

Letters to the Editor

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To the Wasco People:
I am Tul'pah' chit-si-ak', sister to John Smieuk Katchia Sr. He is a man of integrity, a hard worker, caring father and grandfather.

Although John is a "Direct Descendent" to Wasco Chief Daniel Katchia, John stated we should be viewed by our own accomplishments.

Beginning in the 1960's, John worked at the Berry Farms near Sandy, he then worked in the woods, and then the mill.

Our grandfather Alec Tohet also stated he wanted his grandchildren to learn the church, beginning with Baptist Church, then to Sunday service at the Longhouse; we either went to the Full Gospel Church or to the Shaker Church. He wanted us to be respectful to all faiths.

As a hunter John has been supportive of ceremonial activities. This is just a little glimpse I can share about my brother. Please support John for Wasco Chief.

Cassie Katchia,
Tul'Pah' Chit-si-ak'

Feds clarify policy on eagle feathers

The Department of Justice last week announced a policy addressing the ability of members of federally recognized Indian tribes to possess or use eagle feathers.

The policy covers all federally protected birds, bird feathers and bird parts.

Federal wildlife laws such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act generally criminalize the killing of eagles and other migratory birds and the possession or commercialization of the feathers and other parts of such birds.

These important laws are enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior and help ensure that eagle and other bird populations remain healthy and sustainable.

At the same time, the Department of Justice recognizes that eagles play a unique and important role in the religious and cultural life of many Indian tribes. Many Indian tribes and tribal members have historically used, and today continue to use federally protected birds, bird

feathers or other bird parts for their tribal cultural and religious expression.

The new policy provides that, consistent with the Department of Justice's traditional exercise of its discretion, a member of a federally recognized tribe engaged only in the following types of conduct will not be subject to prosecution:

- Possessing, using, wearing or carrying federally protected birds, bird feathers or other bird parts (federally protected bird parts);

- Traveling domestically with federally protected bird parts or, if tribal members obtain and comply with necessary permits, traveling internationally with such items;

- Picking up naturally molted or fallen feathers found in the wild, without molesting or disturbing federally protected birds or their nests;

- Giving or loaning federally protected bird parts to other members of federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;

- Exchanging federally protected bird parts for federally protected bird parts with other members of federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;

- Providing the feathers or other parts of federally protected birds to craftspeople who are members of federally recognized tribes to be fashioned into objects for eventual use in tribal religious or cultural activities.

Meyer Memorial Trust nominations

Elizabeth A Woody, tribal member and author, is reminding the public to nominate individuals who have gone out of their way to make a difference in the state of Oregon.

Nominations can be a volunteer firefighter who helped save a life or a home; a neighbor who collects winter coats for those in need, a local librarian who helps children fall in love with learning; or someone who always greets everyone with an optimistic smile. Nominations may be submitted online at:

www.iamoregon.org
Or by calling 503-451-0705. Nominees and nominators will be invited to help launch Oregon's 21st Century Frontier and be eligible for public recognition and more.

MAC Recreation levy needs Warm Springs vote

By Michele Gemelas
(Writing as a private citizen)

The Madras Aquatic Center (MAC) Recreation District political action committee has made it clear: the tax levy to support operations of the MAC needs Warm Springs voters in order to pass.

Here are some of the questions asked by Tribal Members along with the answers:

Question: Who can vote on this MAC Operations Levy?

Any registered voter who is living in the 509-J school district boundary is in the MAC Recreation District and can vote on this levy. This

includes Warm Springs residents.

Question: How much will this levy cost Tribal Members living on the reservation or renting in Madras?

Reservation residents and renters who do not pay property tax will not be affected by the levy.

Question: What will this tax levy fund? How much money will it provide?

The MAC Levy is estimated to provide \$240,000 from property taxes, which will eliminate the five-week MAC closure that occurs each April/May and will eliminate loans currently used for operations. It will also provide

a maintenance fund, and will expand the out of water recreation programs.

Question: Why should Warm Springs vote YES on this levy?

Warm Springs residents are participating in many of the recreational activities at the MAC including adult softball, youth soccer, youth and adult basketball, water polo, swim teams, and more.

A few brave folks have even participated in the MAC Dash Sprint Triathlon for the last few years. Having folks participate in these activities is a great way to improve health and help us to live longer.

The MAC staff would like to continue all of these

healthy programs and to increase the number of Warm Springs participants in these activities, but needs to have the money to do so.

Currently, the dry land recreation activities like soccer, basketball and softball are funded by a grant from the Bean Foundation, but that funding will decrease each year until it expires, four years from now.

The operations levy will provide continued funding for these programs.

Every Warm Springs vote is needed for this to pass, so please vote YES for the MAC Recreation District Operations Levy.

Getting older

I guess we all get older and retire from a job we may have.

Well, I've lived in Eugene for many years and was an official member of the River Road Baptist Church in Eugene. I loved it all.

On the last day of September the Pastor Doug Smith had his last working day as pastor at the church. The members of the church had a super farewell dinner for him. Doug will be missed very much. We are all praying for him to live happy and secure in his retirement life. We must all move on in our lives to be happy. We all get old. Thank you.

