

## Proud grandparents



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The Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center last week celebrated the Week of the Young Child. One popular part of the week's activities was Grandparents Day. At right, Richard Towet, who is the tribal Probate Judge, spends time with his granddaughter Allitasi Hisatake. Above, Joni David, who works at ECE, visits with her grandson Tyrece Jones.



## Kah-Nee-Ta reception to open new gallery

The Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino and the Museum at Warm Springs proudly announce the grand opening of the Kah-Nee-Ta Gallery of Art. The gallery of indigenous art presents an exhibition and opening reception for the artists of Warm Springs.

The theme for the gallery's first art exhibition is, "Live in Beauty." The artists reception is from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The artists who will be present at the opening reception are: Pat Courtney Gold, Lillian Pitt, Roxanne Chinook, Richard Rowe, Willie Stacona, Aurel Stinson, Reba Johnson, Charles Littleleaf, Natalie Kirk, Winona Garrison and Apolonia S. Santos.

## Museum celebrating 10 years with parade and powwow

In 1993 the Confederated Tribes dedicated the Museum at Warm Springs. A goal of museum has been to preserve items of cultural to the three tribes of the confederation.

The museum over the years has readily accomplished this goal: Today, the museum collection includes over 6,000 items.

The Museum at Warm Springs this year is marking its 10th Anniversary. To mark this milestone, the museum and the

Confederated Tribes will be hosting a memorial horse parade at the end of May.

The memorial horse parade will be followed by a powwow on the museum grounds.

The parade and powwow are set for Saturday, May 31. The memorial horse parade will begin at 10 a.m., the powwow will be at 2 p.m. Washut Services will precede the parade.

For information, contact Rosalind Sampson at the museum. The number is 553-3331.

## More birthday wishes...

Happy first birthday, Tahleeni Nizhoni White, April 10.



May you continue to walk with your feet touching the pollen and dew drops of all good things in life.

Only happy journeys, and always hoy'ni'u'do' and hoy'niyaado (strength and wisdom).

Hozgo nasado, (in beauty, walk). From Mommy

Happy first birthday, Tillie. Love you always. From Dad.

One already? Happy birthday, Nizhoni. We love you very much.

Love always from Mom, Dad, Bro, Sis and the whole 2640 clan and your Apache/Dine family.

Happy seventh birthday to my princess Theyliah Vernaya Tonika Suppah, April 23.



Love, your mommy Tiffany.

Happy birthday to my family members Gorky Mitchell, Richard "Animal" Tohet, Cecelia "Squealie" Greene, "RIHBMP" Greene.

Take care, Mona Baez, Geneva Charley and family, Veronica Baez, Luis R. Baez, and our Jake Frank.

Happy birthday to Uncle and Grams, father RHBMP Greene, Auntie and Gram Squealie Greene, Kuks and Grampa Animal Tohet, Uncle adn Grandpa Gorky Mitchell. From Ramon Greene, Verbena Greene and Plyza Big Lake.

## More Letters to the Editor

### A thank-you

To the memory of my grandson Grant "Bubba" Waheneka.

I've taken too long a time to write this thank you to all the people who prayed for Bubba.

All the people who went to see him at St. Charles in Bend.

All his friends who came to Portland to be with his mother, Iloa Lillie, and his sister, Adele Waheneka, at the end of his time and to wish him Good Speed, as we all prayed for him. He knew you were there.

Thank you all for your comfort at the Shaker Church during the services.

It was real hard for me, losing Inez McKinley the week before and losing my grandson the following week.

May you all be blessed for being there for my niece and grandchildren.

Maxine McKinley and all her children.

### Rez neck

I still believe this gambling was a bad idea. It not only attracts thieves and hustlers, not to mention thieves and hustlers that lowered the voting age to 18 after our adult population voted the casino down a few times and 18 year old kids can't

even go into the casino but this filthy gambling not only divided our Warm Springs Confederated Tribes people plus how many millions upon millions of our limited resources have we wasted buying empty words while our own tribal people who pay all the bills continue to suffer, living in squalor, abject poverty, joblessness.... Man we have a sick government that's too greedy, selfish attitude. As long as my immediate family is taken care of, forget everyone else.

Now gambling is dividing our tribes. Adopting white society's sick values of dog eat dog, rat race mentality...Can't you see this is exactly how sick Uncle Sam designed it. Then after gambling runs its course and many tribes lose their rez, what do you have left but an empty building.

Rez Necks unite. All us Rez Necks that are proud of our heritage, people and love being who we are, must unite and protect what little we have left because our so-called leaders cannot and will not protect our children.

