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The holiday happenings



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Warm Springs Recreation is hosting the annual Warm Springs Car Lights Parade this Thursday evening, December 14.

The theme this year is *Frosty's Coming to Town*. Parade line-up starts at five o'clock by the former elementary school. The parade starts at six.

The **Jolly Jamboree Toy Give-away** for Warm Springs parents and guardians to find a free gift for kids 18 and younger, will be at the former elementary school gymnasium this Thursday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and again this Friday, December 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be set up as a store for adults; so parents and guardians can pick up unwrapped gifts for children, then wrap them. Supplies are provided, hosted by Health and Human Services.

The Warm Springs Academy Elementary **Music Winter Program** is this Wednesday, December 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Warm Springs Recreation will host a **last-minute Christmas Bazaar** next Wednesday, December 20 at the Community Center. Then Recreation is hosting the **Indian New Year Walk** on Thursday, December 21 at noon at the Community Center. December 21 is the first day of winter.

Simnasho's New Year's Eve Celebration and Powwow will be on Sunday, December 31 at the Simnasho Longhouse. There will be a potluck dinner at 5:30, Washut to open the floor at 6:30 and the traditional powwow, social dancing and games begin at 7:30.

Miss Warm Springs 2024

The Office of Tribal Council and Miss Warm Springs coordinator are seeking candidates who would like to take part in the 2024 Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

Candidates who are interested can stop by the Tribal Council office at the administration building for an application; or call 541-553-3257. Or for the application form and additional information, email to: minnie.yahatin@wstribe.org

sandra.danzuka@wstribe.org

See page 5 of this publication for candidate details.

Kah-Nee-Ta experience again in 2024

Village will need 100-plus new employees; recruiting to begin early next year.

The Kah-Nee-Ta Village first opened more than 60 years ago, in 1962, and for decades after was a popular and for many a beloved resort attraction. The hot springs were always a main feature, along with the culture and people of the tribes. Sadly, the tribes had to close the Village five years ago, the result of bad economic times and lack of money for some vital improvements.

Today, returning this unique jewel of a property back to its first-class resort status is a true challenge. Fortunately, the team working on the project is dedi-

cated to realizing its vision. "When we first started we knew there would be obstacles we didn't see at the time," said Kirk Hanna, president of Mt. Hood Skibowl, and partner with the tribes on the Kah-Nee-Ta renovation.

"And each day has been a new chance to test our skills in addressing the issues as they arise," Mr. Hanna says.

The Skibowl team is led by Kirk and his brother Derek, general manager of Kah-Nee-Ta redevelopment and ongoing operations.

They joined the tribes on the project about two years ago, after Jim Souers approached Tribal Council with the idea. Mr. Souers is the chief executive officer of Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation (WSED), and acting chief executive officer of Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort.



W.S. Economic Development

The architect's conceptual rendering of the pool area when finished.

A condition of the proposal at Council was that Skibowl would be a long term operating partner, Mr. Souers said, in part because the Hannas and Skibowl over decades have developed friendships and partnerships with the Confederated Tribes; and also because Kirk Hanna has great and proven suc-

cess with resort properties.

He purchased Skibowl in 1987 when it was closed and in bankruptcy. He focused on expanding the operation to attract visitors year-round, rather than just in the winter, so the employees could have full-time and better jobs.

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Important year coming up for Power, tribes

The Bethel-Round Butte transmission lines upgrade project will be among the top priorities of 2024 for the tribes and Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises. The upgrade project is large-scale, with an estimated final overall cost of \$600 million, and will take a number of years to complete.

Power and Water and the tribes learned only earlier this fall that the U.S. Department of Energy had awarded the tribes \$250 million to help fund the work. So the first part of 2024 will involve further negotiation with the DOE toward concluding this significant grant award, said Cathy Ehli, Power and Water general manager. This involves finalizing the terms and conditions of the award, and the reporting requirements to DOE, for example, Mrs. Ehli said.

At the same time, Power and Water will be working with tribal leadership and the community to determine the best course of



Edward Heath/CTWS

action for the tribes going into the future, as this project will have financial, enterprise and other impacts for generations to come.

An example of one of the complex questions to be answered: What ownership interest may the tribes want to acquire in the new transmission lines? The new system will replace the existing 1960s-era lines, currently owned by PGE, that run from Pelton-Round Butte to the Salem area. There are various ownership directions, each with long- and far-ranging consequences.

Meanwhile next year, PGE will



Andrea Lonas/PGE

Power and Water, the tribes, and PGE hosted the Bethel-Round Butte upgrade kick-off event this month: Some attendees (above) participate in a tour of Round Butte Dam; and at left, Tribal Council Chairman Jonathan Smith met with Maria Pope, president, chief executive officer and board member of Portland General Electric.

begin its engineering design work for the new system, Mrs. Ehli said. And the tribes will have their own specialized engineering team in order to provide an independent review and analysis of the PGE plans. Some other projects coming up at Power and Water in 2024:

The Round Butte Dam turbine shut-off valves will be installed, sometime later in the year. This project started with the delivery of

the fairly massive valves, transported from their place of manufacture in Europe earlier this year to the Round Butte site.

And another large project for 2024 will be new fish passage facilities, to be located downstream of the re-regulating dam. Aspects of this project will be new fish hatchery rearing ponds, new stress relief ponds for the migrating fish, and an adult fish sorting facility.

Some notable happenings over the past year ~

During 2023, the Warm Springs Housing Authority celebrated the addition of several newly renovated housing units on the reservation, including 7 duplexes, and four single-family homes. Housing was able to secure \$8 million in funding for the work. The project was very welcome, as all the units were occupied within days of opening.

The Senior Center reopened this year, while Health and Human Services developed other community projects like the new campus area pavilion.

This year was the first that the reservation was able to more fully enjoy the return to a more regular tribal community

life, with covid finally much less a factor. This started in February with the return of Lincoln's Powwow at Simnasho, followed by the spring Root Feast Rodeo; and finally this summer Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days was able to fully return with one of the more memorable and well-attended powwows of recent years.

In-person gatherings were welcome. A good example happened when the Language teachers, Culture and Heritage, Education and the tribes hosted a four-day conference—*Healing Through Our Languages*—at the Oregon State University Cascades campus in Bend. The Language teachers are leaders nationwide and beyond in the field, recognized for example by the National Indian Education Association with the Cultural Freedom Award.



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The Language Teachers of Culture and Heritage last spring with students at the Warm Springs Academy.

Easily the biggest news story of 2023 for the tribes happened this fall, when Power and Water learned of the \$250 million grant to upgrade the power transmission lines. This is truly a game-chang-

ing development for the Confederated Tribes. As Tribal Councilman Jim Manion, former long-time general manager of Power and Water, said, "This is a once in a generation opportunity."



