

## Proud of Travis for beautiful artwork

To the Editor,

By now everyone has seen the new Pi-Ume-Sha poster displayed around the area. I want to take this time to acknowledge, praise and congratulate my son, Travis Bobb, for the beautiful work of art he did for this year's Pi-Ume-Sha poster. It is truly awesome.

I know he worked long and hard to create this beautiful drawing. He's proud of it and so are we. I couldn't help notice that another family was taking credit for the poster. It would have been nice to have given my son some credit for the drawing. Also that the queen candidates were using

this drawing for their campaigns.

Our family had a small dinner to present it to them before turning it over to Cassie to advertise the Pi-Ume-Sha event only. Any other use should be prohibited.

Travis' drawings are also being displayed at the Museum at the Tribal Member Art Show. Travis received honorable mention this year for one of his drawings.

Also, congratulations to everyone who entered this year's Tribal art show. All the art works were/are beautiful.

Sincerely,  
Myrna Frank-Ferguson and Family

## Jr. Rodeo a success due to support, work of many

To the Editor,

On Mother's Day weekend, May 10 and 11, we held our first annual Substance Abuse Free Jr. Rodeo. Considering all we had to undergo in our efforts to hold this youth event, we did well. Our gate and entries were not what we had anticipated due to a prankster who had called the radio station and canceled our rodeo. This in turn caused chaos to our entry system and diverted the number of spectators. We did however have over a hundred contestants, and over 250 spectators. Our contestants came from as far as Boise, Chiloquin, Hood River and we even had calls from Medford after our books closed. Most of our contestants came from Warm Springs and throughout central Oregon.

Monday morning, immediately following the rodeo, we had people calling and writing letters of gratitude, telling us they are looking forward to next year, and even asking

how they could help out next time. We even had one person from out of the area wanting to donate a buckle for an event for next year's rodeo. Needless to say, we did have one complaint: some of the people around the chute area were using profane language, something we will work on next year. I am very pleased to say we had only two people abuse the no alcohol and drugs rule, these people were asked to leave the premises. I am VERY proud to say those particular people were not from here, nor were they Indians.

So, on behalf of the Warm Springs Jr. Rodeo, I'd like to take the time to thank the following people:

Delford and Marita Johnson (DMJ), Anita Jackson, the ambulance crew from Fire and Safety, our Honorable Tribal Council members, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Economic Development, Warm Springs Com-

To the Editor,

I want to thank RT for the letter he wrote to the Spilyay last issue. The tribal members are finally speaking up and getting tired of being herded like cattle and starting to question the status quo of the tribal operations. "We the people..." rings in my ear.

Most of our rights have been taken away and we have been disempowered to the extent that to question tribal operations means a stint at the jail.

I, too, dislike the way the court operate and the different sentences certain people receive for the same offense—three months for one and 1 1/2 years for another. Don't ask questions. Don't say, hear or see nothing and hold your tongue if you

do. I learned that the hard way. Being black-balled from the very profession I went to college for.

It's just good to hear someone get enough nerve to speak up and take back our rights as tribal members. "We the people" are the ones who elected Tribal Council members and we are their boss. Not the other way around. I even heard a tribal councilman say that very thing, so why is the opposite true? It just seems "we the people" come last all the time, with white directors and non-tribal members being the loudest voice here.

Our judges need to be held accountable too. Their family can't be doing wrong and excused for it because their parent is a judge. No, you can't judge others fairly when your

own back yard is full of trash.

I still say that every year, the tribal members should be allowed to do an evaluation on each department and be funded accordingly and guaranteed you'll see better services for our money. Give power back to the people and give tribal members jobs. There should be no members on welfare here if the Tribe is so concerned for their people they'd make sure every tribal member had first preference

and the whole tribe be employed first before any other person outside the Tribe was ever hired here. That's proof of self-sufficiency and being a healthy nation. Until I see that here in Warm Springs, everything else is all BS.

Stop being content to be herded like cattle and get angry enough to demand that the Tribal Council hear the members and help them first.

Thank you,  
Myrna Frank-Ferguson

## Church often had too much success in peoples' lives

Hello, from Pastor Rick,

We were studying from the Bible the other night. It was the book of Acts, chapter 5, verse 13. I quote, "No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people."

The early Christian church was so successful that the people were scared of them. The question we asked was, why? Our answer was that the church had too much success in the lives of the people.

Do you know someone who has a hard time accepting a small thank you? Do you know of someone who was really doing well then suddenly fell away? Why is it, that for some people having a blessing dropped into their life is a major disaster? Many people have great skills in dealing with the problems of life. Yet, when a blessing comes to them, they drink it down like it was the last glass. Or worse, they drop the glass of blessing on purpose.

If, in the Indian way and in the Christian way, God is for us, why not act out and live our life showing God's presence? Why not scare some people with our success? Why not believe that not only all bad things are possible but all good things are possible and are probable and are certain? Why not?

See you in church.

Beginning June 1 worship will begin at 10 a.m.

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church—On the Campus.  
Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro

## Thank you for Redmond Grange powwow

To the Editor,

We, of the Central Oregon Intergroup, would like to thank our friends from Warm Springs for helping us put on a wonderful powwow at the Redmond Grange Hall April 19. We especially would like to thank the Rainbow Dancers, Joe Tuckta's group of dancers and Mary Ann and her Dry Creek Drummers for helping us to come together in a good way to celebrate our recovery and our oneness with all that is.

Gathering together, listening to the story telling and the teachings about the native culture and the joy of the drumming and dancing made an evening that we will never forget.

A special thank you to Jamison and Virginia for an evening of fun. We can't thank them enough and they will always be in our prayers.

