

Letters to the editor

To artists

The Museum at Warm Springs is accepting artwork for its upcoming exhibit, *Creativity Explored*. This is a community art exhibit that will showcase artists of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The deadline to submit work is Friday, April 14 at 5 p.m. Applications and guidelines are available at the museum. If you have questions contact Natalie Kirk, 541-553-3331.

Vets gathering

The Veterans and Family Healing Gathering—Honoring the Sixty-Seventh Anniversary of the Korean War—is coming up April 27-30 at the HeHe Longhouse.

The weekend includes healing ceremonies, speakers, talking circles, men and women's sweat lodges, games and kids' activities.

There is no charge to participate. Contributions of food, volunteer time and raffle items are greatly appreciated. For information contact Larsen Kalama at 541-553-3093.

Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day is coming up in May at the Agency Longhouse.

The committee is looking for donations of door prizes and gift items for guests. For information, or if you'd like to help out, contact the Warm Springs Senior Wellness program at 541-553-3313 or 3520.

Portland-to-Coast Relay raffle

The 2017 Portland to Coast Relay Team from Warm Springs is hosting a fund-raising raffle. Items include:

A cord of wood, \$100 cash, gift basket, Beavers scarf, Seahawks scarf, beaded earrings, set of coffee mugs, Indian print men's shirt, \$25 cash, Ducks scarf, necklace with shell, Lottery scratch-offs, sweatshirt with Pendleton pockets, and other donated items.

Tickets will be on sale until May 1. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Need not be present to win. See the following for your raffle tickets:

Saphronia Coochise, Rosanna Jackson, Marceline Smith, Samantha Gomez, Melissa Benson, Susan Jim,

Karla Hawes, Mary Iwamoto, Kecia Florendo, Norene Sampson, Victoria Katchia and Val Squiemphen.

Great grades at W.S. Academy

The Warm Springs k-8 Academy announced the Semester 2 Honor Roll students, grades six, seven and eight. Great work, and congratulations:

Sixth grade Honors (3.0-3.5)

Sammy Billy Chinook, Treyvon Johnson, Israel Machic Holliday, Alexa Martinez, Waurica Miller, Marcus Muldrow Jr., Kaiwin Clements, Garrett Jackson, Taylor Arthur, Inez Bradley, Daneicia Gonzalez, Denyce Padilla, Noalani Harry, Ronald Kalama, Alison Medina, Yvonne Greene, Tanaya Tewee.

Sixth grade High Honors (3.5-3.9)

Mikayla Jimboy, Sebastian Bisland, Aradonna Cochran, Gunner Herkshan Jr., Krystah Jack Melvin, Amare LeClaire Jones, Precious Butler, Elisella Torres, Jasper Switzler Jr., Isaiah Wapsheli, Leland Libokmeto, Janathian Tias, Arelly Scott.

Sixth grade Highest Honors (4.0)

Jazell Allen, Caroline Hintsatake, Torrin Keller, Esmerelda Orozco.

Seventh grade Honors

Jessica Bruised Head, Feather Miller, Senorah Wallulatam, Nathaniel Jensen, Lilian Libokmeto, Hailey Cochran.

Seventh grade High Honors

Kalise Holliday, Levina Perez Greene, Shantelle Henry.

Eighth grade Honors

Esminda Campuzano, Jacob Kasinger, Glenn Brunoe, Delleena Plouffe, Mashauni Smith, Deshaun Chavez, Hermione Johnson.

Eighth grade High Honors

Frederick Ike III, Joshua Olney, Elizabeth Antunez, Syrus Crane, Kathryce Danzuka, Jason Tohet Jr., Aurora Squiemphen, Josephine Badoni, Perseus Bradley, Dylan Heath, Taya Holliday.

Eighth grade Highest Honors

Jayden Davis, Jocixx Hintsatake, Relda Jack Melvin.

Congratulations and great work, students!

Memorial

There will be a Memorial for Jesse Daniel Greene, 1973-2016, on Saturday, April 8, 2017 (date change due to food gatherer's memorial).

The memorial will begin at 8 a.m. There will be a stonemasonry and headstone unveiling at the Tenino Cemetery.

Memorial and giveaway at the Agency Longhouse. Lunch to follow. Drummers requested.

