

Letters to the editor

Summer youth work program

Attention all youth:

Are you still in high school—regular, alternative or boarding—or working toward your GED?

And by June 15 will you be at least 14 years old?

If yes—and if you want to work this summer—then this message is for you.

The tribal Health and Human Services Native Aspirations Soaring for the Future Work Program will host the Elements Conference this month.

The conference, during spring break, will ensure that all youth who attend will:

Fill out an application, and take the core health education course requirements and the safety courses.

During this time, youth will be given the proper pre-employment training and orientation to the program.

Due to the nature of this conference, there are currently only 85 training spots available. So register early if you are interested.

The Soaring for the Future Elements Conference is planned for March 27-30 (each youth attends one day). Here is a tentative daily activities schedule:

8 to 8:30 a.m.: Sign in.

9 to 10: Workshop

10 to noon: Workshop.

Lunch provided at noon.

1 to 5 p.m.: Workshops.

For youth who are interested, please bring a combination of two of the following (these will be needed to fulfill the Identification portion of the I-9 form):

Identification. Social Security. CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood). Driver's license. Tribal ID. Passport. Student ID.

A note to parents:

Upon successful completion, the Elements Conference will:

Fulfill the education requirement of each participant.

Secure a spot in the program.

Allow participant to bypass the mandatory 40 hours of health education.

Choose up to three job placements. And walk away with certification that can be used in other places.

This event is sponsored, promoted, and collaborated with:

The Work Innovation and Opportunity Act, Vocational Rehabilitation Department, Human Resources Department, Public Utilities, the Museum at Warm Springs,

Indian Health Service, the Community Health Education Team, Family Preservation, Culture and Heritage, and the Prevention Team.

Partnering with the Native Aspirations program this year is the newly formed Warm Springs Health and Promotion Prevention Initiative (HAPPI Team):

Misty Kopplin and Charlene Dimmick, Family Preservation. Judi Charlie and Anita Davis, CHET. Rosanna Jackson, Meth and Suicide Initiative. Scott Kalama, Tobacco Prevention Education Program.

Leighton Pennington, Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success. Radine Johnson, Tribal Best Practices. Michael Martinez, Alcohol and Drug Prevention.

Buffy Hurtado, Reina Estimo and Lupe Katchia, the Native Aspirations coordinators.

Births

Ivory Lynn Finley

Oscar Charles Einley Jr. and Chloe Lynn Suppah, of Warm Springs and Yakama, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ivory Lynn Finley, born on February 7, 2017.

Grandparents on the father's side are Rebecca Finley and the late Oscar Charles Finley Sr. of Wapato, Washington.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Saley Whiz and Erland Suppah Sr.

Osius Ke-Shone Smith

ArVonius Smith of Valene Wheeler of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Osius Ke-Shone Smith, born on February 8, 2017.

Osius joins sister Brielle, 6.

Grandparents on the father's side are Jennifer Smith and Chris Webb.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Kim LeClaire and Marlon LeClaire.

Brandon Jae Thompson Jr.

Brandon Jae Thompson and Alexis Lauraina Hintsala of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Brandon Jae Thompson Jr., born on February 12, 2017.

Brandon joins sisters Vivian, 3, and Eleanor, 1.

Grandparents on the father's side are Barbara and Calvin Poncho of Warm

Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Jolene Hintsala and Cory Stwyer Sr. of Warm Springs.

Meilani Rose Sam-Smith

Troy Sam-Smith and Mileena Edwards of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Meilani Rose Sam-Smith, born on February 17, 2017.

Grandmother on the father's side is Sally Smith of Warm Springs.

Grandmother on the mother's side is Michelle Jim of Warm Springs.

ECE survey

Warm Springs Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide free comprehensive preschool services.

Early Head Start programs serve pregnant individuals and children up to age 3. Head Start programs serve children ages 3-5.

Currently the programs are conducting a Community Assessment Survey to collect data that will help with planning and identifying needs for families and children in the Warm Springs community.

You can complete a survey by downloading it at kwso.org. You can print a copy, fill it out and submit it to the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center. Copies of the survey are also available at ECE.

Need homes

Jasper, Bela Moonshine and Yawn Master SexSei are in need of a new home. Seven in-door cats are just too much. Jasper is a 2-year old female. Bela Moonshine is a 10-month old beautiful long-hair sweetie, and Yawn

Master SexSei is a 10-month old big old softie. He is very affectionate and loving. All are house trained. Yawnnie is fixed.