Love and Prayers from everyone who brought us together.

Don, Larry, Davis, Linda, Cheryl, Marilyn, Sarala and Sherri

## Stone Setting, Memorial Dinner and Giveaway May 24

for Leander George and Leo George at Abraham Cemetery in White Swan 9 a.m. Lorenzo Colfax, Jr. and Richard "Duff" Slome at 1910 Shaker Church Cemetery 7 a.m. After stone setting ceremonies, everyone to follow to the Toppenish Longhouse on Robbins Road for services conducted by Lonnie Selam, Sr.

Dinner and Giveaway will follow

For more information call  
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## Who will help our children if we don't? Get involved!

To the Editor,

Isn't it about time that we start listening to our children? Our children are our most precious resource and our future leaders of tomorrow.

I am only one of many parents who are concerned over certain educational issues and the treatment of our children who appear to be emotionally upset and seem to be struggling while attending Jefferson County Middle School (JCMS). Where is our leadership, spirituality and guidance these days? Who is going to listen, care and help our children if we don't? Our children live by what they learn and how they are taught, and it all begins in the midst of our homes. So, we as parents, need to teach respect, discipline and positive attitudes. We also

need to get involved, love, support, encourage, care and influence our children in positive directions.

Education is one critical area that I feel is of great importance, for it is going to make a tremendous impact on our children's future. We, as parents and as a community, need to step forward and get seriously motivated and involved with our children's academic and educational progress.

Still, there are a lot of areas of concern, but I think one of the most besides education is... "communication". I strongly believe in open and honest communication between the child and the parents first and then secondly, communication with whoever, whatever, or wherever the problems or troubles

exist. With all parties and individuals involved, we should be able to come up with certain and specific alternatives, ideas, solutions and working hard together at resolving the troubled/problem areas that are affecting our children.

I have listened to a lot of our children and their dreams and/or goals, their wish is to have our own school system right here on our own reservation. I feel it is possible, if we all work together at getting things done for our children... since we all know for a fact that a certain percentage of our funding sources go into the Jefferson County School District, and we also know how much each individual child is worth per school year. Couldn't we use the funding for our own school system? I feel our chil-

dren are speaking the truth about being looked down upon, deprived, and limited to academic and athletic achievements and progress. Our children, to me, are very intelligent and are gifted and blessed with natural talents, abilities and potentials. I know for a fact that they are all capable of succeeding, with our help, feedback and with positive results.

Always remember and never forget who you are and where you came from for it is where your heart and pride come from and that is within yourselves. I wish you all the best of health.

Closing with prayers, love and respect for all children

Angelena J. Smith  
Tribal Member

PS: Children, enjoy your summer!

## Greatly honored for opportunity to help with senior activities

To the Editor,

This year, I had a beautiful opportunity to be a part of the Honor Seniors Day. The task was to prepare morning continental breakfast, a sack lunch, an afternoon snack and an evening dinner. A group of us decided we would give Dorothy, Julia, Ruby and Ursula the day off and step in for them to prepare meals.

We started weeks before the event and served a full meal Thursday to the many seniors that arrived the day before. That meal was done by Eliza Greene and Dennis Butterfly. They served salmon, luckameen, oven-

fried potatoes and fried bread, lemonade and coffee. Thursday all day, we shopped, cooked the eggs for the sandwiches and made over 900 sack lunches. We are indebted to the Tribe for the donations and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Confederated Tribes, salmon and canned salmon, continental breakfast, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Health and Welfare committee PM Snacks, Sr. Program. We are reminded to mention the friendly, courteous attention that we receive from Erickson's Sentry in Madras. They take a lot of walking for us.

I would like to acknowledge my ever-able kitchen crew, Kate Jackson, Nola Queahpama, Lacy Luton, Eliza Greene, Pawnee Stwyer, Phyllis Tohet, Rainbow Dancers, Edison Yazzie and his helpers for the fried bread, Robert Sam, Alex Tohet, Larry Wesley, Henry Stwyer, Leroy Allen, Jr., Robert Heath and young Charley Chee. We know more persons were there and we appreciate all the help. A special thank-you to the Utilities Department. We could never have completed the job without you. We pray for good health to our seniors.  
Neda Wesley

### Happy Anniversary Clinton! May 20

We've endured A LOT in these past three years good, bad, yet we are still strong! Thanks for putting up with my strong headed ways, I'm working on it, hon. It makes me feel good when other women in the community remind me how lucky I am to have a husband who is always involved, protective, loving, hardworking, yet simple, and who always thinks of me and AshTon before rodeo, work, play or anything else. I never really thought about all that, I guess I just took it for granted. When friends ask me, as most do, "How did you ever rope, tie and tame a cowboy and then change him?" I kinda laugh and reply, "Me, change him? Never! Hell, he changed me!"

I love you Clint, even when I don't



Mr. and Mrs. Rick Watlamet—Congratulations on your second anniversary! Love, Mother and Dad

### Happy 16th birthday Ty-Utes Love, Mother and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa



Happy Birthday Tina-Ree (Martina Marie Stwyer) May 6, 1986  
Martina: You have a great impact on my life. I could never forget your birthday. I will be here for you, always. I love you! Grandma Neda Wesley



Happy 16th Birthday to my first Grandchild. Born May 21, 1981. Ty utes? or Ty Valley? Love, Grandma Neda, Grandpa Jimmy, Tina, Jamey, Theo and Curtiss

Happy Anniversary May 20 to Clint and Sammy Bruised Head Love, Dad and Mom



Happy twenty-first birthday to Petro Rodriguez from his wife Terri, daughter Devie, son Covy and the Medina family Phoebe, Robert, Thomas, Bob and Kim.