

Recreation hosting ReAwakening arts, crafts

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is hosting the ReAwakening arts and crafts at the Community Wellness Center.

The classes this week are on advanced corn husk bag making with Kelli Palmer, supplies provided. The class is this Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 21-22, at 5:30 p.m.

The ReAwakening classes are open to the first five people who sign up. Call Recreation at 541-553-3243 for information.

The classes next Wednesday and Thursday will again be on advanced corn husk bag making. The February classes, on Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, will be on wing dresses with Colleen Johnson, some supplies provided.

The March classes are on

glove making, with Geraldine Jim and Deanie Johnson. and in April the classes will on feather tying, with Margie Kalama.

If you would like to teach a ReAwakening class, call Carol Sahme at 541-460-0939.

The Recreation Department is hosting **Snack Attack**, an after-school food program at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall

and kitchen. Snack Attack is from 3:30-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information call Carol at 541-553-3243.

Stalking is a crime on the reservation

Stalking on the Warm Springs Reservation is defined by the Tribal Code as a crime against a person, and is punishable by up to one year in jail. The code defines the crime as follows:

"Stalking - Any person who shall knowingly alarm or coerce another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated, unwanted contact with the other person where repeated and unwanted contact causes the victim reasonable apprehension regarding the personal safety of the victim or a member of the victim's family or

household shall be deemed guilty of stalking."

January is Stalking Awareness Month; according to recent data: 6.6 million people are stalked in one year in the U.S.

One in six women and one in 19 men have experienced stalking at some point during their lifetime, in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.

The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know. 66 percent of female victims and 41 percent of male victims of stalking

are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.

More than half of female victims and more than a third of male victims of stalking indicated that they were stalked before the age of 25.

About one in five female victims and one in 14 male victims experienced stalking between the ages of 11 and 17.

If you would like more information on this subject, call the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-553-3272; or the Victims of Crime office at 541-553-2293.

School calendar adjusted due to inclement weather days

The Jefferson County School District 509-J had seven inclement weather days in 2014.

For this reason the 509-J school calendar is being

adjusted.

January 30 will become a regular student day. February 4 will be the last day of first semester. February 5 will be the new staff work day-

non student day.

February 6 will remain a non-student staff in-service/parent conference day.

Howlak Tichum

Francelia "Tia" Miriam Wheeler, 1962 - 2014

Francelia "Tia" Miriam Wheeler passed away on November 7, 2014. She was 52.

Francelia was born on August 21, 1962, to Kenneth L. Wheeler and Agnes Greene (Lumpmouth) at Redmond, Oregon.

She grew up in Yukon, Oklahoma, and attended grades 1 through 12.

Francelia leaves behind her significant other Davis Sohapp, Sr; sons Joseph H. Stevens, his wife Tara; son Jess H. Stevens III, his wife MartiAnn; daughter Olea Yahtin, five grandsons, Odysseus Tewee, Jess Stevens IV, Amareus Stevens, JeShawn Stevens, Lucius Stevens and one granddaughter LaRhia Stevens.

Sisters, Coleen Reed, Laurel Wheeler, Kim LeClaire, Michelle Holliday, her husband Johnny Holliday all of Warm Springs. Sister Trudy Bennett, husband Ronald Bennett of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Brothers, Desmond Wheeler, wife Renee of MWanza Tanzania, South Africa; Truman Lumpmouth Jr., significant other Carla Conner of Warm Springs, and many Aunts, Uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Francelia enjoyed family-get-togethers with her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews as well as the rest of her family.

Francelia will certainly be missed, especially her



sense of humor, silly jokes that made us laugh; she loved her nieces and nephews, always concerned of their well-being, taking time to sit and listen with them, sharing her kind words of wisdom and encouragement; Oh, how she loved her grandchildren and/or one of her sister's grandchildren; she would baby them, let them know she's talking directly to them. The grandchildren knew they had a well trusted grandma to protect them.

Francelia was an artist with many creations from beading, sewing, hand crafts, etc. She enjoyed the casino, and was a good gambler; she had her favorite machine and done very well on it.

We thank everyone for helping us with the Dressing, Sarah Gonzales, and Ramona Baez; Drumming/Washut Don and Lola Sohapp. Delicious meals, Valerie Fuiava and family. Men who dug the grave, those who contributed

monetary gifts; all the comforting words, prayers, songs, and your presence.

Dear Aunts Gwen George (Leonard), Lee Saunders (Switzler); Uncle Mike Clements for his comforting words, Delvis Heath for singing a Washut Song; her Stevens family from San Carlos, Arizona; brother-in-laws Eugene and Ray Givens of Oklahoma City; Raphael Caldera for the hand-crafted (metal) marker; Leona Ike-Smith and Marcie Clements for their comforting words; the Stacona, Greene, Clements and Brunoe families; also acknowledgement to those who officiated, Brother Andrew, Mel Moss, Minister, Pastor Easton and Tina Aguilar; the Warm Springs Full Gospel Church, and beloved others who contributed their "Farewell" to our Beloved family member Francelia M. Wheeler.

God, we thank you for giving us our Dearest "Tia" for 52 years from an infant, as a daughter, sister, friend, niece, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, a precious person who took the challenges, adapting to every change, and done her best to live life happily.

Sincerely, A. Onte Lumpmouth, Stevens Family, Olea and Odysseus, all her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

GREAT program starting at academy

Warm Springs Police Officer Ken Kippley this week began a youth gang-resistance and education program at the Eagle Academy.