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By tradition, as we approach the conclusion of another calendar year, the Spilyay recalls here some of the notable and newsworthy events that happened among the tribal community during 2023.

January

In January the High Desert Museum in Bend opens the exhibit **Creations of Spirit**. Four artists of the Confederated Tribes are joined by other Plateau Native artists for the exhibit. Natalie Kirk, H'Klumaiyat Roberta Joy Kirk, Jefferson Greene and Kelli Palmer are representing the Confederated Tribes. In other news: The **Lincoln's Birthday Powwow** committee announced the powwow will return to Simnasho, after being on hold because of covid in 2021 and 2022.

February

For people who love to cook great and healthy meals there is nothing like a brand-new kitchen. "All of cooking is based on what you can do with the kitchen," Berlyn Yazzie Jr., Seniors food product manager and lead cook, was saying the other day. "Now, everything here is exactly where I want it, so there's not so much running around." And that, Mr. Yazzie says, is one of the keys—along with preparation—to making great meals for a number of people at any one time. The new kitchen is the center feature of the **renovated Seniors Center**, which reopened in February following a long closure due to water damage. The **War Pony Express Training Center** holds the key to many possibilities. The Auto-

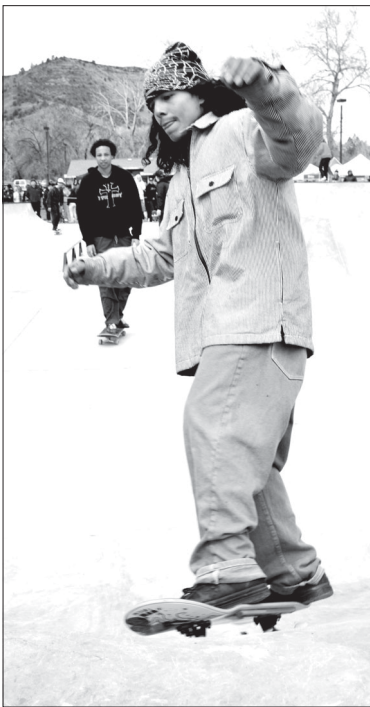


Berlyn Yazzie Jr. and Andrea Cook at the new Seniors kitchen in February of this year.

motive Center is a classroom ready to teach and then award the participating students ASE Certification—the essential certificate of Automotive Service Excellence. This key element alone opens employment doors for young people, both on the reservation and off. And looking beyond, the Automotive Center presents an opportunity for business growth and economic development on the reservation; plus a way for the tribes to save money on maintenance and repair of the organization vehicle fleet. War Pony Express, located at the industrial park Vehicle Pool, opened in February. Elsewhere:

Both of the Madras **Elite Cheer** teams took home state titles over the weekend. Juliet Warner and Coraline White, both tribal members attending the Warm Springs Academy, are on the teams. One of the teams is the team Rec Youth - Smalls. These girls tied for first place out of seven teams. Juliet Warner is a member of this team. The other team is Rec Juniors - Small. These girls took fourth out of 12 teams, and Caroline White is on the Junior team. Both girls hold state and national titles.

March



Skater during skate park grand opening in March.

The new 8,000-square-foot **skatepark** opened in March at Elmer Quinn Park. The Grand Opening day was an exciting afternoon of skateboarding, a cookout, music, and a giveaway of more than 150 skateboards. The tribes and skatepark organizers hosted the grand opening with a turnout of hundreds of guests. During the opening ceremonies, except during the blessing, skaters from around the Northwest were demonstrating their skating skills across the many ramps and half-pipes at the new park. The weather was great and the day was a fun and joyous occasion. Michael Collins of Managed Care was one of the coordinators of the project. He worked with the

April

Great spring weather greeted the **Root Feast Rodeo** at the end of March 2023, hosted by the Ranch Rodeo Association at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds. Elsewhere: Chico Holliday is the general manager of tribal Public Utilities. He has been the front-line person managing the water situations on the reservation for the past several years, during some of the worst drinking water events in recent history on the reservation. In April of this year, the Oregon Association of Water Utilities hosted their annual awards ceremony. And the top award this year—**Water Manager of the Year**—went to Warm Springs Public Utilities General Manager Chico Holliday, by unanimous OAWU vote.

May

An eventful and historic life it has been and continues to be after these 93 years: Veteran, author and tribal historian, George Aguilar Sr. is the **2023 Elder of the Year**

of the Confederated Tribes. Mr. Aguilar received the honor at the Seniors Day celebration this past May at the Agency Longhouse. And this in May 2023: The **Warm Springs Missing and Murdered Indigenous Natives Awareness Marathon** saw great support from 17 teams and 118 participants, plus the many spectators along the 20-plus mile course. "We had a great turnout and great day," said Reina Estimo, one of the event organizers. Reina noted that among the marathon runners was Mona Cochran, who is in her 70s and ran nearly all of the course, before handing off to her teammate. Anthony Caldera ran the whole race on his own. The Confederated Tribes, through the **Warm Springs Housing Authority**, are moving forward with a new affordable housing project on Kuckup Loop. This is made possible by a \$2 million grant that will in time fund the construction of eight single-family homes. The Warm Springs Community Action Team now offers an **innovative training and career exploration service** featuring virtual reality technology. The virtual reality, or VR, training facility can be accessed at one of two locations: at the Painted Pony Espresso and gift shop at the Plaza by Indian Head Casino; and at the Community Action Team office. Looking toward June: the full **Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days** June 23-25 is again possible. "This will be great because we've all been waiting for something more to do here in the community," said Robinson 'Gorky' Mitchell, Chair of the 2023 Pi-Ume-Sha Committee.



Spring Root Feast Rodeo, hosted by the Ranch Rodeo Association.

Employment with the CTWS

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs.

Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribes.org Tribal Member preference is exercised in hiring processes as defined in Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202. Pro-Tem Judge. Compensation and benefits manager. Surveillance observer (part-time). Janitor (limited duration). IT database specialist. Custodian. Fisheries technician II. Fisheries technician III. Native plant nursery. Community Health program manager. Cash management specialist/ Court accounts receivable.

Corrections officer. Travel accountant. Early Childhood Education program manager. Tribal Council recorder/support technician. Timber sales forester. Probation secretary/service coordinator. Juvenile/young adult probation officer. Director of Information Systems. Fish biologist III. Wellness coordinator. Compensation and benefits coordinator. Public administrator. Protective care provider. Property management specialist. Treasury controller. Conservation properties program supervisor. Project archaeologist/principal investigator. Maternal child health nurse. Soil scientist/watershed planner. Community Health nurse.