Evette Patt

For CPS

Children's Protective Services is seeking your support in donating some candy or little goodies to the program to distribute to all the children.

You may drop off your donations with the CPS receptionist by October 25 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8-5 p.m.

Or, you may contact CPS at 541-533-3209, and your donation can be picked up at your convenience. Thank you! CPS

Meet your W.S. pharmacy staff

October is American Pharmacists Month, with the theme this year being, "Know your Pharmacist, know your medicine."

The theme encourages people to form a close relationship with their pharmacist to get the best care possible.

With that in mind, we would like to introduce you to our "super" pharmacy technicians.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is fortunate to have a committed and caring pharmacy staff.

All are Certified Pharmacy Technicians which means they have demonstrated a high level of training and experience and have passed a national certification exam.

Mariann Smith has been a federal employee for 39 years at three agencies. She has been married to Chuck Smith for 30 years.

Alicia Boston was raised in



Mariann Smith, Jason Arredondo, Alicia Boston

Chiloquin, and has lived in Madras for 17 years. She has worked at Warm Springs Clinic for eight years.

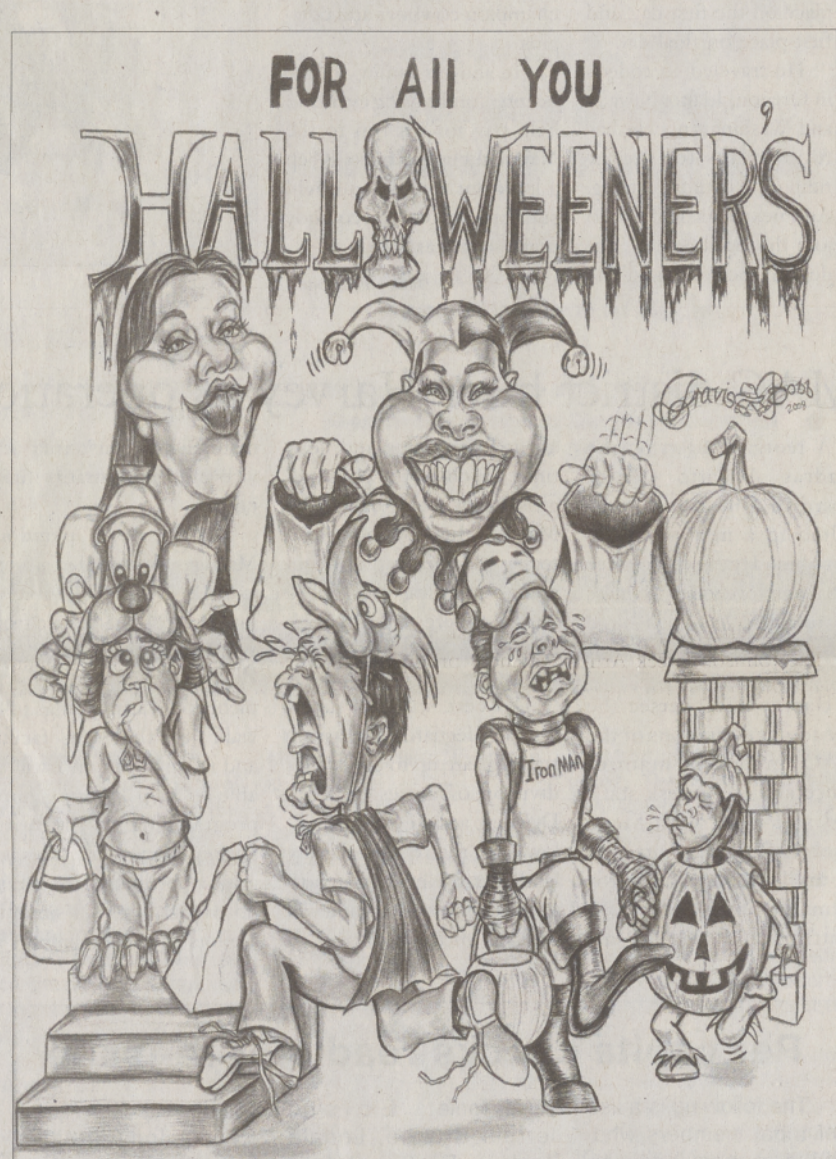
She loves spending time with her kids, '80s music, and movies. Her newest hobby is photography.

Jason Arredondo is the newest member of our pharmacy team. He has com-

pleted two tours in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army and was also in the U.S. Air Force.

Stop in to meet all your pharmacy staff. We're here to help you with your health needs.

(Submitted by Diane Fuller, Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, 541-553-1196 ext. 4420; Diane.fuller@ibs.gov)



Artist Travis Bobb everyone is looking forward to another scary Halloween in Warm Springs.

Native art exhibit at university

Willamette University will present Indian Country Conversations, featuring new sculptures by artist Rick Bartow.

The exhibit, "We Were Always Here," will open on Friday, Oct. 26. There will be a dialogue and images session starting at 6 p.m., with a reception in the gallery at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

Works by Bartow are displayed at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The next deadline to submit letters to the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Oct. 26. Thank you for writing!

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