# Letters to the editor

### Prevention camp in Warm Springs

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in August will host the Nine Tribes of Oregon and Native American Rehabilitation-NW Prevention Camp.

The camp, August 12–16, will be at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center.

We are expecting 120 Native youth and adult chaperones from the nine Oregon tribes and NARA-NW.

Youth ages 13-19 will take part in this year's camp, providing youth education and skills to cope with depres-

The camp will also provide opportunities for youth, to feel comfortable, in a safe learning and sharing environment. Sessions will encourage youth to open up and talk about their struggles, while also having fun.

Campers will be exposed to two days of intensive learning, cultural, recreational, spiritual and artistic opportunities. Campers will work in teams, break out in groups, mingle and share openly with other peers, as well as present in small or large groups.

A full day will be devoted to recreational activities available around the Warm Springs community, like rafting, fishing, jamboree day, arts and crafts, with powwow and dance at the end of the

Campers will arrive in Warm Springs on Monday, August 12, and depart on Friday, August 16. All meals are scheduled to be prepared and served at the Agency Longhouse.

Youth will be camping in tents and teepees. The shower facilities and restrooms at the community center will be available, as well as additional portable bathrooms will be provided on-site.

For more information call Rosanna Jackson at 541-615-0036. Or email: rosanna.jackson@wstribes.org

## Native stories, perspectives

A new digital resource library will give Oregon students access to Native American stories, and perspectives on the history, cultures and ecology of the Columbia River system.

The Confluence Library is a collection of documentary shorts, interview excerpts, photo galleries and research papers that help educators teach a more inclusive understanding of our region.

The new library is structured along the themes of Confluence's mission: History, Living Cultures, Ecology and Education.

Videos include a recent series of documentary shorts, Stories from the River, by Tule Films in collaboration with Confluence.

Also featured are historical research papers and videos produced earlier for the Confluence Journey Book and the Confluence history blog, Tributaries.

Photo galleries allow viewers to explore Celilo Falls and other historic places along the river.

"This new digital tool puts all of the Confluence educational content into one elegant and easy-to-use platform that works on any device," says Confluence executive director Colin Fogarty.

"For years, teachers have been asking for this kind of one-stop resource. At the same time, tribes have told us that greater exposure to the voices of Native elders and leaders helps educate people about the issues Indigenous people face today."

Here are some of the fea-

Timeline of the partnership between Confluence and artist Maya Lin.

Guide to the Confluence artworks along the Columbia River system.

Calendar of events at Confluence and with our

Though the target audience for the new website is educators, it is designed to be a rich digital experience for life-long learners, anyone who is curious to know more about our shared northwest landscape.

The website allows you to log in to create you own list favorite videos, slideshows and research papers. For teachers, this feature allows them to easily incorporate specific content into their lesson plans. This new digital tool also includes maps and guides to the Confluence project artworks by Maya Lin along the Columbia River system, along with a community calendar to keep up with Confluence public events.

Find the new Confluence Resource Library at www.confluenceproject.org.

Confluence is a community-supported nonprofit with the mission to connect people to the history, living cultures and ecology of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices. We work through six art landscapes, educational programs and public gatherings

in collaboration with northwest tribes, communities and the celebrated artist Maya Lin.

#### Births

Carol 'Tada' Stacona

Andrew Stacona and Patricia Hintsatake of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Carol 'Tada' Stacona, born on July 23,

Carol joins brothers Anthony, 25, Andrew Jr., 19, and Jaime, 3; and sisters Elsie, 30, Briana, 29, Mariah, 22, Monika, 18, Yadira, 10, and Azariah.

Grandparents on the father's side are Willie C. Stcona and the late Tada Stacona, of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Ben Hintsala of Warm Springs, and Carol Ann Tall Whiteman.

MoZanntique Demaryce Williams

Lyle Marcus Williams Jr. and Ashlynn Rochelle Danzuka of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter MoZanntique Demaryce Williams, born on July 23, 2019.

MoZanntique joins brother Maliky.

Grandparents on the father's side are Judith Kalama and Allen Charley.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Kathy Danzuka and Roosevelt Suppah.