Jobs with Indian Head, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with **Indian Head Casion**. For details see the website: indianheadcasino.com Food and beverage manager. Cage cashier. Cottonwood Restaurant server. Tule Grill line cook. Table games dealer. Count team member. Facilities manager. Class III keyperson. Food and beverage purchasing clerk. Cage

supervisor. Controller. Security officer. Cottonwood Sous Chef. Custodian. Kitchen steward. Player's Club smbassador. Network engineer. The following are jobs advertised recently with the **Plateau Travel Plaza** (see the casino website for details on applying): Three Teepees Cafe Host/Server. Custodian. Maintenance Custodian.

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Kah-Nee-Ta: 2024 summer opening

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Skibowl soon took off, with major improvements and expanding in many innovative ways. “I’ve had a great team around me,” Kirk says. More recently, his resort interests have come to Central Oregon, as he owns and operates nearby Lake Simtustus Resort & Marina.

Kirk and Derek have made an effort for years to help celebrate and share with guests the connection of the Confederated Tribes to the area of Skibowl, part of the tribes’ ceded lands.

Regarding Kah-Nee-Ta, since they were young and growing up, the Hannas visited the resort when it was among the most successful attractions in the region. And like many people in recent years, they don’t like seeing Kah-Nee-Ta in disuse and disrepair.

For these reasons, joining the tribes and WSED on the Kah-Nee-Ta renovation was natural.

In 2022 with the original renovation plan, Tribal Council agreed to provide \$4.5 million for the improvements to the whole Village area; and \$1.5 million for the infrastructure of the lagoons that serve the Village and community.

Tribal Utilities has now completed the lagoon upgrade, as renovation work on the Village will continue into the first part of next year. An issue that the Kah-Nee-Ta team and Tribal Council have addressed recently is the addition of new funding to finish the job in order to reopen.

As Kirk Hanna mentioned above, renovating a 60-plus year old property will bring unforeseen challenges. As it turned out, a big problem at Kah-Nee-Ta was the underground infrastructure of water lines, especially for the large area of the pools. The original water lines from the early 1960s had

to be wholly replaced; and the pump house was also unsalvageable, Mr. Souers said. These were among the unforeseen expenses amounting to close to \$3 million.

Moving forward now, the team could have taken out a bank loan, and they had a potential agreement though the terms were expensive, as often happens with on-reservation outside lending. They talked again with Tribal Council, who instead agreed to loan the project \$2.9 million.

“I am so thankful that our leadership made the decision support us so we can finish the resort as a first class destination,” Souers said. The tribes will now receive the loan interest payments, instead of the outside bank; and the renovation project saves because the repayment terms are better.

Hiring 100 employees

The best projection at this time is that the Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort will open in the summer of 2024. Looking toward this, Derek Hanna says the team will be looking to hire 100 employees.

Kah-Nee-Ta is committed to hiring locally among the tribal community. “Our main reason for really getting into this was to help the Warm Springs people, and the biggest way to do that is to help the youth and others who need employment,” Derek said.

“We’re going to do what we need to do to hire locally. Obviously we need to train, and we need to educate, and that’s what Skibowl brings to the table—Kirk Hanna Owned Companies with its 500 employees, with over 100 department managers, with seven restaurants, with our mountain managers, with everything we have. They’re all part of our

team and they’re all going to help in making Kah-Nee-Ta successful.”

The new Village

A brief overview of some of the features at the renovated Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort:

- The Natural Hot Springs water, a star feature of the Village, will for the first time feed three large soaking pools of varying temperatures from 92 to 102 degrees F; and one clover shaped youth soaking pool.

- The four soaking pools will include the largest in Oregon; and importantly, the pools include handicap accessible accommodations. The largest pool will have an accessibility ramp for waterproof wheelchairs.

- The recreational pools will include a lazy river-like pool with a flowing current surrounding an inner pool. There will also be a children’s zero depth entrance play

pool.

Some other new features will include twenty semi-private Natural Hot Springs four- to six-person soaking tubs overlooking the Warm Springs River. Also, in the pool area there will 15 shade cabanas each with a mini-refrigerator, sofa and personal device power source. The greatly expanded lounging area around the pools is also new and will include 30 smaller two-person shade cabanas.

The tribal member only bath house will be updated and expanded by replacing the one indoor soaking tub with two four- to six-person Natural Hot Springs soaking tubs, and adding two more of those tubs in a semi-private outdoor area.

- The resort entrance area is being expanded to include a court yard that will feature a large shade tent, with space for 200 people, also available to host special events. Nearby is the performance stage, permanent salmon bake area and recreational activities such as miniature golf, play area, and the basketball and pickle ball court.

For further accommodation there is the 30-room motel, 20 teepees and 50 RV sites, including an RV Recreation Center, new restaurant and pool side snack bars. The RV clubhouse and recreational center has restrooms, showers, and self-service laundry facility.

A new activity at the Village will be the Warm Springs River 3-mile tube river float with shuttle pick up.

The motel is being fully renovated, and is now in the final stages of completion. The rooms range from three bedroom suites that can accommodate up to 12 guests; or individual rooms that can accommodate four guests.

At the Teepee Village, there will be 20 new authentic teepees, with two designed specifically for disability access and parking. The teepees are 30 feet tall and 27 feet in diameter.

These are to just some of the resort’s many features, as discussed further in the next Spilyay Tymoo.


— Dave McMechan

Warm Springs Recreation Department Presents:

Christmas Ndn Night out

MC: Ray "Captain" Moody

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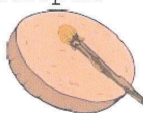
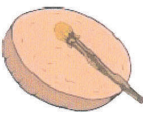
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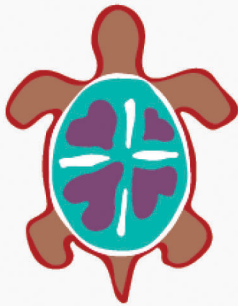
Family Fun Games

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Letters to the editor

Christmas tree cutting

To employees of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, the Warm Springs Post Office, Timber Company, and Warm Springs churches,

The Timber Committee of the Confederated Tribes, in collaboration with the Branch of Natural Resources Forestry Department, in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, have authorized the cutting of a Christmas tree by employees of the tribes, BIA and IHS, Warm Springs postal employees, Timber Co. LLC, and community churches. Some terms:

Cutting is limited to one tree per family or church. Trees will be cut on tribal land only. The trees should be cut along numbered roads and close to the ground. All live branches should be removed from the stump.

Topping of trees, and cutting trees larger than 12 feet in height is not permitted. Trees should not be cut that do not have another tree growing within 12 feet of the tree to but cut. Trees will be cut during regular working hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any non-tribal member employees wishing to cut a tree must obtain a Christmas tree tag and permit from the Branch of Natural Resources—Forestry Department. Individuals will not be permitted to pick up tags and permits for other employees.

