

Great way to start new school year

by Sue Matters

The Back to School Barbecue is this Thursday afternoon from 4 until 6 at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

There will be food, information, backpacks and t-shirts for students. This year the bulk of the school supplies will go directly to classrooms for distribution to all students.

Backpacks and t-shirts will be given out at the field building by the track. There will be information booths in the school commons, music outside, and special presentations by the OHSU On Track Science Education Program. The White Bison Sacred Hoop will be on hand in honor of National Recovery Month. Families and community members are all welcome.

The event begins at 4 o'clock with food being served and backpacks distributed until they run out.

At 4:30 teachers will be introduced. The special presentations are scheduled for 5 o'clock.

Classroom lists will be posted for students to learn who their teachers are and there will be an opportunity to sign up for fall sports.

There are a few changes for the new school year: There will be more group bus stops district wide, and less door to door service. Those stops and the schedule are now posted at jcsd.k12.or.us

At the Warm Springs k-8 Academy the school day will start at 8:55 a.m., significantly later than in previous years.

For students who will be dropped off early, there will be activities they can sign up for. More information about these opportunities will be available at the barbecue.

The Back to School BBQ is an annual event that allows the community, families, teachers, school staff and students to all come together to show their support for education in Warm Springs, and to get to know one another better.

The first day of school for most students is Wednesday, September 9. Madras High grades 10-12 will start on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Kindergarten students will have parent teacher conferences on September 8-9; small group classes on the eleventh and fourteenth; and will all be together on the fifteenth for their first full day of school with full classrooms.

Letters to the editor

Pet Clinics

Two pet clinics are coming up in Warm Springs, in October and November.

The first Pet Clinic will be on October 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the old ambulance bay across from the Post Office.

Shots will be available for \$15; and licenses for \$5. Spay and neuter vouchers will be available. Cash only.

The second Pet Clinic will be on November 7, same time and place, and same services available.

Leadership

Warm Springs tribal leaders and people:

Tribal leadership should never be divided by generational beliefs. Instead, they should be united with a common history, love, and commitment to our peoples. To acknowledge our tribal responsibility to honor our Covenant with our beloved Creator and the laws He requires of our people.

So with this vision, let us remember that our actions as individuals can have multi-generational impacts for our whole membership. Our Creator has reminded us, our history, both good and bad, will guide us.

In accordance to our tribal teaching, we have a crucial obligation to correct our people too. Discipline is a strong part of tribal life. We cannot turn away from correcting those who bring dishonor to our Tribe and our core beliefs.

Our goal should reflect hope and the belief of improved tribal government that has regained the trust of our tribal people. Hope and belief that growth is possible with correct modifications and adjustments that guide us back to our intended path as seen by our elders long gone—for the sake of our future generations.

Our mission should be to restore our core beliefs that the welfare and interest of all our people will be in every decision this leadership makes and every leadership thereafter.

A quote of our beloved Was-qu' Treaty Chief Tohsimpt, "Who am I to be so important than the common man—without my people I am nothing." Chief Tohsimpt refused to sign our 1855 Treaty first—ahead of other tribal men due to our tribal belief that we are all equal in our Creators eyes although our traditional responsibility to the people varied we were still equal. Leader, food gather, hunter, medicine person, undertaker,

drum handler, regalia maker—no responsibility is more important than any other.

In our teaching, our belief is to follow divine guidance, to speak out to correct wrongness and to guide us back to the correct path. This is an inherited traditional responsibility that was handed to me upon the deaths of my mom and my dad. I am the great, great, great-granddaughter of Was-qu' Treaty Chief Tohsimpt and daughter of Chief Pax-a-wana-shut, head Chief of the middle Columbia River. My husband is the great-grandson of Tulalip Treaty Chief Kanum. Our Creator handed down this duty through family generations, so until my death, I will speak and I will always stand by my words. When I am gone, my sons and grandsons will carry this duty.

My words may hurt feelings or anger people, but most people know, I say words based on our teaching. Even when I stand alone, pitiful, with no support, I will speak as guided by our Creator. And for the sake of our future generations—Beware of who you nominate and vote for Tribal Council.

We have nobody to blame but ourselves for the mess we are in. Make sure they know our way of life, they have an Indian name, have had their ceremonies and that they are alcohol, drug and violence free.

