

Main, Tanewasha recognized for outstanding service

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Children's Protective Services

Children's Protective Services would like to announce that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Children's Protective Services Department have two very important staff members who are very committed, dedicated, and valuable to the families and children we serve.

They are Rebekah Main, Children's Protective Services (CPS) director, and Patricia Tanewasha, CPS specialist.

In October 2002 Rebekah received an award for Outstanding Indian Child Welfare Worker, and this year in October Patricia received the award for also being the Outstanding Indian Child Welfare Worker.

This award is given by the Oregon Department of Human Services to people who work in the field of child welfare. People who work in the field nominate those who receives the award.

For the past two years, the Confederated Tribes has come out the winner of this prestigious award, due to the hard work, dedication and loyalty to our children of the reservation.

The following are the nominations submitted for the award:

Becky Main, CPS director
Becky works for Confederated Tribes CPS Department, and has worked in the field of Indian Child Welfare for over five years.

She goes out of her way to help and has been of assistance to many other tribes, including ones from the outside of Oregon.

Many area tribal workers seek her out for her abundant knowledge and wisdom. She has endured many trials and hardships in her position as CPS director in Warm Springs. She has been able to hold the program and staff together through times of adversity, as illustrated recently in the case of a child fatality.

Becky is ethical and professional in her business dealings, and has proven she is more than able to fill her predecessor's shoes. She serves well as a liaison and advocate. She can follow through on a project and bring things together success-



Patricia Tanewasha and Becky Main with their awards.

fully, as illustrated by her work with the 2000 Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference that was held in Warm Springs.

Patricia Tanewasha, CPS specialist:

Patricia has been employed with the CPS program since 1993, and is still a strong advocate for her people and the families that she works with on a daily basis.

Patricia has always led by example and has an aura of tranquility and respect. She has also demonstrated these

strengths as a lead caseworker as well as acting CPS director through out the years.

Patricia has worked closely throughout these past 10 years with CPS, with other tribes and other state agencies for either ICWA cases, or cases that she has been assigned to. She also assists others who are struggling with their work.

Patricia is a team leader as well as being an assistant pastor to the Warm Springs Shaker Church. Patricia always sets an example for all of us at CPS. Throughout the years that I

have worked with Patricia, she has gone out of her way to assist children, families and foster families. She spends numerous hours either before work or after work doing what she needs to, to get the job done. She is very dedicated and committed. Let's not forget Patricia's generosity of bringing in those awesome "sweets" and "snacks." Regardless, she's always giving from her heart and of herself.

Patricia always finds a way to help families, and she finds creative ways to make the children comfortable, and assist families with resources in the community.

She is able to utilize her skills and knowledge. Patricia presents a spiritual essence both to the program and the families who she works closely with at work or at the Shaker Church.

Patricia is looked up to not only as a spiritual leader but also as an elder, a friend, and an embodiment of commitment to helping those in need.

She is a role model to all who work with her and who know her, since she takes no sides and is partial to all.

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Patricia has a keen mind, is very humorous, and is very flexible with all that she does. Talk about multi-tasking, whew!

It has been a pleasure to have worked with her through the years, as she is a valuable asset to the CPS department and the tribe.

It is with great respect and honor that Patricia be recognized for the work that she has done as well as for the devotion that she has demonstrated to the children, families, staff and numerous others throughout these years.

Congratulations and thank you for your support, dedication, hard work, commitment and your gracious hearts to give to our children and community. God Bless you and yours.

More letters to the editor

A thank you

We have recently laid to rest my grandmother, Romagene (Mitchell) Joe. I would like to thank those who were supportive during this hard time.

My grandma was diagnosed with lung cancer a few months ago. Doctors suggested surgery, but she chose not to do this. We watched my grandpa, Vincent Joe, suffer for 14 months after undergoing heart surgery. During both times, we all felt very helpless, as there was nothing we could do to ease the suffering.

