

Yukon, Warm Springs Youth Dancers



Jayson Smith photos



The Museum at Warm Springs hosted a Youth Dance Exchange this month on the museum grounds. The exchange featured the Warm Springs Youth Dancers, and the Selkirk Spirit Dancers from the Yukon Territory of Canada.

Casino Car Show



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Heriberto 'Papo' Cruz shows his 1938 Chevrolet at the Indian Head Casino car show. Earlier in the month Cruz won a first-place award at a car show in Redmond, where there were 374 cars in the show.

Kindred Spirits: Opens Thursday

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Lillian says, "I've learned about the flexibility and endurance of my River People, who thrive to this day, and still have the basket making, bead working, carving, fishing equipment making—all the many skills it takes and took to continue the culture that has been there for thousands of years.



"I feel humbled and blessed to have been given some skills to help continue the teaching, the culture, and what I know of my ancestry with the blessing of my Elders. So many have shared their knowledge, knowing I would make something of what was said, and having faith in me even if I never believed I could do half of

what was told. They knew they were kindred spirits, as they saw something in me I didn't know I had."

Everyone is welcome on Thursday to come share an incredible afternoon with an amazing artist. The exhibition will be on display from through early September.

UAS test: unique facilities

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He said, "We look forward to returning to Simnasho in the next few weeks to begin field tests of some products we've designed specifically for the powerline inspection market."

Stwyer noted, "It's exciting to be able to help customers like AIR who have identified the value that the Simashno site offers. There's simply noth-

ing like it anywhere else in the Northwest. Combine that with the ease of flight approvals through the test ranges, and we've got a great combination."

For more information about the Warm Springs UAS Test Range, please visit:

wsuas.com
Or contact Aurolyn Stwyer at aurolyn.stwyer@wstribe.org
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A thank you for Honor Elders Day



Courtesy Senior Wellness Center.

Oregon Youth Authority at Honor Elders Day.

The Warm Springs Tribal Elders would like to thank each and every department that helped make the Twenty-Sixth Annual Honor Elders another success. We would like to acknowledge the Oregon

Youth Academy for being here to post the colors and honor our elders with a drill routine. The Oregon Youth Academy pitched in with filleting the salmon for our elders day, a most memorable event. Again, thanks to all for

your participation in making this a successful and memorable event! Respectfully,
Warm Springs Tribal Elders, and the Senior Wellness Center staff.

Quentin Scott's Farewell to Fargo, North Dakota, and Joseph Scott III's Farewell to Gillette, Wyoming.

Good luck to Quentin Scott and Joseph Scott III. They are going to national competitions in wrestling, and rodeo. The family is

hosting Bingo, and a barbecue dinner fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 8 at Elmer Quinn Park.

There will be a raffle, and an art auction.

The goal is to raise the needed travel money to send both boys to both national competitions. Look for concession stands during Pi-

Ume-Sha and the Fourth of July.

Raffle tickets are available at the concession stands, and also can be bought in person from Joseph and Quentin. Call 541-420-9116 and 541-553-2517.

Please support your local athletes!

Reconsider decision on Warm Springs ROOTS program

Last week I was so disappointed to learn that the 509-J administration and school board made the decision to oust Dawn Smith as the director of the Warm Springs ROOTS program, an alternative program for Madras High School.

An annex in Warm Springs has existed for many years, similar to the annex that is located at Westside. ROOTS was different, applying the same online credit recovery objectives but pairing it with CTE classes that were focused around Warm Springs Natural Resources.

With local connections to tribal programs and departments, students got real world experience and access to experts in the field, and in those experts, Native role models for our youth.

The reason the program has grown and demonstrated success, far more than any previous annex program, is because of Dawn Smith. She is a trusted educator and has relationships in Warm Springs, built over a lifetime of teaching and living here.

Replacing her at the two-year old ROOTS program

is a mistake.

Apparently the district's desire is to model the ROOTS program after their new Bridges Alternative High School which will be located at Westside in Madras. Warm Springs is not Madras.

Alternative programs will have a principal and Bridges will have two teachers. They now want ROOTS to have two teachers instead of a director and a teacher. What's the big deal with allowing ROOTS to continue to build on their success with a director and a teacher? Just leave the program alone.

I am not sure how the decision-making process was handled in this matter, but it was done without any local consultation of ROOTS students, families, staff, the Warm Springs Community, Tribal Council, or Tribal Council's Education Committee.

Sadly, this is just another example of the Jefferson County 509-J school district not valuing consultation with the Warm Springs community. My experience is that the district placates individuals when they ask to be heard, but that input is rarely given any weight or value.

I don't know if this decision will be reversed. I hope

it is. Regardless, this is an opportunity for youth, families and the Warm Springs community to come together and advocate for our kids.

Administrators in our school district don't understand our community but Warm Springs people do. Let your voices be heard and speak up for your children. Demand the district provide high quality education for all the kids.

The next school board meeting is Monday, June 27 from 7-9 p.m. at the school district office. Let's all be there to share our concerns and hopes for our students.

Sue Matters

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