

Letters to the editor

PWHRA Finals

I would like to thank everyone who supported me on my travels to the Professional Wild Horse Racing Association Finals in Winnemucca, Nevada, November 2-5. It was a great learning experience for me as a first timer.

We didn't win but I had a good time with a great team: Thanks to JE Florendo for believing in me and bringing me on to be your rider.



Thanks to my mom Angela and uncle Jimmy Jr. for allowing me to go.

Thank you to my Auntie Carmen for donating extra spending money, along with Tracy Graybael, and Charles Jackson.

And thank you to Liz Hisatake for giving me work to earn money, plus giving me a gas card. And thank you Grandma Sarah Gonsales and family for sending a gas card to help out with expenses.

And a big thank you to all who bought 50/50 raffle tickets from me. The end pot was \$448, \$224 of which went to the winner Wylee David.

Greatly appreciated,
Perry Isadore

Great help

I want to say thank you to the police officers and the EMTs that responded to my accident in October, as well as residents who stopped to help get information to the police.

Around 8:15 p.m. that evening a nice little buck decided to run out and hit my car.

Words really do not express the gratitude I feel, but the professional conduct, the genuine care and the sincerity for my well-being did not go unnoticed or under ap-

preciated.

The officers were Holman and Corcia. Officer Holman managed the case and insured all things were well taken care of before he left the scene.

Office Corcia kindly let me sit in his warm car while we waited for the tow truck.

Another officer on his way home from work stopped in to check on us and we all had a good conversation. Such quality people—No one wants to have an accident, but I could not have been in better hands.

Thanks to all for doing what you do.

The EMT team were Daniel Bradford and Trevor Beebe. Very calming and reassuring people. Both men did an evaluation without it seeming like they were, you know... questions one should be able to normally answer if not in shock.

They also advised me what to expect in the next couple of days. Both men were kind and respectful. Thanks again!

I also had angels who stopped to check out if I was alright, knowing I was in a 'dead zone.' They checked to make sure I was alright, assisted me with taking photos, and advised me how to safely wait until the officers arrived.

They assured me they would contact tribal officers. Once I was in cell phone range I saw they had sent me a text to say they would have returned to keep me company, but as they were heading back the police passed them going my way. Thank you to Carshal and Beverly Bruno and children.

Words are not adequate but please know I will not forget any acts of kindness or your faces.

Thank you all!
Kimberlie Story

Holiday event

The Holiday Open House is coming up at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center on all day on Saturday, December 2.

The Discovery Center would like to thank the Warm Springs community for your support during this past year by offering free museum admission all day.

Celebrate the holidays with complimentary cookies, hot cider, and cocoa. A light lunch of hearty soups, gourmet bratwurst and fresh salads will be available for purchase from the Basalt Rock Café from 12 to

3 p.m.

Bring a camera with your kids and grandkids to take pictures with Santa Claus, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids will enjoy kids craft activities all day long.

Enjoy live holiday music with Cascade Singers from 11 a.m. to 11:30, Harmony of the Gorge from 11:30 to 12, Windmasters from 12 p.m. to 12:30, Anna and Faith Hainline from 1 to 1:30, Ted Horowitz from 1:30 to 2 and The Dalles High School Jazz Band directed by Paul Viemeisterat 2 p.m. Eagle tours will be given at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Columbia River Trading Co. will offer a one day sale of 20% off everything in the museum store on December 2.

Births

Cyrus George Bear Katchia

Alexander Katchia and Amanda Franks of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Cyrus George Bear Katchia, born on November 2, 2017.

Cyrus joins sisters Mae, 2, and Aaliyan, 16 months.

Grandmother on the father's side is Louise Katchia.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Shirley Westwolf and George Westwolf Jr.

Jonas joins brother Josiah

George and Delila Spino of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jonas Lowell Earl Spino, born on November 3, 2017.

Jonas joins brother Josiah, 16; and sisters Naliesha, 20, Nylanis, 17, Betty, 7, and Jaiyana, 3.

Grandparents on the father's side are Francis "Frenchy" Spino Sr. and Gwendolyn Mitchell.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Dwayne "Packy" Heath and Alice Wyena.

Rinzler Ronin Rowe

Cameron Rowe Sr. and Miko Cooper of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rinzler Ronin Rowe, born on November 3, 2017.

Rinzler joins twin brothers Cameron Jr. and Leo, 4; and sister Saphira, 9.

Grandparents on the father's side are Richard Rowe III and Alane Eyle.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Kelly Hurtado and Britton Metrokin

Archie James Wapsheli IV

Archie J. Wapsheli III and Pasha M. Smith of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Archie James Wapsheli IV, born on November 10, 2017.

