

Letters to the editor

Howlak Tichum

The tribes mourn the passing of longtime co-worker and friend Lynn Davis.

Ms. Davis worked more than 40 years with the Confederated Tribes. In most recent years she was the tribal Administrative Services director.

Her passing is a great loss, deeply felt by the tribes.

Their ancestors fought on opposite sides of the three-year war, which began in October 1855 in the Yakima Valley after the rape and murder of Yakama women and children. But Washines and Hamilton are friends, introduced by her passion for tracking down descendants of combatants on both sides.

After corresponding by mail for a year, Washines and Hamilton met in person for the first time.

A short documentary tells this modern legacy of the Yakama War. You can see it on YouTube: type in 'Yakama War.'

Ride Out the Storm

The Ride Out the Storm Conference is coming to the Warm Springs Community Center on Friday and Saturday, November 30-December 1.

The conference—hosted by Living Hope, Behavioral Health and Health and Human Services—will feature Pastor Titus Upham of Browning, Montana, and Pastor Leah Smartlowit of Wapato, Washington. Worship will be by Ruth Joyce of Fountain Hills, Arizona.

The Friday session begins at 6 p.m., and on Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. on both days. Lunch will be served on Saturday.

'He calmed the raging storm, and the waves became quiet.' ~ Psalms 107-29.

For more information call Sarah Frank at 541-630-2427.

From VOCS

The Warm Springs Victims of Crime office would like to thank the following for donating items to our Domestic Violence Awareness Walk earlier this month:

Indian Head Casino, and Erickson's Thriftway in Madras.

Our event was a great success, and we will look forward to your continued donations in our future events. Thank You from the Victims of Crime staff:

Michele Gonzales, advocate supervisor; Vera Thomas and Tanya Tewee, advocates; and Ava Smith, intern.

Yakama War

As avid students of history, Emily Washines and Glen Hamilton have deep knowledge of their families and their cultures. They share a common interest in the past, in particular the Yakama War.

Births

Lyndreth LeeMiken

Lyndreth Lee LeClaire and Trinite Tail of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Lyndreth LeeMiken, born on November 12, 2018.

Grandparents on the father's side are Kim and Marlon 'Melonhead' LeClaire of Warm Springs.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Toni Tail.

Joseph Hezekiah Bonfield

Isaiah Bonfield and Justice Kalama of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Joseph Hezekiah Bonfield, born on November 15, 2018.

Grandparents on the father's side are Yvonne and Doug Bonfield of Madras.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Dorothy Kalama of Warm Springs.

We can 'just do it'

To my fellow tribal members

My fellow tribal members, There is a better 'us' in us.

It seems we are ruminating—clinging to the past—We need to put our energy into accepting and moving on.

What has happened and not happened:

What we haven't done and need to do is the hard work of diagnosing what the problems are and figure a way to overcome them.

"The most successful people, evidence shows, aren't directly pursuing conventional notions of success. They are working hard and persisting through difficulties because of their internal desire to control their lives, learn more about their

Sharing the Story of the Columbia River



Courtesy Confluence

Linda Meanus speaks to students about growing up near Celilo Falls with her grandfather and grandmother, Chief Tommy Thompson and Flora Thompson. At right is Culture and Heritage's Jefferson Greene.

A truly amazing year it's been for Confluence's mission to tell the story of the Columbia River through Indigenous voices. Just look at the numbers:

More than 1,000 school children reached

through Confluence in the Classroom and Confluence Outdoors program.

Dozens of teachers received professional development training so they can bring Native history and culture into schools.

At least 600 people heard the Indigenous perspective through tours and Confluence Story gatherings. Five completed Confluence art landscapes, preserved for generations to come through work parties and conservation projects.

Together, we are connecting kids with a truly inclusive history of our land to create a better stewardship of our shared ecology.

Colin Fogarty, executive director, Confluence.

world, and accomplishing something that endures."

We don't see what's not happening, but will see what will happen is we all get involved in our future. Life will get better for all of us, but more importantly, for our kids in the future.

Warm Springs needs to have a community with different sources of employment and diverse efforts to build a strong community. This will improve our chances of success.

We need to recharge our batteries and pull ourselves out of the past and into the future—"Let's Just Do It."

Ted Brunoe

Ichiskin

Culture and Heritage and the Language Program are teaching Ichiskin classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The meetings on Tuesdays, with Tamashiya-Greg Arquette are from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Education building. The Thursday classes are with Lilq'M-Merle Kirk from noon to 1 p.m. (Bring your own lunch.) You can reach Culture and Heritage at 541-553-3290.

Apology

To the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs,

I hereby apologize for the actions I was part of on your land, and my actions were uncalled for and disrespectful to everyone who takes pride in their tribal lands. I fished where I shouldn't have been, and left trash and broken glass.

I was raised to respect others and their property, and I am sorry for not doing either, as I unlawfully trespassed and broke laws on tribal land.

I hope others around me and who know me will take

this as a lesson, and not repeat it. I can't take back what I have done. All I can do is learn from it. I have grown up with many of your children and have multiple family members working, as I have, grading logging roads. I spent my Saturdays with my father at the mill in Warm Springs as he worked. I wouldn't appreciate someone trespassing and littering on my land, and I would want the same consequences to happen that happened to me. I take full responsibility for every count I was charged with, and give my full apologies to every member of Warm Springs.

I hope you will accept this apology letter and know this shall never happen again. My lesson has been learned, not only by myself but the others who were with me, and they are truly sorry as well.

John Wayne Moe

At Chemawa

The Chemawa Indian School Powwow Club is sponsoring a craft show on Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gym.

The show will feature hand-crafted and Native-style gifts. Interested vendors should call 503-399-5721. We are asking for a canned food donation at the door. All visitors 16 and older will need to show photo identification upon entering the campus. And Chemawa is a drug, alcohol and smoke-free campus. Thank you!

Chemawa Powwow Club

Tip line

The Warm Springs Police Department has an anonymous tip line at 541-553-

2202. If you have information about criminal activity and wish to report without identifying yourself, call this tip line to leave a message. There is no caller ID.

At the Academy

Help celebrate Indigenous Culture and Native American History Month at the Warm Springs Academy. Rock Your Mocs on Thursday, November 29.

Christmas show

The Madras High School Drama Club will present Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* Thursday-Saturday, November 29-December

1 at the high school Performing Arts Center.

Shows will be at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available at the door. Children 5 and under may attend for free.

Skills for Families

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is offering their *Financial Skills for Families* course two times in December.

The class will be one day each, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on December 15 and 22 at the Community Action Team office. To register call 541-553-3148. This course is a requirement for IDA program participants.

Back papers online



Many back issues of the Spilyay Tymoo are available online at: oregonnews.uoregon.edu

The issues currently available are 1986

through 2011. The goal is to add the first ten years, starting with March 19, 1976. You can also see more recent Spilyays at: wsnews.org

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