

Motorsports,  
MAC levy,  
other items on  
Tuesday ballots

By Yvonne Iverson

By this time next week we will know the results of the motorsports referendum and the MAC measure.

You have until Tuesday May 21 to return your ballot for the Jefferson County election. If you have not already mailed your ballot, you should use the drop box that is located outside the Fire and Safety house.

On the ballot that you received in the mail there are two main items: a position on the 509-J school board is being contested, and the Madras Aquatic Center is requesting a 5-year operations tax. All other positions on the ballot are uncontested.

You can vote for one of the following to serve a four year term on the 509-J School Board: Courtney Snead or Lyle Rehwinkel (incumbent).

The purpose of the MAC measure is to provide operating fund for the center to stay open year-round. If the measure passes it would increase property taxes for property owners.

Also next Tuesday, tribal members will go to the polls at the community center to vote on the motorsports referendum.

A "yes" vote will allow Tribal Council to continue to pursue the development of a motorsports park.

A "no" vote would discontinue the project and no tribal dollars would be spent.

This is also the first time that a third party (other than the BIA) will administering a tribal election.

There will be some changes in the way that votes are cast. (you can read more about this on front page).

### Yard Sale

May 17 & 18 - 8 am - 3 pm Friday and Saturday - 257 SE Barber Road in Madras - About 2 miles on South Adams Drive, past Fire Station, Barber will be on Left, last house on right.

Lots of household items from 2 daughters moving in and out, misses and junior women clothes, shoes, handbags; Dell computer (\$100 works great, Word loaded), lots of items in good condition, prices are reasonable.

Spilyay  
Speaks

## Letters to the editor

### A thank you

To my people:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support, during the dinner and giveaway on Saturday, April 13. I would especially like to thank those that helped by donating money and giveaway stuff to help me out:

Udwai Earl Squiemphen, Gary Sampson Jr., Monica Sampson, Lori Fuentes, Louisa Fuentes, Val Squiemphen, Carlos Smith, Terry Squiemphen, Wissie Smith, Annie Smith-Etheridge, Earlynne Squiemphen, Edison Yazzie, Yvette Leecy and Lynn Graybael-Trent, who donated money to help with expenses of food, commemorative items, printing and picture taking.

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Thank you to those that spent their time helping in the kitchen: Monica Sampson, Sammi O'Reilly, Gladys Squiemphen, Jordan Leonard, Arrita Sampson, Topaz O'Reilly, Cassie Rhoan, Nancy Sooksoit, Marci Smith, Nicole Charley, Roger Smith, Jackie Smith and Terry Saludo; a big, big thank you to the Natural Resources Department for accommodating our cooks by getting everything delivered ahead of time so everything could be ready on time.

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speakers; to Deanie Johnson and the Wasco Dancers for participating; to Gary Sampson Jr and Dorian Soliz for hunting; to Pastor Rick for blessing the meal; and Carlos Smith for MC'ing the whole thing; Tribal Council members: Austin Greene, Reuben Henry and Buck Smith; to Charlie Tailfeathers, Janice Smith, Ken Kipley, Austin Smith Jr., Marvin Ike, Larson Kalama, Hamilton Greeley and Victor Barkely for honoring me as a Veteran; to the drummers: Emerson Squiemphen, Jefferson Greene, Jose Calica, Richard Tewee, Don Sohapp, Delray Johnson, Dominicio Tafoya and Moses Gilbert.

As you can see by the list, I had a lot of help! It is very much appreciated; I could not have gotten this done without everyone's help. It was a day to remember. Thank you to all of those people that came to witness history in the making; all the dignitaries and all family and friends.

My sister, Udwai Rita would have been proud of everyone for their participation and giving of themselves. We've all done her proud!

Thank you,  
**Alfred Smith Jr., "SIL-COW-IT," Wasco Chief.**

### Motorsports

Racing is big business at Portland International Raceway, Daytona and Indianapolis, etc. Of course they are located near large cities with huge populations and the major race tracks are sanctioned, meaning they are legitimized by the major racing organizations already. Will they sanction a major sport located here on the rez, and if not, will we have to deal with small jippo or some bush operator? To be occupied for one-hundred years is a very long time. Maybe we should find out a few things. Look before we leap and not be hasty like there is no tomorrow. The economic situation is not good right now and the Tribal Council is eager to fix it, which is noble, but we don't want to get ahead of ourselves, because impatience could become reckless, all risk and no reward to enter this type of big business. We should at least find out if it would be accepted and sanctioned along with the likes of Daytona and P.I.R. Also, that area is an important root and an excellent hunting area. And was there an environmental impact report regarding that area? CTWS could use some extra revenue but all things must be considered before approved. Respectfully,

Anthony Littleleaf

### Anniversary

We would like to wish our Dad and Mom, Warner and Josie Williams, a Happy Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. We love you both always. God blessed us with you. Love, your children, **Warner Williams Jr. and family, Raymond Williams and family, Hilbert Williams and family, and Harriet Delberta Williams.**

### Fire safety

Warm Springs Fire Management is asking homeowners to participate in the Wild Land Urban Interface Projects.