Tags must be stapled or nailed to the base of the tree. All employees must comply with laws and regulations governing the Warm Springs Reservation.

Information on tribal land, harvest location and road conditions may be obtained from the Branch of Natural Resources—Forestry, 541-553-8200. Office hours and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Warm Springs Timber Committee and Branch of Natural Resources - Forestry Department.

Money may be with state

When you get a chance, tribal members should check with the state of Oregon to see if they have monies that the state is holding.

Go to the internet, and key in ‘state of oregon, unclaimed property.’ Then do a search of your name.

There are a number of Warm Springs people who have money with the state.

Valerie J. Squiemphen, Public Administrator, Probate Department.

Youth, adult basketball tournaments

The **Cougars Youth Basketball Tournament** is this Friday through Sunday, December 15-17 at the Warm Springs Community Center. The tourney is for youth 10 and under, coed; and 12 and under.

The **Warm Springs Mens Holiday Basketball Tournament** is coming up this month on Wednesday through Sunday, December 27-31 with Warm Springs Recreation at the Community Center Gym.

Classes on Preparing for Memorials

‘Preparing for Memorials’ classes are this month and in January at the Culture and Heritage building. All classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m.: Thursdays, December 14; Tuesday and Thursday, December 9 and 11; and on Tuesday and Thursday, January 9 and 11.

The class this week, December 14 is a chance to select your projects. These may include basketry, beadwork, moccasins, shell dresses, wing dresses, as examples. The December 19 and 21 classes are to continue the projects; and the January classes are on Regalia. Materials are provided.

Classes are limited to 10 adults, and youth 14 and over. Sign up at the Culture and Heritage Department, or call 541-553-3290. At the classes, light refreshments will be served.

Finance classes

‘Building Native Communities Financial Education’ classes are this Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15 at the Agency Longhouse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Friday, December 15, there will be an Insurance 101 session from 2-3 p.m. that anyone can attend and learn about home and auto insurance. Contact **Mallory** by the Warm Springs Community Action Team by email or call to get signed up mallory@wscat.org

Or the WSCAT phone number is 541-553-3148.

Gift making

The community is invited to make a necklace for a Christmas gift this Wednesday, December 13; and again on Monday and Tuesday, December 18-19 at the Prevention classroom at the former elementary school building. Supplies are provided. Come by between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on one or more of the dates above. A light lunch will be provided. For more information call **Judy** at 541-615-0115.

Warm Springs Recreation Snack Attack is every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. Free snack and fun games at the Community Center.

Meet your new Wellness Coordinator

Bonita Leonard is the new Wellness Coordinator at the Warm Springs Community Center and Recreation Department. “I am excited to be working with many of you looking to get healthier and fit,” Bonita says.

“I’ve been working out for five years, and have a passion to help others in the same way I learned,” she says.

Her workout classes are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 6 a.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon.

The classes are HIIT



cardio—high intensity interval training cardio—with some step aerobics, strength training.

Besides the regular class

workout times, Bonita is also available to work one-on-one training. You can set up a time by calling her at 541-553-3589. Or email:

bonita.leonard@wstribes.org

Besides staying in great shape and working out, she mentions some of her other favorite things. “My favorite food is enchiladas,” Bonita says.

“My favorite animals are horses and dogs. My favorite color is royal blue, and my favorite place to be is surrounded by family and my people.”

!DATGUP IDUIHAMAX IKIAX!

by Rain Circle
Tribal Education Branch

It’ukdi wigwa Shidaikt from the 2023 Madras High School Kiksht Class! Ichalxchaq ak/min is over and itgachaxlqwlimax ak/min is in full swing.

Your Madras High Schjool Numu, Ichishkiin and Kiksht students are still hard at work in the Native Language room at the high school and it is very exciting!

The language year at MHS is going well and the students are making long strides. These kids are balancing required classes with their sports, with their social and home lives, and whatever other challenges in their day to day. And on top of that they’ve chosen to learn one of the hardest languages there is to learn.

Their regular language week looks something like:

Aixtba Wigwa: Group reading from selected, shorter Kiksht transcriptions... So, that was interrupted by the evacuation and

bomb scare at high school on November 30. Man! Thank goodness it didn’t get worse, and please, you know who did that, turn them in. They deserve about as much respect as they gave the entire student body, faculty and community, which is None, Zero, Nada!

The term ‘Don’t snitch’ has turned our reservation into a jail where the inmates make the rules... Set a good example and use the system, give violators a chance at a good life. Help them to own up to their mistakes and take responsibility for their transgressions and actions; or else they will likely create families, have children they teach to be violators. It is a fact that ignorance breeds ignorance and we are no better than we were before today.

Bomb scare evacuation

I spoke with a student after the evacuation, and it started as a disciplinary action. See, We—the student body and faculty—were in the holding area at the fair-

grounds, and in that mostly concrete building we needed to be quite because the sound resonated bad, and each student’s name had to be called off for checkout—A room full of nervous, scared and excited high school students is not conducive to quite and calm.

The ‘Sssshhhh’ from teachers was coming at regular intervals and with the bodies packed in there, for maintaining positive control of your White Buffalos, it would last as long as it took for a low whisper conversation to get loud (I assume in a need to be heard).

Up until now these kids had been on point with their levels of self-control and this was the steam being released.

Unless you’ve been under fire or had that impending, immediate threat in your life, please hold your judgement.

They really did a great job that day, and showed how well they listen and act accordingly when the situation calls for it. You can’t men-

tally prepare for bullets being thrown at you until it actually happens so don’t even try... It would be foolish.

So back to this student. His attitude was starting to spiral. I have had soldiers like him and I was pretty sure he had ramped himself up to act with aggression and violence 30 minutes prior to this moment, and now that adrenaline had nowhere to go but out.

He was louder than the other students and more assertive. I didn’t worry too much until he started to dismiss the other teachers and use foul language. That’s when I decided to step in. I sat next to him and told him “You make the rest of us look bad when you act like this.”

Because that’s how racism works. It is always one situation with one person that gets the group ‘judged’ from that point until forever. Anyone who hears the words or saw his actions will likely have a bad outlook afterwards, but he was just coming down from his own fight-or-flight situation and it was, just like him I suspect, much more intense than the average student.

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Important message from Social Security administration

Rose ‘Mushy’ Alarcon, W.S., Social Services Office, Aged Persons with Disabilities

The Social Security Administration is asking everyone to help prevent people from falling victim to Social Security-related scams this holiday season. Criminals pretending to be from Social Security and other federal government agencies are tricking victims into sending money or sharing personal information. Some advice to keep in mind:

- Remember to be skepti-

cal and cautious of unexpected calls or messages.

