

Eagle Crossing Opening



Bill Vollmer picture courtesy of the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum (center) attended the grand opening ceremony for the Eagle Crossing Restaurant. The new restaurant owners are Brenda and Randy Nathan (left of Chief Wallulatum), and Charles Nathan (cutting the ribbon).

A welcome event happened Dec. 5, when the Eagle Crossing Restaurant opened for business.

The restaurant, formerly the Deschutes Crossing, had been closed for about a year.

Brenda and Randy Nathan, and Charles Nathan have remodeled and renovated the restaurant.

"People are very happy that we're open," said Randy.

The customers, he said, like the new decor. and the menu.

The menu is in the style of a family diner, but also includes traditional favorites such as fry bread and Indian tacos, and elk and buffalo burgers.

Eagle Crossing, is open from 6 a.m. to midnight, Monday

through Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Eagle Crossing will be closed on Christmas Day.

Eventual plans for the restaurant include an outdoor deck that faces the river, for customers' enjoyment during warmer months.

Telephone the restaurant at 553-3123 for details.

Education open house

Employees of Warm Springs Head Start and Early Head Start took a break during an open house held Dec. 9 at the Culture and Heritage Department. Focus was on education programs available to tribal members through Culture and Heritage, Higher Education and Oregon State University Extension departments. Residents could browse, ask questions, and make suggestions about offerings in a more relaxed atmosphere than the normal classroom meeting. Also available: promotional items, information about other education and employment programs and, of course, refreshments.



Terri Harber/Spilyay

Attending the gathering were employees Danetta Squiemphen, Shelly Olheiser, Jodi Orr, Danni Katchia, Michelle Jim and Andrea Smith (clockwise from lower left).

Births



Maylie Brynn Sando

Wil and Rachel Sando of Redmond are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Maylie Brynn Sando, born on Nov. 4, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. At birth, Maylie weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

The grandparents are Doug and Kriste Lofting of Madras, and Mike and Mary Emhoolah

of Warm Springs.

The great-grandparents are Flora Moschetti and Barbara Lofting of Madras, and Mabel Sando of Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico.

Accalia Dairenne Charley

Calvin John Charley and Desirae Dawn Boise of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Accalia Dairenne Charley, born on December 5, 2009.

Accalia joins two sisters, Doralyn Cali Charley, age 3, and Denyce Dawn Padilla, age 4.

Grandparent on the father's side is Rachael Charley of Portland.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Randolph C. Boise Sr. and Birney Greene Boise of Warm Springs, and mother Regina McConville of Yakima.

Thomas Virgil Logan Mireles

Andrew P. Gilbert and Allegra "Sasha" Gilbert of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Thomas Virgil Logan Mireles, born on December 8, 2009.

Thomas joins sister CheyLene.

Grandparents on the father's side are Nancy Culps of Warm Springs, and the late Sammy Culps Sr. of Wishram, Wash., and the late Thomas Jefferson Mireles Jr.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Amanda Robinson of Warm Springs.

Bradley Joseph

Haley Wahnetah of Madras is pleased to announce the birth of her son Bradley Joseph, born on December 7, 2009.

Grandparents are Michael and Linda McCoy of Madras.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday!

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Leadership Corner

Rick Molitor, Superintendent

Each year, the Oregon Department of Education publishes report cards for school districts throughout the state rating reading and math test results, test participation and attendance data. This year's results were presented in a new format using a three-level system of Outstanding, Satisfactory or Need of Improvement. In previous years, five rankings of Exceptional, Strong, Satisfactory, Low or Unacceptable were used.

Three of our schools (Metolius Elementary, Warm Springs Elementary and Jefferson County Middle School) received "satisfactory" ratings. Two of our schools (Buff Elementary and Madras High School) dropped from a "low" rating to "in need of improvement." Big Muddy School, as a small school, and Madras Elementary, now a K-2 school, do not receive a rating. We know we have some serious challenges and that change won't happen overnight, but we also see some remarkable potential and opportunity in our schools. We've made some significant changes toward improving our academic achievement and I am confident that we will start to see results. With help from our passionate, dedicated district teams and support from our families and communities, we believe our diverse and talented students can reach their potential.

Please feel free to contact me at 541.475.6192 if you have questions or comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Campus News

Spotlight on Academic Achievement

Jefferson County School District 509-J has made some recent changes to help improve our academic achievement. These changes include:

- new curriculum for home-schooled and students choosing alternative learning options;
- new curriculum for math programs;
- new and improved equipment and technology for classrooms;
- technology training and support for teachers;
- changes in administrative structure including the reassignment of school principals to better utilize their skills and talents;
- instructional coaches in each building to support teaching staff; and
- enhanced communication with families and community members.

509-J Bus drivers want to say a big... THANK YOU!

PBS stands for positive behavior support. This is the third year 509-J bus drivers have participated in this program. The program includes clearly teaching behavior expectations, using consistent progressive steps of discipline, and best of all, recognizes and celebrates those who are making safe, respectful, and responsible choices while riding the bus. Free bowling passes, free swim passes, and free Outpost bucks are giving us significant ways to say thank you to our bus riders for making good choices. We appreciate your generous support.

Important Dates

Winter Music Concerts

Dec. 10 Metolius Elementary Gym 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 16 Madras High School Gym 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 17 J. C. Middle School Gym
6:30 p.m. 6th Grade
7:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grades

Family Craft Night

Dec. 17 Warm Springs Elementary Gym
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Winter Break - No School
December 21 through January 1

Mrs. Krakow, Metolius kindergarten teacher, remarked, "I really like the skills practice. The students are able to master a skill before moving on."

Mr. Kumle, Metolius 5th grade teacher, said, "It is a better organized program that offers a smooth flow which is easier to teach and learn."

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