

Seeking ideas for use of school buildings

The tribal Education Committee is looking for suggestions and feedback regarding the future use of the current Warm Springs Elementary School buildings.

The new school opens in the fall, and no use has yet been determined for the current school.

To gather ideas, a survey table will be set up at the upcoming graduation dinner this Thursday, June 12.

The committee is also asking for letters suggesting ideas.

Letters of interest need to be submitted to the Educa-

tion Committee. Please send to Becky Picard (committee secretary) at the Tribal Council office 553-3257.

Or talk with an Education Committee member: Deanie Smith, Ardis Smith-Clark or June Smith.

The current Warm Springs school buildings are BIA property, which had been leased to the school district. With some improvements or modifications, the buildings could be put to good use.

The gymnasium is relatively new, having replaced

the one that burned down about a decade ago.

There was talk last year of converting the elementary school buildings to an alternative education program. This fell through, though, for lack of funding for such a program.

There was mention of using some of the buildings for Fire and Safety, or for transitional housing. But these are also just suggestions.

Meanwhile, a related issue that would need to be addressed is the infrastructure serving the entire campus

area. Some of the pipes in the area are decades old, and have failed. Children's Protective Services is moving mainly because of an infrastructure problem.

The tribes have been encouraging the BIA to replace the pipe infrastructure at the campus, as part of a Downtown Improvement Plan. New development, such as a store or other new business venture, can happen on the campus only after replacement of the infrastructure.

Pi-Ume-Sha Royalty Candidate

Jaihline "Cha-Cha" Ramirez is running for Pi-Ume-Sha court and is selling raffle tickets. If you want to buy tickets you can contact her parents Joy or Jose Ramirez or call 541-777-9220.

Wedding announcement



Annette New Dawn Sampson and Michael Jeffrey Jackson will be married on June 19.

Annette New Dawn Sampson and Michael Jeffrey Jackson will be married on June 19, 2014, at a family wedding on the beach at the Inn at the Otter Crest. The couple were engaged last November. The bride-to-be, whose Wallulapum name is

Chimtee-Xqaix, is from Pendleton. She is the daughter of Dr. Donn and Cathy Kruse. The bridegroom, whose Wascopum name is Mathl-nu-max, is of Warm Springs. He is the son of Deborah and Mark Jackson.

Eels: blessing ceremony for traditional food

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The blessing, on Monday, June 2, was held at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas rivers. The drummers and singers performed Washat, and there was an eel cookout.

Young dancers from Culture and Heritage performed the Eel Dance. "That was a highlight of the day," said tribal elder Faye Waheneka. "I was very proud of them."

Tribal Councilwoman Evaline Patt recounted her personal experiences at the falls. As a child she would travel there with her father Amos Simtustus,



Signs in support of eel restoration.

her older brother and friend to gather eels.

"At that time the eels were very abundant," she said, "there was no problem gath-

ering them. It seemed like all the households had them. It was very common. I remember my grandmother would clean and prepare the

eels, and hang them to dry."

Hanging to dry, "there were hundreds of them," Evaline said. "That was one of our staples."

The eels became very scarce some years ago, she said, but there seems to be progress in bringing them back. She thanked the various tribes and government agencies that are working to restore the eel populations.

"I hope we can continue with these kinds of programs," she said, "for salmon and for the eels, so we will always have our traditional foods."

Father's Day special at Cottonwood Restaurant

The Cottonwood Restaurant at Indian Head Casino is hosting a Father's Day special from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 15.

There will be a barbecue and meat eaters lunch and dinner buffet, with pork ribs, meatloaf, ancho spiced salmon, fried chicken, beef

stroganoff, seasoned roasted potatoes, corn on the cob and salad and dessert.

With a Players Club discount the cost is \$16 (regular \$20). Children 5-12 for \$8.50.

There will be a trip giveaway at 2 p.m. The trip is a \$2,000 Alaskan vacation

package.

The Father's Day plated special, also served from noon to 9 p.m., is a 14-ounce t-bone steak, choice of mashed potatoes, baked beans or rice pilaf and vegetables. Players Club discount \$15 (regular \$19).

Register for COCC youth camp

Registration is open for the COCC Youth Camp. It's for kids ages 10-14 to explore things like aviation, engineering, Kung Fu and all sorts of areas. They offer weeklong half-day summer day camp programs beginning June 16th. For additional information, visit the COCC website. cocc.edu/youthcamp/

Beatles celebration at Bend on Friday

KPOV 88.9 in Bend is celebrating its ninth birthday and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Beatles coming to America with the Fifth Annual Beatles Singalong this Friday, June 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Stone Church, 157 NW Franklin in Bend.

Doors open at 6:15 pm. Advance tickets are available at www.bendticket.org. It is open to all ages and festivities will include music, a costume contest with locals dressed as a Beatle or in period clothing and a Beatles trivia competition.

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Science camp for Native students

Northwest Indian College is hosting its Fourth Annual Summer Science Camp for Native American high school students. It is July 7-19 on the Lummi Reservation in Bellingham, Wash. It is a free camp promoting science, technology, engineering and math. Space is very limited, contact Nathanael Davis for more information 360-392-4271. (www.nwic.edu)

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