Criminals are using the names of federal government officials and sending pictures of documents, evidence, federal employee credentials, and law enforcement credentials and badges, to try to prove their legitimacy.

They may change the picture or use a different name, agency, or badge number, always with the intent to scam people out of money or personal information.

The Social Security Administration will never:

- Send pictures of an employee’s official federal government identification.
- Suspend someone’s Social Security number.
- Threaten someone with arrest or other legal action unless they immediately pay a fine or fee.
- Require payment by retail gift card, wire transfer, internet currency, or cash by mail.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Send ‘official’ letters or reports containing your per-

sonal information via email.

Social Security only sends automated emails and text messages to people who have agreed to receive them and only in limited situations, including the following:

- When someone has subscribed to receive updates and notifications by email or text.

• As part of the enhanced security when accessing a personal my Social Security account.

Wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas! **Rose Alarcon**

‘Wapato Bridge’ in Portland honors Native American First Food

Renaming the Sauvie Island Bridge became an opportunity to celebrate and honor tribes and their connection to their First Foods, while building stronger government-to-government relationships in the Portland area. Last month on the final day of Native American Heritage Month, the Multnomah County Commission unanimously voted to adopt ‘Wapato Bridge’ as the new name of the bridge connecting Sauvie Island to the mainland.

Wapato is an edible plant used by Indigenous peoples,

and once was abundant in the wetlands that surround the island.

In November of last year, the county board voted to establish the council, specifically including tribal representatives from various tribes historically linked to the island. By doing so, they kicked off an initiative that has marked the county’s inaugural formal consultation process working with tribal governments, engaging appointed cultural guardians, revered elders, tribal representatives, and administrative staff in the decision-making process.



Jill-Marie Gavin, CRITFC Communications

Members of the Multnomah County Commission and Bridge Renaming Council following the commission’s decision to adopt the name of Wapato Bridge for the bridge to Sauvie Island. The commission was gifted by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission with a wapas, a woven basket traditionally used by Columbia River Plateau tribes to gather roots and berries.

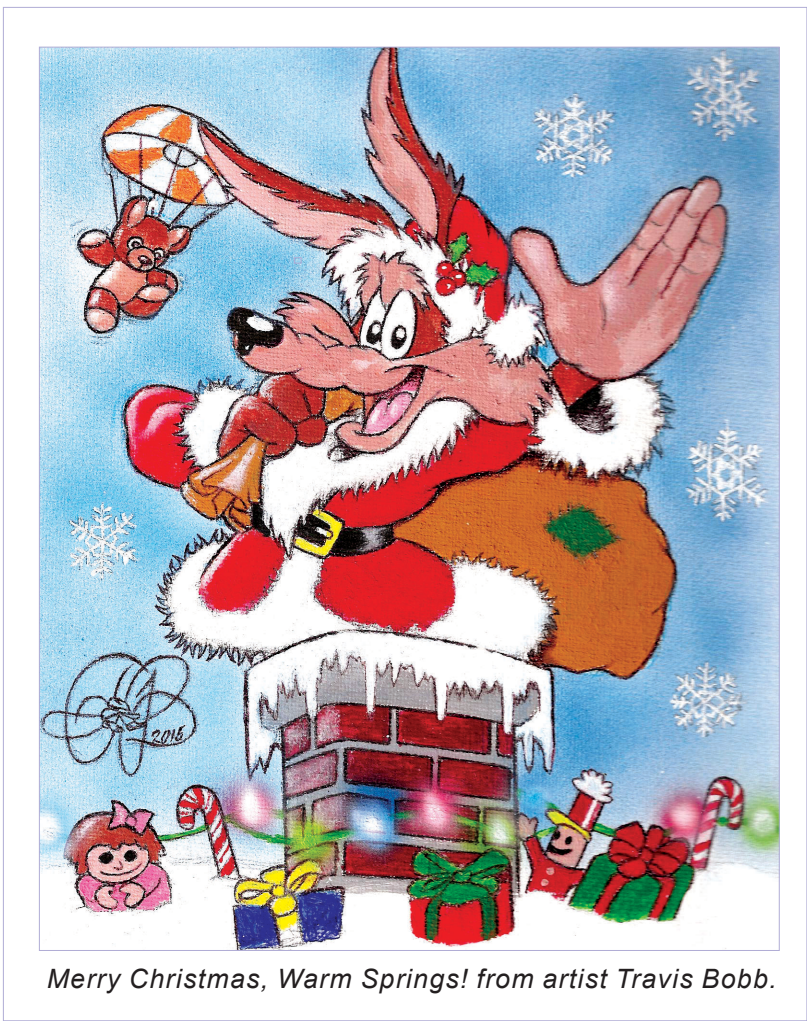
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Merry Christmas, Warm Springs! from artist Travis Bobb.



Miss Warm Springs 2024 Pageant

Friday, January 26, 2024

Agency Longhouse - Warm Springs, OR

- Seeking young ladies 18-24 of age. Must never have been married, cohabitating, or have dependents
- Must be alcohol and drug free – a Role Model. As Miss Warm Springs she will always maintain and present herself in a proper and responsible manner throughout her term, as will her alternate.
- Be an Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a resident of the reservation for at least one year. Must retain residency on the reservation for at least one year after she wins the title (attending school will be taken into consideration).
- Must be able to represent the Tribes as the Ambassador during her reign upon request. Other pageants, intertribal business, public relation functions, conferences, and tribal council functions when requested by the Miss Warm Springs Coordinator.
- If contestant holds another title, she must attend and represent The Confederated Tribes as Miss Warm Springs (if the tribe is financing a particular trip or even)

Stop by the tribal council office, call 541-553-3257, or email minnie.yahtin@wstribes.org or sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org for an application or additional information.

For sale: 1983 Pierce fire truck - Open for bid

Please stop by the Warm Springs Fire and Safety office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday to fill out a form that will include:

Name, address, bid amount, and phone number; then place in a sealed envelope signed by the bidder.

The winning bid will be selected on Friday, December 29 at the end of the day. Winning bid will need to pick up the truck and title from Fire and Safety no later than January 5, 2024.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Warm Springs Fire and Safety will not be responsible for the vehicle once the winning bid is notified.

Details about the 1983 Pierce Arrow Pumper: Auto-



matic transmission. 164,894 miles. One-thousand gallon steel water tank (leaks water out of tank to pump line). Fire equipment not included.

Please contact Fire and Safety at 541-553-1634 or stop by 2112 Wasco Street, if you would like to come see the truck, or if you have any questions.

This truck is no longer suitable for the fire service due to the open cab seats.