I am thankful for our Chairman, our Chairwoman and our Chiefs, sincerely,
Leona A. Ike-Smith

Fire help

Thank you to the following for the help during the Countyline 2 fire:

Tiffany Gross Hicks and Mr. Hicks, who works for Columbia Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement, and the people of Hood River. They gave \$1,000 worth of foods, goods and towels.

Thank you Pastor Ken Wytmsa and the people of Antioch Church, who gave \$300 worth of food, and over \$1,000 in items donated by church members. Safeway Madras gave 20 cases of water. Charlotte Pitt, and many others.

Elizabeth Sato and sons, Gabriel, Samuel and Elijah.

Revival

Shekinah Glory Ministries and Easton and Tina Aguilar are hosting a revival at the stick game pavilion behind the community center Friday-Sunday, September 4-6, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 1 and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

A stone-setting memorial for Nadine Bessie Miller will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12, in Toppenish, Wash. The stone-setting will be 7 a.m. on Friday at the Union Gap Cemetery, and the Memorial will start at 10 a.m. at the at the Toppenish Longhouse on Saturday.

CRITFC Salmon Campers



Youth at the CRITFC Salmon Camp.

Courtesy photos.

We had about a half dozen youth, tribal members ages 12 to 13, attend the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Salmon Camp this summer.

A couple of weeks ago the girls gave a public report utilizing a story board.

They each received \$100 honoraria from CRITFC. The theme of the week-long camp was the journey of salmon, higher education, and culture and tradition. Our kids did a great job.

Aurolyn Stwyer



Indian Business Talk

Credit scores—the good, the bad and the ugly

By Bruce Engle
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Super Prime	781 – 850
Prime	661 – 780
Non Prime	601 – 660
Sub Prime	500 – 600
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Credit scores are just a reflection of our bill paying record and habits.

Lenders use them to calculate their risk in giving credit. Their assessment of risk when lending to us determines the interest rate we will be offered and if credit will be granted.

What's a good score? Here are the rankings from Experian:

Prime will get good interest rates; Super Prime gets the best rates. The others quickly become hurtful or cause for rejection of an application.

The Good—Short of cash? We get to buy now and pay later. Think of credit as a tool. Maintain it well and it will work for us.

The Bad—Carrying a balance from month to month

over 30 percent of our limit reduces our scores. Paying late reduces it more. Our scores will be lowered for how late we pay and how many times we pay late.

The Ugly—Collections, "negotiated payoffs," and bankruptcy will kill a credit score.

What to do? What to do? We do credit counseling at Credit Enterprise.

Give us a call or sign up for our financial literacy classes when we offer them. Credit can be reached at 541-553-3201.

Check out Cooking Matters at Extension

The High Desert Food and Farm Alliance is partnering with the Warm Springs Oregon State University Extension Office to bring *Cooking Matters*. This will be a six-week long cooking course for adults.

Cooking Matters will start Thursday, Sept. 17, and continue on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Extension demonstration kitchen. The class goes through October 22.

The course builds on kitchen skills, including knife handling, food safety and sanitation, while also incorporating nutrition and cooking on a budget.

Participants in the course will go home each week with the raw ingredients from the meal they cooked. You can then practice at home and cook for your families. Each week that is one free bag of

food. Upon completion of the six-week course, participants also receive a free cookbook and a cutting board.

"It made me more adventurous in my cooking," a participant from a previous class, held in Bend, was saying recently. "I'm better at adding veggies to things, and trying new foods."

Cooking Matters is a completely free program designed to assist participants in improving their cooking skills: Anyone 18 and over can sign up at the OSU Extension Office building in Warm Springs, at the Education building.

Or call me at the High Desert Food and Farm Alliance, 541-963-8310. Email: jane@hdffa.org

If you sign up, please plan to attend each class in the six-week course. Regis-

tration is set to close on Tuesday, Sept. 8. We are also looking for one volunteer to help assist the head chef during the course.

Jane Sabin-Davis, High Desert Food and Farm Alliance program administrator.

The Madras High School Class of 1965 will have their 50 Year Reunion on Friday, September 11. The class will have a no-host gathering at Charlie's Pizzeria at 4 p.m. And on September 12, the reunion will be at the Elks Lodge, beginning at 4 p.m.

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