

Help available for estate planning

The American Indian Probate Reform Act made significant changes to the way that some tribal member estates pass to the heirs. Because of the changes, it is important for tribal members to have a will.

"The basic reason why you would want to write a will is to make sure your property is going to who you want it to go to," said Leah Myers, a law student at the University of Oregon.

Myers is working this summer in Warm Springs, through a program of Seattle University, facilitated by the Warm Springs Office of the U.S. Trustee.

If a tribal member passes away without a will, the reform



Leah Myers is working at the Family Resource Center this summer.

act can, in some instances, determine who receives property of the estate. In some instances, the tribe may have an option to purchase a part of the property. One goal of the American

Indian Reform Act was to reduce the fractional ownerships in properties within reservations. Toward this goal, the tribe can purchase a fractional ownership of a decedent's estate in the absence of a will.

If a person wishes to leave his or her estate to specific heirs, it is important to have a written will, said Myers.

She will help any tribal member write a will, and the service is free of charge. Myers will be in Warm Springs until August. Her office is at the Family Resource Center.

To make an appointment, you can reach her at the center at 553-3510, ext. 111.

Births

Benjamin Jose Pedro Gonzalez-Herrera

Arturo Gonzalez and Cecilia Herrera of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Benjamin Jose Pedro Gonzalez-Herrera, born on May 6, 2008.

Benjamin joins brothers Elijah and Arturo, and sisters Laurie and Erica.

Grandparents on the father's side are Angel and Belen Gonzalez of Tijuana, Mexico. Grandparents on the mother's side are Emigdio Herrera of Lovelock, Nev., and the late Helene "Spunky" Arthur of Warm Springs.

Laleesha Marie Kentura

Falena Kentura of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter Laleesha Marie Kentura, born on May 12, 2008.

Laleesha joins brother DeShawn Chavez, 5.

Kayla Rae Williams

Alex Williams and Ina Kaleak of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kayla Rae Williams, born on May 21, 2008.

Kayla joins brother Erik A.J. Williams, age 19 months. Grandparents on the father's side are Edna Williams, Kennedy Smith

and Eldred Frank of Warm Springs. Grandparent on the mother's side is Beverly J. Arthur of Warm Springs.

Henry Ender Eagle Daniels

George Daniels and Carla Daniels are pleased to announce the birth of their son Henry Ender Eagle Daniels, born on May 16, 2008.

Henry joins sister Emma, and brothers David, Eli, Teddy and Oliver.

Grandparents on the father's side are John Daniels and Pat Brown. Grandparents on the mother's side are Elias and Cynthia Hodges.

Health and Wellness hosts Well Women's Clinic

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center now has a Well Women's clinic on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

This is a nurse-run clinic and is set up to do cervical cancer screening (pap smears), sexually transmitted disease exams, breast exams, referrals for mammograms and immunizations.

The clinic is held in Pod A in Community Health.

The clinic has three Registered Nurses, Jodi Fickett, PHN, Denise Swift, RN and Katie

Russell, RN that have had the special training to perform the exams.

This training was provided by the Mayo Clinic.

If you are not eligible to have mammograms paid for by the tribe's Managed Care program, we can now send you to Madras Medical Group for a breast exam and they will refer you for a mammogram—all at no cost to you.

Through our Well Women's program, we can help you access that system.

In addition, the nurses can help you with family planning services, but they are currently limited to Depo Provera injections.

Remember that this clinic is for "well women exams," so if you are having problems that are causing you pain or discomfort, you need to see your regular provider at the clinic.

Spring is the chance to get your Women's Health needs taken care of by a woman. The clinic workers hope to see you soon in the Well Women's Clinic.

Have concerns about your domestic water?

Community members concerned about the water quality of their private wells can arrange to have the water tested through Environ-

mental Health. The testing service for arsenic costs \$25.

Environmental Health also offer a free service for testing for bacteria and nitrates. Please

do not bring your water to the department. To arrange to have your well tested, call Environmental Health at 553-4943.

Memorial pool tourney for Schjoll

A memorial pool tournament for the late Wayne Schjoll is June 13-15.

Sign-up by 11 a.m. Start at 12 p.m. at the Rialto Tavern.

For more info contact Karla Bagley-Tias at 325-3315 or Clint Smith at 419-8675 or the Rialto Tavern 475-6341.

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on the first Monday of the month at the Family Resources Center in Warm Springs. Or call us at 385-6944 Monday through Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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