

Roots: education program starting this fall

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Simmons gives an example of the ideas he and Smith have for Roots:

First, Natural Resources has identified a timber sale, and the class visits the site. The class observes the logging operation. Next, they follow the logs through the mill process at WSFPI; and then finally to an actual construction project using the lumber.

Along the way the students see the different types of jobs involved, and get to know employers. This could lead to an internship, and then employment.

Forestry, Range and Ag, fisheries and wildlife are all potential areas of study. The cultural, historical, legal and political aspects of these fields will also be part of the curriculum.

Another project idea is to develop a greenhouse. The students would grow plants that could be marketed.

The Roots program is headquartered in trailer no. 27 at the former Warm Springs elementary school campus. The no. 27 building is clearly marked. Look for it as you approach teachers row. A neighboring trailer, and eventually the greenhouse, will also be part of the Roots mini campus.

Any student or parent who wants more information on the program should stop by trailer 27 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sooner you stop by the better, as Smith and Simmons are preparing for



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Earl Simmons at the Roots trailer. He and Dawn Smith have started collecting Natural Resources studies, documents and maps useful for the upcoming classes.

the fall term.

“At least let us know if you’re interested,” Smith said, “so we can begin developing a list of students.”

The goal, she said, is to reclaim every student who has dropped out who is not yet 21 years old. (At 21 the student is out of the high school system.) Roots is also

looking for people to be guest speakers during the semester.

“School board members are really behind us on this,” Smith said. “(Board member) Tom Norton called the other day and suggested a timber thinning operation coming up that might be of interest to us.”

The need for the Roots

program is clear. Its potential is equally clear. The name of the program itself suggests as much.

The roots of a tree are its potential, and strength. The tree builds up from the roots. “It can even mean ‘to root,’ as in ‘We’re rooting for you,’” Smith says.

Cooking for College classes

Cooking for College classes are set for next Tuesday, July 29, and Wednesday, July 30. The classes will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days, in the basement kitchen of the Education building. Higher education and

college-bound students are required to attend one of the classes. High school students are invited to attend.

For more information call Higher Education at 541-553-3311.

Birth

Aria Rose Thurby

Bobby Thurby and Shirelle Adams of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Aria Rose Thurby, born on July 17, 2014.

Aria joins sister Jollesa, 4.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Bobby and Dena Thurby of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Thomas Adams of Texas; and Jason and Denys Schjoll of Madras.

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