

More letters to the editor

The children

I have sat back and watched from a "close" distance some of the behavior that goes on in Warm Springs, and I have to say that it is extremely disheartening to me.

First of all, to some of the parents out there, who make the choice to powwow, bowl, rodeo, play pool, or whatever it is that is more important to you than knowing where you're your children are, who they are with or what they are doing: Stop.

Second of all, to parents who are allowing your children to drink and do drugs with you: stop!

If people don't care enough

to stop whatever it is that they have made as a bigger priority then what their children are, then know this, you cannot go around blaming other people for whatever happens.

Your lack of involvement in your children's lives, whether it's a lack of communication or whatever, is on "you" as the parent. That's how it is!

Not one single person has any right whatsoever to blame anyone for what their minor children are, or are not doing, including drinking or doing drugs. Don't you love your children?

If children are drinking and dying, it's not because of any-

one else, it's because the parents are not stepping up and giving them something better to live for.

People need to stop blaming others for the death rate in Warm Springs and step up and take responsibility for their own families.

You cannot blame anyone, because "you do not know where your children are."

It is your job as parents to know these things and to control your children.

Why should someone else have to be made responsible for what you brought in this world? Shame on you **Carol Shadley.**

Project Reach teaches Native culture

By Leslie Mitts
Spilyay Tymoo

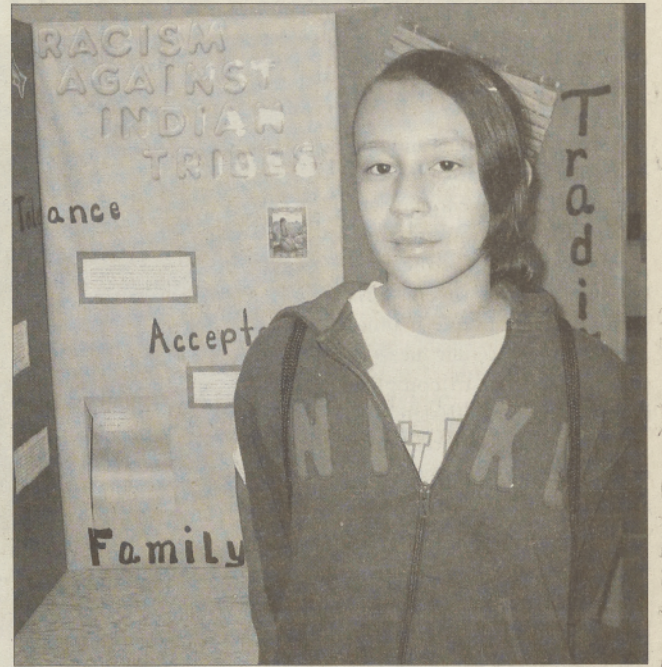
Local students aimed to teach others about their Native culture with Project Reach recently. Sixth grade students at Jefferson County Middle School participated in the event, which featured displays made by each student that were exhibited in the gymnasium.

Topics ranged from aspects of the students' culture, to their families, to political issues and more.

Sierra Patt, 11, did her project on racism in Native American tribes.

"There's a lot of racism in Indian tribes like in Warm Springs," she said. Her goal, Patt added, was just to inform people about the subject and also to encourage them to put a stop to the issue.

The thing that surprised her,



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Sierra Patt did her project on racism.

Patt said, was "how many solutions there were to the problems."

Project Reach is an annual event at Jefferson County Middle School.

On a job well done

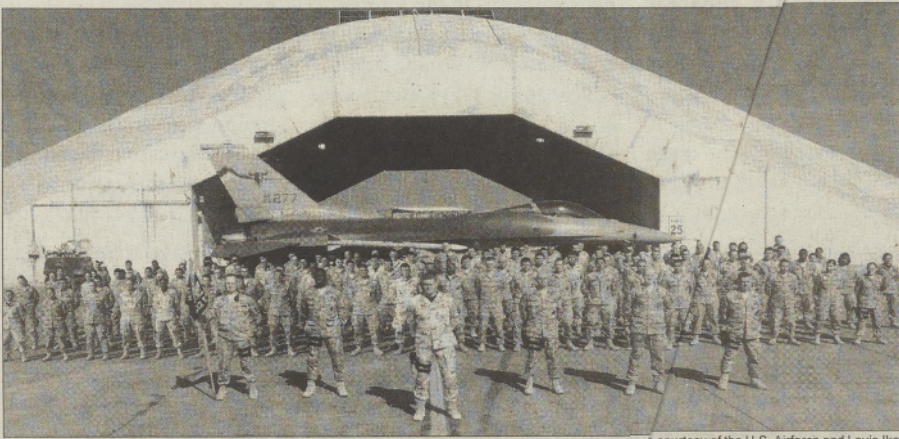


Photo courtesy of the U.S. Airforce and Lovie Ike.

Airman First Class Raylene Thomas and her squadron in Iraq. Thomas is pictured second from left in the front row.

U.S. Airforce Airman First Class Raylene Thomas' deployment at Balad Air Base in Iraq is coming to an end, the Airforce said in a recent letter to Raylene's mother, LaVena "Lovie" Ike.

"During this deployment, Airman Thomas and the entire Security Forces team expertly secured the busiest airfield in the Department of Defense, the second busiest runway in the entire world," the letter states.

"Her efforts directly impacted the safety of over

30,000 personnel at Balad Air Base and Logistics Support Area Anaconda, and enabled over 12,000 combat, logistics, surveillance aircraft flights flown throughout Iraq.

"These efforts are ensuring the security of the United States, and are helping to promote a free and democratic Iraq.

"I know you must be proud of Airman Thomas. The people of America and Iraq are grateful for her honorable service. It has been a pleasure to serve as her commander. Thank you again for your support"

The letter is Major Matthew S. McConnell, USAF Commander.

Lovie Ike said she was very touched by the letter, and wished to share the picture and letter with her family.

Her mother Daisy Ike, Raylene's grandmother, was especially touched, said Lovie.

"She was overwhelmed, as it reminded her of when she lost her dad, killed in action in 1945 Europe during World War II," said Lovie.

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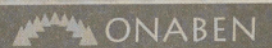
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- Tribal leaders
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- Small business coaches, counselors and teachers
- People with ideas for new ventures
- People with ideas for keeping old ways
- People with ideas for new worlds
- People who want to be involved in the business of Indian country
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Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is proud to announce the Hospitality Ambassador of the Year for 2007, Heather Ben, Banquet Server.

Heather has been employed at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino since October 26, 2006.

Heather was nominated for the Employee of the Month for her willingness to cover all shifts in her de-



Heather Ben

partment and other departments as well (Housekeeping, Snake Bar and Cbinok Room). Heather has a great attitude and is a pleasure to work with.

"Heather, Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino."

From the Hat Committee

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