In order to purchase new trucks, we need to let the trucks go that can no longer keep up with fighting fire and keeping our crews and community safe.

Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

A perspective on the reservation water situation

by George Aguilar

Water, water, cool clear pure Chush (water). Domestic drinking water has been a very controversial buzz around the Warm Springs Agency for quite some time. Involved are the media, state, federal agencies, other entities and individuals with water infrastructure expertise a-buzzing advice how to remedy this unfortunate situation.

Within the last three years there were constant boil water notices posted at Macy’s Market. Recently there was a boil water for the Simnasho-Schoolie Flat area.


The water crisis appears to be in a works-in-progress mode. While

other communities like Bend and Madras up river enjoy clean and pure water taken from ground and spring sources, we at Warm Springs resort to the dirtiest water source of Central Oregon. The 1980s-installed piping should have lasted a long time. The water pipe bursting at crossing the creek may have been improperly installed, Who knows?

In the early 1960s the Tribal Construction and Maintenance Department experienced the same problem when a high-water snow melt-off occurred. The Tenneson Engineering’s firm recommendation was able to excavate a deep trench in the stream and embed a pipe with steel rebar and concrete.

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(**Note:** All proceedings, except Probate as described below, are held at the Tribal Courthouse.)

CTWS, Petitioner, vs REX ROBINSON-ANGELES, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07. TO: REX ROBINSON ANGELES, CHARLENE CHEE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 3:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESTER LAWRENCE, Respondent; Case No. JV40-21. TO: ESTER LAWRENCE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV27-20. TO: CHARLENE CHEE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs AARON JAMES JR., Respondent; Case No. JV36,38-23. TO: AARON JAMES JR, DORTHY JAMES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **22ND day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 9:00 AM**

CLARICE RIOS, Petitioner, vs JULIUS BAGLEY, Respondent; Case No. JV89-10,JV77-09. TO: CLARICE RIOS, JULIUS BAGLEY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MODIFICATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV31-21. TO: CHARLENE CHEE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 2:30 PM**

ROSA GRAYBAEL, Petitioner, vs MARION GRAYBAEL JR., Respondent; Case No. DO87-23, DO86-23. TO: ROSA GRAYBAEL, MARION GRAYBAEL SR., MARION GRAYBAEL JR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **10TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs REX ROBINSON-ANGELES, Respondent; Case No. DO110-09. TO: REX ROBINSON ANGE-

LES, CHARLENE CHEE:
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CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV34,35,36-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER SR.. JASON & NICOLE JORGENSEN:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **22nd day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILMA BAZA, Respondent; Case No. JV01-13. TO: WILMA BAZA, CALVIN WILLIAMS, GINA GISH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **10th day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

TIFFANY HUNT, Petitioner, vs TANAYA HUNT, Respondent; Case No. DO91-20. TO: TANAYA HUNT, TIFFANY HUNT, SYLVANIA RUSSELL BRISBOIS:

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PAMELA TROGDON, Petitioner, vs CTWS, Respondent; Case No. DO21-22. TO: MARCELLA CHARLEY, PAMELA TROGDON, KEITH CHARLEY JR, MARISSA KALAMA, AUSTIN CHARLEY, KEILANI CHARLEY, MARCELLA CHARLEY, TASHAWNEE CHARLEY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **18TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 2:30 PM**

JULIA SIMTUSTUS, Petitioner, vs MARY DAVIS, Respondent; Case No. JV68-17, JV19-14: TO: JULIA SIMTUSTUS, JARRON DAVIS, MARY DAVIS, ASHLIN DAVIS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16TH day of JANUARY, 2024 @ 9:00 AM**

PROBATE
In the matter of the estate of Ross R. Kalama Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2023-

PR41. Notice is herby given that Ross R. Kalama Sr., who at the time of his death last known residence was 2506 Looksh St., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 7th day of August, 2023 and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Jeanine L. Kalama, non-member, deceased. Estate no. 2023-PR 42. Notice is hereby given that Jeanine L. Kalama, who at the time of her death last known residence was 2455 Kot Num Rd., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 10th day of August, 2023 and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

Regarding the following cases below: The hearing will be held by telephone in a virtual courtroom, but you must **write a letter to Probate and give at least two weeks notice** in order to call in. The court will given you your call-in number at the time you are approved.

Please be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached when submitting your request. After joining the phone call, there may be a brief waiting period while the court administrator verifies the identity of all parties. **If you cannot attend by telephone, you must contact the Probate assistant at least 10 days prior to the hearing date at 541-553-3476.**

In the matter of James E. Moran, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2023-PR28. To Lucinda Moran, Elysia Moran and Alliyah Lawson: You are hereby notified that a public hearing is scheduled for **2 p.m. on March 20, 2024** (call-in instructions above).

In the matter of the estate of Laurel N. Greene, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR19. To Eugenia Tappo, Berna Greene, Margie Tuckta, Graceline Spino, Sandra Greene, Eugene Greene Jr., Michael Greene, Ramona Baez, Sarah Gonzalez, Wendall Greene, Delsie Greene, Chris Requa, Roscoe Greene, Myrna Greene, Coleen Reed, Laurel Wheeler, Kim LeClair, Desmond Wheeler, Michelle Holliday, Trudy Bennett, Truman Lumpmouth, James Greene Sr., Vena Louie, Sonya Madrid, Levi Greene II, Danica Williams, Derek Greene, Joe Greene, Edwardene Henry, Liletz Henry, Damien Frank, Asah Yallup, Gabriel Greene, Joseph Stevens, Jess Stevens III, Olea Yahtin, Katrina Greene, Adriana Switzler, Andre Spino, Yvonne Greene, Y'Isdro Greene, Tianna Greene, Justin Greene: You are hereby notified that a probate hearing is scheduled **9 a.m. on January 29, 2024** (call-in instructions above).

In the matter of the estate of Elissa F. Patt, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2023-PR13. To Francelia Miller: You are hereby notified that a probate hearing is scheduled for **9 a.m. on February 5, 2024** (call-in instructions above).

In the matter of the estate of Leanne D. Johnson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2022-PR44. To Consuelo Johnson: You are hereby notified that a probate hearing is scheduled for **9:30 a.m. on January 29, 2024** (call-in instructions above).

WSCAT seeks asset building program manager position

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is hiring a new asset building program manager. Starting salary for the position will range from \$52,000 to \$70,000, depending on skills and qualifications. The position is closing this Friday, December 15.

The asset building program manager will be responsible for managing program staff and ensuring the effective, ongoing, sustained implementation of two of our most important programs, our Individual Development Account, or IDA, and the HUD homeownership counseling programs.

