

Letters to the editor

Simnasho reunion

The Simnasho School Reunion is set for Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Simnasho Powwow Arbor.

We would like to invite those that attended the Simnasho School in the 1950s, the late 1970s and in the 1990s, to come and join one another to visit, show pictures and share a day in a good way. Bring your lawn chair.

For more information, chase down Captain, or call Char Herkshan or Eliza Jim.

Utilities, Don Courtney and staff.

Thank you to Chuck Churrier, acting general manager, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries; Josie Blackwolf, of Culture and Heritage, for all your amazing work.

Thank you Nancy Collins, Indian Health Services; the Diabetes Program for their classes at Camp Naimuma; Terry and Diana Macy, Warm Springs Market; Stan Suenaga, Warm Springs Public Safety; the Warm Springs Police Department; and Trey Leonard, Fire Management and Staff.

Arlene Boileau

Culture Camp

A big Thank You to the Culture and Heritage Staff and OSU Extension for collaborating with Camp Naimuma for the boy's camp and for the girl's camp, and Camp Tananauwit, held at HeHe.

All the staff members from Culture and Heritage and OSU Extension pulled together with financial help from Caroline Cruz, Family Preservation, Oregon Community Fund, Johnson O'Malley, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, Warm Springs Education, Composite Products, and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

Despite the fires and Mother Nature, campers and staff were able to have a fun and great learning experience at camp and will carry many happy memories with them.

Camp Naimuma was relocated to the Education building (due to the fire in the area of Mt. Jefferson) and was still a huge success with everyone having to rearrange their thinking about camp.

We want to thank the following departments, work crews, and businesses for all their hard work and dedication:

Elders and all the teachers. At Natural Resources: Bobby Brunoe, Jason Smith, Clay Penhollow, Harry Hisatake, Restoration Crews (Tony Van Pelt, Lana Leonard, Butch David, and Lucinda Heath).

Thank you Robinson Gorkey Mitchell for the tipi poles. Thank you Tribal

Cooking class

The Warm Springs Community Health Dietician will host a cooking class on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the IHS clinic kitchen.

Learn to make hummus, a great and healthy snack dip, from the new dietitian, Kacey

Conyers.

The class is open to the first 50 people to attend. Participants will receive measuring cups or spoons.

Call 541-553-2460 if you have any questions.

Birth

TimberWolfe Sterling Tewee
Trevor S. Tewee and Ursela Russell of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son TimberWolfe Sterling Tewee, born on July 30, 2014.

TimberWolfe joins brothers Antonio, 5, and Odysseus, 8.

Great grandmother on the father's side is Katie Blackwolfe-Beaver of Pendleton.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Gerald and Janet Bagley of Warm Springs.

The Diabetes Prevention Program is holding the Third Annual Family Fun Event this Friday, August 22 from 4-7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Library youth activities

The Warm Springs Library will be hosting some summer youth activities this month.

This Friday, August 22, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., the project will be Mentos-soda pop experiment.

This experiment will determine which soda "pops" the most when you add Mentos to it.

Kites will be the project on Friday August 29, also from 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

The question to be answered is: Why do kites "fly"? Come build your own kite to find out.

Questions? Call the library at 541-553-1078.

BookMobile plans Simnasho visit



Rosemary Mushy Alarcon and Craig Graham are getting ready to take the BookMobile to Simnasho on Monday of next week.

The Warm Springs Library and Health Resource Center will bring the BookMobile to Simnasho this month.

The library is planning to have the BookMobile set up

from 10-11:30 a.m. at Three Warriors Market on Monday, August 25.

There will be subsequent visits every fourth Monday of each month.

For more information call the library at 541-553-1078. Thank you!

Craig Graham, administrator, Library and Health Resource Center.

Survey on listening habits

by Jasmine Ike-Lopez
KWSO Producer Trainee

Warm Springs community radio KWSO conducted a community survey during the annual Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair and on line through Survey Monkey.

Two-hundred and forty-eight people participated in giving feedback.

Of those who took the survey 97 percent listen to KWSO.

