

My name is Jaihline Yaida Ramirez. My given Indian name is "Smalahne." My parents are Joy Ramirez (Soto) and Jose Ramirez. My maternal grandmother is Yvonne Tapedo (Arthur), my maternal great grandparents were McKinley and Jessie Arthur. I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. I am part of the TAG program in school, and play soccer and basketball for fun.



Most people here in Warm Springs know me by "Chacha." I enjoy baking, and go around in the community meeting people, making new friends and selling my baked goods. I beadwork alongside my family, and love to go to the powwows and dance. I am a traditional dancer, and I love the feeling when I'm

out there in the circle. I tell my mom that it's a good and happy feeling in my heart.

I have been raised here and know that Warm Springs is and always will be my home. I get to camp and pick huckleberries, dig roots and so much more.

**Jaihline Yaida Ramirez**

My name is Izraii Andres Mendez. My given Indian name is "Izzy." I am 16 years old and a sophomore at Madras High School. My mother is Joy Ramirez (Soto) and my maternal grandmother is Yvonne Tapedo (Arthur). My maternal great grandparents were McKinley and Jessie Arthur.



I enjoy playing basketball and football for MHS, and in my spare time play basketball with friends at the Community Center. I also spend a lot of my time in and around the community, doing haircuts and meeting new clients, as this is something I hope to do full time once I graduate from high school and barber school. #CutsBYGordo

I enjoy spending as much time as I can with my classmates that I have known since our day-care

years. I also spend a lot of time doing family things with my parents and brothers and sisters, from powwows and setting up selling family beadwork to helping whenever I can. I want to hunt and fish along with my family to help provide for the elders in my family. I have been raised here in Warm Springs and this will always be home.

**Izraii Andres Mendez**

My name is Damian Ignacio Reynoso. My mother is Joy Ramirez (Soto), my maternal grandmother is Yvonne Tapedo (Arthur) and my maternal grandparents were McKinley and Jessie Arthur. I am now 24 years old and waiting for the day to come when I can say I am a Warm Springs tribal member. I have been on the tribal adoption list for over 20 years and holding onto hope that I along with my brothers and sisters will all be tribal members. I want to be able to spend time with family and learn to fish and hunt so I can provide for my mother as well as my grandmother. When I was a lot younger I was able to go along with my best friend and his father and watch them fish, and still to this day my wish is to be able to fish and take home salmon.



I graduated from Madras High School in 2010, and attended COCC for some years while working at Kah-Nee-Ta for many years. I spend a lot of time

skateboarding, hiking the outdoors, and filming as well as promoting a graphic printing business for my brother, and it all coincides with our skate crew, "The Abandoned," while remaining focuses on a small skateboarding apparel business with my brother Carlos and the art vision called "Reyn."

Warm Springs is home to me and my siblings, and it is the only place we know as home. This is where our family and friends live. I consider this our community as a whole.

**Damian Ignacio Reynoso**

My name is Carlos Jesse Reynoso Jr. My mother is Joy Ramirez (Soto), my maternal grandmother is Yvonne Tapedo (Arthur) and my maternal grandparents were McKinley and Jessie Arthur. I am 25 years old and this is my third time being on the Warm Springs tribal adoption list. I'm hoping that the time is here, and that I can finally call myself a Warm Springs tribal member.



My interests are in art, drawing, filming and working on the side on a business venture in skateboarding apparel that will launch into an art vision called "Reyn." My hope is that it will grow and one day we are able to sponsor local kids in the Central Oregon communities. All this has come about from a small business my brother Damian and I started which was "Abandoned," focusing solely on the skateboarding lifestyle.

I have been working for the Indian Head Casino for the past four months, and also for the past year at the Jefferson County school district. Prior to that I worked

many years at Kah-Nee-Ta, working as a cashier and in the accounting department. I am enrolled in COCC working towards a business degree, and working while raising my 2-year-old son, who is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. One day I hope to be able to go fishing and hunting with him because I know how important it is to be able to provide for your family and learn these traditional ways. I unfortunately have missed out on many things, such as hunting and fishing, but was able to go along with a good childhood friend and his father on hunting trips and watch them hunt. I have been raised here and plan on being here to raise my son in Warm Springs.

**Carlos Jesse Reynoso Jr**

From Anita Z. Bryant, Alyson B. Cole and Samantha M. Cole—Wasco/Warm Springs:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tribal Council for passing Resolution 12,158 to hold an election on June 13, 2016 to adopt eligible candidates into the CTWS Membership.

Our auntie atwai Irene Wells was a leader in the adoption election 20 years ago, and she promoted the "Vote Yes for All of the Adoptees," and it is my honor to introduce to you my daughters Alyson B. Cole and Samantha M. Cole.