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to chris@wscat.org

The WSCAT IDA, or matched savings, program, currently is the largest in any Native community in the United States. The program enables eligible tribal members, based on income and assets, to build assets using state matching funds at a 5:1 rate.

The program is funded through the Oregon IDA Initiative, and has over 400 graduates since 2015 with 145 current en-

rollees. The many graduates have purchased and renovated homes, acquired capital assets for their small businesses, paid for college and vocational education, purchased vehicles, paid down debt, and utilized funds to overcome family emergencies.

Through thee **HUD homeownership** programming, WSCAT provides financial and homeownership coaching and counseling, courses in financial empowerment, and courses in acquiring, maintaining, and renovating a home.

Since 2015, the program has provided financial and homeownership coaching, counseling, and courses for over 1,000 community members

WSCAT is looking for the individual to hit the ground running, to learn quickly, and to be adept at managing both micro (within the organization and community) and macro (throughout our network and with funding partners) level issues.

For information on the job position, or on the IDA or HUD ownership program, call WSCAT at 541-553-3148.

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- 1 Ask.
- 2 Listen.
- 3 Encourage them to seek help.

A Message From:
Warm Springs Suicide Prevention

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services provides support and services to women, men, elders and children who are in abusive situations. Everyone deserves to feel safe. If you or someone you know could use assistance, please call 541-553-2293 during the work day. Or call the Warm Springs Police Department dispatch at 541-553-1171 in the evening or on the weekend, and ask for a Victims of Crime Services Advocate.

Water system: a tribal member pespective

(from page 5)

Even then the 1964 devastating flood took away the heavily protected pipe and the concrete bridge.

The creek’s bed is unstable due to loose river rock and gravel. When the BIA Roads Department rebuilt the new bridge, the excavation was approximately 18 feet deep in that area to reach the hard pan for the bridge foundation. Someone’s blog mentioned there was an exposed pipe lying on the creek’s bed. That is another potential for a busted pipe scenario!

Senators Jeff Merkley, Ron Wyden, the Indian Health Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sought funding for the water plant, and \$28 million was acquired from the bipartisan \$1.2 trillion bill signed into law by President Biden. Study and reconstruction for a treatment plant at Dry Creek will soon take place.

The EPA noted it will still draw

water from the Deschutes River. Warm Springs is the only community using this contaminated water source.

The domestic water supply system from the BIA in the late 1800s has become obsolete. Further development along the Highway 26 in all probability will become inadequate. The tribally installed 1960s system of 4-inch dipped and wrapped metal pipe may be too small, and soon may become a victim of electrolysis caused by a chemical substance in the soil.

The 4-inch dipped, wrapped system is 63 years of age, and may be in need of replacement. Residential supply piping from the water mains were mostly galvanized, treated pipes which had a short life span.

Bentonite in the soil caused a deteriorating reaching with galvanized piping. Leaks had always

been problematic. Many projects emerged, water and sewer infrastructure, new housing subdivisions, and of course many band-aid repairs of broken down old water and plugged-up sewer pipes. The tribal annual maintenance funding was always never enough...

Kah-Nee-Ta Village will reopen sometime in 2024. The Dry Creek water treatment system may possibly be still connected... As a concerned tribal member and a bystander of this water crisis, I’ve pondered temporary use of the existing ground water system of the B-200 road for Kah-Nee-Ta’s domestic and drinking water solution. Just wondering if the system is adequate for Simnasho and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Note: Look for the conclusion of this article in the December 27 Spilyay Tymoo.



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All of this was made worse by the fact that he knew he had no one to pick him up, my gawd how horrible must that feel? Your school, the place that is supposed to take care of you and be a safe place, has just been locked down and evacuated due to a threat of violence.

On top of that, while most of the other students have a person that can come and take them away to safety HE knows for a fact he has nobody to save him.

The situation at home sounded volatile and for numerous reasons, good and bad, nobody was coming for him.

I now better understood why he was angry about being singled out as ‘too noisy’ and why he felt angry getting shushed, as if he were the only person making noise or being the focus of multiple teachers trying to maintain order.

After he explained his situation I offered to take him home (apparently we live in the same neighborhood) and it was just a question of ensuring all Jefferson County School District protocol and security of the student was addressed.

As it turned out, there was no need. School buses took the remaining students home that day.

The take away from that student interaction was more of a verification that kids need to be taken care of, or they grow up to be adults who have never felt safe... anywhere.

People want to be cared for and need somebody to lean on when they need help. It’s what gets us from one bad event to the next with most of our heart and soul intact, and we can learn to as whole of a person as humanly possible. Moving on...

So, on **Makwshtha Wigwa** we do ‘Peer teaching.’

That is method of increasing the class’s vocabulary, and teaching the students to use the language tools we are learning. An example of that is as follows:

Take the word ‘Achagelgaya’ which means ‘He will seize her.’ The student is tasked with:

Defining the word, conjugating the word and then using it in a sentence.

Conjugating the word is changing the meaning based on gender. They are learning to change it from ‘He will seize her’ to “He will seize him’ to ‘She will seize her’ and to ‘She will seize her.’

It’s a question of knowing the pronouns and where they go in the word, then arraigning them accordingly.

Next is using it in a sentence. For example, ‘Bill achagelgaya akiutan’ means ‘Bill will catch the mare.’

On **tunba Wigwa** we study more nouns, animals, foods, clothing, and have conversations.

The conversations are the ‘Hello, what is your name? My name is... I live in...’

Because these little sentences turn into larger and more specific information sentences, and hopefully conversations.

One of my favorite drills is to have the students talk with one another and make a question-response conversation, and exhaust their knowledge. Whoever says ‘a’qalma ayamgelgaya’ first, ends the conversation.

Obviously they can’t lead the conversation with that (they have tried) but it does tell the speaking partner that they have come to the end of their knowledge. Then we switch partners and do it again, for about three or four rotations.

Laktba Wigwa is very much the same but the subjects change, col-

ors, body parts, numbers... unless there’s a quiz.

With **Gwenmaba Wigwa** we do review of what we learned in the past week, as much as we can, but sometimes we have stuff that we didn’t get to in the week so we try to work that in.

They are all learning at different rates and all have their strengths and weaknesses but with some self-study and help at home I’m sure they will be a complete success in the near future.

It seems that we always get into a nice easy glide and then there’s a major interruption.

I am finishing up this article one week from the lockdown event and the class is starting to gel again, hate to think about the situation if it turned into a tragedy... If you see or hear something, say something.

Listen, learn with them

As before I want to impart that what I learned as a trainer of soldiers, is that people want a challenge.

Whether large or small, they want to succeed and they want to have someone to be proud of them in their accomplishments, and to be cared for.

