

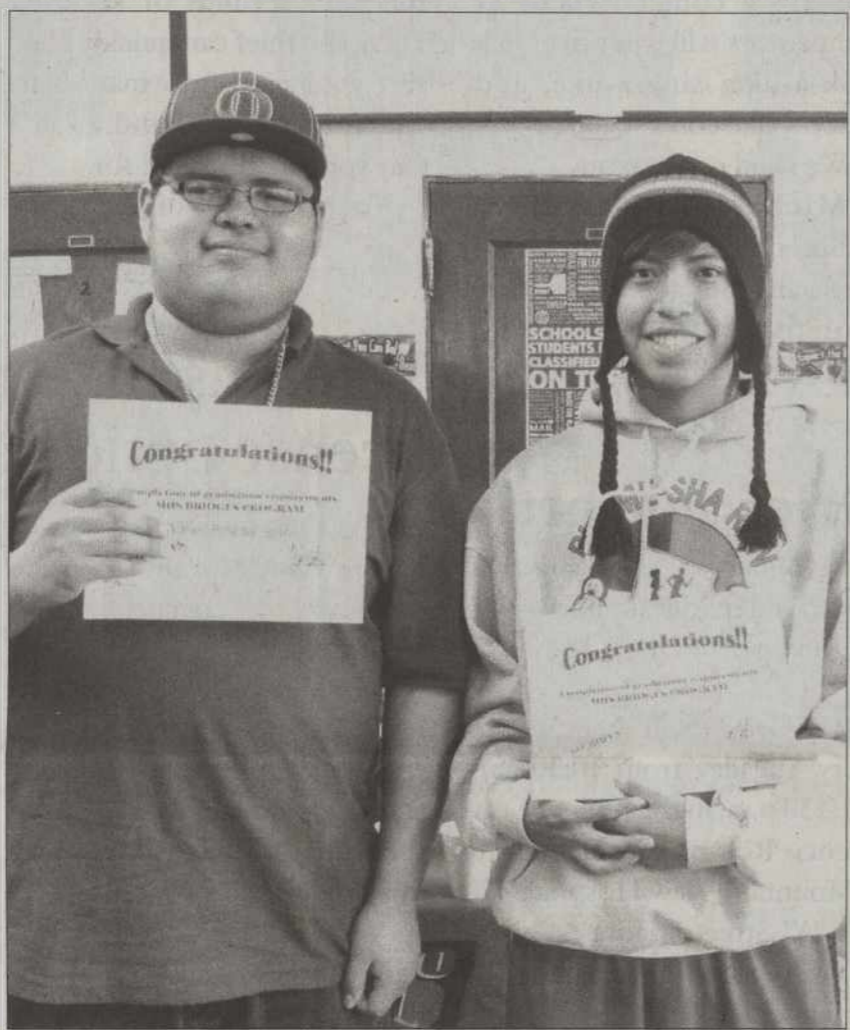
## For the Kids



Dave McMechani/Spilyay

Government Affairs director Louie Pitt presents a \$500 check to Becky Main, director of Children's Protective Services (CPS) and her staff. The gift was from Elizabeth "Granny" Digma of Portland, 94, who is the grandmother of two young tribal members. She sent the check to Louie to forward on to CPS for Christmas presents for the kids at CPS.

Two Warm Springs youths graduated from high school last week after completing their studies by using the computer lab on the reservation. Adrial Pineda (left) and Jason Smartlowit finished all their requirements through the Bridges program offered through the Jefferson County School District. More than 100 young people are part of the alternative program districtwide. It helps those students who want to earn their high school diploma but have life challenges that make it difficult to attend regular classes on the Madras campus. If they choose, they also can participate in the graduation ceremony for Madras High School students in the spring.



Terri Harber/Spilyay

## Students go to big-league game

There were a total of 32 Native American students from the Jefferson County Middle School that went to the Portland Trail Blazer game versus the Los Angeles Clippers at the Portland Rose Garden on Dec. 5.

"The students had a blast at the game," said Butch David, school liaison, Jefferson County Middle School.

The Blazers won 100 to 92.

These students that attended the game were selected for their great attendance for the first

three months of school. The student couldn't have any out of school or in school suspensions on their school records. David also said.

Here is the list that attended the game:

Cecelia Andy, Nicole Andy, Germaine Anderson, Terrel Bailey, Brittany Brisbois, Alyssa Brunoe, Justine Clements, Lupe Galicia, Barbara Halliday, Rodger Jack, KyeOwna Miller, Jordan Patt, Jasmyne Reese, Lana Shike, Hailey Sloan,

Darrell Smith, Izaya Tahnezani, Carol Tias, Gabrielle Waldow, Rosebud Whipple, Kalan Wolfe, Rochelle Anderson, Thyrecia Chavez, Autumn Johnson, Garyson Johnson, Jarron Lopez, Brittany Parra, Marisol Perez, Shania Tom, Vivian Yazzie, Leiron Picard.

The school also wants to acknowledge Warm Springs Power Enterprise and Warm Springs DE/Composite for their donations.

## Howlak Tichum

Zelma Smith, 1926-2010

Zelma Smith passed away Sunday, December 19, 2010 at Mountain View Hospital in Madras.

