

## Letters to the editor

### Perfect game

Congratulations to Ray Shike for bowling a 300 on the final night of the Warm Springs League Bowling at Madras Bowl.

Raymond bowled his fourteenth perfect game on the same night the family was celebrating his mother Charlotte's 80th birthday.

Truly a monumental evening!

Sandra Danzuka

### To graduates

The Simnasho Grads' Night Out Powwow for the Class of 2016 is coming up on Wednesday, May 25.

The Night Out will be at the Simnasho Longhouse. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m., and the powwow starts at 7.

Come and join us as we celebrate our young people's accomplishments. This event is sponsored by some happy parents and other members of the Simnasho community. If you would like to help, or need more information, contact Captain.

### Prevention conference

Warm Springs Prevention invites all to the 'Together We Are Stronger' conference.

The conference will be all day on Wednesday, May 25, at the Inn at Cross keys Station in Madras.

The one-day conference is part of the Methamphetamine and Suicide Initiative. The training is free but space is limited.

Rides are available. To sign up and arrange a ride if you need one, call 541-553-3205 and ask for David, Rosanna, Michael, Scott or Leighton.

We will be talking about dealing with things like drugs, alcohol and suicide. And also about finding support, spirituality and strength.

Alone we are strong. Together we are stronger.

David Howenstine

### Class reunion

The Madras High School Class of 1980 is getting ready for their Thirty-Five Year Class Reunion. This will be held August 19-21 at Kah-Nee-Tah.

We would like to invite all classmates from 1980, as well as other classes that we attended high school with, and teachers.

During the August 19-21 weekend, there will be the Class Barbecue on Friday at

4 p.m. in the Village. Buffet banquet is Saturday evening at lodge, 6 p.m. Jeri Brunoe will be speaking at the dinner on Saturday evening. Please RSVP to Rose 'Earl' Gallo-way, 503-407-2916, or Barb 'Crocker' Young, 503-932-1201.

### A thank you

To the Housing group, thank you for helping put our hot water tank in.

It was not fun showering in cold water for two and a half weeks.

Also, thank you to my daughter Rosanna for letting me shower at her house a couple or three times.

Shirley Sanders.

### No to big coal

Columbia River tribal and community members are asked to join the fight against big coal by attending the Longview Coal Terminal Hearing in Longview,

Wash. This is coming up on May 24. Some details of the terminal proposal:

60,000 more cars full of coal will be on the rail lines.

Coal and rail companies make all the money, while we pay all the risks to our health and the environment.

Air pollution is a health risk for fishermen and families on the river. Environmental and health risks infringe upon tribal fishing treaty rights.

Coal exports to Asia increase global warming, a major threat to salmon fisheries.

### Community meeting

There will be a community meeting in Warm Springs on the coal terminal proposal. This is coming up on Thursday, May 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

This will include a presentation on the Longview Coal export project and how it impacts our treaty rights to fish.

This will also be an opportunity to prepare and plan for the May 24 hearing, including car-pooling, and how to make your statement.

Food and beverages will be provided.

The May 24 hearing at Longview will be from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Cowlitz County Regional Event Center. Presentations will be from 1-5 p.m., then comments will be accepted.

Wear red, the color of opposition. Transportation and meals provided. Carpool volunteers needed.

For more information, contact me at 541-777-7233; or email: Contact Shayleen Macy at (541) 777-7233 or

email: plentycoup@gmail.com  
Shayleen Macy.

### Bead swap

The Recreation Department invites you to the Bead Swap, coming up on May 26 at the community center social hall.

This will be an evening get-together, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for bead lovers. Swap or sell your beads, and share you current projects or short cuts. For more information, call 541-553-3243.

### Call to artists

The High Desert Museum is now accepting entries for this year's *Art of the West* exhibition and silent auction.

The fundraising event features fine art depictions of the Western region of the U.S. by contemporary artists.

The deadline for artist submissions is June 1 at 5 p.m.

Rules for entry and the submission form are available online at:

highdesert.org

### Wishes...

Happy anniversary to my wife Amy Wewa. Love, your husband Kelly Wewa.

### Vets summit

The Native Wellness Institute is holding a Veterans Summit – the Gathering of Warriors IV – July 8-9 in Grand Ronde.

Workshop topics include PTSD, Mental Health, Self Care and more. There are a number of activities planned and it's free to attend.

The Confederated Tribes or Grand Ronde Veterans Powwow will take place then as well. For more details and to register go to:

nativewellness.com

### MHS hoops fundraiser

The Madras High School boys and girls basketball programs are having a four-person scramble golf tourney fundraiser on Saturday, May 14. The scramble will be at Desert Peaks Golf Course in Madras.