So please, tell our young warriors that you are proud of them as often as you can. Re-enforce it by showing up and listening. Ask them about their day and just listen. You will find that you have a lot in common and most of your ‘differences’ are in your head... They are the kids you raised after all and you just might learn something new.

Listen to the Kiksht words they learn, the sentences in our ancient language of the Big River... learn with them.

For those of you who say things like ‘I don’t have the time to learn Kiksht’: If you were on Facebook? You had time to learn Kiksht.

If you were watching TV or if you were on your phone, you have time to learn Kiksht...

If you were at the casino (not if you work there, duh) you definitely squandered your Kiksht learning time!

There are three Language classes at Madras High School and a department dedicated to teaching those languages so, if you haven’t learned your language, it’s about allotting the time and making The Hard-Right Decision vs. The Easy-Wrong Decision.

I have nothing but good feelings about these students and their future in Native Language. They are dedicated, focused and smart. They are going to have their lives expanded and learn to live Warm Springs, Oregon and the greater Pacific Northwest in a way that non-speakers won’t and that makes me happy for them.

It is hard learning a new language. The rules of Bashtenemt are confusing and infect all aspects of speaking the Language of the Big River. But doing things that are hard is what makes everything we do worth our time, and these kids make it look easy.

Being an Indian is hard. It’s hard holding on to our culture and beliefs in a country that actively works against us, and has for centuries.

It’s hard maintaining our collective identity as Indians in a country that always wants us to assimilate.

Kiksht is a hard language to learn: Word pronunciation, emphasis, composition and sentence structure are all significantly different from other languages, and just similar enough to cause much confusion. But as one of my soldiers taught me after her time in Basic Training, ‘If it isn’t hard, it isn’t worth doing’ - PVT Erikson/ORARNG.

Rain Circle, Language teacher.

Message from the Probate Department

by Valerie Squiemoben
Public Adminisrtator

a will? Then you will need to bring it to the Probate Department, so that we can use that as a guide to disbursing their belongings. Hopefully, it will tell us who is going to get what. At some point, all heirs will receive a copy of the Will.

Bank information: If the deceased had a checking and/or a savings account, you will need to bring in a bank statement and/or a debit card for the account, so that we can write a letter to the bank and ask them to send us the money.

We then deposit these funds into an estate account with Cash Management and keep the information in their probate file.

Mail: Bring in any mail, especially if there are checks in the mail. We will need to deposit the checks into the estate account also.

Once we send in an address change for the deceased, the mail box will close if it is in the decedent’s name. Unless you worked it out with the deceased prior to their death to take over the ownership of the PO Box, those who also received mail at this address must get their own mailbox.

Vehicles: All vehicles belonging to the deceased must be parked until such time as the Probate is complete.

Please bring the keys and a title or registration to the Probate Department so we can put in their probate file. Probate has a fenced warehouse where the vehicle can be parked until such time as the probate is complete.

Home: If there is a home that

belonged only to the deceased, the Probate Department must know who is going to live in the house, for safekeeping, until such time as the probate is closed.

They must take the power bill out of the deceased name and put it in whomever is going to be living in the house.

There must be a unanimous decision by all heirs for one or more person(s) to live in the home by signing a letter naming the new residents.

In most cases, we’ve found that a lot of people say they don’t want their home to be a party place.

If anyone is found to have alcohol and/or drugs being used in the home, we would have to work with the Police Department to get said people evicted and possibly boarding up the home.

Whomever is taking responsibility for the house must ensure the Home Insurance is intact. If there is a house fire and it wasn’t insured, the house will be a total loss.

Land: As far as land, we don’t probate this, it is done through BIA.

Family: If there are family members that are not enrolled with Warm Springs, we need names and addresses and where/if they are enrolled. Thank you,

From the Probate Department of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Love Languages from Native StrongHearts helpline

This year, instead of stressing out about the holidays and gift giving, as some of us do, think about the many ways you can speak the love language of your partner, a gift that is free.

Dr. Gary Chapman is the author of *The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts*. He has narrowed love languages down to just five so it shouldn’t be too hard to figure out which one speaks volumes to your partner.

In no particular order, the five languages include:

Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Acts of Service, Physical Touch and Receiving Gifts. Instead of breaking the bank, fill up the love tank to please your partner.

Words of Affirmation: Ask yourself, “How many birthday cards, bouquets of flowers or any sort of gift that comes with a message telling your partner that you love them?”

If he or she saves anything with “words of affirmation” or ex-

pressed appreciation, filling up a partner’s love tank might start with a compliment. Don’t hesitate to pick up the pen, buy a card or handwrite a message straight from the heart.

Quality Time: Does your partner complain that you work too much? Do you travel for work and leave your partner to take care of the daily chores, driving the kids to school or to participate in sports? This could mean that filling up their love tank would mean spending quality time with your partner. Mark your calendar that no matter what, it’s date night with your partner. Or, bring home pizza for dinner so you can spend more time talking about how your day went.

Acts of Service: Do something - anything! - that helps your partner at home. You may think a stay at home mom or dad is an easy job, but you would be surprised at the relentless demands of everyday life. Do the dishes, take out

the trash, make the bed, wash the car or go grocery shopping. There are so many things that can be done to fill up your partner’s love tank when you speak their love language.

Physical Touch: Would you describe your partner as having a personality that is clingy or distant and is their vibe warm or cold? When your partner’s love language is physical touch, let the love begin with a nice hug - a long hug. He or she may have been waiting for a long time.

Gift Giving: Don’t wait for a birthday or a holiday to give your partner a gift. Gifts don’t have to be expensive. Often, when your partner’s love language is gift giving—a single rose or a small bouquet of flowers from the grocery store can be really cheap—especially in the spring when the tulips and daffodils are abundant. If you want to buy them something more expensive—the sky’s the limit (just don’t buy a gym membership).



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New rules may speed tribal repatriations

The federal government has revised the rules that institutions and government agencies must follow to comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. This law has long been hampered by limited funding, and the unwillingness of many museums to relinquish Indigenous remains and burial items.

The new regulations should “strengthen the authority and role of Indigenous communities in the repatriation process” by requiring institutions to defer more to tribes’ knowledge of their regions and histories in their decision-making about repatriations,” said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American to hold a U.S. cabinet position.

Thirty-three years ago, Congress passed the Native graves and repatriation act, or NAGPRA, to prevent grave looting and push museums to return human remains and items excavated from Native American gravesites to tribes.

However, the promise of repatriation that many tribal nations once saw in the law has not been fully realized, with federal data showing institutions continue to store about half of the 200,000 ancestral remains they reported holding following passage of the 1990 law.

Archaeologists and scientists at some of the nation’s top universities and museums have exploited loopholes in NAGPRA to delay or resist turning over holdings reported under the law, according to an investigation by ProPublica.

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