

OPB includes Warm Springs in series

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Oregon Public Broadcasting will be at the Community Center this Wednesday evening, March 6.

OPB is here to gain comments from tribal members as for its "Think Out Loud" series.

Producers visit one town per month across Oregon and southwest Washington to explore what makes a home. So far, the series has included Monument, Astoria, and Camas.

"Warm Springs interests us because it is a Native American reservation," producer Dave Blanchard said. "The location of [the new] casino has been in the news, so that offers us a news peg."

The crew from OPB arrived

last Sunday and are guests at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort while gathering information from Lonnie James on economic development, from Valerie Switzler on tribal language programs, and Dawn Smith on the elementary school.

The OPB crew will also be interviewing people around town, including at the meeting at the community center.

"We'll be talking to people on the road and in town, finding out what's important to the residents of Warm Springs," said Blanchard.

Points of interest for OPB include tradition, the Canoe Family, small businesses, health and education.

"Mostly, we're interested in what the community is interested in," Blanchard said. "So the most important guests to have

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on the show will be the broader audience of Warm Springs. We'd like to know what their lives are like and what issues matter to them. We want to know what is special or unique about Warm Springs."

OPB will be at the Community Center on Wednesday during the live show, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. "We'll also have a panel of local guests," Blanchard said.

Think Out Loud targets a listening audience throughout Oregon and southwest Washington.

"The response to past shows has been overwhelmingly positive," said Blanchard. "People really love to hear about places they have never been, and they get a sense of what life is like in an entirely different part of the state. It helps to build understanding and compassion in a state that is large and diverse."

Blanchard is from the Seattle area and has been with OPB for five months. He has been interested in Native culture for most of his life. His mother is a director of a Native American gallery in Seattle, the Stonington Gallery.

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Good school work rewarded with pageant invitation

Amya Hawkins is one of the top students at the Warm Springs Elementary School.

Because of her outstanding grades, the National American Miss (NAM) program offered her a chance to participate in the NAM pageant this spring.

Amya will participate May 25-27 at the pageant, to be held at the Doubletree Inn at the Lloyd Center in Portland.

Her parents, Joe and Sharondee Heitstuman, are very supportive: The NAM program teaches young girls skills such as interviewing experience and public speaking, said Sharondee.

Amya is in the second grade, but she already has an idea what she wants to do when she grows up. "I want to be a school teacher," she says.

In school, Amya likes math and reading, and fun activities. She has been reading books from a very early age, ever since she saw



Amya Hawkins

her older brother William, 9, bringing books home from school. Amya also has a younger sister, Elise.

The NAM pageant contestants compete in six different age categories. Amya is in the Miss Junior Pre-Teen group, for ages 7-9.

She is looking for sponsors who will help her attend the NAM pageant in May.

Anyone wishing to help can call her mother at 541-639-1406, or 541-325-1484; or email: N8iveangel541@yahoo.com

Sweetheart Baby Fair



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

The Annual Sweetheart Baby Fair was held at the Community Center on Feb. 23rd. Fun games, prizes, and information was presented by the Maternal Child Health Program and Community Wellness Center. Pictured above is the amazing baby race.

Minors Trust distribution

Regarding Minors Trust Fund distribution for spring 2012:

To qualify to receive your spring trust fund, please submit your official transcripts from

your high school, or your grades from one quarter of college, or GED certificate, to the Job Creation and Work Force Development, or Vital Statistics on or by March 30, 2012.

Please return photograph for headstone

A request to the person who broke into the home of Urbana Ross: Please return the photograph of her son. The photograph is on porcelain, and is for his headstone.

This is of great sentimental and personal. Please return to Fire and Safety, OSU Extension, Administration, or the Police Department. No questions asked.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

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School Bond Update

Our district has officially filed a school bond measure with the county.

- If the school bond passes, it will fund new school buildings and upgrades to all of our existing buildings and select athletic facilities. The upgrades will improve safety for our students and make our buildings more efficient and cost-effective.
- If the school bond does not pass, approximately \$1million will be taken from our general fund to complete capital improvements.
- The school bond is designed to replace our current property taxes at the same or a slightly lower rate.

New Open Enrollment Policy for 509J

In September, JCSD 509J will begin accepting students from other school districts as part of a new state law that allows open enrollment for Oregon students. The 509J school board voted to adopt the open enrollment policy this month and will make a number of spots available to outside students interested in transferring. The policy also allows our JCSD students to apply for enrollment within other participating schools and districts.

Madras High School Parent Center

The Madras High School Parent Center is open every day:

8:00-9:00 a.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m.
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Open Enrollment Instructions

In District Transfer Requests:

- If you wish to send your child or children to a different school, outside of your resident area, but within our district, you must apply through the open enrollment procedures.
- A summary of open enrollment conditions and procedures is included with the open enrollment form and available at each school's main office or the district office.
- Applications for the upcoming school year must be received at the district office by April 1st.

Out of District Transfer Requests:

- If you would like to send your child or children to a different school district, you must contact that district directly and follow that district's open enrollment procedures.

For further information please call the district office at (541)475-6192.

Upcoming Parent Center Opportunities

Summer Enrichment Activities
March 14
3:45-4:30 p.m.

Health & Nutrition Workshop
April 25
10:00-11:00 a.m. & 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Drug Awareness & Prevention Workshop
May 16
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Computer Skills
June 6
4:00-5:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Principal
First Wednesday of every month
8:00-8:45 a.m.

Calendar

March	
3/5	Late Start, 2 hour delay
3/19	Late Start, 2 hour delay
3/26-3/30	No School/Spring Break
April	
4/1	Applications for Open Enrollment due to receiving school districts

Don't forget to vote!
Don't forget to vote! Ballots are due by mail on May 15th. Warm Springs tribal members will be voting on both the school bond and a referendum.

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