### Stick Games

We would like to congratulate our winners in the threeman tournament on Saturday: Rose Peo of Wapato, undefeated; Davis Mason of LaPush, Washington; Tyrone Pierre of White Swan; and Travis Andy of White Swan.

We would also like to congratulate our winners in the BoneHog on Sunday: CJ and Ray Campo; and Moss and Melinda.

Congratulations to our winners in the kids' tournament on Sunday: Sharmielle, LillieMae and Nazaire.

Thank you to all who traveled near and far to participate. We hope you all had fun playing the game we all

We would also like to thank the following enterprises and people for their donation to this year's Pi-Ume-Sha Stick Game prize money, raffle and meals: The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Indian Head Casino, DE Composites, Power and Water Enterprises, DMJ Auto, Kim Starr, Guy Wallulatum, Darlene Foster and Moss Smartlowit.

We would also like to thank Nicole Andy, Cecelia Andy, Marissa Andy, Shannon Hudson and Lynn Knight, who helped to prepare the meals we provided for our guests. We couldn't have done it without all your help. Thank you again.

Palyauwisha Tananma (Stickgame people).

Vannessa Knight-Crane, Alice Sampson and Cecelia R. Andy.

# Remembering Academy dedication

Five years ago this August the Confederated Tribes and partners celebrated the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Warm Springs Academy. The project had been a dream of many in Warm Springs for decades.

Then after months of negotiations, tribes and school district each held votes in 2013—and both elections were successful.

The negotiation and community approval referendum were projects of the Twenty-Third Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes.

At the time, Urbana 'Toto' Ross was the Chief Operations Officer. The late Ms. Ross led the campaign that brought about approval of the Academy referendum.

This allowed the tribes to secure funding, and the tribes and school district oversaw the construction of the Academy.

The new school, with capacity for more than 600 students, opened just before the 2014-15 school year. The dedication was one of the bigger events the tribes have seen in recent

Arlene Boileau has taken the Academy rib-



Arlene with the program presentation to hang in a hallway at the Academy. And below, a scene from the August 2014 Academy dedication ceremony.



bon cutting and dedication program, creating a framed display.

Ms. Boileau asked Tribal Council to approve her request to the school district to hang the display in a hallway at the Academy.

In this way the students and staff can remember how the school project came about, the result of years of work and dedication. Council approved the request, and also agreed to write a letter in support of the request. The letter can hang in the hallway beside the program display, showing Council's ongoing support for the Warm Springs Academy.

## W.S. Library summer reading

The Warm Springs Library at the Family Resource Center is having a summer reading program for youth 18 and younger.

For every book you read, fill out a book slip from the library, put it in the drop box at the library, and you are entered for a chance to win

The more book slips you turn in, the better your chance of winning.

There will also be prizes for kids who turn in the most book slips. So get in as many as you can by Friday, August

### Summer meals

Nutritious meals are available this summer through the 509-J Summer Food Service Meal Program.

Center breakfast is served from 8:45-9:15; and lunch is available 12-12:30.

Meals are also available at the Bridges building in Madras, breakfast is at 7:45 and lunch at 12.

### Food handlers

There will be a food handlers class on Thursday, August 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Warm Springs Clinic

Another class will be on August 29 from 2 to 4 p.m., same location.

For more information call 541-553-1196.

## Notes...

The Downtown Park & Play is this Thursday, August 1 from 5-9 p.m. on Fifth Street in Madras.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a warm summer evening of food, music and vendors.

Anyone interested in set-At the Warm Springs Youth ting up as a vendor can visit: downtownparkandplay.com

The Art Adventure Gal-

lery All-Jefferson County Exhibit will feature artists who live in and around Jefferson County. The opening reception is this Thursday, August 1 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Heart Healthy Heroes Club is a series of classes to help you improve your heart health while saving money through preven-

The club will meet next in Warm Springs on August 13, 20 and 27. The meeting is from 11 a.m. to noon at the clinic.

This a is free event to anyone with heart disease or other chronic heart conditions, and family members who would like to learn more.

Register online at: www.stcharleshealthcare.org

The city of Culver is seeking vendors for the Culver Crawdad Festival coming up on August 17.

Call 541-546-6494 for more information.



Enjoying the Warm Springs Summer Jam Film Fest were Isaac Trimble, Jayson Smith and LaRonn Katchia.

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