

## Letters to the editor

### Outdoor concert

Warm Springs Academy eighth grade students and their families are invited to a field trip and concert this Thursday, May 23 at Trout Lake. The performance by classical pianist Hunter Noack will be from 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Students and adults will ride a school bus to Trout Lake, leaving the school at 12:30 p.m., and returning at 2:30.

Light refreshments will follow the concert, along with an IDA program presentation from the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

If you need more information please talk with your eighth-grader's teacher, or contact the Warm Springs Academy at 541-553-1128.

### Summer Youth

The office of Workforce Education and Development Department is offering student summer work to high school and college students. Here are requirements for high school students:

Must be age 14 at day of application, up to age 24. Must be enrolled in a public school, boarding school, an alternative education program, or GED. Provide school picture ID card, transcripts or attendance record.

Submit an application using WEDD application to the WED Department. First-time workers are required to complete pre-employment workshops.

Students who have completed pre-employment workshops in previous years are required to submit a resume and cover letter.

Provide a proof of being Native American, a picture ID, and Social Security card; males ages 18 to 24 must be registered with Selective Service.

Students who applied last year but did not complete all the workshops and did not work, please call or visit the WEDD office to check on your status. You may have one or two workshops to complete to be eligible to work.

Last day to apply is at 5 p.m. this Thursday, May 23.

Here are requirements for college students:

Apply with WEDD using WEDD application. College students can be any age. Provide proof of being Native American, a picture ID card, and Social Security card.

Provide proof of currently attending college or

official transcripts. Provide a statement of your intentions for when you finish college education. Provide a resume and cover letter.

Last day to apply is Thursday, June 27 at 5 p.m.

### Vets Expo

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office would like to invite you to attend their first annual Veterans Expo. This free family event will be on Thursday, June 20 at the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office, 860 SW Madison St., Madras.

Many veterans service providers and vendors will be on hand: The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, including Aging Services, Women Veterans, HUD-VASH, Central Oregon Vet Center, BestCare Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

Johnathan Courtney, Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals, Military HelpLine, 22 Outdoors, National Guard Family Programs, Willamette National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America, American Red Cross Programs, and many more.

There will be free haircuts and massage, a free barbecue and raffles.

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### Births

*Athena Lorina Medina-Kurtz*

Thomas Everett Kurtz and Devynn Belynn Rodriguez of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Athena Lorina Medina-Kurtz, born on May 12, 2019.

Athena joins brother Noah, 4.

Grandparents on the father's side are Thomas Kurtz Sr., and Rhonda Kurtz.

Grandmother on the mother's side is Terri Philpot.

Great-grandparents on the mother's side are Kimberly and Bob Medina of Warm Springs.

*Dennis Jay Thompson*

Joel Thompson Sr. and Raylene Jones of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Dennis Jay Thompson, born on May 15, 2019.

Dennis joins brothers Aaron, 29, Joel Jr., 17, Jayden, 10 and Klai, 7; and sisters Jariah, 13, and Joelene, 2.

## Chief Operations Officer to give OSU-Cascades address



Alyssa Macy

Alyssa Macy, chief operating officer for the Confederated Tribes, will deliver the commencement address at Oregon State University-Cascades' commencement ceremony.

The Eighth Annual OSU-Cascade commencement ceremony is coming up at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 16 at the Les Schwab Amphitheater in Bend.

"Alyssa is a vibrant leader," said OSU-Cascades Vice President Becky Johnson.

"She has experience and qualities that will resonate with today's graduates," Ms. Johnson said. "She's a strong communicator, a convener of people from different backgrounds, and an innovator with skills to

adapt in changing environments."

Alyssa is of Wasco, Navajo and Hopi descent, and member of the Confederated Tribes.

She graduated from Ma-

dras High School, earned her Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University, and is working on her Master's degree with the University of Minnesota.

She returned to Warm Springs in 2014 following a decade in which she served in communications, governmental affairs, economic development, and advocacy positions for organizations such as the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the International Indian Treaty Council.

