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

Sincerely, Myrna Frank-Ferguson and

People beginning to speak up for themselves-

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 show. All the art works were/are 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

do. Hearned 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 nothing and hold your tongue if you can't judge others fairly when your

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

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 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

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 natu-

ral talents, abilities and potentials. I

know for a fact that they are all ca-

pable of succeeding, with our help,

feedback and with positive results.

get who you are and where you came

from for it is where your heart and

Always remember and never for-

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

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 Or-

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

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

Delores George at (509) 877-4554 or

Theresa Thompson at (509) 877-1170

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 In-dustries. Warm Springs Economic Development, Warm Springs Composite, Warm Springs Power Enter-

prise, Sonny Bucks and Sister Suzannes, Les Schwab Tire Center, the Insurance Mart, the Rainbow Service Station, Western Surveying, Buck and Susie Smith of the Deschutes Crossing, Robert and Maria Macy of the Warm Springs Market, Hoffy's Motel and Restaurant, Bruce Brunoe Jr. of White Horse Rafting, Floyd Gibson, Ken Smith and Associates, Erickson's Sentry. Ahern's, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Coast to Coast, Mexico City, Big R, Walmart, Copeland Lumber, Ag West, Cecil and Lillian Brunoe of Sidaiktba, the Madras Saddle Club, Mr. and Mrs. Killingsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heatin and Family, Roy Nance, Mr. And Mrs. Howell, Wilson Wewa, Sr., Herb Graybael and the men from Utilities, Ken Man and the KWSO crew, Lee and Cheryl Tom, Carol Wewa, Arlene Wewa, Deanna Shadley, Jabbar Davis, Brent and Rosa Graybael, Dick Garcia, Mercie Miller, Sandra Scott, Corina Domingo, David Andrews, Daniel Green, Dave Dona, Walter Languese, Trudy Thompson, Lloyd Shag Smith

and everyone else from the Small Business Center who helped support us, Delsie Scott, Pat Suppah, Muriel Thompson, Cecilia Frank, Joey Cook, Leroy Allen, Jr., Luther Danzuka, Charlie Chee, Jr., William Bones Scott, Cylus Poitra, Floyd Tewee, other buckle donors who wish for their names not to be mentioned, and all of you who attended our fundraisers. Special thanks to the Warm Springs Healthy Nations, Nadine Scott, Frances Allen, Buddy and Marla Hicks and Sheilah Wahnetah for sticking in there through thick and thin. Thank you Clinton Bruised Head for everything, it was you who inspired these children and they in turn with their parents poked and prodded you for two years to hold this event.

If I have missed anyone, it was not intentional. Many thanks to everyone. It it weren t'ior you this codiu not have been possible. We look forward to your continued support and hope to see ya'll next year.

Sincerely, Sammy Allen-Bruised Head

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 t 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

Still, there are a lot of areas of concern, but I think one of the most education

besides is...."communication". I strongly believe in open and honest communication between the chld 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 t 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-

Happy birthday to Eldon Tom (May 17) and Smokey Wewa (May 19) 16-years-old

Love, Chilla Lil'Lawrence and Randy: Keep up the good job in school! Love, Grandma Laura

pride come from and that is within yourselves. I wish you all the best of Closing with prayers, love and respect for all children

Angelena J. Smith

Tribal Member PS: Children, enjoy your summer!

Happy 8th Birthday Randy Switzler Felter Love Grandpa and

Grandma, Mom Norma, Lawrence, Lil Lawrence, Sidwalter Crew

Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit (Spirit of the Salmon)

Tribes participate in Earth Day activities

On April 20, commission vice chairman Wendell Hannigan spoke at an Earth Day event called "The Toxic Swim" held at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. The event highlighted the serious toxic pollution problems that exist in the Columbia River as a result of direct dumping of industrial waste into the river. Hannigan told the crowd that the Columbia River was not long ago so pure that Indian people could drink its water while they fished for salmon.

Warm Springs commissioner Pierson Mitchell participated in an Earth Day conference sponsored by the Earth and Spirit Council. Mitchell stressed the importance of learning from our past mistakes and making corrections. The April 20 event was an interfaith celebration which featured representatives from many faiths in addition to Washat such as Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian.

CRITFC, Yakama Tribe, PacificCorp fund dam removal study PacifiCorp has a problem and CRITFC and Yakama Indian Nation would like to help the corporation solve it.

PacifiCorp needs to renew its license to operate Condit Dam, but the Federal Energy Relicensing Commission wants PacifiCorp to make expensive modifications to benefit salmon. PacifiCorp says that such changes would make the dam, built in 1913, unprofitable to operate. The Yakama Indian Nation is recommending that it makes more sense to pull the dam out. To study that option, the Yakama Indian Nation, CRITFC and PacifiCorp

hired RW Beck, an engineering firm from Seattle. Results of that study have been published and distributed to interested parties. It shows that removal of the Condit Dam is feasible. Costs of three alternative methods range from \$14 million to \$37 million.

Removing Condit Dam, located 3.3 miles from the confluence of the White Salmon and Columbia rivers, would open up several additional miles of salmon and lamprey eel spawning and rearing habitat. **CRITFC** brings presentation to reservations

On assignment for CRITFC, Sherri Sotomish and Scott Welch have visited three of the four reservations this spring, making presentations about the tribal salmon restoration plan to tribal members. They made presentations at community gatherings, to schools, senior centers and to the General Council of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla. Tribal fish and wildlife committees sponsored the visits and fielded questions from tribal members about the salmon plan.

Carol Craig, Yakama Fish and Wildlife Public Information Manager, has conducted similar outreach activities on the Yakama reservation.

Scott and Sherri have also arranged with many video stores on or near the four reservations to make the Chinook Trilogy available for rent at no charge. The set of three half-hour videos features tribal elders and other leaders explaining why salmon are so important, what the treaty right means and what is contained in the tribal salmon restoration plan.

Greatly honored for opportunity to help with senior activities To the Editor, fried potatoes and fried bread, lem-

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 t 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-

onade 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.

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 guss 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

Neda Wesley



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



Granddpa Jimmy, Tina, Jamey, Theo and Curtiss Happy Anniversary May 20 to Clint and Sammy Bruised Head

Ty utes? or Ty Valley?

Love, Grandma Neda,



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.