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The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on June 22-24 celebrated the 38th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. The weekend of activities included the Traditional Parade (photo at right), and powwow royalty including Junior Miss Warm Springs Kiyana Yellowman (left in top photo) and Soraya Mendez (at right in top photo). (More pictures of the celebration are on pages 8 and 9.)



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## Gathering for graduates

Graduates gathered together at the annual celebration for members of the class of 2007 recently.

The Community Center gymnasium was packed with family members wishing to congratulate not only those who graduated high school, but graduates of colleges, vocational schools or GED recipients.

The event was sponsored by the Tribal Education Committee and the Johnson O'Malley Committee.

Wendell Jim, general manager of education, delivered the welcome address, while Aurolyn Stwyer, vice-chairperson for Tribal Council delivered the keynote address.

High school graduates include: Shirrelle Adams, Tyson Adams, Jose Alvarez Jr., Steven Anderson, Rachele Begay, Johnson Bill, Sasha Caldera, Nancy Charley, Reggie Clements, Amanda Coffee, Leonardo Cuevas, Jonathan Culpus Jr., Addie Estimo, Jaycelene Frank, Sharmayne Frank, Dakota George, Francis Gonzales, Jansen Harrington, Tianna Herkshan, Holona Jackson, Whitney Jackson, Jenna Johnson, Levi Kalama, Titus Kalama, Nicholas Katchia, Aldwin Keo, Sheldon Leonard, Sheryl Lopez, Richard McConville, Truman Merrifield, Joshua Moody, Tamera Moody, Galen Northrup, Colt Pitt, Lucille Polk, Felesia Red Dog, Armondo Ribeiro, Whitley Ruiz,

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GED recipients include: Ikie Heath, Cameron Lucero-Smith, Sasha Mitchell, Brian Renfro, Melanie Adams and Robert Givens.

Graduates from a vocational, technical, or trade school include: Jessi Fuentes, Orié Made, and Tilda Walsey.

Graduates from a two-year higher education institution include: Ashley Aguilar, Patrick Boyd, Bruce Howtopat, Lisa Johnson, Allen Mitchell, Cyrille Mitchell, Relda Peratrovich, Gordon Scott Jr., Robin Smith and Joseph Thompson.

Graduates from a four-year higher education institution include: Camille Clements, Raneva Dowty, Maria Godines, Vesta Johnson, Natalie Mitchell, Shilo Shaw, Greg Smith and Shawnetta Yahtin.

— Leslie Mitts

## Community garden growing steadily

By Leslie Mitts  
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Muffin tins currently line the windowsills of Sheila Clements' office at Community Counseling.

Tiny seedlings are starting to grow under her diligent care as part of a much larger project: the community garden being revived with the help of various community members.

Clements is definitely not alone in her efforts. The garden features rows of plants being tended to by a number of people throughout Warm Springs.

"It started with a lot of work—from getting it plowed to making the rows," Clements said.

The garden is being funded this year with grant money through a program in Madras aimed at improving health.

Beth Ann Beamer, director of the Community Health Improvement Partnership with Mt. View Hospital, said

they have been working for over a year to identify methods of improving local communities.

In addition to the community garden in Warm Springs, they are also building one in Madras, supporting the garden in Metolius, and hoping to establish a community garden in Culver within the next year.

In Beamer's opinion, community gardens are just the beginning of a much bigger project.

"Gardens not only build health, but they also build community," Beamer said.

While the garden is being funded this year with a grant from the Office of Rural Health, it will be able to continue with funding from the Mt. View Hospital Foundation and will qualify for additional grant money in the future.

Currently they are using grant money to update the water system. Until then, they're planting close to existing sprin-

klers and have volunteers willing to help with watering.

"There's a lot of effort into moving the sprinklers around," Clements said.

Fellow garden enthusiasts unite every Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., with lunch being provided either by Community Counseling or CHET—but often they stay out as late as 5 p.m. to get more work done, Clements said.

The garden—which they are calling the Tenino Garden—features a wide variety of plants so far.

This year they planted corn, tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe, carrots, lettuce, pumpkins, beans, pea pods, and strawberries. Children involved with the Boys and Girls Club have even planted some flowers.

But that's just the beginning, as far as Clements is concerned. The produce will be given away, she said.

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## Chinook return below average

(AP) — As predicted, the return of adult spring chinook salmon through Bonneville Dam was below the 10-year-average but well above its historic low.

The official counting season ended June 22, and fishery officials say the total should be about 80,800.

The count of juvenile — or "jack" — salmon was up, boding well for future runs.

The 10-year average for adult spring chinooks is about 175,000. In 2006 the count was 126,158. The record low of 12,780 was tallied in 1995.

The "ocean index predictor" from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) showed that almost all ecosystem indices measured in 2005 also pointed to low returns in 2007.

"We've seen wide fluctuations in adult returns over the past 30 years," said John G. Williams, a research fishery biologist with the NOAA Fisheries Service.

"That's to be expected when the

changeable ocean, where salmon spend most of their lives, has such a powerful influence on adult survival."

He said data on survival of juveniles through the dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers is encouraging. He said it is about twice as high as it was in the 1970s.

NOAA Fisheries said survival of juvenile spring chinook through the hydropower dams in the Columbia Basin in 2006 was the highest measured in 30 years.

By increasing juvenile survival to the ocean, scientists say, adult returns are likely to improve over the long term. Jack returns are generally considered a good predictor of adult returns the following year.

Since the 1970s, installation of turbine intake screens, reduction of harmful atmospheric gas in the waters below the dams and improved water flows and spill during the spring migration have meant better conditions for the young fish.

## Judge puts BPA on notice

(AP) — A federal judge has put the Bonneville Power Administration on notice that salmon conservation comes before regional power needs after learning that the BPA miscalculated energy demand and had to risk killing protected salmon in April.

U.S. District Judge James Redden, who is overseeing a landmark case balancing fish and hydroelectricity, learned what happened by an anonymous phone message.

He was upset, having already lost patience with repeated federal failures to meet his requirements to address the damage dams do to salmon.

"Apparently, BPA's sales commitments to customers always trump its obligation to protect" Endangered Species Act-listed species, Redden wrote in a stern order. "This was a marketing error and ESA-listed fish paid the price. This, the law does not permit."

The problem occurred April 3 when the BPA, in a series of faulty calculations days earlier, had sold power companies more electricity than it could draw from hydroelectric dams along the Columbia and Snake rivers. And Bonneville marketers couldn't buy enough back to cover the shortfall.

Managers were faced with two choices: Adjust dam turbines to boost power, thrashing and possibly killing federally protected salmon heading downriver to the ocean; or cut off power people needed during a cold snap.

Bonneville kept the power flowing. "Under the circumstances here, threatened and endangered species must come before power generation," Redden wrote, ordering that from now on dams be operated with full salmon safeguards and that he be notified of any deviations.

Fifty years after the inundation of Celilo Falls, the Museum at Warm Springs opened an exhibit featuring memories through photographs (example at right), objects and videos. Terry Courtney Jr. built a scaffold and provided nets featured throughout the exhibit. Petitions and letters from Chief Tommy Thompson, a longtime protestor of the dam that obliterated Celilo Falls, are also displayed along with photographs of how people once lived at Celilo Falls. The exhibit will run through September 9.