There is a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fees include green fees, carts, 2 kp holes and 2 long putts.

You can register in advance with Butch David or Zach Lillebo. You may also sign up at Desert Peaks on the day of the tournament.

### Thank you for support



Edward Heath photography.

Chief Delvis Heath, Sub Chief Rafael Queahpama (in War Bonnets), family and friends during Sub-Chiefship ceremony.

I was recently honored with a War Bonnet Ceremony at the Simnasho Longhouse.

At the District meeting for Tribal Council nominations, Chief Delvis Heath informed me he would announce that I would be named sub-chief.

It was good to see the family, relatives, friends and honored guests in attendance.

There was Chief Delvis along with his wife Shirley, also Columbia River Chief Wilbur Slockish and Suzie, and Loren Slockish, who carried the War Bonnet as we danced in.

We had some confusion about the ceremony; however, these persons—Fred Wallulatum, who officiated the Waashat, the drummers, as well as others—helped to make sure the ceremony was carried out. I asked my son Oscar to provide the drum, so Aaron and Austin Greene brought their drum. Thanks to those who sat in with them.

I would like to thank the veterans that danced with me. I would like to mention my friend and comrade Dave Richardson, who I served with. Only in the last few years had we made contact again.

He was pleased and mentioned he was treated real well. He mentioned Frogman and Kate, who remembered sitting across from him at the meal.

I would like to thank Ron Suppah, who has been real supportive, and Jody Calica and brother Raymond as well. Thank you to Austin Greene and his family, and Chief Joe Moses and Teeney. Thanks to my brother Ralph and my sister Kat. I really should visit with them more.

My wife Nola did a lot of working getting prepared for the ceremony. I am proud that she worked so hard despite being handicapped with communication problems following her stroke last year. Louella and Jessie worked hard too, and they had Memorial and Name-Giving to take care of. Doug Jackson provided the deer meat for the meal.

My children were all there: My daughters Rena, Michelle, Deirdre and my son Oscar—thanks to the grandchildren too.

Thanks to Jessie and her daughters, and Louella and her children. I was gladdened to see Irenecia and Janaya dancing during the Waashat. I have been encouraging them to get out there, and they did.

Thank you to my nieces Alice, Katie and Lois, who prepared the meal. It must be said that they offered to do this, and did not have to be asked.

Special thanks go out to JP and Priscilla, who got a donation from the board for food for the meal.

I was glad to see Muff and Captain there, along with Animal and Hickster. It was good to see Eileen and her

sister Phyllis there. I was touched by a story Eileen told me of my sister Antoinette seeing me in a War Bonnet that Eileen's mom Adeline let me use. Adeline always encouraged me to wear the War Bonnet. This brings back memories of others who have left us who also encouraged me in this way.

Thanks to my cousin Darlou who went through school with and grew up with her.

This is the time of the year when Mother Earth is renewing herself. The salmon began their journey back up the river, returning from the ocean, and the roots which are important to our people were emerging.

It is also a time when our families have lost loved ones, both this year and last year. Our people were remembering those lost and thanking the Creator for the return of the salmon and the roots all along the river. Relatives and friends were involved with these events, and were unable to be with us. They have spoken to me and I thank them for their support.

I would like to say I am honored by Chief Delvis that he named me as Sub-Chief, and that when the time comes I will do my best to live up to his expectations, as well as those I will be serving.

Thank you all,  
Rafael Queahpama.

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## Indian Head events in May for Relay for Life

Indian Head Casino is a great supporter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

This month the casino will host two fund-raisers—a golf scramble, and enchilada plate sale—for the 2016 Relay for Life event.

The Relay for Life will be in July at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

### KNT golf

The first Indian Head Casino fund-raiser this month

will be the Jefferson County 4-person golf scramble tournament, set for Saturday, May 21. This will be at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort course.

If you would like more information, please call Willie Stacona at 541-280-3859.

### At the Plaza

Indian Head Casino will host another Relay for Life fund-raiser on Friday, May 27. The fund-raiser will be a \$5 Enchilada Plate Sale, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until

sold out) on May 27.

This will be at the Indian Head Casino Human Resources patio area. Please help Indian Head fight this fight. For more information call Peggy Faria at 541-460-7726. Saturday, July 9th at 10am

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement symbolizes hope and our shared goal to end cancer.

If the disease has touched your life, participating in a

Relay For Life event is a way to take action and help finish the fight. This is your opportunity to honor cancer survivors, remember those you have lost, and raise funds and awareness to fight back and help end cancer forever.

The local Relay for Life organizers are still inviting teams, donations and sponsorship for the event.

For information, go to: relay.acevents.org  
Or contact Shari Durgan at 541-420-6090.