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## Homecoming Royalty

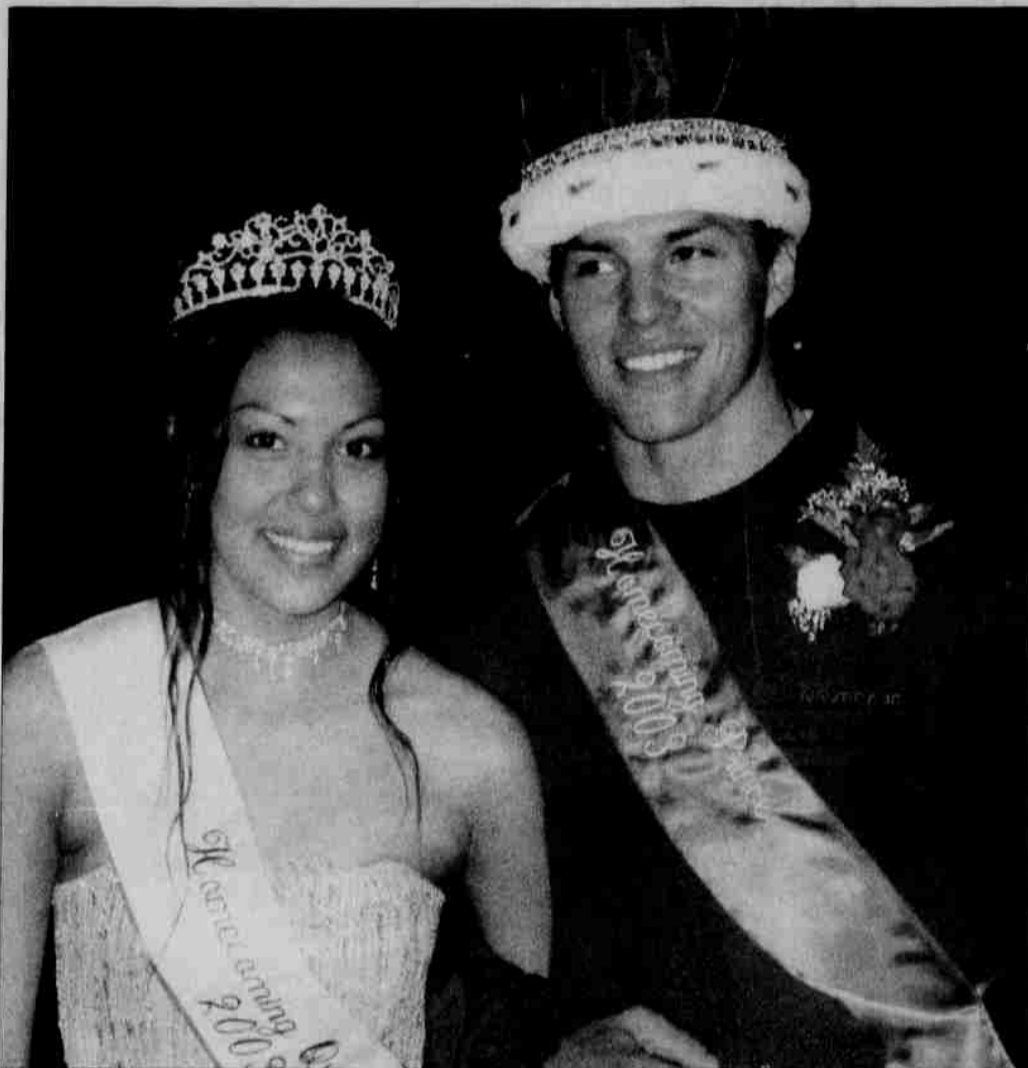
The Madras High School Queen this year was Tatum Kalama, a senior at the school.

Matthew Ellsbury was the Homecoming King.

The Homecoming football game this year was a pleasant surprise.

