

## Letters to the editor

### B&G Club

The Boys and Girls Club Summer Program begins June 13 and lasts until August 23.

The membership fee is \$25. The program is for youth ages 5 and older.

Club house hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parents, youth must be enrolled to attend the program. You can renew your child's membership at anytime. The information is for parent/guardian contact for situations regarding youth illness or injury.

We'd appreciate the fee payment before your child attends. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call us at 553-2323.

Club closure days will be on: June 7 and 21; July 4, 5, 19; and August 2 and 9.

Thank you.  
**June Smith**, Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club manager.

### Raffle for grad

The family of Marella Rose Van Pelt is fundraising to attend her graduation in Flandreau, South Dakota.

She is the daughter of Lillie Van Pelt, and granddaughter of Eliza and Harvey Jim.

They are having a raffle, and the drawing will be Wednesday, June 5. If you want to buy tickets you can contact **Eliza or Harvey or Marella Sam**.

### Tribal CCC

Hello,  
I am writing to get out information out to as many tribal nations as possible.

We are the AmeriCorps Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps program for young adults 18-24 years old.

AmeriCorps Hoopa Tribal CCC is a 9-month tribal-residential Ameri-Corps program.

• Members gain work experience by completing community service projects across the country.

Members benefit from on the job work skills, personal/professional development trainings, free room and board, bi-weekly living stipend, student loan deferment and a \$5,550 Education Award upon completion of the 6-9 month program.

You can learn more at

www.facebook.com/HoopaTribalCorps. Or call 1-866-255-TCCC. Here is some more information:

What is AmeriCorps Hoopa Tribal CCC?

AmeriCorps Hoopa Tribal Civilian Community Corps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community

As a part of Ameri-Corps, the network of service programs that engage young tribal adults in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, environment, public safety, homeland security and other areas.

AmeriCorps Tribal CCC is a team based, 9-month tribal residential program, for young men and women ages 18-24 years old. Members reside on campus located in Northern California, on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation. Hoopa Tribal CCC has been in existence since 2000.

What do AmeriCorps Tribal CCC members do?

Members serve in teams of ten to fifteen, on projects that meet the critical needs of urban and rural communities.

Projects are varied and address issues in:

Environment, education, public safety, unmet human needs, disasters.

How are Corps Members compensated?

In exchange for a 9-month commitment to the program, Corps Members receive a bi-weekly living stipend, room and board, student loan forbearance, health and child care benefits.

Travel to our program at the beginning of the term and upon successful completion will be arranged by Tribal CCC.

Members also receive a post-service AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725.

What is it like to be a Corps Member?

Working together, Corps Members travel 2-4 times throughout California and to other states for short-term projects.

Corps members solve problems, form friendships, and learn lessons that will last them a life time through their community service-learning projects.

Members also benefit from a variety of certifications/trainings offered throughout the year.

Members generally spend the full 9-month service year with the same team and live with one roommate.

In the history of the modern day Columbia River Gorge, tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation referred to the sacred place as We'Mul (Kiksht), N'Chi Wana (Ichishkeen) and Pabahuudu (Numu). In the midst of our relocation to the reservation, our people not only left our homelands, but we also left behind our beautiful works of art that included carvings, basketry, pottery, petroglyphs, structures and canoes among many others.

For thousands of years our people of the big river used canoes to travel up, down and across the river, as part of our livelihoods. The canoes were carved from ancient cedar trees from steep valleys of the Gorge. In the midst of moving inland to the reservation with stipulations in harvesting from the Big River, our people slowly began to lose touch with our ancient art in the canoes and the spiritual journeys within.

For years, members of our community have connected with other Native communities through spiritual tribal Canoe Journeys. Seasons ago, those very members came together to begin reintroducing canoeing and our spiritual connection to water as our people have been since time immemorial. Under direction from cultural leaders, top management and youth programs combined, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs now own a 36-foot canoe, which received the name N'Chi Wana on March 27, 2010 at Indian Park on the Warm Springs Reservation. It was a very successful, emotionally moving and historical day for the Confederated Tribes. We have since been meeting every weekend to discuss the journey ahead and still looking for more community input in any way possible.

We have been advised and mentored by canoe families from throughout the Northwest. The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family has since journeyed to Makah, Quinalt, Cascade Locks, Newport Bay, Coos Bay, Lewis and Clark College, the Portland Performing Arts Center, the Native American Arts and Council, the Oregon Indian Education Association, Maya Lin Honoring, and several other community events.

