COCC celebrates Native culture

The First Nations Student Union at Central Oregon Community College will host the annual Salmon Bake and Native Culture Celebration.

The celebration will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at the Bend campus athletic field. This is a free community event.

In addition to traditionally prepared salmon by a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the day will feature the dancing and drumming of Warm Springs' Quartz Creek Dancers, and a magic show by Dr. Delusion's Illusions. There will be vendor tables and a silent auction of Na-

tive American art and crafts to support the COCC First Nations Student Union scholarship program.

"This is a great family event. We have a bouncy house, storytelling and crafts for the kids," said Gina Ricketts, COCC Native American program coordinator.

The First Nation Student Union at COCC is dedicated to cultural enrichment and fellowship amongst students and community members interested in preserving and promoting Native American heritage.

As their mission says: "We provide a safe, comfortable and respectful place to honor and learn traditional Native American prac-

tices. We work within the community and COCC to educate and learn more about the history and the future of indigenous cultures."

For more information, contact Native American Program Coordinator Gina Ricketts at 541-318-3782 or rricketts@cocc.edu.

In advance of college events such as the Salmon bake or barbecue, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola at 541-383-7775. For accommodation due to other disability contact the Office of Disability Services: 541-383-7743.



Madras High School senior Kalissa Alire and family at Senior Night, earlier in May at Madras High School. As part of the day, the softball team played Corbett, winning 11-1 in Tri-Valley Conference play.

Planning for Forty-Seventh Annual Pi-Ume-Sha

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee and the tribes are getting ready for Pi-Ume-Sha 2017, coming up in one month.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Treaty Days this year will be Friday through Sunday, June 23-25.

The powwow this year will mark 162 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1855: In that year tribal leaders of the Tenino, Tyigh, Wyam, Dockspuse, and Wasco agreed to terms as presented by Joel Palmer, regional

superintendent of Indian Affairs. The agreement happened on June 25, 1855, near Celilo Falls.

Pi-Ume-Sha began in 1970, as a way to honor veterans, still a main feature at Pi-Ume-Sha.

Pi-Ume-Sha now starts with a Health Fair earlier in the week. Then the weekend features:

The Stick Games, all weekend at the Stick Games Shed. The Buckaroo Breakfast, Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center social hall.

At this time in Native history: In May of 1972, President Richard Nixon signed an order returning 21,000 acres of forest land to the Yakama Nation of Washington and resolving a centurylong dispute over reservation boundaries.

The order returned to tribal territory the east side of Mount Adams, a nearly 10,000-foot, snow-covered peak that is one of the Yakama Nation's sacred mountains. The Yakama Treaty of 1855, which created the reservation, erroneously omitted the mountain.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Endurance Horse Race, Saturday morning starting at the Shaker Church. The Pi-Ume-Sha Run, 9 a.m. on Saturday, starting at the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade is on Saturday at 11 a.m., before the 1 p.m. Grand Entry. The first Grand Entry is Friday evening, June; then on Saturday evening at 7; and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo is Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, starting each day at 1 p.m.

Pi-Ume-Sha Boxing, hosted by the Warm Springs Nation Boxing Club, is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Community Center gym.

Community notes...

The Warm Springs Diabetes Prevention program **5k Glow Run and Mile Walk** is this Thursday, May 25.

Sign-ins begin at 7:30 at the Prevention house on campus. Races start at 8:30.

Diabetes Prevention staff will hand out some glow items, but remember to bring your own glow for the show. Participants will be entered into a raffle when you sign in.

Fruit cups and water will be provided. And remember to pick up the May Health Challenge t-shirts at the Glow Run.

Friday, May 26 will be the Warm Springs Academy third-grade **fishing trip** to Sullivan Pond.

The Warm Springs Academy third through fifth grade **Music Concert** is set for Tuesday, May 30 starting at 5:30 p.m.

The **Bustin' Buffalo bas- ketball camp** is coming up in
June. This is for youth in

grades 1 through 8. The camp is 19-22 at Madras High School. Early registration rates are being offered through June 12. The camp will go from 9 a.m. to noon each day, and provides fundamental instruction. Kids will get to meet and work with the high school boys and girls varsity basketball players.

Applications are available online at madrasathletics.org

Through mid June youth are invited to after-school open gym time at the Youth Center. There are physical activities, healthy nutrition and more. The open gym is every Tuesday and Wednesday: For kids 6-11 from 5:30-7 p.m., and for youth 12 to 18 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Warm Springs Fire Management has started the **spring burning** program. If you have questions concerning burns, please contact Brad Donahue at Fire Management, 541-553-8301.

CRITFC grant for safety, memorial

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission received a \$7,500 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation to improve tribal fishers' access to boating safety equipment.

The grant will support a costsharing program to help offset the expense of personal flotation devices and emergency boat beacons for tribal fishers.

CRITFC's safety equipment cost-sharing program will be unveiled at the Indian Fishers Expo in Hood River this July.

The grant was submitted as

part of CRITFC's campaign to increase tribal fisher safety on the river, and create a Columbia River Fishers Memorial at Columbia Hills State Park near Dallesport, Wash.

For over 30 years the four Columbia River treaty tribes have desired to build a memorial to honor lost fishers, and to encourage safety for all who use the river.

The Wildhorse Foundation is managed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in partnership with the Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

School: new superintendent July 1

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The Early Childhood Center Head Start graduation will be at ECE this year. Instead of one ceremony for all the graduating students, who enter kindergarten next school year, ECE will have graduation days for individual classes. These will be over a number of days, on June 6, 7, 8 and 9, said Cheryl Tom, ECE director.

New superintendent

Warm Springs Academy Principal Mr. Parshall on July 1 will also take on the responsibilities of 509-J district superintendent.

He will still live in Warm Springs, focusing on the Academy. "It's important we keep up the positive momentum," Mr. Parshall said.

Many districts in the state have a school principal who also serves as superintendent, he said. Nearby, for instance, the Culver School District has a superintendent who is also principal of the Culver Elementary School.

(Look in the next Spilyay for the 2017 Madras High School graduates.)