Madras won Homecoming for the first time since 1998. The game was an exciting 24-17 victory over Sherwood. (See page 6 for more on the game.)

The victory on the football field was a high-point of a week filled with school-spirited activities at Madras High School.



Selena Boise/Spilyay Tymoo

## School district has new liaison

By Selena Boise  
Spilyay Tymoo

A scary thought turned into a successful transition for Lana Leonard, who has taken a step away from the tribal organization to become the Warm Springs community liaison for the Jefferson County School District.

Her decision to change jobs was a difficult one, because Leonard had been an employee of the tribes for the past 17 years.

As the new school district liaison, Leonard works with students at the Jefferson County Middle School in the mornings and Madras High School in the afternoons.

"I have received a lot of help from (Warm Springs liaison) Butch David while I'm here at the middle school, and I'm thankful for that," says Leonard.

First task at hand for Leonard is to improve student attendance at the middle school and high school.

She is currently monitoring student attendance, and will concentrate on a number of individual students to improve their attendance and tardiness.

Students with attendance problems will be added as necessary during the school year, and students making improvements will be released from the concentrated program.

Leonard will also be working with students at the middle school, and possibly the high school, on math and reading skills necessary for students who want to continue their educa-



Lana Leonard

tion. Leonard plans to work on this effort with teacher assistants at the middle school.

### Great at athletics

Leonard is a 1985 graduate of Madras High School, where she played all four years as a starter for the basketball team. She returned to the basketball courts to assist coach Osborne with the girl's basketball team. She has also coached the girls at the middle school with coach Luanne Foltz, also from Warm Springs.

After high school she attended Linn-Benton for one year on a basketball scholarship. She returned to Warm Springs and was hired at the courthouse for a short term, before being transferred to the Housing office as a secretary.

In her ten years at the Housing office Leonard advanced from secretary to collections, and her final job held there was as a housing counselor.

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## Hunter gets a bighorn sheep

By D. "Bing" Bingham  
Spilyay Tymoo

The story of bighorn sheep and the reservation moved one step further when tribal member, Joel Santos, killed a large ram on the Deschutes River. Terry Luther estimates he is the first native to kill a bighorn sheep there in a hundred and fifty years.

A second bighorn sheep tag was issued to tribal member Robert Warner, who has not returned from his John Day River hunt at presstime.

Bighorn sheep have been a long term project in Oregon since the 1950's. That was when a breeding herd was brought to Hart Mountain from British Columbia. As the populations grew they were added in other parts of the state until in the early 90's then they were transplanted to the John Day River Basin and on the lower Deschutes River. Two years ago bighorn sheep were transplanted into the Mutton Mountains. This is the first time in generations that bighorn sheep

have run free on the Warm Springs Reservation.

As the bighorn sheep populations gained ground in Oregon, about 4-5 years ago then-Governor Kitzhaber offered native Americans a chance to work with his department heads to discuss their needs, issues and problems. Both groups would work on ways to increase cooperation between the tribes and state government.

"We'd been trying for a number of years to get pronghorn antelope tags for tribal members

for their use on ceded land and also big horn tags," says Terry Luther.

The tribes had been getting deer and elk tags since 1986. Two years later pronghorn tags were allocated for tribal members.

Bighorn tags were another matter. In Oregon, the public draw for all bighorn tags. Experts estimate that a person seeking a bighorn tag has about one chance in two thousand of a successful drawing.

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## Nettie Shawaway passes away at 102

The eldest member of the Confederated Tribes, Nettie Shawaway has passed away. She was 102.

Mrs. Shawaway was born on Nov. 3, 1901. Her father was Frank Queahpama and her mother, Skwi empty, whose English name was Swan or Millie. They had a homestead in Happy Valley near Simnasho.

Nettie was born in a home at Tenino while her parents were on a trip to Warm Springs. As a young woman, Mrs. Shawaway attended Chemaway Indian School near Salem.