Among her achievements, Alyssa was recognized in 2014 with a '40 Under 40' award from the National Center for American Indian Economic Development, as one of the Indian Country's emerging leaders making significant contributions in business

and communities.

She also played a key role in mobilizing indigenous peoples' participation in the first-ever United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014. This project included organizing a global team of indigenous visual and written content creators to document the process.

As chief operating officer of Warm Springs, Alyssa has provided leadership, management and vision to tribal operations including natural resources, health and human services, public safety, public utilities and education.

She also participates in several community and nonprofit activities focused on youth, culture and art.

Grandparents on the father's side are Dennis and Linda Thompson of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Allen Jones and Raydine Spino of Warm Springs.

dog will be on hand.

The day starts at 9 a.m. and goes till noon. Adults are asked for \$5 donations, and kids \$3. All proceeds go to the fire fighters.

### Apologies

This is a letter of apology to Lucille. I would like to let everyone know I'm truly sorry. I will try harder next time. Thank you. **Glenn Whiz Jr.**

I'm writing this letter to let Mrs. Whiz and the Warm Springs community know from the depths of my heart that I am truly sorry and apologize for all my faults, short-comings and struggles with my addictions. I know they have caused problems in many people's lives, in-

cluding mine. I want to be the best man and person I can be. I'm tired of being you antagonist and making life hard for you and myself. I say this because everything in my existence revolves around you and our family. I just want you to know that, and without you there is no meaning and substance to my life. This is our fifth time going through this very long and drawn out rodeo. I'm exhausted and you must be too. You and our children don't deserve any of this. I apologize. **Glenn Max Whiz Jr.**

### Fire season

Wildfires happen. To ensure you have the best chance of surviving a wild-

fire, protect your home with defensible space. The space is a 30-foot perimeter around your home.

Clean up any combustibles and yard debris before fire season. Debris can be taken to the landfill or you can get a burn permit at Fire Management.

**Warm Springs Fire Management.**

### Class Reunion

I'm trying to reach Virgil Culps, who would be about my age, 68.

We are planning the Sandy Union High School Class of 1969 Reunion, and would like to invite him to our activities.

My name is **Susan Drew** and I live in Sandy. Thank you.

## Coming up on the Tribal Council May agenda

*The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of May, subject to change at Council discretion:*

### Wednesday, May 22

9 a.m.: Museum at Warm Springs report with Elizabeth Woody.

10: Warm Springs Housing Authority update with Danielle Wood.

11: Warm Springs Composite update with Jacob Coochisic.

2 p.m.: Environmental Protection Agency government-to-government consultation iwth Wenona Wilson.

4: Indian Health Services update with Michele Miller and Rachel Locker.

**Wednesday-Thursday, May 22-23:** Meeting with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

### Thursday, May 23

9 a.m.: Land Use Committee update.

10: Education Committee update.

11: Range and Ag Committee update.

1:30 p.m.: Water Board update.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

At the Council swearing-in earlier in May, tribal members greet the new and returning Councilmen and women.

2:30: Timber Committee update.

3:30: Health and Welfare Committee update.

**Monday, May 27:** Tribal organization closed in observance of Memorial Day.

### Tuesday, May 28

9 a.m.: Natural Resources update with Bobby Brunoe.

10: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.

11: Education update with Valerie Switzler.

1:30 p.m.: Public Safety update with Carmen Smith.

2:30: Development update with Bruce Irwin.

3:30: Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.

### Wednesday, May 29

9 a.m. to noon: Financial overview and 2020 budget iwth Michele Stacona and Alfred Estimo.

1:30 p.m.: Gaming Regulatory update with Sandra Main and Josephine Johnson.

2:30: TERO Commission update with Gerald

Danzuka.

3: Cannabis Commission update with Starla Greene.

4: BIA and OST updates with Lori Anderson and Charles Jackson.

### Thursday, May 30

9 a.m.: Self-determination/compacting with IHS and BIA.

11: Kah-Nee-Ta update with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

1:30 p.m.: Appeals Court with Cindy Starke.

2:30: Minors' Trust with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer.

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