

W.S. organizing own Little League

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Warm Springs supporters of Little League are working toward forming a local charter of the youth T-ball, baseball and softball organization.

Warm Springs has been part of Jefferson County Little League, but the goal is to have a separate Warm Springs Little League charter by the beginning of the 2010 season, said Danni Katchia, a coordinator of the project.

A first priority is the establishment of a Warm Springs Little League board, she said.

Toward this goal, and for general information, the supporters are holding a meeting on Monday, Jan. 18 at the community center starting at 6 p.m.

The Warm Springs Little League board will need a president and vice-president, player

agent, secretary, safety officer, treasurer and information officer.

In the past, Warm Springs community members have volunteered to serve as Little League coaches and umpires, and on the Jefferson County Little League board.

With its own charter, volunteers will be needed to fill the Warm Springs board positions as well, said Katchia.

"We need the community to support this to make it happen," said Katchia.

The Warm Springs board will operate under its own constitution and by-laws, and will hold regular meetings.

Last year Jefferson County Little League had 17 teams, including T-ball, baseball and softball. Warm Springs youth made up a majority of the players, said Katchia.

The teams formed under the



Danni Katchia is helping to organize Warm Springs Little League.

Warm Springs charter will play among themselves, and also against Jefferson County Little League teams, said Katchia.

The boundary of Jefferson County Little League used to include the reservation, but last year Jefferson County Little League redrew the boundary to end at the reservation border.

The logical boundary for the new Warm Springs Little League district would be the reservation, said Katchia.

The separation of Warm Springs from Jefferson County Little League is a big step, although the change will not be much in many ways, said Louise Katchia, who is helping to organize the new league.

Warm Springs already has been acting for the most part independently within Jefferson County Little League, she said.

If you would like more information on this subject, or are interested in volunteering, attend the January 19 meeting. Or call Louise at 460-0224.

Births

Marlee Renee Simmelink

Kelly Simmelink and Karla Simmelink of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Marlee Renee Simmelink, born on December 31, 2009. Marlee joins brothers Wade, 5, and Reed, 2.

The grandparents on the father's side are Chuck and Kay Simmelink of Madras. The grandparents on the mother's side are Robert and Judy Yoder of Mollala; and Linda and Dan Reed of Portland.

Destiny Marie Hill

Mark A. Hill and Heather Shepherd of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Destiny Marie Hill, born on December 27, 2009.

Destiny joins brother Damian, age 16 months, and sister Trinity, 4.

Grandparent on the father's side is Denise Hill.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Darlene Shepherd, and Riley Wallace.

Regional VFW posts to gather in Warm Springs

Members of various Veterans of Foreign War posts around Central Oregon will gather in Warm Springs on Jan. 23 when members of Elliott Palmer Post 4217 and its Ladies Auxiliary will host the District 10 Winter meeting at the Agency Longhouse.

District 10 includes posts and auxiliaries from Madras, Redmond, Bend, Prineville, Burns, LaPine, Sisters and Warm Springs.

Because it's being hosted on tribal land, some activities planned during the meeting will have Native-American roots, such as the grand opening march and flag ceremony, and honor songs for veterans. Also being offered is a traditional Native American meal, said Kirby Heath, commander of Post 4217.

For details, contact Leminnie Smith, 553-3331.

Immunization is strongly encouraged

Everyone over the age of 6 months is strongly encouraged to be immunized to protect against the H1N1 virus.

The immunization is encouraged prior to the third wave of the disease, which will likely occur some time this winter.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius declared this week as National Influenza Immunization Week.

Clinics around the reservation have been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Post Office, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., and at Warm Springs Market 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14 at the tribal administration building, 9-11 a.m., and at the Family Resource Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15 at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center in Pod A, 9 a.m.-12 noon. There will be snacks and prizes.

Flu shots are also being given in Pod A at the clinic on Mon-

days, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

Patients older than 6 months can also be vaccinated in the Medical Clinic, and adults older than 18 can also get flu vaccines from the Pharmacy on a walk-in basis.

Please help to protect yourself and your loved ones from this virus that has infected 47 million Americans.

Call the clinic for more information, 553-1196.

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Governmental Affairs and Planning public meetings

January 19: Agency Longhouse round table discussion on the state wide election on Measurer 66 and Measurer 27

January 20: 2010 US Census kick off chile and fried bread at Agency Longhouse, 6 a.m.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Learn Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu with Isaac George from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the community center. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays. For information call Isaac at 553-3487.

Today at noon there will be **Yoga** class at the Community Center.

Basic Computer help is available every Wednesday at the Teepee Deli at 2pm. Contact Evan for more information at 553-3565.

Thursday, Jan. 14

At noon there will be **Core Strength** class at the Community Center.

There is **group dance practice** every Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the Warm Springs Community Center. The group is open to all ages.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family resource Center conference room.

Friday, Jan. 15

At noon there will be **Body Flex** class at the Community Center.

The Madras High School **boys basketball** team takes on Pendleton at 7 p.m. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

The Jefferson County Library's **film** center presents *Waltz With Bashir* Friday at 7:30pm at the Rodriguez Annex in Madras.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Jefferson County **youth basketball** sign-ups will be held Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Madras High School Gym.

A **comedy show** called *Another Indian Uprising* by 4 Skins will be held at the Community Center from 8-10 p.m. This is a drug and alcohol free, 18 and older

only event, featuring Native comedians Fred Hill Marc Yaffee, Gilbert Brown and Lux Devereaux. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Monday, Jan. 18

Today is **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** and there will be no school for all 509-J students.

Today at noon there will be **Cardio** class at the Community Center.

A woman's support group meets this evening from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services office.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Today at noon there will be **Body Flex** class at the Community Center.

The Madras High School **girls basketball** team Takes on Mt. View at 7 p.m. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

This is a **late start day** for all 509-J school districts. Buses will come 2 hours later than usual.

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Thursday, Jan. 21

Today at noon there will be **Core Strength** class at the Community Center.

Robert J Miller, **professor of law** at Lewis & Clark College will be at COCC Thursday at 4 p.m. to discuss his book *Native American Discovered & Conquered*.

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