There was also a question about how people listen to music or audio. Ninety-seven percent said they listen to radio, 27 percent say they listen on their phones.

CD players and computers are used by 21 percent of the survey participants to listen to audio, followed by 20 percent who use iPods or mp3 players, and 10 percent who listen on tablets or iPads.

The survey also fo-

cused on asking about how people feel about their community.

When asked, When you think about Warm Springs, what are you most proud of?

Results were that the people were most proud of their culture, the tribes' continuance, community events, unity, land, support, families, heritage, and elders.

What they are most concerned for is: The loss of culture, financial stability, housing, jobs, drug/alcohol cycle, crimes, leadership, and education.

This is the voice of the people, ranging from 7 years of age to 66 years of age, and what they see in the community.

KWSO conducts a survey annually to see if people are listening, and also to get ideas for programming content and how to meet the needs of not just listeners, but the community in general.

Tribal Council agenda items

(The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of August.)

Wednesday, August 20

Enterprise Updates:
9 a.m. - Power and Water
9:45 - Composite Products
10:30 - Forest Products
11:15 - Credit
1:30 p.m. - Kah-Nee-Tah
2:15 - Indian Head Casino
3:00 Ventures
3:45 - Telecom
4:30 - High Lookee Lodge

Monday, August 25

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer update.
10 - September agenda/ travel delegations/ review minutes Jake Suppah/S-T.
11 - Draft resolutions with S-T
1:30 p.m. - Legislative update calls.
3 - ODOT meeting

with Matt Garrett.

Tuesday, August 26

9 a.m. - State of Oregon Tribal Affairs/Tanf Nadja Jones/Kristen Potts.
11 a.m. - WSCAT/IDA program with Chris Watson
1:30 p.m. - Ventures update with Ventures board only.
3 - Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats

Wednesday, August 27

9 a.m. - Grand Opening at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Note: All draft resolutions must be sent to the S/T by email in Word form two weeks prior to being taken into council for presentation. Copy to lynn davis at the management office. Emails: Jake.suppah@wstribes.org ldavis@wstribes.org

Toe Ness Don't you hate it when people answer their own questions? I do.

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What to expect from dental program

Dr. Frank Mendoza
W.S. Pediatric Dentist

For many years most of the children at Warm Springs have experienced tooth decay, or cavities, starting before first grade.

In the past, the only way dentists could treat this disease was to drill out the decayed part of the tooth and replace it with a hard material to fill the tooth cavity.

It is difficult and often impossible for the dentist to treat young children this way in the clinic because the procedure is painful and the child is too young to cooperate with the procedure.

Therefore, about half of all the Warm Springs chil-

dren have required treatment in the hospital under general anesthesia to have their tooth decay treated. A few children have even required this more than once.

This is a difficult experience for the child and the family. Dental treatment at the hospital often is only a temporary solution, and is very expensive for the Dental Program.

Also, as with any hospital surgery, there is always some danger when a young child receives general anesthesia.

Silver nitrate procedure

Other dental programs in Oregon who have been using the silver nitrate to treat tooth

cavities in young children have found that the treatment is very effective in stopping the active tooth decay.

Later, the children can often be treated in the clinic without any shots by filling the tooth cavity with a tooth-colored material.

The recommended schedule for treating new tooth cavities is for the child to receive an application of the silver nitrate about once a month for a total of five treatments.

The silver nitrate is applied with a tiny dental brush not much bigger than the point of a pencil. One drop of the silver nitrate will usually be enough to treat all the cavities in the mouth.

Fluoride varnish, which the Warm Springs Dental Clinic has been using for many years, is then applied immediately on top of the silver nitrate to help strengthen the tooth enamel.

The entire procedure usually takes only a few minutes, and is not at all painful to the child.

When tooth cavities are treated this way, within a short time the cavity itself turns a dark color and sometimes black: This is good! This means the silver nitrate is working to stop the infection and keep the cavity from going deeper into the tooth.

If you have any questions contact the Dental Clinic at 541-553-2462.