Birth

Niklaus Mikael Adams

Melanie Adams of Madras is pleased to announce the birth of her son Niklaus (Klaus) Mikael Adams, born on March 20, 2017.

Niklaus joins sister Chloe. Grandparents are atwai Shielyn Calica and Tray Adams.

Little Swans

The Little Swans Dancers will give an Indigenous Voices presentation, Saturday, April 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum in The Dalles.

The Iksiks Washanah'p'a Little Swans group members include Native grandmothers, mothers, and daughters. The daughters are the dancers and the mothers and grandmothers sing.

Each dance tells a cultural story from the plateau area of Indian Country that has been carried down for generations. The program is included with museum admission.

Challenges of raising a child with autism

by Jazmine Ike for KWSO/Spilyay

A child with autism can be very challenging at times, not only for the parents but for siblings as well.

A statistic reads that one in every 91 children is diagnosed with autism. Many times, once a child is diagnosed, parents are left with little information.

This sense of not knowing what to do can be a large burden on a family, and can lead to emotional distress, divorce and decrease in social interactions.

This article is to help share possible solutions for a family with an autistic child.

The symptoms

Some parents are able to identify a difference in a child's behavior almost from birth. Other times a parent

will not notice anything wrong until a few years after birth.

Autism can be difficult to identify. If there is any reason to believe that a child may have autism, parents should seek a full evaluation.

Children with autism nearly always have a sensory problem, such as pain tolerance, sound hypersensitivity and tactical defensiveness.

They may also display "sensory seeking behaviors" such as flapping, squeezing and spinning. Typically, autism affects individuals in five key areas:

Communication (verbal and non-verbal), social skills, behaviors, learning, and medical issues.

The cause of autism remains unclear, but there is widespread belief that it is caused by a complex of genetic and environmental interactions, which means it is

Young at Art

The Museum at Warm Springs is having its Young At Art Fair this week, through this Thursday, March 30.

The fair is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. It's open to kids ages 10 and over. Lunches will be provided.

Warm Springs Youth are invited to create and learn. It's free to participate but space is limited. Contact Natalie at the Museum to sign kids up, 541-553-3331.

Artisans series

The Community Action Team and ONABEN are putting on a Warm Springs artisans training series.

It's five sessions that will begin this Thursday, March 30 from 11:30-1:30 at the tribal Credit building.

Participants will learn about pricing, inventory and insurance. It is free to attend. Lunch will be provided and registration is required. Call Leah at 541-553-3148 to sign up.

Veterans dinner

The Madras VFW Post 12141 will hold a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day spaghetti dinner this

Team adds aircraft dispatch



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Bob Medina, Inez Jones and Charles at the Warm Springs Fire Management Dispatch Center.

The Warm Springs Fire Management Dispatch Center now has dispatchers who are qualified to dispatch aircraft during wildfires and other emergency situations.

Lead dispatcher Bob Medina and Inez Jones recently completed the aircraft dispatch training, and have their certificates. Charles Hudson will be the next to go through the training.

The goal is to have the full service dispatch center in Warm Springs, located at the industrial park.

The aircraft dispatch certification allows them to work with rotary (helicopter) and fixed-wing aircraft.

During wild-land fire events, aircraft can arrive from anywhere in the U.S. The dispatcher is responsible also for determining the aircraft route, including identifying nearby airports along the way.

Meanwhile, Bob Medina reminds those interested that the camp crew program is starting soon, now set to begin in May.

Thursday, March 30, and is inviting all veterans to attend. It will be at 5 p.m. at the Jefferson County Senior Center, 860 SW Madison Street. It's being catered by Black Bear Diner.

Salmon Camp

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is hosting Salmon Camp June 25 - 30.

A limited number of incoming sixth-eighth grade students from each of the CRITFC tribes will be selected to attend this free six-day camp. A stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.

Participants will learn

about the science and life cycle of salmon, see salmon restoration projects, explore traditional ecological knowledge, meet tribal professionals working in the field and gain hands-on experience.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on May 26. Learn more and download the application at critfc.org

Discovery Center

Looking for a great family outing during spring break? Visit the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum. Kids through high school age receive free museum admission during Oregon and Washington Spring Break with paid adult admission through April 23. For more information, phone (541) 296-8600 ext. 201. Or visit: gorgediscovery.org.

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