

## Volunteers bring Beautification Project to Oitz Loop

After two months of planning and coordinating, the Oitz Loop beautification project was completed successfully on Saturday, May 30.

Volunteers, residents and surrounding neighbors came out for a day in the sun to embark, as one, on the journey. Purposefulness, passion and pride amongst the diverse group of near 40 volunteers kept the group working in 90-degree-plus temperatures.

Cutting, pulling, mowing, raking and gathering the debris in the area was quite a job on such a beautiful spring day.

The work was not only needed, but very much appreciated.

Project coordinator Jefferson Greene received many inquiries about the work completed on May 30.

Greene commented, "This certainly could not have been done without the commitment of local community members, businesses and organizations that stepped forward to help get the job done."

Last year in October, Beautification 1 took place in the West Hills neighborhood in Warm Springs, bringing in nearly 100 volunteers for two days. They worked on the littered, unsafe and un-maintained sidewalks just days before Halloween evening.

This time, it only took one day.

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs Ventures, the Warm Springs Housing Authority, and First Nation Media were among the first to be on board for Beautification 2.

Kah-Nee-Ta provided funding and a barbeque grill, Ventures and Housing provided the largest portions of funding, and First Nation Media and KWSO Radio provided the promotional campaign and strategy.

Carl Sr.'s Landscaping, CHS Gardening, Warm Springs Sanitation Services, Bullet Rent-



Photo courtesy of Jefferson Greene.

Volunteer knocks down weeds at Oitz Loop area

als, Warm Springs Utilities, the Museum at Warm Springs, Oregon Lottery, SOLV, and the Central Oregon Recycling Project were among the organizations and groups that also came forth with their generosity and compassion for positive community involvement.

"Generous businesses and organizations that come forward for something like the Beautification Project are models of greatness," said Greene. "They care for a beautiful place like Jefferson County, and those are the businesses that will continue to inspire community members in even the toughest of economic times because they care."

The Beautification Project coordinators would like to extend their appreciation to all the volunteers involved, as the project could not have been completed in such a successful manner without them.

The beautification coordina-

tors are now looking into a possible project that could benefit other areas in Jefferson County as well. After experiencing yet another completed success story, the efforts behind the Warm Springs Beautification Projects may just be beginning.

Greene said he would like to send special thanks to Verbena Greene's family for all their time, encouragement, compassion and love. Thank you, First Nation Media and KWSO for spreading the promotions to lengths we could not have reached alone.

Thank you, Warm Springs Housing for the heavy equipment, supplies, apparel and human equity. Thank you, Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta for the food and cooking supplies, and Carl Sr.'s Landscaping for the abundant supply of equipment. Thank you, Warm Springs Market for the abundant supply of water. The project coordinators also

would like to send special thanks to Bullet Rentals, Warm Springs Utilities, Warm Springs Sanitation, CHS Gardening, and the Warm Springs Parole and Probation Department. Our most Honorable Mentions list is incredibly long and we are so much appreciative of your hard work.

Each and every one of you is incredibly admired by our planning committee. Thank you to:

Adrianna Perez-Greene, Lupe Galicia, Paulee Greene, Ramona Baez, Quinten Greene, Garland Brunoe, Sarah Gonzalez, Celia Greene, Carl Sr. and wife, Lois Lesarley, Lilamae Wewa, Jolene Hintsala, Sarah Mitchel, Virgil "Bird" Windyboy, Tom Strong, Adele Waheneka, Sharon Jones, Laurain Hintsala, Michael Meanus, Jonathan Watlamet, Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham, Allen Pinkham Jr., James and Amanda Greeley, Jefferson Greene, Jeff and Shirley Sanders, Joey Macy, James Holliday, Roberta Armstrong, Hamilton Greeley, Jonathan Smith, Charles Stwyer, Winona Stwyer, Buster Isadore and Daniel Greene.

**The Oitz Loop Beautification Project**, completed with pride!

## Employee of the Week

### Monica Frank

Hello, my name is Monica Frank. I work at Childrens Protective Services (CPS) here in Warm Springs as a CPS Assistant. I started in May 2005 as a protective care provider in the CPS Center, and eventually transitioned to the administration side as the CPS receptionist in March 2006.

I worked as the receptionist until approximately September 2006, at which time I decided to take time off for my new baby and family. I was recently offered employment as the assistant in April 2008.

My job consists of working closely with the children in CPS custody. I assist with transports to doctor appointments, treatment facilities, supervise visits, complete client clothing/grocery shopping, and I do in-home services with families that are on monitor status. This means I provide information to the parents in their home on parenting. The services I provide to our families are to ensure parents have the skills, and can prove they are



meeting the children's basic needs.

I also work closely with the CPS specialists in providing administration assistance with all the paperwork, such as completing client monthly reports, client service plans, in home service reports, weekly reports, and other filings.

My job is a continuing growing field, and is an opportunity for me to get to know my community, the people on a professional and personal note., to ensure the families are getting services from CPS, and for the parents to work towards or maintaining custody of their children.

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## Kids Camp next week at Canyon Ranch Camp

The All Boys Camp at Canyon Ranch Camp will be Monday through Wednesday, June 22-24. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Canyon Ranch Camp is a privately owned Christian camp available to all kids ages 8-13.

For information, call Gladys at 325-2650.

Next deadline for the Spilyay is Friday, June 26. Thank you!



Ira Kelly of Ibapah, Utah, wishes to share his drawing as a tribute to Miss Warm Springs Sisiley Scott.

## Retirement Dinner

You are invited to a Retirement Dinner for Fernore Craig Sr. on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 12 noon at the Mission Longhouse in Pendleton—26 years with the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation Maintenance.

Any questions you can call Tara Craig at (541) 278-1045.



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