This year the N'Chi Canoe Family will take part in the Paddle to Quinalt 2013. We appreciate the support of our partners.

**Jefferson Greene**

### Music festival

An all day music festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, at Sahalee Park in Madras.

You are invited to this school district-wide free festival, featuring local performers, including students from each elementary school, the middle school jazz band, and high school choir.

Celebrate the artistic, cultural, and musical diversity in our area with local dance groups and musicians. The

### Great Season!



The Madras High School Softball team gathered before resuming their play-in game that was rained out two days earlier. They qualified for the play-in game with a come from behind victory over North Marion. They were hoping for a repeat performance against the same team, but their season ended as North Marion advanced to the State playoffs. The MHS baseball team also made it to a play-in game against Klamath Union who narrowly defeated the Buffs with a final score of 2-1.

event will kick off around 9:30 a.m. June 1, and go on into the evening.

The performance schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

9:30-10 a.m. Dancers and Drummers from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

10:05-10:25 a.m. Madras Primary second-grade choir.

10:30-11:10 - Buff Intermediate school singers.

11:15-11:45 - La Luna Folkloric Dance Team.

11:50-12:20 p.m. - Madras High School Choir.

12:25-12:55 - Jefferson County Middle School Jazz Band.

1:00-1:20 - Metolius Elementary Recorder Group.

1:25-2:55 - Three Quarter Short, country and rock-and-roll band from Bend.

3:00-3:15 - Warm Springs Elementary Student Recital.

3:20-4:25 - Box Canyon Bluegrass.

4:30-4:45 - Dance Arts Madras acts.

4:50-5:20 - Winter's Ocean, high school rock band.

5:25-5:55 - Grupo Ritmo Caliente.

6:00-6:15 Dance Arts Madras acts.

6:20-6:35 - Featured teen singers.

6:40-7:25 - The Charade, local Ethos music teachers perform.

7:30-8:30 Triur Amadan - Madras' own Celtic and folk band.

### Rebuilding

Dear Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

This is to confirm our intention to rebuild our longhouse. The Nez Perce Chief Joseph Longhouse was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day 2012.

A committee has been established to plan a new longhouse. We have been meeting for three months now to work out details for this project.

We are now asking for donations, contributions, and/or items that we could use in our new home. We asking our friends, neighbors and relatives to help us in this endeavor.

The Longhouse Fundraising Committee is working in partnership with the Colville Indian Housing Authority. They have set up the

Chief Joseph Longhouse Rebuilding Fund at the North Cascades National Bank in Grand Coulee, Wash.

All monetary donations can be sent to: Chief Joseph Longhouse Rebuilding Fund; NCNB; PO Box G - Grand Coulee, WA 99133.

Thank you for taking time to consider this request. We appreciate any support and are sincerely grateful for your contribution.

Yours truly, **Keith "Soy" Redthunder**.

### Team raffle

A Warm Springs Hood to Coast team is doing a fundraiser raffle with a drawing on July 4.

You can get tickets from Leslie Davis, Monica Sampson, Jordan Leonard, Haley Brownson, Jayme Schricker, Lisa Dubisar, Ryan Smith, Gary Sampson III, Jeff Anspach, Don Courtney, Adam Haas, Joe Lewis and Val Squiemphen. Need not be present to win.

### Native veterans memorial gets legislative push

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) introduced legislation last week to reauthorize the construction of a Native American veterans memorial on the Mall.

A quirk of the original legislation, passed in 1994, allowed for the construction of the memorial but did not allow the National Museum of the American Indian to raise funds—a predicament for a memorial required to be built with private funds on the museum's property.

The new legislation allows the Smithsonian Institution to engage in fundraising and removes the responsibility from the National Congress of American Indians, a non-profit organization originally tasked with finding resources. The legislation was first proposed by the late Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.).

"American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawai-

### Relay for Life

The Madras Medical Group Relay for Life Team will be holding a bake sale to benefit Relay for Life.

The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1 during the Madras Saturday Market at Sahalee Park.

### Sisters show

The Sisters Wild West Show which will be August 24-25. The organizers are looking for volunteers to represent Warm Springs Native culture.

Please contact Richard Esterman at 541-549-8905 to learn more or email: centraloregonshows@gmail.com

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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.