During the past few months, Washat services were held at my grandma's home, and many people came to visit her before her passing. I would like to recognize those who came to the home, the hospital and the longhouse. They include the following people and their families: Evans Spino Sr., Wilson Wewa, Tony Suppah, Wilfred Jim, Leslie Bill, Lisa Wallulatum, Katie Smith, Custer Wallulatum, Rafael Queahpama, Everette and Phyllis Griffith, Billy Jo and Wanda Berry, Char Herkshan, Violetta Vaeth, Amy Suppah,

Hamilton Greeley, Willie Fuentes, Lee Sorrelhorse, Klarice Westley, Luke and Charlotte Wahpat, Nancy Selam, Dawn Slokish, Rachel Henry, Christine Billie, Adrian Andy, Caroline Dick, Darlene Benson, Diane Benson, Helen Napyer, Margaret Boise, Ellen Thompson, Nicole Charley, Maria Lopez, Janice Gilbert, the Senior Center cooks, Greg Foster, J.R. Stahi, Mike Andy, Charles Andy, Victor Gardee, Max Mitchell and Carlos Calica.

A special thanks to Fred Wallulatum, Wow Mitchell, Guy Wallulatum, Gene Sampson and Anthony Culp, who were at the home for every service, as well as at the longhouse. A special thanks also goes to Mona Schuster. It could not have been easy to dress a friend after your own loss. Thanks to everyone who shared prayers and kind words with my grandma and the family. I would also like to thank all those who came from long distances to show your support. Special prayers to my family, as we have buried two elders, Nettie and Romagene. If I have

forgotten someone, I apologize. Thank you to all who dedicated your time and energy for our family. You are all greatly appreciated.

Vanessa Andy and family

638 contracting

To the Editor,
How many people know what is going on with the Council and management trying to "638" the clinic. Probably nobody, because all their deals are top secret. Remember this is "Our Treaty Right." This right to health care does not belong only to top management and the anti-Indian voting majority of "our" Tribal Council. They can't use this money for the tribal budget.

Sure, they can make their business dealing sound good on paper. But just remember, these same big shots are the same ones who refuse to account to the tribal members for their past bad schemes, that turned out good only for themselves and their carpetbagger friends. That money just didn't disappear into thin air. It went into somebody's pocket. They're trying to con people into believing them. When this "638" money disappears and the tribes are further in debt, are they going to try selling the reservation out from under us?

If they "638" the clinic, that would be the end of another treaty right, just like when this bunch gave away "the tribes' water." Someone had to have been compensated or benefited for "giving our water to their new rich friends." It sure wasn't the real tribal members, because

none of us has seen anything.

They must be planning on selling our rights to health care. I've already been told by a few people that they were denied services because they didn't have certain illness.

That sounds like discrimination to me. Or, are they just "practicing" turning Indians away?

They still have that plaque out front declaring this the healthiest nation by the year 2000. Or, were they referring to just a few people's healthy wallets.

Victor Moses, tribal member

Rodeo assoc.

The Columbia River Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association is holding a membership drive. Save money and get your membership card today.

It's \$65 until January 2004. After that dues will go back to \$75. After April 1 dues will be \$85. See the following people for your membership card, today.

Marita Johnson at DMJ Automotive, and Rita Squiemphen at (541) 553-1783 or cell (541) 980-5397. We will be set up during the Christmas Bazaar.

Food drive

The Warm Springs Hot Shot Crew would like to thank all of the people in the community along with the departments and businesses for their support and donations with the Community Canned Food Drive.

This is the time of year when we all show our support and

caring for each other.

All of the food collected will be distributed to our local families in our community who can use the extra support.

The food drive will continue through the middle of December. Thank you.

The Warm Springs Hot Shots

A birthday poem

Happy birthday, Lillian Jo on November 23.

Sisters three, siblings are we.

There is a love down in my soul. Where faith and trust I do hold.

Love that will stand forever more. That's what sisters were made for.

Together we've been through a lot. Caring not what others thought.

We stood tall and held our

ground. Foundation from our mother kept us sound.

Now we've grown up and left the nest. The love we share is still the best.

My sisters, I do love you true. My thoughts often travel back to you.

We send this to you with our love and prayers.

Angeline, Matt, Joe, Donte, Lil' Sister, Jeremiah.

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