

Letters to the editor

COCC thanks

To the Community of Warm Springs,

Central Oregon Community College and First Nations Student Union would like to thank you for all the support you've shown us this past year.

This year's Salmon Bake, which raises money for scholarships for Native American students, would not be possible without the help of many.

Thanks to Geraldine Jim for her willingness to come cook our salmon. Thank you to the Department of Natural Resources and Alexandria Anguiano for making sure we had enough salmon to feed the people. The Quartz Creek Dancers, as usual, were superb in the sharing of their dances and their knowledge. And a big thank you goes to the people of Warm Springs who drive to Bend to support what we do.

We'd also like to thank Carroll Dick and the Higher Education Department. She works very hard to meet the needs of all the students, future and current. Without her kindness and expertise, my job would be much, much harder!

Valerie Switzler and the Department of Culture and Heritage are always available to answer my many questions. COCC is grateful for the tireless work Valerie does in teaching and promoting the Kiksht Language class at COCC. What an honor for this college to have such a nationally known instructor as part of our staff.

There are many individuals, besides the ones mentioned above, who are a great help to me throughout the year: James Halliday and Jaylynn Suppah, to name just two. I'm sure I've left someone out; if so, my apologies and my thanks!

I look forward to the upcoming year. I am very blessed to work with the people and students from Warm Springs.

Respectfully,
Gina Ricketts/Native American Program Coordinator/COCC

Harvey, and name-givings.

My mother Helen's Indian name came out and was given to my cousin Sara. It was a very good turn-out. My sisters and I felt bad for missing out on our Simnasho family.

I was not there, but I was supporting the Heath and Queahpama family, and I had a song in my heart for you all.

Cleda Queahpama Peterson, Sylvie Smartlowit.

AGLOW

The AGLOW prayer and Bible study group meets every Tuesday evening at High Lookee Lodge. The meeting starts at 5:30 and goes until around 7:30 of 8. AGLOW will be meeting on Tuesdays through the summer.

Births

Noli Aniya LeClaire

Louis D. LeClaire and Noralisette I. McKinley of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Noli Aniya LeClaire, born on June 2, 2016.

Noli joins six siblings: brothers Tyler, 15, Nathaniel, 12, and Ronald, 1; and sisters Praisia, 13, Taryn, 7, and Dessie, 4.

Grandparents on the father's side are Marcelene LeClaire and Louis LeClaire of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Eugenia Tappo and Theodore McKinley of Warm Springs.

TyDell Thorpe Ball

John Thomas Ball and Rose Ball of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son TyDell Thorpe Ball, born on June 1, 2016.

Grandparents on the father's side are Thomas J. Ball and Alison Ball, who lives in Nespelam, Wash.; and Judy Buffalo of Wisconsin.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Olivia Wallulatum and Fred Wallulatum of Simnasho.

Amber Lei Julia Selam-VanPelt

Myenal Allen VanPelt Sr. and Timinway Sally Selam of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Amber Lei Julia Selam-VanPelt, born on May 19, 2016.

Amber joins brother Nathan, and sisters Grace and Jade.

Grandparents on the

father's side are Chester VanPelt Jr. of Warm Springs, and Rebecca Danzuka of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Marjorie George of Warm Springs, and atwai Ned Johnson Selam of Yakama.

Jordan Arianna James

Aaron James Jr. and Dorthy James of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Arianna James, born on June 9, 2016.

Jordan joins brother Quincy, 7; and sisters Riley, 11, Annalese, 9, Samantha, 9, Aalyssa, 5, and Tatiyana, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are the late Aaron James Sr., and Brenda Strom.

Grandparents on the mother's side are LeiLani Polk, Chris Requa, and Don Howtopat Jr.

Elijah Tyler Graham

Craig and Lisa Graham are pleased to announce the birth of their son Elijah Tyler Graham, born on May 23, 2016.

Grandparents on the father's side are Mike and Arlene Graham of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Linda O'Toole of San Antonio, and Walt Shepard, of Houston.

Vets' event

The Central Oregon Veterans Stand Down and Community Resource Fair is coming up this Friday, June 24 at the Bend Armory. Doors open at 9 a.m. The location is 875 SW Simpson Ave., Bend.

This is a chance for veterans and families to connect with representatives from:

The Veterans Administration, the county Veteran Services officers (Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook), the Vet Center, Pacific Source Health Plans, Mosaic Medical, Housing Works, Neighborhood Impact, Social Security Administration, Worksource Oregon, the state Department of Human Services, and much more.

COCC student success story

After graduating from high school in 2013, Shaiandra Saunders' interest in the medical field inspired her to start working on an associate degree in medical imaging at Central Oregon Community College.

During her second term, her son was born three months premature, which required him to be hospitalized for two months. Later, he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Through it all, Shaiandra has persisted with her education, balancing weekly visits to a physical therapist and trips to the neurologist with her classes, work in the Madras Campus computer lab, and serving as president of the Madras branch of the First Nations Student Union.

"My family has helped me continue on my education path," she



Shaiandra Saunders

students to succeed and are willing to help that to happen."

Shaiandra will be the first in her family to earn a college degree: "I have younger siblings who look up to me, and I want to motivate them to continue their education and follow their dreams."

After completing her transfer requirements, she would like to continue her education at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. She would eventually like to work for the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs.

"As a student and mother, I can tell you it is not easy, but push through it and make it happen for yourself," she says. "Not only will you be reaching your goals, you will be reaching toward the right path for you and your family."

says. "I am very thankful for them. They are my motivation and the reason why I work so hard to finish school."

She says that her experience at COCC has been great: "The instructors were very nice and understanding that life does happen, but at the same time they want their

At Council

Tribal Council is scheduled to make the Committee and board appointments on Thursday, June 30.

Please note: All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due on the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m.

Submit a hard copy, or email (Word form) for review to glendon.smith@wstribes.org

Items for further consideration: The Pension Committee monthly report. Tribal adoption - District or General Council meetings: 1980 baseline discussion with the tribal membership.

Boomer tourney

The Boomer Classic Golf Tournament is coming up on July 9 at Kah-Nee-Ta. This is a benefit for the Museum at Warm Springs. For information call 541-553-3331.

Graduate



Congratulations to South Wasco High School graduate Ryan A. Garrison (above with Captain and Winona).



Ceremony

I am writing to apologize to my relatives and Rafael, because I didn't attend his sub-Chieftainship ceremony at the Simnasho Longhouse. As the elder Queahpama I wanted to be there. I had a good reason. My Jim cousins were having a memorial at Priest Rapids for their brother

Shoe boxes

Native Aspirations is collecting 100 shoe boxes, so the youth workers can create "coping tool boxes."

If each department can come up with three to five shoe boxes, we should be able to meet the goal.

Thank you to all who can help with this project.

Reina Estimo

Birth

Mathew Alonso and Alicia Gordon of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Danico Mateo Alonso, born on June 18, 2016.

Danico joins brothers Benicio and Gabrio.

Grandparent on the father's side is Pedro Alonso of Warm Springs.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Marc Gordon of Madras.

A look back...



A Courtesy photo

Recognize any of these boys? The picture was taken in the 1950s in the Simnasho area.

the tribes of Idaho.

The dedication, on June 10, was at the Gowen Field in Boise.

The art on the side of the jet features an eagle staff

drawn by the late John Sorrell, Shoshone-Bannock. Tribal leaders from the Boise Valley tribes, and from elsewhere in Indian Country, were in attendance.

Warrior Spirit

Warrior Spirit is an A10 Thunderbolt Air Force jet, dedicated in June in honor of

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