

Letters to the editor

NDN Nite Out

The Recreation Department will host the Christmas NDN Nite Out on Thursday evening, December 20 at the Community Center. Christmas dinner is at 5:15 p.m. in the Social Hall, and the Social Powwow will be at 6 in the gym.

All drummers and dancers are welcome. Master of Ceremonies is Ray 'Captain' Moody. There will be raffle prizes and gifts. Bring your hand drum for one set. You can reach Recreation at 541-553-3243.

Births

Allalena Veraeba Smith

Clinton Smith Sr. and Martika Saludo-Kelly of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Allalena Veraeba Smith, born on December 4, 2018.

Allalena joins brothers Clinton Jr., 9, Kishwakai, 7, and Jerald Smith, 5; and sister Maria Jane, 7.

Grandparent on the father's side is Veronica Goveia-Smith of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Arnetta Saludo of Warm Springs, and Al Kelly of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Aldric Ronee Ike

Marvin J. Ike Jr. and Myrtle L. Suppah of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Aldric Ronee Ike, born on November 28, 2018.

Aldric joins brothers Aaron Jr., 15, Andrew, 11, and Jacob, 7; and sisters Vanessa 17, and Addilyn, 23

months.

Grandparent on the father's side is Marvin Ike Sr. Grandparents on the mother's side are Lilly Bill and Ron Suppah.

Jaycelynn Allen

Jayce Allen and Renee Miller of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jaycelynn, born on December 5, 2018.

Jaycelynn joins brother Onel, 10; and sisters Amilia, 8, Jayda, 11, and Jenasis, 7.

Grandparents on the father's side are Sheila and Leroy.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Michele and Emerson.

Around the rez for the holidays

This week and next week the tribes are celebrating the holidays with, among things, a toy giveaway, and concerts at the Warm Springs Academy. Here is the schedule:

This Wednesday, December 19: Warm Springs Toy Drive distribution at the Youth Center.

Also this Wednesday: *The Last-Minute Christmas Bazaar* from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

And this Wednesday evening: The Warm Springs Academy Middle School Band Concert at 6 p.m.

Then on Friday, December 21: Warm Springs Academy Third-Fifth Grade Music Concert, 2:30 p.m.

Organization schedule

Monday, December 24: Early shutdown at 12 noon.

Tuesday, December 25: Tribal organization closed in

observation of Christmas Day. Monday, January 31: Tribe early shutdown at 12 noon. Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's day: Tribal organization closed.

Financial skills

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is offering their Financial Skills for Families Course this Saturday, December 22.

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

Winter shelter

The Jefferson County winter shelter provides a safe cold weather shelter this winter in Madras.

The shelter will be open at the First Baptist Church, located on Sixth Street during December. Hours are from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on especially cold nights. Call 541-325-2478 to find out if the shelter will be open.

New Year's Eve

The Simnasho community will host the New Year's Eve Celebration and Powwow at the longhouse. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by Washut.

The traditional powwow, social dancing and games start at 7:30. The specials are: Mother & Baby in Board Recognition, Men's Round Bustle and the Musical Bench Championship of the World.

They will welcome the New Year with a song and new footprints around the longhouse. Everyone is welcome.

A note to Tribal Council candidates

Dear Tribal Council candidates:

Congratulations on your nomination. April 4 is election day for the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will be providing information about the candidates to membership, with a special edition of the newspaper and candidate interviews on KWSO.

You can submit a written statement and a photo to the Spilyay by Thursday, February 28. If you don't have a photo to submit, we can take the picture. You can also email the statement and photo to: david.mcmechan@wstribes.org

Or stop by the Media Center at 4174 Highway 3 in Warm Springs.

You can schedule an interview with KWSO in January or February 2019. Please call 541-553-1968 to schedule a time. The interview will take 15-20 minutes.

At the end of each week we will post interviews to kwsos.org

And in March 2019 we will broadcast edited versions of all candidate interviews on our Warm Springs Program.