The program is called GREAT, for Gang Resistance Education and Training, and will be taught to fourth- and fifth-graders, and seventh- and eighth-graders.

There are two curricula, one for the elementary school age students, and one for the middle school students, Kippley said.

For the younger students, the classes are one day a week for six weeks; and for the middle school students the classes are once a week for 13 weeks.

The earlier the students

are engaged in the discussion, the greater the success rate of deterring future gang-related or other criminal activity.

Most criminologists say that schools are the best places to initiate the prevention programs. The goal of the GREAT program is to help youths develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior.

GREAT was created in 1991 through a joint effort between the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Phoenix Police Department.

After just one year, the program became a nationwide school based prevention program, serving all 50 states.

GREAT is now used in

over 500 communities across the U.S.

At first, the program was geared towards middle school students.

This was then expanded to four components: Middle school, elementary, summer school, and families.

The GREAT instructors are certified law enforcement professionals.

An evaluation of the program found students who participated in GREAT had a significantly lower incidence of "drug use, total delinquency across all offense types, and minor offenses (drinking alcohol, petty theft, fighting) than did students who did not participate in the program"

To keep in mind when gambling

Gambling—it can be fun form of entertainment for most adults. But its important to keep these tips in mind

Take only your dollar limit in cash when gambling, leave your other money, checks, credit and debit cards at home.

Set a time limit and stick to it.

Do not extend your time limit when you are winning or losing.

Most people can gamble without negative consequences but a small percentage who gamble can suffer psychologically and economi-

cally.

For help you can call the Oregon Gambling Helpline at 1800-695-4648 or 1-800-695 My Limit. Or contact Warm Springs Community Counseling, 541-553-3205.

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Sarah (Sadie) May Campobasso Merritt

Sarah May (Sadie) Campobasso Merritt passed away peacefully on December 30, 2014, in Boise Idaho.

Sadie was born on May 1, 1920 at home near Republic, Washington, to Michael and Katherine Lafleur Campobasso, the fourth of ten children.

Sadie was a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes and grew up on the reservation near West Fork on the Sanpoil River.

She spent two years at St. Mary's Mission, which is now the Pascal Sherman Indian School. She graduated from Republic High School and from Northwest Business College in Spokane.

As a teenager, she was proud to have worked as a fire lookout for the tribe on Strawberry Mountain. She often said that she "wouldn't trade her childhood with anyone's."

Sadie moved to Seattle during World War II, and there she met Ira Merritt recently from Townsend, Montana.

Romance ensued, and they soon married. Shortly after, Ira was drafted and served in the Army for the duration of the war.

Sadie moved in with her mother-in-law, Lessie Merritt, and became "Mama" Sadie to Ira's littlest brother, Cash. Daughter, Marie, was born while Ira was training at Camp Pendleton.

Sadie's sister, Marie, also came to Seattle during the war to find employment. Family legend has it that while Marie was visiting Sadie, mother-in-law Lessie decided that Marie would make a good wife for Ira's brother Sylvan. She was right. Marie and Sylvan met, and they too



until Ira's death in 2002 when Sadie sold the business to long-time friend Bob McDonald, who continues to use the original name. Sadie stayed in Madras until health problems led her to move in with her daughter, Marie Whaley, and son-in-law Ron Whaley in Richland, WA and then in Boise, Idaho.

Sadie lived a long, happy, and prosperous life. She worked hard, loved her family and friends, and was generous to all. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ira; her parents, her sisters, Elmina Gerlinger, Margie Caldwell, and baby Kathleen Campobasso; her brothers, Lawrence (Larry), Clarence, Mitchell (Mickey), and Harold Campobasso. She is survived by her daughters, Marie Whaley of Boise; Catherine Merritt of Three Rivers, Oregon; son, John Merritt of Madras; sister, Marie Merritt of Wenatchee, Wash.; brother, Robert Campobasso of Nespelem; son-in-law, Ron Whaley of Boise ID; brother-in-law, Cash Merritt (Roxanne) of Republic, Wash.; sister-in-law, Shar Griffith of Boise, Idaho; brother-in-law, Sandy Caldwell of Madras; grandchildren, Chadd Whaley; Lisa Marko (Scott); Rachele Merritt Meehan (Sean); Bryan Whaley (Karen); Alison Wild (Mike); Anthony Merritt; Sarah Merritt-Weisner (Dave); Haley Merritt; and Kaitlin Morrison. She also leaves 15 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in the summer.

Thankfully, both brothers returned from the war. The former Campobasso sisters, now both Merritts, brought their husbands home to Republic. Many Merritts followed and still live in and around Republic.

Sadie and Ira were soon off on new adventures. In 1950, they moved to Warm Springs, Oregon.

Catherine was born in 1950 and John was born in 1953. They bought 40 acres and a "modern" house just south of Madras in 1954.

This would be their home for the next 58 years. Ira worked as a logger and car salesman, and they both worked on the family farm raising pigs, cows, chickens and growing alfalfa and a big garden. In the mid 1950's they bought a service station.

After Ira was injured in a logging accident, Sadie ran everything. She ran the service station, the farm, and three kids until Ira was back on his feet.

Gradually, the livestock on the farm was replaced by cars. In the 1960s, Sadie and Ira became the proprietors of Ira's Sales and Service, where they ran a towing and trucking business and wrecking yard.

This partnership lasted