

Spitzer Investigated Drug, Gang Activity in Spokane

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back to school," Spitzer says.

Shortly after graduating, she was hired Sept. 1, 1997, as a deputy for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, where she was assigned to the Patrol Division.

After working as a patrol deputy for six years, Spitzer was assigned to the Investigative Support Unit, working undercover to investigate drug and gang activity, beginning Aug. 1, 2003.

She then finished third on a test to be promoted to detective and openings occurred in the Property Crimes Division of the sheriff's office.

On Aug. 16, she was promoted from deputy to detective/corporal and started her new job on Sept. 1, investigating burglaries, stolen vehicles and identity theft, among other property crimes.

And what of the Dickinson connection?

Spitzer said she has wanted to work in law enforcement since she was in sixth grade and watched the actress play undercover cop Sgt. Pepper Anderson in the 1970s TV series "Police Woman."

Spitzer, the niece of former Tribal Council member Wesley

"Buddy" West, was born in The Dalles and is Grand Ronde on her mother's side of the family. She is the daughter of Tribal Elder Gloria Jean (West) Turman and Charlie Turman, granddaughter of Tribal Elder Marion Davidson and great-granddaughter of Adeline Menard Haller.

She is married to Kyle Spitzer, who works for distributor Food Services of America, and has three children: Ashley, 23; Andrew, 21; and Jacob, 17.

Spitzer, 42, says her career goals are to continue being promoted within the Sheriff's Office. She said she is looking forward to the daytime work hours since her son plays for the Shadle Park High School football team.

And at family gatherings in Spokane, there's a lot of shop talk. Her brother, Corey Turman, is a property crimes detective for the Spokane Police Department.

"The Turman-Spitzer families are extremely thankful that they were able to recognize their career dreams," she said.

"This would not have been possible without the love and support of their families and the Grand Ronde Tribal Education Division scholarship and grant programs."

And Angie Dickinson. ■

Gifted Elder



Photo by Toby McClary

Tribal Elder Dorothy Greene was presented with a Pendleton blanket by members of the Elder Committee at the general council meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9. The gift was given to Greene in honor of her being selected as one of two grand marshals of the Grand Ronde Parade held Aug. 18. The other grand marshal was Tribal Elder Russ Leno.

Elders Halloween Ball

All Elders are encouraged to put on their best costume and bring their favorite dish. This is a great opportunity to meet new Elders, get reacquainted with each other, and for new "Baby Elders" to be introduced.

An invitation has been sent to the Elders of the other eight Oregon Tribes

**Saturday, October 27
Grand Ronde Community Center
4:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

4:30-5:00 p.m. - Arrive and mingle
5:00-6:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner
6:00-9:00 p.m. - Music, Dancing, Games, Costume Judging, and Prizes

Costume Categories:
Best Costume
Most Scary
Most Original

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