Be Patient. 7.) Listen, and you will learn. 8.) Always give and share. 9.) Live in Harmony with all things. 10.) The Great Mystery; be intuitive. 11.) With Humility; be humble. 12.) A Spiritual life.

In another area, one might look at the trend of the current gang culture in comparison with the Tribal traditions historically as a re-creation of Tribal history through the current gang structure and activities taking place.

In gang culture, there is concrete jungle tagging or the marking of ones turf. Tribal traditions in the past was to identify new territory by trees or trail markings.

Gang sets have secret street names, with a goal to try to outsmart "5-0" (the police); or to establish a reputation. Tribal tradition has naming ceremonies for the purpose's of Honor and Responsibility.

Gang sets have initiation games to determine strength, loyalty and heart while Tribal traditions have initiation ceremonies to determine warrior worthiness and bravery.

The gang structure identifies family figures; i.e. Godfather, homey, dog, pee wees, etc. Tribal traditions has the adoption of family members to strengthen communities, build family, and nations.

Gang has blood compacts, the commitment to a set, colors, willing to die for a belief and to protect the hood. Tribal tradition; Tribes, brotherhood / sisterhood Compact, willing to die for the elders and the land.

Gang members play with tattooing, skin markings, or symbols to advertise the gang set. Tribally, one would experience face painting to explain the type of ceremonies — peace, war, rites of passage, etc.

So what else can you do as a parent? Get involved and take a stand. Talk to our elders to gain further understanding for direction. Set the stage for success with high but reachable expectations of your child or teenager. Stay focused on the positive. Listen to your student with your full attention.

Share your feelings honestly, but constructively. Respect your students right to their own feelings. Keep the communication channels open. Learn or talk about the rules and consequences in your home, outside your home, etc. You be the hero in your child or teenager's life. Set the example and be that good role model.

Students; you must reject gangs, violence and drugs. You have some understanding on what you want to

do in life; pursue your dream or vision. Help the parents out, other people if not your own to understand how to reduce gangs or the ability to recruit kids. Take action to help friends or younger people reject gangs. Stay in school and graduate. Go on to College or other training, our tribe is counting on you to be our future leaders. Remember that your parents do care; try and keep the communication channels open with them. Seek out positive adult members or an older person to a mentor with or in school, religious groups, or the community.

Finally, the following is offered by Wauneta Lone Wolf as it pertains to dealing with Native American Youth Gangs:

## From Bows & Arrows to Guns & Bullets

Why choose a gang set - you are a Tribal Nation Why die for a color - We are people of many colors Why die young - live your sacred purpose Why tag, mark, & graffiti - you are a natural artist Why satanic ritualism - you are spiritually grounded Why accept street names - we have naming ceremonies Why fight each other to prove bravery - you were born a Warrior/Warrior Woman Why tattoo for identification - markings are for ceremonies Why speak street language - you have a Native Tongue.

# Resources Association works to strengthen women's roles

The next meeting of the Women's Resources Association at Warm Springs will be December 16 at 5 p.m. at the Small Business Center. The meeting will be a celebration of the accomplishments of the first six months of the Association. There will be a potluck gathering, with cheese and chocolate fondue, pot stickers, fry bread, smoked salmon, finger foods, holiday breads and punch. If you want to join the celebration, Christmas cookies would be a sweet touch to end the evening. Each person is asked to bring two gifts, a white elephant for the joy of passing along something hilarious and a \$10 gift.

Now, for some background on the formative year. Since the summer of 1996, women throughout the reservation have met to create an organization to develop their small business and leadership skills to benefit participation in new ways in the community. Some meetings have been on Thursday and Monday evenings with a simple potluck meal, while others have been held during lunch hours to work through the things that are needed to make the organization grow. We have held meetings at The Museum, the Administration Building, the Presbyterian Church, homes of some of the members, Nathan's Tax office and in the Small Business Center.

We have met in small groups and large groups to establish the mission—"To Strengthen Women's Role and Promote the Development of a Healthy and Sustainable Community" and set goals. Each woman took responsibilities that she thought would help the group to achieve the goals in and for the community.

Prior to the national election, we held registration drives, created educational opportunities related to the election and the candidates and

stimulated interest in the importance of voting so that Native American voices would be felt by the local, state and national politicians. Being knowledgeable about the issues and the policies that are being formed is essential at many levels of the tribal organization. Skills are not developed in a vacuum, skills we need are learned and practiced with the help and interest of others. So one important goal is to network with others in the community, region, nation and internationally, to bring out the skills of women and to solve problems affecting women.

We have the guidance of strong elder women who shared their experiences through years of triumph and tribulation. They told us about the risk taking that had filled their earlier years, in order to have opportunity for training, formal education and creation of positions to solve problems related to children, teens, adults and elders. We learned from the elders about their difficult times of losing and maintaining their traditional languages; to shaking off the substance abuses, and rebuilding their lives with and for their children. Standing up for their traditional values, they helped their children have strong beliefs as they live with three cultural groups.

As grandparents we learned about their contributions to the well-being of their grandchildren and striving to teach the language as they help to preserve the language in the computer disks and language classes.

One elder woman shared the difficulty that earlier planners had for the Agency Longhouse, to be sure there was a decent kitchen, adequate equipment—sinks, dishwasher, tables, coffee makers, and carts; and storage for cooking equipment; adequate refrigeration and large enough dining room to bring the people to-

gether; and serving bowls, cups, sugars and s/p sets. Today, we enjoy the efficient and spacious Longhouse that is one of the prides of the reservation thanks to her dedicated persistence.

