

Letters to the editor

A thank you

I would like to thank all of you for the out-pouring of love and caring you have shown me and my family in the loss of our loved one.

This is a true blessing: Each one of you who attended the services and expressed your knowing words for Mickey, this is so helpful to me.

I want to thank Rev. Allen Elston for leading the services, and Don Sohapp, Wilson Wewa and Owen Wallulatum for the prayer songs. This will help in the days to come.

I would like to thank the Presbyterian Pastor for the use of the church. I want to thank the OSU Extension staff, Beth Ann Beamer, Rosanna S., Sara R., Sharlayne Garcia and Felicia Rhoan, for an outstanding meal. Your graciousness and generosity are beyond measure, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

My love and thanks to all of you who were a witness to this celebration of Mickey's life.

Arlene Boileau and my family.

Reaching out

To my people of Warm Springs,

I'm reaching out for your prayers. This was the last time for my feet to be walking in the kitchen at the longhouse. I prayed and cried to the Creator, "Why must I give up what I love doing, the cooking at the longhouses?"

So, Atwai Roland Kalama Jr. was my last meal to cook, and I want to thank Kimiko, Frankie and Gidget for coming to check on the longhouse and to help us with the cooking.

I truly love my nieces Krisleen and Lorena, as they are willing to help their Auntie L.T., never telling me No.

My little sister Emilena I love so much for just being her true self.

I tried going back to the Shaker Church but the door was closed to me, so I will only shake my bells in my home on Sunday, and I will not forget my daily prayers.

I am very thankful for my husband for sticking by my side as he makes me laugh and be happy. It's been hard but I place myself in the Creator's hands. I am so grateful for what I have done and maybe be blessed another way to contribute to my people.

So, please understand when I say I cannot cook for

you people who have a loved one laying, as it is a medical reason for me to say no.

Please say a daily prayer for L.T. Suppah.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Teresa Nora Suppah.

Revitalizing Culture

Central Oregon Community College is hosting a presentation on *Revitalizing Culture Through Language* on Thursday, November 17, from 4:30-6:30 at the Madras Campus.

Join Native language scholars Dr. Anton Treuer and Jefferson Greene, who will discuss the importance of Native language preservation.

It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Births

Alice Marie Finley

Woodrow R. Picard Jr. and Tamara S. Finley of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Alice Marie Finley, born on October 29, 2016.

Grandparents on the father's side are Woodrow Picard Sr., and Sadie Marie Sam, of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Alice Marie Finley and Anthony Wahsise Jr., of Toppenish, Wash.

Ayden Biggs Gonzales

Tama Gonzales of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her son Ayden Biggs Gonzales, born on October 31, 2016.

Grandparents are Michele Gonzales and Steven Stewart of Warm Springs.

Gift shop hours

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, the gift shop at the Museum at Warm Springs has extended hours.

The regular hours were Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The extended hours mean the shop is open until 6 p.m.

The museum is closed Sundays and Mondays, and on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Museum at Warm Springs.

No DAPL

The *New York Times* joins Indian Country in opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline, calling for a change in the route to avoid the home of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota. Here is the editorial comment from the *Times*:

A pipeline may well be the most profitable and efficient way to move a half-million barrels of crude oil a day across the Plains.

But in a time of oil gluts and plummeting oil prices, is it worth it? Is it worth the degradation of the environment, the danger to the water, the insult to the heritage of the Sioux?

The law-enforcement response to the largely peaceful Standing Rock impasse has led to grim clashes at protest camps between hundreds of civilians and officers in riot gear.

The confrontation cannot help summoning a wretched history. Not far from Standing Rock, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, sacred land was stolen from the Sioux, plundered for gold and other minerals, and then carved into four monumental presidential heads: an American shrine built from a brazen act of defacement.

The Sioux know as well as any of America's native peoples that justice is a shifting concept, that treaties, laws and promises can wilt under the implacable pressure for mineral extraction. But without relitigating the history of the North American conquest, perhaps the protesters can achieve their aim to stop or reroute the pipeline.

"We are monitoring this closely," Mr. Obama said. "I think as a general rule, my view is that there is a way for us to accommodate sacred lands of Native Americans." Of course there is. There has to be.