Call Fire Management for an evaluation of your home. Isolated homes in rural areas pose a great threat to being destroyed by wild fire.

Home that are a high risk to wild fire are first priority as to elders and disabled. Fire Management removes only hazardous wild land fuels, including grass, shrubs, trees and limbs. No trash will be removed.

Family involvement is encouraged! Keep all aggressive pets contained for fire fighter safety.

Call Warm Springs Fire Management at 541-553-1146.

### Dance event

The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family will present the Social Dance Reunion on Friday, May 24, at the Community Center Social Hall.

The reunion will feature traditional Columbia Plateau dances done since time immemorial, complemented by the cultural dances of today. The invitation is to all former, current and potential cultural leaders and students.

Food plates will be for sale. For more information call 541-460-3004. Or visit: fb.com/canoefamily

### Wishes...

**Happy Birthday on May 18 to Dempsena Polk Ruiz. Wish you many more, and enjoy your day! From Alex Tohet.**

*Happy Birthday on May 18 to Louise Katchia. Enjoy your day and always show your smile and love to other people. Big Bro Alex Tohet.*

**Happy Birthday on May 24 to my son David B. LeClaire Sr. Enjoy your day! I wish you all the luck this year. Take care and smile! Your pop, Alex Tohet.**

**Happy Birthday on May 28 to Anna Merle Polk Lopez, wishing you many more years. Take care of yourself and all your children. Alexander Tohet.**

*Happy Birthday on May 31 to my baby Kit tab Tobet Tias, Harvianne take care of your baby girl and wish you many more kids or lots of grand kids. Take care of you and Pita. Love all of you Red Tail Hawk Valley Singers. Dad and Gran Pa Alexander Tohet.*

### Canoe Family

We're changing the Canoe Family meetings to Wednesdays to 4-5 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. The change will complement the Wednesday Culture Nights, from 5:15-7:15 p.m. at the Museum At Warm Springs (subject to change) that will immediately follow the meetings.

We were invited to the Annual Palouse Dinner on

May 11 at Fish Hook Park in Washington.

This year we've managed to attend several events where all the expenses were paid, since we are raising funds for the Canoe Journey. We must understand that most community events are put on by the community with limited budgets, and we have unfortunately missed some great events because we would have had to spend funds raised for Canoe Journey, and in the end ask the tribe to make up for those expenditures.

We leave to the Siletz Canoe Dedication on May 17 or 18, depending on the Family's interest.

The N'chi Wanapum Social Dance (Reunion) has been set to May 24.

Jefferson Greene

### MAC District

Please remember to take the time to vote Yes on the MAC Recreation District Operations Levy.

It is only one week before the votes are counted and we need everyone to vote Yes in order for this to pass.

Thanks to all of you for your support and your help with this campaign, but this is the most important task of all—drop off your ballots on or before Tuesday, May 21.

Thank you!

Michele Gemelas

### Fun Run/Walk

Diabetes Prevention would like to invite you and your family to join us for a fun

run/walk.

We will be starting at our office on campus at 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday, May 15.

Participants will then run or walk for 30 minutes. Immediately after, at 6 p.m., we will be checking blood sugars.

All who have their blood sugar checked will be entered in a raffle for an Ipod dock alarm clock. The winner will be drawn that evening; need to be present to win.

For more information, call the Diabetes Prevention Program at 541-553-7718.

### Birth

Alice Surian Lumpmouth

Charles Reid and Candice Sahme of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Alice Surian Lumpmouth, born on May 6, 2013.

Alice joins brothers Charles and Fidel; and sisters Denise, Deserae and Madi.

Grandmother on the father's side is Denise Reid of Portland.

Grandparents on the mothers side are Alice Jim of Toppenish, and Jimmy Sahme of Pine Ridge, south Dakota.

The next Spilyay Tymoo deadline is Friday, May 24. Thank you for writing!

### Native Flutes



Native flute players plan May gathering

The Gathering of Flutes by the River is set for May 31-June 2 at the HeHe Longhouse. All are welcome.

Camping is available at the longhouse. This is a drug- and alcohol-free event.

For more information contact: Ko-Na Foster Kalama 541-325-3797; or Becky Dudney 541-325-3854; or Jeremy Baer 425-750-1028.

The Museum at Warm Springs is open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The current Exhibit is "Transformations: Warm Springs Tribal Enterprises." The exhibit is on display thru May 26.

### Legal Aid offers free service

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Phone Legal Aid Services of Oregon to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney on the first Monday of the month (excluding Holidays) at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave., Warm Springs. Call (541) 385-6944 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, or on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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