Born in Warm Springs on November 29, 1926, Zelma was raised in Warm Springs, and lived out her life on her mother and father's ranch at Dry Hollow.

She attended the Boarding School in Warm Springs. Her greatest joy was horseback riding, living and working on the ranch and in the earlier years, attending many Oregon rodeos.

Zelma worked at the Eagle Butte Look Out during the summer for the BIA Forestry Service, eventually quitting to stay home to care for her parents Annie and Wesley Smith until they passed on. She spoke of them often and admired their way of life, honesty and how to operate the ranch.

Her days working on the ranch were full of hard work and joy. Growing up riding with her brothers and Dad, she could ride with the best of them. She especially liked chasing horses which she broke and used or sold.

She became a master negotiator when buying hay, a bull or selling livestock, never settling on the first price. Those she did business with always became her friends, looking forward to what lay ahead during the next purchase.

With a twinkle in her eye, she was always sharp and sometimes would act other-

wise, to get an upper edge. Clever, loving, tough, and independent with a sense of humor, she organized her life in the way that it made sense to her and provided for herself as a rancher, an accomplishment not often seen in today's world.

She was a tough cow girl at heart. Even though riding became more difficult as the years went by, she continued to ride her favorite horse at the time, Slim, until it became difficult for her. She had a great love for her cattle, her horses and her dogs. She liked to look out the window and see them. They made her feel good.

She loved the open spaces of Dry Hollow, the enormous views in every direction, often preferring to stay at the ranch than to attend large gatherings. Sometimes, she would lament about multi-task thinking, and in her terms, "try not to get puzzled up."

Her friends extended through all walks of life. She loved a good laugh and was quick to promote humor in any situation. Her laugh was infectious, starting others to join her in the merriment, regardless of the subject. Always welcomed at the Ranch, family and friends were often served a meal or asked to give a hand, helping her as she grew older.

Zelma loved Western movies and Western music. Her favorite Western singer was George Strait. She could be heard singing along with the radio turned up in her 1972 GMC truck while feeding her cattle, enjoying every moment and

would sing Bible songs with the same gusto and focused emotion. Singing and whistling brought her great pleasure.

She was one of the last Wascom speakers, knowing all the Smith clan Indian names, the Wasco traditions and heritage and how families on the Reservation were related. She knew where all the corrals were, who helped who with rides, and when it was the best time to round up and brand.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Wesley and Annie Smith, her sisters; Myrtle Smith Monroe, Mildred Smith Tyler, Catherine S. Courtney and her brothers; Stanley Smith, Sr, Victor D. Smith, Alvis W. Smith, Sr. and Claude Smith, Sr. She is survived by her adopted brother, Ken Smith and forty-one nieces and nephews as well as her large extended family in the hundreds, all of whom she loved and who loved her deeply.

Her passing is a great loss to her community of family, friends and spiritual brothers and sisters.

Zelma's spirit lives with us in our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Madras Kingdom Hall, 1545 S. Adams Dr., Madras, Oregon with a meal to follow.

Per her request, there will be no Wasco Traditional funeral or burial Services.

## Warm Springs Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Warm Springs All-Indian Men's Holiday Tournament is at the Warm Springs Community Center through Jan. 1. Contact Austin Greene, 541-553-3243.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3

The Madras High School Buff Boosters meet the first Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Mazatlan Restaurant in Madras. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There is no school today for 509-J Schools—staff training.

Madras high girls' basketball is hosting LaPine with games at 3:30, 5:15 and 7 p.m. Boys basketball is at LaPine.

Warm Springs Housing is reminding HUD tenants that they need to have a recertification completed by the end of the year. Call 541-553-3250 for details.

There is a canned food drive going on. Boxes are set up at the Administration Building, Warm Springs Market, Indian Health Service, Fire Management and the mill. Also look for boxes set up for donations of winter clothing: clean coats (new or used), hat and gloves, at the Administration Building and IHS main lobby.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

Most tribal offices will be closing at 3 p.m. for the New Year holiday. A reminder to Early Childhood Education parents – children need to be picked up by 3:30 p.m.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual End of the Year Round Dance is at the Simnasho Longhouse. All singers are invited. Dinner is at 6 p.m., the round dance will follow. Everyone is welcome. Organizers are raising money by selling T-shirts and raffle tickets. If you would like to help out, contact Captain Moody, 541-553-2242.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31  
New Year's holiday for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. You can speak with an attorney the first Monday of every month between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. Call 385-6944 for details.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Madras high boys basketball is at home hosting Crook County – games are at 3:30, 5:15 and 7 p.m. Freshman girls' basketball is at Burns, while JV and Varsity girls travel to Crook County.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

The Madras High School Drama Department will be performing, "It's A Wonderful Life-A Live Radio Play" on Jan. 7-8. Curtain time will be at 7 p.m. both nights, in the high school Commons.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Madras high varsity wrestling is going to the Bend Invitational.

The Elvis/Elva Contest – an event commemorating the cultural icon's birthday – is planned for 2-4 p.m. in the community center social hall.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 10

There is a two-hour late start today for 509J schools

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

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