Took our ancestors, elders over 500 years of sacrifice, brains (need brains first to have a brain drain), struggle to get our Warm Springs Confederated

Tribes into a position to benefit all, I said all, our people... Then it took these crooks, thieves, hustlers, selfish, greedy dorks 20 years to put us right back down at the bottom again. You're too bright idea is too close to the dams, especially at this time with the war... try thinking for yourself, you might like it.

Our people need jobs. If we can negotiate deals with General Electric, the United States government, etc., then why can't we cut deals with Safeway, Ford, Chevy, shoe store, hardware store, etc. Create a vibrant, wholesome economy in our own community for our own Warm Springs people, instead of systematically funneling all our limited resources into Madras? I love all you Rez Necks who are not ashamed of who we are.

Invest our resources, money here in Warm Springs. Create jobs. As fast Central Oregon is growing, no question our local business market is here and growing. Offer our local rezneck opportunities, experience and hope...quit being led around empty words, millions upon millions we have invested in cheap, empty words. Again I would advocate the idea of an amusement park here in Warm Springs to cater to the whole family, not just the adults, from

grandma and gramps to newborns, plus we can still offer gaming if we choose to. Truck stop, restaurant, motels, waterworld, grocery store, there is so much we can offer our people. Offer our people perpetual dignity that can only come from employment. Quantify our water use. Use it or lose it. Our water and other resources are invaluable. Think about it.

Bobby Eagleheart

### Time to write

I'm very fortunate. I took a writing strategies class at the downtown Lane Community College. I've learned writing is great, it relieves stress when we lose a loved one. It just takes time, and 37 cents to write a letter.

Evette Patt

### Jury duty

Tribal members are advised to check the jury duty list that is posted at Warm Springs Market.

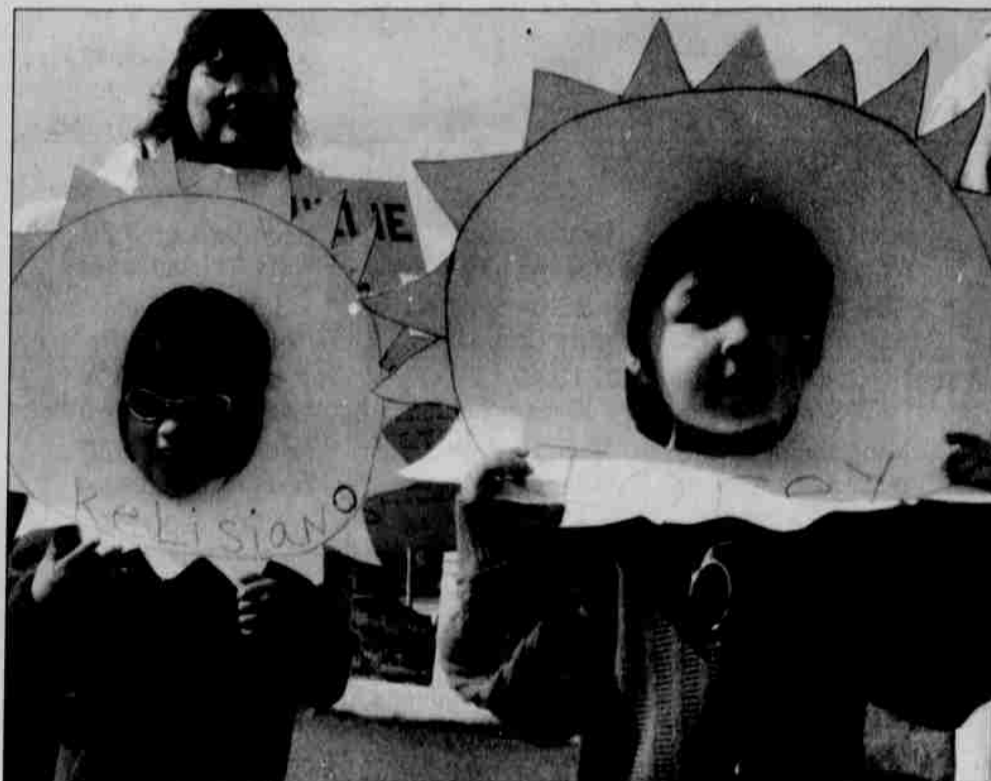
People whose names are on the list must appear at the appropriate court time.

The first upcoming court date is April 28, and then May 1.

## Children's Parade concludes Week of the Young Child



The Children's parade past the Early Childhood Education Center concluded a week of activities focusing on the well-being of the youth of the community. Above, Jonissa Scott and Donnie Bagley Jr. ride in the parade. And at far right, Evan Abuirre proudly displays "The Spoon."



Kelisiano Frank and Torey Thomas dress brightly for the parade.