Marie Calica and JoAnn Smith attended the November 2 event which honored retiring Senator Mark Hatfield at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indian Art Auction, and presented gifts to Senator and Mrs. Hatfield on behalf of the Women's Resources Association at Warm Springs. Senator Hatfield's thank you letter, addressed to Anita Jackson, said, "Thank you for the wonderful beaded pens you gave to Antoinette and me at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Art Auction. We will always treasure these gifts.

"Your efforts on behalf of women, both within and without the tribal community, are appreciated and commendable. The service the Women's Resources Association provides ensures the continued leadership of women in all aspects of our citizenry.

"Antoinette and I send you our best wishes now and always."

On November 13 to 15, Anita went to Washington, D.C. for a meeting to analyze the impacts of the 1996 election on Indian Country.

November 25 began the next activity called "Sixteen Days of Activism" which is a world-wide activity following the International Women's gathering in Beijing, China. It is coordinated by the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Events will be in the Pioneer Courthouse Square, PSU Campus Ministry, Lighthouse Christian Church, the Providence Medical Center, Reed College, steps of the Oregon State Capitol, Trinity Church in Woodburn, YWCA in Salem, Roving Theater in a playground in Portland, street theater outside the

Lloyd Cinemas and the YWCA. Women's Resources Association will participate in two different events. On November 26, members were involved in "Seven Generations Against Violence" at PSU Campus Ministry that highlighted strengths of American Indian and Alaskan Native women.

For several months meetings have taken place to plan the "Tribunal of Violations of Women's Human Rights" and "Sixteen Days of Activism". Marie Calica has been on the steering committee and on December 7, Anita Jackson will be on the panel of judges on the Tribunal at PSU.

The organization will also provide four cases from Warm Springs, to the Tribunal regarding violations of women's human rights. If you wish a copy of the events, contact Anita Jackson, Marie Calica or Norma Simpson.

Several women will be attending the Annual Native American Women's Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico December 11 to 13. This conference will offer a unique training and networking opportunity for Native American Women and help to bridge the gap between professional and personal responsibilities. A report will be given at the next meeting.

Women's Resources Association at Warm Springs will have its next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. We will continue the Personality Survey which we began in November and make plans for the next six months' activities. Anyone is invited to join the group and to express the types of activities that they want the group to be involved in.

# Rodeo is a family thing for the Johnson family

For the past few years now Delford Johnson and his family have been involved in rodeo events and rodeo competitions throughout the Northwest. "It's a family thing," says Delford. "This year, we attended most of the Central Oregon rodeos during the summer, and we did very well. We enter whatever event we think we're good at, and have fun doing it. Whether it's calf roping, barrel racing or any other competition, we get involved and encourage each other during and after each event, says Delford. "We don't always win, but the main thing is that we have fun doing it together as a family."

"Out of my sixteen years of rodeo involvement, I thank a young cowboy by the name of Client Bruisedhead," says Delford. "Client has helped and supported me and my family ever since we've known him." "Every rodeo I attend or compete in, I know I can depend on seeing Client in the bucking chutes area," says Delford. On September 15, the Johnson family participated with the Valley rodeo association inside the Vickwoods Arena in Wapato, Washington. My family and I did very well there" says Delford. "I entered the calf roping competition and I placed first on the open breakaway competition and won two belt buckles during the calf roping

finals. I brought home three nice buckles" says Delford. "My wife Marita came home with a \$500 dollar novice year-end award in the barrel racing division.

"Shana, (daughter) too came back with a \$500 novice award for barrel racing competition."

"Our 14-year-old daughter Una, came home with four buckles," explains Marita Johnson. "She competed in pole bending and barrel racing competitions. It was so great. On November 16, we went to Toppish, Washington and received our awards during an invitational rodeo banquet.

The Valley Rodeo association is family oriented, says Marita. That's one reason my husband Delford and I try and participate with them. Our 6-year-old grandson, Rhett Jefferson, did very well also. Rhett came home with a trophy for mutton busting competition and an all-around belt buckle for the under age division for barrel racing competition. "We're real excited for him. He did great" says Marita. "Rhett, also won the Central Oregon mini pee-wee run division in Redmond this summer, he was covered with so many awards he looked like a Christmas tree" says Marita. "We're real proud of him" concludes Delford.



Delford Johnson, top, and grandson Rhett Jefferson, proudly display buckles won at the Vickwoods Arena in Wapato, Washington in September.

# Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge Gift Shop annual Holiday Blow-Out Sale

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# Helping your child with homework

Make sure your child has:

- A quiet place to work with good light.
- A regular time each day for doing homework.
- Basic supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, markers and ruler.
- Aids to good organization, such as an assignment calendar, book bag, and folders.

Questions to ask your child:

- What's your assignment today?
- Is the assignment clear? (If not, suggest calling the school's homework Hotline or a classmate.)
- When is it due?
- Do you need special resources (e.g., a trip to the library or access to a computer)?
- Do you need special supplies (e.g., graph paper or posterboard)?
- Have you started today's assignment? Finished it?
- Is it a long-term assignment (e.g., a term paper or science project)?
- For a major project, would it help to write out the steps or make a schedule?
- Would a practice test be useful?

Other ways to help:

- Look over your child's homework, but don't do the work.
- Meet the teachers early in the year and find out about homework policy.
- Review teacher comments on homework that has been returned and discuss this with your child.
- Contact the teacher if there's a homework problem or need you can't resolve.
- Congratulate your child on a job well done.



Some residents of the Dry Creek housing subdivision are starting anew after the Simnasho Fire destroyed seven homes in the area. Louie Bagley is one of three fire victims, so far, to set up a new residence at Dry Creek.