New owners highly encouraged to keep pets indoors. Inquiries welcome. Call or text **Tricia Melvin**, 51-325-3016. Please leave voice mail. Thank you.

Winter time

The weather in Eugene is now very slick and slippery. I can walk with a tuckush and I have a scooter to take me out to anywhere I'd like to go, if I'd like to go anywhere, but I've been told Don't go anywhere, it's just too slick out there.

I'd like it if snow tires or chains can be invented for wheelchairs to use in the winter season. But there are a lot of other things I'd love to see invented.

Everyone in and from Warm Springs should always listen to those who want to help them in 2017. Do not

try to negotiate. **Evette Patt**, 689 W. 13th Ave., no. 1, Eugene, 97404.

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition is excited to partner with the American College of Rheumatology on a project to increase awareness in central Oregon around lupus.

We are conducting a pre-awareness campaign survey to see how much people in central Oregon know about lupus. Please take the short survey, and be entered to win a Fitbit.

The survey can be accessed through the links below, and will be open until March 17. Paper surveys will also be available in multiple locations across central Oregon, including public health offices and various other locations.

A list of these locations are available at our website,

letstalkdiversity.net.

You can find the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/OregonLupus

Lupus is a serious autoimmune disease, where the body attacks its own healthy cells and tissues, affecting women of color more than any other demographic group.

It can affect the heart, lungs, kidneys, skin and nervous system. It is a chronic illness with periods of no symptoms and periods where symptoms flare up.

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition is a nonprofit regional health equity coalition based out of Madras, partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the tribal community.

Family, friends

Hi to my family the Baileys, and to my friends. I'm sending a message to all I care for, and to say Hi. Thanks to all. Sincerely,

Dominic Bailey.



Anthony Anderson of Warm Springs took this photograph last year during the opposition to the DAPL in North Dakota. Anthony was among several Warm Springs members who traveled to North Dakota in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Opponents of the Dakota Access Pipeline who were pushed out of their protest camp last week have vowed to keep up efforts to stop the

multi-billion-dollar project.

The Oceti Sakowin camp was cleared last week by law enforcement, and almost 50 people, mostly Native American, were arrested.

The 1,170-mile line, built by Energy Transfer Partners LP, will move crude from the shale oilfields of North Dakota to Illinois.

Native American writers at The Dalles festival

Events feature Sherman Alexie, Elizabeth Woody

Lesley and Ms. Woody for an hour of poetry.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Taholah Drum Group of the Quinault Indian Nation and a live band.

Also performing will be the five school building poetry slam champs from North Wasco County School District.

Oregon State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen is the mistress of ceremonies for this celebration, *Living in America: We Are All in This Together!*

The school district's Education Foundation will be collecting donations for future literary events. Doors open at 3:30.

At 7 that evening at Klindt's Booksellers—Oregon's oldest bookstore—the four writers will be on hand to chat and to sign their published works, avail-

able at the bookstore.

The Dalles Wasco County Public Library will be providing programming to the community. This will include the Native American Family Story Time on Wednesday April 12 at 10:30.

Copies of *Thunder Boy Jr.* will be given away while the supply lasts.

And Thursday April 20 at 6:30 will be the Adult Book Club's discussion of *Blasphemy* by Sherman Alexie. Copies of this anthology of stories should be available by late March.

On April 9 at 6:30 the bookstore book club will hold a discussion with author Rosanne Parry on *Written in Stone*, her novel about cultural survival and the Makah and Quinault whaling cultures.

Four hundred copies of this book will be distributed through school and public libraries in The Dalles, funded by individual donors, the bookstore, and the Kiwanis Club of The Dalles.

Local literacy partners include the Columbia Gorge

Community College Library, The Dalles Wasco County Public Library, the Friends of TDWCPL, D21 Libraries, and Klindt's Booksellers.

Charitable support for the project comes generously from the Education Foundation of North Wasco County School District, The Wasco County Cultural Trust, the Friends of TDWCPL, the United Church of Christ Congregational Church of The Dalles, the Ford Family Foundation, the Oregon Cultural Trust, the Meyer Memorial Trust, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and numerous school districts around the Mid-Columbia.

Business partners include The Dalles Inn, Riverenza, and Route 30. Additionally numerous state, federal, local, and regional agencies have assisted in the planning and implementing of this project.

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