Later, she returned to Warm Springs to marry William McCorkle.

They were married in 1939. They had two children together, but the children died in infancy.

Nettie later adopted children.

She had many relatives and friends. Mrs. Shawaway was greatly respected by tribal members for her generosity and wisdom. With her passing goes a wealth of traditional knowledge.

But over her many years Mrs. Shawaway shared with friends and relatives her knowledge of traditional Indian language, religion, food and cooking, songs, dance and traditional crafts.

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Prenencia VanPelt and Ashley Aguilar will be heading to North Carolina soon, representing Oregon at the National Indian Education Association conference.

Both VanPelt and Aguilar are seniors at Madras High School.

Earlier this year, they gave speeches during a contest at Portland State University. The contest was sponsored by the Oregon Indian Education Association (OIEA).

Aguilar took first place in the competition, and VanPelt took second.

Aguilar gave a speech entitled, "My Culture Dictates Who I am."

VanPelt's speech was on the

## Speech Makers

### Students to represent state at national competition



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Ashley Aguilar (left) and Prenencia VanPelt will represent Oregon at the national speech competition in North Carolina.

importance of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

At the North Carolina national competition, they will give

speeches based on these earlier ones, but with updated information and a slightly different format.

Both of the girls say they enjoy public speaking.

Their trip to North Carolina is being sponsored by the Warm Springs Education Committee. The committee is paying for the airline tickets, food and hotel rooms.

The trip will likely take four to five days.

Between 2,500 and 4,000 youth and educators, and tribal leaders will be attending the annual conference.

In the future, VanPelt is considering studying criminal justice or marine biology. She is also interested in dance choreography.

Aguilar is planning to pursue a career in journalism.

## For some, first step to better life begins at Victims of Crime Services

By D. "Bing" Bingham  
Spilyay Tymoo

This past month has been Domestic Violence Awareness Month. National statistics indicate that one in four women - Indian Country numbers are slightly higher - will be abused or sexually assaulted.

The cycle of domestic violence begins when a child is young. "Violence is a learned trait," says Shauna Queahpama, Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services advocate. "They didn't grow up knowing this."

This article includes comments from tribal members. Names and details have been changed to protect the individuals who chose to share their experiences.

*I am a survivor of domestic violence.*

*Of course, I let myself get beaten up by my husband for years. It started out only a couple times a year - then it got to where he would beat me practically senseless once, sometimes twice, a week.*

*Why wouldn't I let him hit and*

*kick me? It was what I deserved...*

*Years later I decided I didn't want to live that way anymore. I found my inner self with the help of God and my family. Now I understand that I didn't have anything to do with the death of those children.*

Some people are able to break the cycle of abuse, but decades later they never forget what happened. For them the beatings and rape stop; the trauma and shame continue. For the community the costs mount

in health care and psychological damage to the children who are exposed to violence. As the cycle of pain continues, it affects the lives of young people on the reservation.

"I feel date rape is expected, an expected experience for women," says Glen Dunsbergen, Victim of Crime Services investigator.

Expectations are important, particularly for young people.

"Young women tell me that ninety nine percent of the time when a man asks you out,

they're asking for sex," says advocate Shauna Queahpama. "They're asked, 'Wanna go do something?' Well, what is something?"

Young women need to be specific with men. According to Queahpama, if a woman is asked to a movie, she needs to tell him exactly what he can and cannot expect after the movie.

"They don't like it," she admits, but it might help her stay out of a dangerous situation.

*I'm not a party girl. I do good*

*in school. I stay at home a lot so I can keep doing good in school.*

*One time I was invited to a party for a friend who is going to college. He wanted to keep the party small with just a few close friends. We were at his auntie's house.*

*Everybody was doing straight shots and I felt pretty woozy. Later I started getting sick so I told a friend I had known all my life that I was going to bed. When I found a bed he came in the bedroom to check on me. I told him I was fine and just wanted to sleep.*

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