Archie joins brother Isaiah, 13, and sister Talise, 11.

Grandparents on the father's side are Archie J. Wapsheli Jr. of Spokane; and Diana Aleck of Toppenish.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Austin Smith Sr. and Lois Squiemphen of Warm Springs.

Nurse Educator retiring after years of service

Jeri Kollen is the Diabetes Educator with the Warm Springs Model Diabetes program. Here is a conversation with Jeri, as she is getting ready to retire from the Diabetes program.



Jeri Kollen

Question: Tell us about you as a person. How long have you worked in Warm Springs and with the Diabetes Management team?

I have worked in the Diabetes Department of the Warm Springs Clinic for 12 and a half years. I was the Diabetes clinical nurse between 2005 and 2009. I became the Diabetes Educator in 2009, after becoming a Certified Diabetes Educator.

At the end of 2018 I will be retiring, and I would like to take the opportunity now to thank the Warm Springs community for the honor to work here.

What motivated you to join the Diabetes program?

The Diabetes program is a great team to work with, I wanted to be part of the team.

What is a hobby of yours? What do you enjoy doing in your time off?

I like to spend my free time hiking, biking, swimming or reading

Tell us about your work in the Diabetes Management program. What do you think is most important for patients to do for their

own health?

Take your medications.

What is your role or job with the program?

I help community members learn how to take care of their health and manage their diabetes.

What is your favorite part of the job?

The feeling that I have helped someone in any way brings me joy in my job.

Why do you think management of diabetes is important?

Any of these things can happen if diabetes is not taken care of: Loss of eyesight. Kidneys can stop working. Loss of circulation in the feet; and heart disease and death from heart disease may occur.

(You can reach the Diabetes program at the clinic, 541-553-1196.)

Changes

It is the now the year 2017. I learned I was in a terrible alcohol-related automobile accident. This happened in 1987. The 1980s were my teenage years, and I can remember. Nothing is the same as it was in the '80s. To me almost everything has changed.

I'm now one of the head-injured individuals living at the nursing home in Eugene. I've learned many things at this nursing home. This nursing home has men who are nurses, and men who can actually cook really good meals. Keep doing a great job, men. If men can do women's jobs, then I can improve my traumatic head injury.

No one knows except our Heavenly Father God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Don't put them at test either. Just take it one day at a time.

Evette Patt, Residential Care Center, 1015 Irvingate Dr., Eugene, 97404

stock Indemnity Program. Compensation is available for livestock loss due to adverse weather, or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

Extreme heat or cold, wildfire and flood are other causes of livestock loss covered under the Indemnity program. Some requirements:

A notice of loss must be filed with the local FSA office within 30 days from the day when the loss becomes apparent. There must be proof of death documentation.

For more information contact the Central Oregon FSA office, 625 SE Salmon Ave, suite 3, Redmond. Or call 541-923-4358. Or email:

Cameron.kirsch@orusda.gov

Tower tour

The focus at Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is on clean energy, healthy rivers and healthy sustainable fish runs.

The Confederated Tribes, through Power and Water, is co-owner of the Pelton-Round Butte hydro system.

Power and Water invites the community to see firsthand the work they are doing for fisheries on the Deschutes.

These dams provide clean, renewable electricity to 150,000 homes, including those in our community, and has created revenue for us.

In addition to providing a clean energy source, Power and Water works with partners on the important stewardship responsibility: Keeping the river healthy and restore fish passage for generations to come.

One of those solutions to this issue is the Selective Water Withdrawal Tower, completed in 2010. The tower creates currents that guide young salmon and steelhead into collection facilities so they can be transported downstream around the

dams. In addition, it mixes water from the surface and bottom of Lake Billy Chinook so water released below the dams more closely matches what the water temperatures would be like if the dams weren't there.

The tower has already shown early success, with adult fish returning to the Deschutes for the first time in 50 years.

It's also worth seeing the tower and the system for yourself, to understand how it works—what it does and doesn't do—and how Power and Water is using good science to monitor this work.

The enterprise invites you to tour the facility, see how power is made, learn how the tower works and hear more about efforts to improve the health of the river. The tour is coming up toward the end of the month. To sign up, or for more information, call Power and Water at 541-553-1146.

Energy help

Warm Springs Social Services has received funding for energy assistance grants.

They are accepting applications. See **Ollie** or **Fay** at Social Services, located at the Family Resource Center.

Bazaar vendors

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar on December 9 should contact the **Recruitment** Department at 541-553-3243 for details.

The Compensation and Benefits Department reminds employees that Open Enrollment documents for HealthComp enrollment and changes, as well as Allegiance enrollments, need to be submitted to their office by December 1.

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