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Cool water during hot afternoons was them last week for young people at the Boys and Girls Club in Warm Springs.

Students post outstanding grades

The following local students had outstanding academic careers last school year at Madras High School:

Marissa Ahern, Spencer Ellsbury, Teresa Fuentes, Roschena Sargeant, Mariah Smith and Marrisa Yaw.

All-Star Honor Roll (3.6-3.99): Kadie Manion and Leann Thomas.

Ninth grade

Honor Roll (grade point average 4.0): Jordan Big Knife, Kali Kaltsukis and Jessica Tacza.

All-Star Honor Roll (gpa 3.6-3.99): Leonard American Horse, Lillitz Henry, Luther Keo, Kristi Olney and Katherine Quaid.

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Tenth grade

All-Star Honor Roll (3.6-3.99): Laronn Katchia and Maximino Ruiz McKinley.

Honor Roll (3.0-3.59): Kelsey Haywahe, Kara Katchia, Philip Guerin, Waylon Meanus, Kirstie Morrison, Carlos Reynoso, Alejandrina Aguilar, CharlieAnn Herkshan and Carlo Wallulatum.

Eleventh grade

4.0 Honor Roll: Kip Culpus, Chelsea Hudson

Honor Roll (3.0-3.59): Albert Adams, Alexis Anguiano, Atcitty Begay, Elena Guzman, Briana Stacona and Richard William Harrington.

Twelfth grade:

All-Star Honor Roll (3.6-3.99): Tianna Herkshan and Amanda Coffee.

Honor Roll (3.0-3.59): Aldwin Keo.

CPS hosting Native Teen Gathering

Children's Protective Services Independent Living Program is hosting a teen retreat known as the Native Teen Gathering.

This retreat is for male and female teenagers age 14-21 who are from any of the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon. This is a free event.

This gathering is to educate the youth about transitioning into adulthood, a stressful yet important time in life that teens need assistance with.

Most teens are unsure about how to fill out an employment application or how to apply to college. They may also need basic knowledge

on personal hygiene or safe relationships.

There is also going to be a community powwow. Anyone interested in dancing may show up on Thursday, August 16 at 7 p.m. Anyone wanting to drum please contact Berni at 553-3209. There will also be a community concert beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 17. An array of local youth will be performing.

Volunteers are needed to assist with supervising the youth.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Elizabeth Nava, Lois Miller or Berni at 553-3209, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Challenge: Youth receives variety of awards

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Throughout the program, students go through three phases: a two-week pre-challenge period that introduces students to the military lifestyle and develops them physically, followed by a 20-week academic classroom instruction period and finally the 12-month mentor active period where the student returns to the community.

"At times I wanted to give up," Wolfe said.

At first, she wanted to get into fights with the other girls. Eventually, however, Wolfe became friends with the girls in the same situation as her.

By the time she left the program, Wolfe had earned a variety of awards, including an award for physical fitness.

"I gained a lot of knowledge and academic skills," Wolfe said.

Looking back at her experience, Wolfe said, "If I went to the court again I would tell my judge I recommend this program to any at-risk youth."

With the typical school system, Wolfe said, there were too many distractions for her.

"There were drugs and



Clarissa Wolfe

parties and friends," she explained. "When you're in boot camp, you're focused, it's quiet, and there are no boys around so you don't focus on them. You're focused on your work."

Plus, Wolfe added, schoolwork is considered fun at boot camp because it provided a break from the other rigorous activity.

In Demarr's opinion, public school systems lack a strong disciplinary model.

"They don't actually address the issues that kids are faced with," he said. "They're not teaching our kids to follow and be good leaders."

That's what faculty strives for with the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge.

"Basically we take them back

to ground level and we give them the discipline they need to be strong and leaders in our communities," Demarr said. "You're not going to get that in the public school. We do more than give them just educational tools. We're showing these kids that good decisions are the basis of being a good community leader."

"We offer them challenges," Demarr said.

He added, "When they do have to meet a road block out there in the real world, they've met so many challenges here that they're able to face those a little bit better."

For Wolfe, it was an experience that she can't commend enough.

"I kind of went there because I had to change," Wolfe said. "I recommend the youth challenge program to any other at-risk teens."

According to Demarr, this is only the beginning for Wolfe.

In his opinion, "She's got a bright future just as long as she stays focused and continues to be a positive person. I expect great things from her."

For more information, visit <http://www.oypc.com>.

Adoption election

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Rather than deciding on each individual candidate on the adoption list, voters will be asked whether or not to adopt into the Confederated Tribes everyone on the list.

The BIA will appoint an election board, which may consist of people who serve on the tribal election board, said Anderson.

She said the BIA does not often conduct tribal adoption

elections.

Many tribes, she said, provide their tribal councils, or enrollment committees with authority to determine the membership.

We are looking for families with 8-16 year-olds to participate in the Community Shadow Project with the Child and Family Center at the University of Oregon.

While learning family management skills, you can earn money by completing individual assessments, family inter-

vention and working with a family therapist.

For more information contact Alison Ball, Child and Family Center, (541) 346-4088; or at aball@uoregon.edu.

Or contact the Shadow Project staff at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center, 553-4918.

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