

Bringing back the art of the Pendleton vest

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Spilyay Tymoo

Noree Guerin wanted badly to learn to how to make a traditional Pendleton vest, but didn't know where to turn.

At the same time representatives from Pendleton Woolen Mills in Portland wanted badly to establish a relationship with the tribes, but didn't know who to contact.

With one call, everything just fell into place.

Noree was invited to the factory for a one-on-one session where she learned to make a simple one-piece vest.

"I did it myself during the Rose Festival, and it was easier than I thought," Guerin said. "I thought to myself that this would be a wonderful project to bring back to the people on the reservation. The entire pattern is one piece, and you only have to sew it on the shoulder."

Pendleton Woolen Mills representatives Julie Fischer and Stacy Brisbee were excited for the chance to begin working with the tribes.

"Julie told me Pendleton has been wanting to do some classes on the reservation, and I didn't know what to say. I'm just here to make a vest, I thought."

Inspired by her own creation, Noree applied for a Washanaksha Cultural Trust



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Grant.

"I didn't get it," she says, "but I knew that I couldn't stop there, because this is a skill that our people could really use. Teaching the tribal members, that's the whole point. Having a relationship with Pendleton would be a good thing for our people."

Noree continued her discussions with Pendleton Woolen Mills, and was able to arrange for representatives to teach a class earlier this month at the Museum at Warm Springs.

"They brought with them the Pendleton material, the ribbing, the patterns, everything that you

would need to make your very own vest. And the thing about this particular pattern is that even someone who is just beginning to sew will be able to walk away with a vest. There's no way to sew it wrong."

More classes are being planned for the near-future.

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"This is the first class, so people can understand a little bit more about what we're doing here," Guerin said.

"Pendleton has some amazing patterns, even one called the Warm Springs Blanket. They have the petroglyphs that you'd find along the Columbia, they have Lillian Pitt's work, and there's even a veterans style."

The cost of the class is \$70. Students who take the class get a discount on Pendleton materials. There's also a discount available for senior citizens.

"We have one student here today who is sewing for the first time," Guerin was saying during the recent class.

"She'll take a vest home today. We also have an experienced seamstress right over here. Today she's purchasing her own materials and pattern. She'll take those home and assemble her vest there."

Future classes could include Pendleton toys or drum cases if interest grows.

Noree can be reached at: noree.guerin@wstribes.org

Births

Tyler Teeiabkin

John and Sunmict Maben of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Tyler Teeiabkin, born on January 12, 2012.

Grandparents on the father's side are Charles and Darlene Maben of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Ralph and Jewell Minnick of Warm Springs.

Jacob Benson Jack

Matthew Jack and Violet Heath-Jack of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jacob Benson Jack, born on January 11, 2012.

Jacob joins brother Jarrin Benny, and sister Lillie May.

Grandparent on the father's side is Joanna Goudy of Celilo.

Grandparents on the mother's side are the late Benson Heath, and Alice and Gene Sampson, all of Warm Springs.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

Brought to you by KWSO 91.9 FM

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Today in **Recreation**, they will be working on crafts from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. The sewing circle will start at 5:30.

In **Madras Prep Sports**, Freshman/Sophomore wrestling will be at Summit High School beginning at 4:00 p.m.

There will be a **seat belt diversion class** beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the tribal conference room at the Warm Springs clinic.

Reminder: the **Boys and Girls Club** closes daily at 5:30 p.m. The Club is now closed on most non-school days and inclement weather days throughout the year.

Thursday, Jan. 26

This afternoon, the **Diabetes Prevention Program** is having health screenings at the Commodities Building.

Snack Attack will be held after school at the Community Center. Beading with Marge begins at 4:00 p.m. Carol's Room will be open from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

There will be a special meeting for **combat veterans** at 5:00 p.m. at High Lookee Lodge. Veterans are encouraged to attend to learn more about benefits available.

The 19th Annual **Tribal Youth Art Exhibit** opens today at the Museum at Warm Springs' changing exhibits gallery.

Friday, Jan. 27

Warm Springs **Telecom** will have their ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Activities and refreshment will continue throughout the afternoon. The facility is located at 4202 Holiday Street, in the old apparel factory.

Today in **Carol's Room**, they will have after-school

popcorn and a movie.

Madras Prep Sports - Girls' Freshmen, JV and Varsity basketball teams host LaSalle. Games are at 5:30, 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. Boys basketball is at LaSalle.

A representative from **Eastern Oregon University** will be in Warm Springs from 2:30 to 3:30 at the Education Building. Appointments need to be made by today. Call 541-385-1137.

The **Ladies All-Around Special** is in memory of Laritta Greene at the 35th Annual Lincoln's Birthday Pow-wow. First place is \$1,000 and a jacket. For more information, contact Austin Green at 541-553-1953. For other pow-wow information, contact Mackie Begay at 553-9230.

Monday, Jan. 30

There will be **board games** beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Carol's Room.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Snack Attack will start after school in Carol's Room. Then it's beading with Marge starting at 4:00 p.m.

Today in **Madras Prep Sports**: Freshman, JV and Varsity boys basketball will host games vs. Molalla. The girls teams travel to Molalla.

Positive Indian Parenting class will start at 5:30 in the Family Resource Center conference room. The topic today is Lessons in Storytelling.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Warm Springs Elementary will have an **awards assembly** at 1:00 p.m. for Kindergarten through second grades. At 1:40 p.m., awards will be given for third, fourth, and fifth grades.

Craft time in Carol's Room starts at 3:30 p.m.

Beading with Marge is at 4:00 p.m. The Sewing Circle begins at 5:30.

In **Madras Prep Sports**, Freshman/Sophomore wrestling will be at Mountain View High School for the novice championships.

The **Let's Talk Diversity Coalition** is having a contest for its website and publications. The motto is "Building Community Strength through Diversity". To find out more, call 541-325-5001, ext. 4221. Deadline is February 29. The prize is \$200.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Snack Attack will start in Recreation at 3:45 p.m. Beading with Marge is at 4:00. The Reawakening Program is at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

There is **no school** for 509-J. It is the end of the second quarter.

Today in **Carol's Room**, they are doing crafts throughout the morning. Then it's movie and popcorn for the afternoon.

Today is the deadline to submit items for the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo, published on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Today is the opening of the **new Indian Head Casino**. See the story in this issue for more information.

Monday, Feb. 6

There will be a **Warm Springs Community Advisory Board Meeting** at 10:00 at the Media Center. Anyone interested in participating and learning more about KWSO is welcome to attend.

A **Food Handler's Class** will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Clinic Atrium.

Eastern Oregon University advisor in town

Everyone is welcome to come and visit with your local Eastern Oregon University advisor between 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30 at the Education Building, 110 Wasco St.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling Brenda McDonald at 541-385-1137; or emailing:

bmcDonald@eou.edu

Please make an appointment at least 48 hours in advance.

Information will be available on EOU's online degree programs, scholarships, and admission requirements. Many students in Central Oregon are already working toward degrees with majors in Anthro-

pology/Sociology, Business Administration or Economics; English, Fire Services Administration; History; Physical Activity and Health; Philosophy, Politics; Psychology, Public Administration; and Liberal Studies—degrees that focus on two areas of study.



WARM SPRINGS TELECOM

Invites you:

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

Friday, January 27

Ceremony: 11:30 am
Open House: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Food
Kids' activities
Tour the new facility
Meet the staff

Located at 4202 Holliday St. in Warm Springs