

Blazers to host Native American Heritage Night

The Portland Trailblazers and the Moda Center will host Native American Heritage Night on Thursday, March 20. This is the Inaugural Native American Heritage Night with the Trailblazers.

Everyone is welcome to attend the music and perfor-

mances, and cultural arts displays in the Ex-hall located in the Memorial Coliseum. This will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on March 20.

The game will be in the Moda Center against the Washington Wizards, starting at 7 p.m.

A portion of the ticket-

sales money is going toward the Native American Youth Association (NAYA).

The NAYA Family Center in Portland provides inclusive programming for Native American youth and their families. NAYA Family Center currently provides the following programs:

Middle and high school advocacy services; tutoring and after-school programs; and Native community employment, among various other services.

You can find tickets to Blazers games at:

Tickets.trailblazers.com

21st Annual Cougars tourney in W.S. April 3-6

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Basketball Organization will present the Twenty-First Annual Warm Springs Cougars All-Indian High School Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament, April 3-6.

The tournament will be in the Warm Springs Elementary School gymnasium and at the Warm Springs Community Center. Entry fee is \$250/boys and \$225/girls division. Due by this Friday, March 7 (additional \$25 after deadline). Tournament will be open to the first 12 boys' teams, and the first eight girls' teams.

Girls division awards: ten Championship wool jackets; ten Runner-Up hooded sweatshirts; ten third-place crewnecks; ten fourth-place t-shirts. Most Valuable Player jacket; ten All-Tourney crewnecks; Mr. Hustle, Most Rebounds.

Boys division awards: ten Championship Letterman's; ten Runner-Up hooded sweatshirts; ten third-place crewnecks; ten fourth-place t-shirts. Most Valuable Player jacket; ten All-Tourney crewnecks; Mr. Hustle, Most Rebounds.

For more information contact Austin Greene, tournament director, at 541-553-3243(w) or 541-553-1953(h). Mailing address: PO Box 1327 Warm Springs OR 97761.

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Organization, the Jefferson County School District 509-J, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will not be held liable for any accidents, theft, injury or short funded travelers while participating in this tournament.

LaMere, Bobcats win New Mexico wrestling championship

Lorenzo LaMere, member of the Confederated Tribes, lives in New Mexico with his family. He attends Bloomfield High School, where he is an outstanding

athlete. In February, the Bloomfield Bobcats won the New Mexico State Championship wrestling competition. This was the first time in 30

years that the school captured the top honor in the state.

Lorenzo wrestled in the 285-pound division. He took second in the title match. The team overall, meanwhile, had

enough points to come out on top.

Lorenzo is a sophomore. He also plays football, and runs track and field.

Rites of Passage class

A new class for boys age 11 to 18 will begin March 12 from 2:30 to 5 at the Culture and Heritage Building.

The class is called, "Rites of Passage - A Young Boys Journey to Manhood."

Boys will learn cultural and traditional teachings from elder fishermen and hunters. Boys will also learn about the treaty and traditional leadership roles.

The series includes a field trip to the Columbia River. Call 541-553-3290 to register.

2013 fall chinook return best since 1960

A record number of salmon were spawning in the Snake River Basin in the fall of 2013, according to recent data.

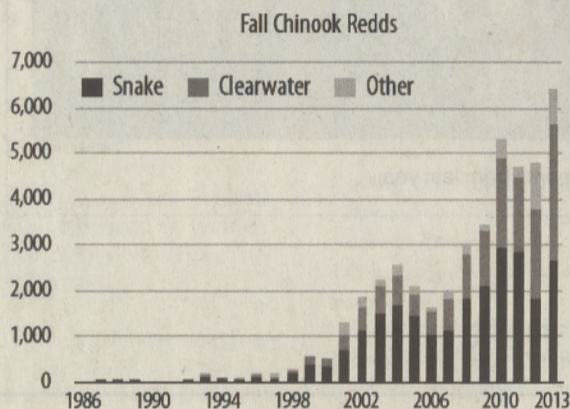
These numbers are fortified by a record number of wild fall chinook that passed Lower Granite Dam.

Data released recently by tribal, federal, state and hydropower industry biologists show that last year's Snake River fall chinook run included the highest number of wild fish to return since the completion of Ice Harbor Dam in 1960.

The spawning efforts of the run also resulted in a record number of redds, the nests where fish spawn, in both the Snake and Clearwater river basins.

The multi-agency run reconstruction of fish returning to Lower Granite Dam revealed 21,000 wild fall chinook returned to the Snake River in 2013. This accounted for 37.5 percent of the total Snake River fall chinook return of 56,000 fish.

Over 6,300 redds were created in the Snake River



and its tributaries between Lower Granite and Hells Canyon dams. The increase in Snake River returns and the increased distribution in redds were aided by tribal programs that supplement existing Snake River fall chinook populations.

"The Nez Perce Tribe's Snake River recovery program has resulted in fall chinook returns that the region can truly celebrate," said Joel Moffett, chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and member of the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee. "Despite returning to a

river noted for hot temperatures and poor passage conditions, these resilient fish were able to spawn in numbers not witnessed in many, many years.

"This run gives us hope for the future, but we still have a long way to go. We must continue to do everything we can to ensure the fish runs continue on this path toward a healthy, self-sustaining population capable of supporting well-managed tribal and non-tribal fisheries. Doing so will ensure the success of this run is repeated in years to come."

22nd annual university powwow

The Southern Oregon University's Twenty-Second Annual Spring Powwow will be held April 12-13 in Ashland. Saturday grand entry times are 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at noon.

Little League gearing up

Warm Springs Nation Little League is looking for team managers and coaches for baseball, softball and t-ball.

The Little League board is looking to fill these positions as soon as possible. Games are going to be scheduled soon with other Central Oregon leagues.

Please contact one of the board members right away if you are interested. They are Roy Spino, Yvonne Iverson, Mona Lopez, Vivian Smith, Stretch, James Sam, Urbana Ross, Cassie and Louise Katchia.

Diabetes run/walk next week

The Diabetes Prevention Team will host a Fun Run/Walk on Friday, March 14. Meet at noon at the old Fire Management parking lot for a hike on the camel back trail.

Diabetes Prevention will provide water. Please wear

appropriate shoes for walking or running on trails.

If there is inclement weather, listen to KWSO, and the team will hold the event on the campus.

For more information call Stefanie at 541-553-1079.

Siletz co-ed tourney this month

The Siletz Community Co-Ed Basketball Tournament, a Memorial Tournament for CW Case, is coming up in March.

There will be three divisions: fourth- through sixth-graders, four boys and four girls. Seventh- through ninth-graders, four boys and four girls. And tenth- through twelfth (over 18 must show high school transcript), four

boys and four girls. First-place winners receive jackets; two All-Star awards (bags); one MVP (Nike gift certificate). Second-place winners receive hoodies; two All-Stars (bags); one MVP (Evolution basketballs).

Contact Rusty Butler at 541-444-9286, or Shannon Case at 541-444-9671. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

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BAAD in March

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs Tournament is coming up in March. The BAAD tourney, sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, happens at the Nixyaawii Gym in Pendleton.

For more information contact Lloyd Commander at 541-429-7887, or Larry Cowapoo at 541-429-7886. Dates of the tournament at March 21-28. Als, visit the website: Ctuir.org

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