COCC student profile

Working on career through Massage Therapy

Pauline Culpus is a Massage Therapy student at Central Oregon Community College.

Pauline graduated from Madras High in 2006. She started working at Kah-Nee-Ta in 2011, then started thinking about returning to school.

She decided to make the plunge into education, wanting to add more to her resume. Her only regret now is that she didn't return sooner:

"I love school every day," Pauline was saying recently.

"People are so warm and welcoming, and no one made me feel infe-



Pauline Culpus

rior that I returned to school after ten years."

Pauline attributes her success at school from the

support she gets from her family, who have always encouraged and supported her in her dreams.

Still, it has been hard: Pauline had to give up time to spend with her family, and is missing her little sister's Celeste MorningOwl's senior year. But her dream to own a full service spa is getting closer to reality.

She wishes she hadn't procrastinated so long, and her advice to others is just do it because otherwise it won't happen:

"I'm the happiest when I'm working on a client, and this is what motivates me when it gets hard."

At Celilo

The Oregon Food Bank's Harvest Share program is giving out free fruits and vegetables at the Celilo Community Center on Wednesday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are no income verification or ID requirements.

For the Vets

Central Oregon Veterans Outreach hosts a giveaway of clothing and other needs on the third Wednesday of each month.

They are in Warm Springs on Campus from 1-2 p.m.

They also provide the service in Madras on the same day, in the morning. Contact Tory 383-2793 ext. 125 to find out Madras location).

Vets Handyman Service and More is available to hire for odd jobs around your home, or any project you may have. For information contact Anthony Davis at 541-460-1664.

Student notes

Parent—Student conferences at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy are next Tuesday through Thursday, November 15-17 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Meals will be available in the cafeteria.

Kids at the Early Childhood Education center will take part in the Mini Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thursday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

Trades fair

The Central Oregon Skilled Trades & Apprenticeship Fair is coming up on Friday, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Redmond Technology Education Center on the Redmond Campus of Central Oregon Community College.

The event features hands-on workshops, representatives from local industry and

skilled trade unions and high-paying career opportunities for high school and college students to learn about.

MC at Folklife

The University of Oregon is sponsoring Oregon Folklife Network Artists at the High Desert Museum in Bend.

This Thursday, November 10, the presentation will feature Mic Crenshaw, currently based in Portland.

He is an MC and hip-hop artist, Portland Poetry Slam winner and social activist. The presentation is from 6:30-8 p.m. at the High Desert Museum.

American sports

Portland State University will have a presentation and discussion on *Racism in American Sports* on Monday, November 28. This will be held at the PSU Native American Student and Community Center from 6-8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Warm Springs, regional youth excel at Heart of Oregon Corps

Put a group of five 16-18 year-old teenagers together for a summer job, and the inevitable result is the greatest selfie ever (right).

But a lot more goes on during Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps—COYCC for short—than selfie-taking.

Over the 2016 summer, 80 young people from across Central Oregon work in our region's National Forests completing trail maintenance, cleaning campgrounds, improving riparian habitats, and pulling noxious weeds. The youth were from Warm Springs, Madras, Redmond, Bend and other Central Oregon communities.

The U.S. Forest Service is our vested partner in this program, and they provide much of the funding, planning and coordination of the program.

This partnership also allows youth to gain exposure to careers in Natural Resource management. We like to think of it as engaging "Tomorrow's Conservationists."

Camp Lead ran its second



Courtesy Heart of Oregon Corps

year this summer. This program serves youth with ranging disabilities to engage them in conservation work as a step towards gaining independence and joining the workforce.

Leadership is a key component of the week-long sleep-away camp, and so far it has had great impacts on youth participants. Sonny, 19, was homeless and unemployed when he enrolled in

the camp. Today, he is receiving training at Job Corps to become a chef.

Another camper, 19-year-old Sarah, said she struggled with leadership skills before attending the camp, especially in JROTC. Four months after, she applied to the United States Air Force.

Finally, something awesome happened this summer for the first time. We teamed

up with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Cascadia Expeditions to take a group of our AmeriCorps youth on a river trip.

It wasn't all fun and games: They completed a project along the way, but it was an eye-opening experience to our youth, none of who had ever been exposed to whitewater rafting.

Heart of Oregon Corps

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