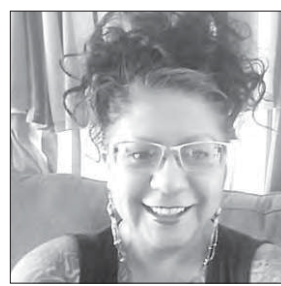
Whether they meet blood quantum or not, if you are a descendant of the Warm Springs Nation: You are our people! Vote Yes for All CTWS adoptees on June 13.

My daughters Samantha M. Cole and Alyson B. Cole are beautiful inside and out. We have many friends and family here on the Warm Springs Reservation. They went to school and resided here, participating in many functions. They have gone on to be successful working young native women.

Their grandmother is Joann J. Bryant and atwai Edna Sanders (Smith). Our great grandparents are Fred Smith and Lucy Smith (McCorkle) or Wau-tum-me.

Great-great-great grandparents paternal side are: Robert Smith or Sammutt & Annie Smith or Clo-bin-wa. Annie Smith's mom was Kamalouh.

Fred Smith's mom was Lucy Tufti or Tcau-a-wai-



ti. Lucy Tufti's father was Slak-us.

Great-great-great granddaughter's maternal side are: Warren McCorkle or Tu-tan-u-cet and Minnie Gadshaw or Wau-tum-me. Minnie's dad was How-ai.

Warren's father was Sah-quah. Warren's mother was Gal-lumtk or Kamushnai.

Please make this a reality for Alyson B. Cole and Samantha M. Cole. To become enrolled members of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes. This validates their lineage, heritage and recognition.

Respectfully,  
**Anita Z. Bryant**

To friends, family, and tribal members of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation,

My name is Kira Cook, formerly Kira Langnese. My sister is Kayla Casey, who is also up for adoption. I was the first baby born from Warm Springs in 1982. My mother is Roxanne Langnese-Chinook, and my grandmother who lives in Warm Springs is Lupe Samuels. My uncle is Walter A. Langnese III, who recently retired as the Chief Judge for Warm Springs Tribal Court. My sister Jenaea Langnese, and my cousins are Tama and Eric Langnese, who work in Warm Springs. I have many close relatives living on the reservation as well.

After graduating from Madras High School, I excelled as a NCAA Pole Vaulter for Western Oregon University (WOU) Track and Field team, and worked three jobs while competing and going to school. I graduated from WOU in 2004, with a Bachelors of Health Education, and Minor in Physical Education. I received recognition for my academics, volunteer work as well as Track and Field accomplishments. I went on to gain one of the Nations top personal training certificates, the American Council on Exercise Personal Training Certificate. For the last 8 years I have been a Sports Performance Specialist, Personal Trainer, mother and wife. Four of the eight years I have ran my own successful training business.

In the 1996 election we were not voted in by only a handful of votes. My cousins Eric and Tama Langnese and Sister

Jenaea Langnese were all voted in. As you can imagine this was heart-breaking for me and my sister. I am very proud to call Warm Springs my home, and my roots. I lived on the reservation when I was baby, and left the reservation only because my mother attended Central Oregon Community College from 1982-84, and Boise State University from 1984-1988, where she earned a Bachelor Fine Arts degree.

We moved back to Warm Springs when I was in the third grade. From third grade to high school graduation at Madras High School, Warm Springs was my home. While growing up in Warm Springs I was actively involved in a number of areas. I played basketball, softball, participated in 4-H, and proudly traveled around Oregon and danced as a Warm Springs' Rainbow Dancer. I proudly represented Warm Springs in the 1997 North American Indigenous Games for Track and Field in Victoria, British Columbia. At the Indigenous Games, I took home one of the four gold medals in the entire history the games for Oregon, for the javelin throw and Silver medal for the long jump. I also of attended multiple community events as well as events at the Longhouse. Warm Springs is my home, it's me, and when anyone asks where I'm from, I proudly tell them all about Warm Springs and my upbringing on the reservation.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. With Love and Respect,  
**Kira (Langnese) Cook**

My name is Melissa Dove Melting-Tallow. My grandmother is Lolita Greeley, my uncles are Elton, Melvin, and Hamilton Greeley; my great-grandparents are Merle Scott and James Greeley.



My mother Maria Godines taught me many of our traditional ways which she learned from her sisters Roberta Kirk, Olivia Wallulatum, Redine Billy and Joan Selam-Greeley. Through them, I have learned to be respectful to our elders and traditions.

To me, enrollment is being officially recognized as one of our people. It is being officially part of our tribe. It is like having citizenship to be able to obtain employment and housing as well as being able to dig roots, fish and

hunt. Being federally recognized gives me outside opportunities for college grants and other programs that are not available to me now.

I love fancy shawl dancing and being a good role model for my daughter and younger siblings.

Vote yes for me, my sisters Victoria Godines and Vivian Yazzie and our brother George Yazzie.

**Melissa Dove Melting-Tallow**

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