

To the College of the Siskiyous

Outstanding baseball player Austin Rauschenburg signed a letter of intent to play college ball for the College of the Siskiyous in California.

Austin is a Madras High School graduate, class of 2016. He is from Warm Springs.

He, a left-handed pitcher, also played varsity basketball in high school.

Austin was on the 2016 4A All-Star Baseball Team. He played varsity each year in high school, and played for Oregon Select Baseball.

He will be leaving August 10 for the College of the Siskiyous, located near Mt. Shasta at Weed, Calif. The first Eagles team meeting will be on the August 12.

Austin's parents are Marci Stacona, and step-dad TJ Foltz, who helped coach Austin since t-ball.

Austin signed his letter of intent at a gathering at the Museum at Warm Springs. On hand were family and friends, his high school and other coaches.



Courtesy photo.

College of the Siskiyous freshman Austin Rauschenburg.



Courtesy Marci Stacona.

Austin signs his Letter of Intent (above) to play baseball at the College of the Siskiyous. On hand at the museum were family, friends and former coaches (below)



Wild Colt Race clinic on Saturday

Native Aspirations and the Warm Springs Youth Council will host a Wild Colt Race Clinic this Saturday, August 6, at the Simnasho grounds.

This is for youth ages 7-19. The clinic will be from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Guest speakers include Buck

Smith and Soloman Stewart.

Prize money of \$100 will go to the first-place winner.

The clinic is put on by Pretty tuff unicorns: Jaylyn Bagley, Kali Walker, Loraija Miller, Michael Saludo, Jeremy Killfirst, Colton Reese, Shelliann Jim and Nathan

Brown.

There will be a barbecue, and a jack pot colt race (bring your own gear).

This is a drug- and alcohol free event. Bring your own chairs and gear (halter, shank rope, horse and race saddle) if you have some.

Crafting Pathways in Warm Springs

The Crafting Pathways classes are coming up this month and in September.

The Wednesday, August 10 Crafting Pathways will feature guest speaker Andy Leonard, adolescent aftercare specialist, and certified recovery mentor.

This class will also feature a pre-

sentation of the movie *A Girl Like Her*.

Andy will speak on bullying and its life-lasting consequences; realities of suicide and methods of suicide prevention.

The classes are held in the Family Resource Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information con-

tact Janet Bissell or Arlena Walsey, 541-553-2460.

The September 14 Crafting Pathways will feature speaker Shawnetta Yahtin, Warm Springs medical social worker. She will be providing information on healthy relationships, healthy forms of communication, and history cycle breaking.

Rattlesnake fire: discussion at Tribal Council

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A question was whether there is a program that can provide some relief to the individual whose grazing acreage was burned. In the past the OSU Extension program has provided some help, said Bodie Shaw, acting BIA superintendent for the Warm Springs Agency.

Extension Agent Scott Duggan said he would look into the potential programs—such as through the Department of Agriculture—that may be available.

Invasive species

Trey Leonard brought up the subject of invasive weeds such as cheatgrass and medusa head. Both of these are non-native plants brought here decades ago from Europe.

When a fire burns across rangeland on the reservation, Leonard said, the result often is an invasion by the non-native species. The native plants such as bunch grass lose habitat.

“Medusa head and cheatgrass take over each time we have a fire,” Leonard said. The BLM has a successful program of planting bunch grass following fires, he added.

The tribes could implement a similar program, and Leonard said he would be in contact with the BLM regarding their program.



Courtesy William Wilson/Fire Management

Rattlesnake Springs fire near Kah-Nee-Ta.

Reimbursement

The federal government is responsible for the cost of fighting wildfires that happen on federal land, or trust land in the case of the reservation.

Through a self-governance compact with Department of the Interior, the tribes' Fire Management teams will respond to the fire. Invoices for the costs—personnel, equipment, etc.—are then submitted to the federal government for reimbursement through a fire suppression account.

This issue came up at Council last week, as the fire reimbursement agreement between the tribes and the federal government had expired

on June 30, following a two-year extension of the earlier agreement.

The matter was then quickly addressed, with the parties agreeing to the terms of a renewed agreement.

Alfalfa hay – 100 pound – two string – 40 inches long – Very nice and green, no weeds – \$10 per bale – Call Bob at 541-408-5463

Pets program for W.S.

The Bend Spay and Neuter Project is partnering with the Warm Springs community to provide services to pet owners on the reservation.

There are also training opportunities, ideal for any person who is interested in becoming a veterinarian. There are also opportunities for any person who might have community service hours to complete.

Volunteers are also welcome. For more information, contact Arlissa White, office manager at Housing, 541-553-3250.

The tribal Housing Authority and the Spay and Neuter Project on Tuesday of this week hosted a introductory meeting to the program.

Meanwhile, on the first Tuesday of each month beginning September 6, there will be spay and neuter clinics in Warm Springs. These will be free to people who live on the reservation.

The location of these clinics will be at the Warm Springs Housing-

Community Building, 2776 Quail Trail-Greeley Heights.

Check-ins will start at 7:30. Appointments are first-come first-serve, with up to 30 appointments available.

Your dog's free appointment will include:

Spay and neuter surgery (no additional charge for in-heat, pregnant or dogs with retained testicles); pain injection, anesthesia, monitoring post surgery, pre-surgical exam, and rabies vaccination if needed.

A few of the benefits to having your pet spayed or neutered:

Prevention of accidental litters of puppies; your dog will be healthier and this will help them live longer.

It will make your dog easier to train, and help avoid unwanted behaviors; and your dog will stop running away from home.

This program presented by Bend Spay and Neuter Project and The Daisy Fund.

New CRITFC chair

Yakama Nation leader Patrick Luke is the new chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Mr. Luke was selected by his peers from the Warm Springs, Yakama, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes this summer to lead CRITFC.

Mr. Luke brings a rich combination of real-life experience and knowledge of tribal treaty rights, fishery and biological understanding, and traditional wisdom.

He grew up around the tribal natural resources, fishing, hunting and gathering traditional foods throughout the Columbia River.

During his childhood, the family fished for salmon and steelhead from scaffolds and boat set nets on the Columbia River. They also gaffed for salmon, and harvested lamprey in many Columbia River tributaries.

A member of the Yakama Nation's Tribal Council, Mr. Luke is a strong advocate for treaty fishing rights, salmon, and lamprey.

His experience and education has taken him around the world: After high school, Luke enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon completion of his service, he moved to Alaska for more than a decade, living his dream of commercial fishing, crabbing and fishing for salmon.

In 2000, Mr. Luke took advantage of the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Chapter 31 Disabled Veterans Program: Through the program, he enrolled at Blue Mountain Community College, and graduated with an Associates of Science Degree.

He then transferred to the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Program. After graduating from OSU in 2007, Mr. Luke returned to the



Courtesy CRITFC

Patrick Luke sworn in as CRITFC chair,

Yakama Reservation and began working at the Klickitat Salmon Hatchery.

He helped develop the first ever Pacific Lamprey Restoration Project Manager position for the Yakama Nation Fisheries Program. He was elected to the Yakama Nation Tribal Council in 2014.

“My vision for the future of Columbia River fisheries is to work towards the restoration of salmon, steelhead, lamprey, suckers, and sturgeon using a well-rounded approach,” said Luke.

“If the region is going to return these populations to their historical numbers, we need to diversify our restoration efforts, and ask ourselves questions like ‘What does a complete lamprey restoration program look like in the Columbia River Basin?’

“Or ‘How can we work with the region to modernize the Columbia River Treaty, improve water quality and flow in our rivers and streams and restore habitat?’

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