

## Show of Support

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services hosted the Hands Around the Courthouse show of support on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

The event was in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Drummers join the courthouse gathering.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## Howlak Tichum

Millie May (Riddle) Wilson, 1932-2013

Millie May (Riddle) Wilson passed away April 14, 2013 in Madras, surrounded by her family. She was 80.

Millie was born July 18, 1932 in Beatty into the loving family of Owen Riddle and Millicent (Brown) Riddle. She and her brother Owen Charles grew up in Sprague River attending schools there and in Bonanza.

She married Ronald Wilson on April 21, 1949 in Reno, making their home in Sprague River.

They had three children: Aaron Ray (Sut), Lorene May (Sissy), and Ronna Kay.

Mom began her lengthy regional and national advocacy in Native people's lives as an active PTA member that helped to start a cafeteria so the school children could have a hot lunch, and community activities in-

cluding talent shows, dinners, dances, and boxing smokers. Millie began her extensive employment history working outside the family ranch as a clerk at Gienger Grocery in Sprague River in '55.

She and Ronnie with business partners Jimmy and Florence Wright opened a western clothing and tack supply store in Chiloquin in '61.

In '68 Millie worked for the State of Oregon as an Indian Outreach liaison between Klamath Tribal members and city, county and state police. In late '69 Leonard and Marie Norris, Donald (Duck) and Evan Schonchin, Ronnie and Millie started the "Organization of the Forgotten American" program in Klamath Falls that is still helping people today.

The purpose: to better the social and economic life of Natives, other minorities and disadvantaged people.

Ronnie and Millie divorced in '72. In '73 Millie became involved with Operation Image that had her traveling across the U.S. to meet with different tribes in the effort to promote self-governing and education for all Native people. Mom left Klamath County for Jefferson County in '78 to be near her remaining family.

She continued her extensive employment history by working at Kah-Ne-Ta, WSPD (paper server), Mountain View Hospital (assistant cook), and retiring from the Warm Springs Elementary School (assistant teacher to Mrs. Arlene Graham). Mom enjoyed her retirement but would occasionally pull a stint at Deschutes Crossing or dabble in selling Avon. One of her favorite past times was a wager at the Indian Head Casino.

Millie had a vast and varied group of ladies she could visit, laugh and share a story

with. Millie is survived by her daughters and son-in-law Sissy Smith and Ronna and Ryan Smith Sr. Grandchildren Alvis III and (Vivian) Smith, Ramona Smith, Aaron Wilson Jr., Su-Yenn & (Rick) Smith-Walker, Katrina Smith, Ryan Smith Jr. and Ron Smith. Great grandchildren K-lei Strong, Martin Smith, Alvis Smith IV, Mallory Smith, Sydney Smith, Brad Strong, Mateo Smith, Chloe Smith, Karisa Strong, Thomas Smith-Walker, Mason Strong, Skytus Smith, and great-great grandson Keaton Martin. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Owen C. Riddle, her son Aaron R. Wilson, and her son-in-law Alvis W. Smith Jr. Millie was laid to rest on April 20, 2013 in the Brown Cemetery in Beatty.

## Livestock conference Thursday at Fire Mgmt.

The Livestock Health and Transportation Workshop is this Thursday, May 2 at the Fire Management Building at the industrial park.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. with introductions, followed by an overview in the changes in federal legislation, presented by Dr. Terry Clark, USDA Aphis Tribal Liaison. Next on the agenda is the Animal Disease Traceability Plan in Oregon, presented by Dr. John Huntley, USDA Aphis, Oregon.

Next is the USDA Risk Management Plan (cow-calf), presented by Jo Lynne Seufer, USDA; then questions and discussion by tribal

participants, with Katherine Minthorn, IAC, and Jason Smith, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Next is the Oregon State Trich Program, presented by Dr. Brad Lea Master and Dr. Scott Essex, ODA. Then: Recordkeeping for Livestock Tracking with Fara Brummer, OSU Extension Warm Springs.

After the break: Bull buying and breeding strategies for maintaining herd health with Dr. Charles Estill, OSU Extension Veterinarian.

The workshop is presented by the Confederated Tribes, USDA, and OSU Extension.

## Diabetes youth support

Support group for youths with type 1 and type 2 diabetes and their families are the second Thursday of each month.

The next group meeting is from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 in the kitchen conference room at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness

Center. The support groups are sponsored by the IHS Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program. Snacks are provided.

The time of the meetings may change after June 13, when school is out.

For more information, call Jeri Kollen at 541 553-2478.

## Fall takes man's life

Police in northern Idaho say an Oregon man has died after falling from a second-story deck at a home in Lewiston.

Lewiston police say Timothy J. Yahtin, 42, of Warm Springs, Ore., died Tuesday from head and neck injuries after the 12-foot fall.

Lewiston Police Capt. Roger Lanier tells the Lewiston Tribune that

Yahtin was taken by ambulance to a local hospital at about 7:30 p.m. where he was pronounced dead.

Lanier says Yahtin went onto the deck during a gathering of friends, and that another individual later found him at the bottom of the railing.

Lanier says there is no sign of foul play and no autopsy is scheduled.

Victor Roderick Sohappy, October 28, 1961 - April 22, 2013

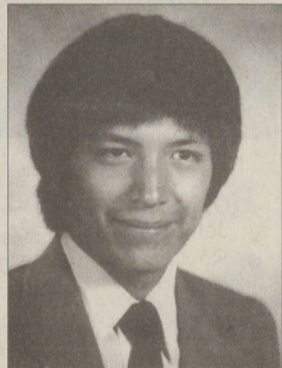
Victor Roderick Sohappy, a Pendleton resident, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2013, at his home on Shortmile Road. He was 51 years old.

Victor was born October 28, 1961, in Pendleton. He was the son of Steve and Roselie Sohappy of Cayuse, Oregon.

He was raised and educated in Pendleton and had been Pendleton Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball League All-Star.

He graduated from Pendleton High School a three-year letterman in baseball, football and basketball.

Victor loved sports and traveling to basketball tournaments. He was also an outdoor sportsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He knew how to mechanic. Victor was



trained by, and had worked for, the Forest Service as a firefighter.

He had been a fisherman along the Columbia River. He also had worked at Wildhorse Golf Course for several years. Victor supplied the Longhouse with deer and elk meat. His belief was Washat. He cared for his nephews and nieces. Victor knew many people; he was never a stranger for long.

He is survived by: his par-

ents Steve and Roselie Sohappy of Cayuse; his children: Ashlynn Sohappy of Celilo, Dominique Sohappy of Pendleton, L'Rissa Sohappy of Pendleton, and Nathan Munoz of Pendleton; his brothers Vincent and Van Sohappy both of Pendleton, his sisters Vivian Sohappy of Portland, and Valerie Shock of Pendleton; his grandchildren Trinity and River Danzuka of Celilo, and Draven Looney of Celilo, aunts and uncles Don and Lola Sohappy of Warm Springs, Clara Jackson of Pendleton, and Byron John of Oklahoma, his grandmother Anna Johns and husband Ben Johns of Wapato, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

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