We are asking each candidate the following questions:

· Do you support the implementation of a water fee for Warm Springs residents to help fund infrastructure needs, and why or why

not?

· Describe the need for tribal enterprise revenue growth.

· In 20 years, What quote would you like attributed to you about the immediate challenges facing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs?

· How would you describe what healthy families and flourishing youth should look like?

· What is your understanding of valuing our resources—Natural, Cultural and Human?

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Dave McMechan, Spilyay editor, and Sue Matters, KWSO station manager.

To students

All students can start applying for 2019-20 FAFSA with your 2017 tax return.

Contact Carroll Dick at Higher Education if you have any questions or need any assistance. Apply now through March 1 to earn more grants for school.

Tribal scholarship recipients are required to apply for at least five other scholarships in addition to the FAFSA. Higher Education has a list you may qualify for.

YouthBuild: recruiting for 2019 session

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"I worked for eight months while I was pregnant," Dahl'ana says. It was not easy and yet, "This was just what I needed for my future."

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is a yearlong program, requiring a serious commitment. While difficult, the challenge can be inspiring. At the ribbon-cutting last week, construction manager James Collins recalled 2017 YouthBuild graduate Rodger Jack.

Mr. Jack would drive to the construction site in Madras from his home in Simnasho. "He had a 95 percent attendance rate," Collins said.

Rodger earned national recognition, earning the Heart of Oregon Spirit of Service of Award. He received the award at the ceremony in Rhode Island. "He was very proud of that award, as well he should be," Mr. Collins said.

YouthBuild graduates often go on to successful careers in construction, he said.

The 2018 YouthBuild students are Dahl'ana and Selena, Elysebeth Scott-Boise, Kristan Smith, Chance Stwyer, Devon Suppah, Ulyssa Suppah and Trinite Tall. The Pre-YouthBuild students are



Dahl'ana and Selena with the YouthBuild team at the ribbon cutting.

Nakota Gray and Tyrone Medrano.

Partners working with Heart of Oregon YouthBuild are Simplicity by Hayden Homes, NeighborImpact and Housing Works.

Now recruiting

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is recruiting youth ages 16-24 years for the winter 2019 cohort, starting January 21.

Through the AmeriCorps service at YouthBuild the student can earn the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award worth \$1,566 towards post-secondary goals.

There is a 12-month commitment to the program, followed by a year of follow-up services.

You must attend one of these information sessions

to be considered for the YouthBuild Program. (Please bring a government issued photo ID, birth certificate, and Social Security card to the information session.)

· YouthBuild program, **Tuesday, January 8**, 5-6:30 p.m., 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

· **Thursday, January 10**, 5-6:30 p.m., Prineville.

· **Tuesday, January 15**, 5-6:30 p.m., YouthBuild in Sisters.

Please reach out to YouthBuild at 541-526-1380. Or email: katie.bauer@heart

oforegon.org For information contact **Katie**, program assistant, by email, or call 541-526-1380.

Energy help

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds are available in Warm Springs.

Go by the Social Services the Commodity Warehouse for an application.

is not acceptable behavior for anyone at any time. I know now that I put many people in danger.

To my family and friends, I'm sorry for my actions that put me in jail. I am taking steps now to change my life for the better, for myself and my kids. I would love to be in their lives more often. To the community and family, I am sorry and pray to improve my life from here on out. **Aaron James Strong.**

I send my apologies to the Eagle Crossing and the workers who served me. My ac-

tions were wrong. I apologize, and hope you forgive me. Thank you.

Jessica Polk

Tip line

The Warm Springs Police Department has an anonymous crime tip line. Call 541-553-2202.

Call this number if you have information about criminal activity, and wish to report without identifying yourself. Please leave a message.

There is no caller ID used on this line. You can remain completely anonymous.



Another holiday greeting ~ from Travis Bobb

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