

Letters to the editor

Jamboree Day

Don't miss the Warm Springs Family Jamboree Day this Thursday, August 15.

From 3-7 p.m. there will be family fun activities plus a talent show hosted by Blue Flamez.

The day will feature jumping houses, rock climbing, music and new this year: an outdoor market and food vendors.

If you are interested in being a vendor, there may still be time: Contact Emily Courtney at the Community Action Team office, 541-553-3148.

For other information call Carol Sahme, Recreational coordinator, 541-553-3243. Jamboree Day is brought to you by Recreation, Tananawit, and Health and Human Services.

Two August youth events

Tribal youth ages 14-18 are encouraged to apply to participate in two outdoor experiences this month.

There will be a backpacking course August 26-28 on the Warm Springs Reservation; and a Deschutes Rafting Course August 26-30.

There will be a community gathering planned for all participants on August 25.

There is no cost to tribal youth participants, and registration is due August 16.

For more information on the registration process, contact TJ Foltz at 541-615-0142. Or email: taw.foltz@wstribes.org

Public safety barbecue

The 2019 Public Safety and Community Barbecue is coming up on Saturday, August 31.

The barbecue will be from noon to 3 p.m. on campus. Everyone is welcome to for free food and drinks, raffles, music and games.

Births

Vance Abraham
Brisbois Jr.

Vance Brisbois Sr. and Jaycelene Brisbois of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Vance Abraham Brisbois Jr., born on July 29, 2019.

Vance Jr. joins brothers Drake, 8, and Wylie, 3; and sisters Sharmiah, 8, Winola,

6, and Shaylynn, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are Jeff Melvin Brisbois of Electric City, Washington, and Marietta Grunlose of Nespelem, Washington.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Sheila Thrasher of Warm Springs, and Yahteen Frank of Simnasho.

Eli Gage Villa-Munoz

Jonathan Villa and Makyla Munoz of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Eli Gage Villa-Munoz, born on August 7, 2019.

Eli joins brother Ryden, 1.

Grandparent on the father's side is Luz Juarez of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Carlos and Jennifer Munoz of Madras.

Notes...

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

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

This is a 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

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

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

For more information call 541-553-1196.

YouthBuild

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is recruiting youth ages 16-24 years for our Fall 2019 cohort starting in mid October 14.

YouthBuild works with youth who have either have dropped out of school, or are on the verge of being dropped from traditional high school.

YouthBuild members earn their GED, high school diploma, college credit and job skills. The group works on credit recovery, and serving their communities through building affordable housing.

Members in the program

divide their time between classroom, field work at construction sites, and leadership development.

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

YouthBuild requires a 12-month commitment, along with one year of follow-up services.

There will be an information sessions starting on August 22 at YouthBuild's Cloverdale location. As of now, the only information session will be at the Cloverdale in Sisters. YouthBuild is hoping to have them elsewhere but the dates and times have not been scheduled yet.

Mental Toughness, the YouthBuild orientation, begins on October 14. If you know of any youth who may be interested and have not been successful in a traditional high school setting, please encourage them to attend.

More information and a link to the online application online at:

youthbuild.org

You must attend one of the 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: You will need these for the program.

Contact Katie Bauer, program assistant, at 541-526-1380.

Interviews will be scheduled shortly after information sessions are completed.

Solar day

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center presents Solar Saturday with Bob Yoesle, this Saturday, August 17, 2019. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. you can view the surface of the sun, weather permitting, through a specially filtered telescope outside on the front lawn at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, in The Dalles.

Bob Yoesle will be on hand to explain the fascinating physics that underlie the incredible features on our dynamic sun. Our star is a cauldron of incredibly hot gases, sunspots as big as Earth, and loops of gas called filaments and prominences. Using special safely-filtered telescopes you will get an unbelievable view of the surface of the sun. An additional Solar Saturday will be held September

Dr. Locker honored for standard of excellence

Cpt. Dr. Rachel Locker is a skilled care provider. Her years of service at the Warm Springs IHS Health and Wellness Center have combined culturally sensitive and clinically appropriate women's health care and pre-natal care.

As clinic director, Dr. Locker effectively coordinates care within the local community, and with the local hospitals.

She was honored in August with the prestigious award: *Best Practices in Women's Health: Focus on American Indians/Alaska Native Women's Health*.

The announcement comes from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The award recognizes Dr. Locker for her exemplary leadership and career-long commitment to the highest standards of clinic care for women.

She has done this through her praxe of Family Medicine at the Health and Wellness Center.

The award also mentions Dr. Locker's numerous impactful roles in the Portland Area Indian Health Service regionally, and the entire IHS nationally.

In her role as clinic director, she assures that the same high standards are met by all the other



Courtesy W.S. IHS

Dr. Locker receives the Best Practices in Women's Health.

providers as well.

She is an effective voice within a multi-community group that has been tasked with guiding decisions for regional obstetrical and neonatal care.

For more than two decades she has been a critical and highly effective catalyst for the development and promotion of culturally appropriate training materials in support of the local and state-wide sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse prevention and intervention efforts within the Native American and non-Native communities.

She is widely recognized as an expert in these areas in the Portland area and throughout the Indian Health Service.

Among her many professional recognitions and honors, she is the recipient of the HIS National Council of

Clinic Directors Outstanding Physician of the Year Award and the Direct Services Tribes Outstanding Achievement Award for Service in the IHS Direct Care Programs.

Dr. Locker, by her sustained superior performance, career-long commitment to quality clinical care and education, and her dedication to promoting and advancing the health and well-being of American Indian women has clearly earned the distinction of being the 2019 recipient of the prestigious award of the Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Women's Health of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Haffner Award.

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For more information, phone 541-296-8600 x 201. Or visit: gorgediscovery.org.

More notes...

Warm Springs HAPPY and Prevention Programs are putting on a **penny carnival** with foods, games, crafts and music on Wednesday, August 28th from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Center gym.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth should contact the Prevention Program.

The Jefferson County Library Film Center will hold its Eleventh Annual **Screen on the Green** outdoor movie event this Friday, August 16 at Sahalee Park in Madras.

Folks are invited to come out to the Water Spray Park before the event. The movie starts at 8:30. Bring your own snacks, chairs or blankets. They will show the movie *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*.

If you are experiencing issues with your Warm Springs **Telecom services**, please call them at 541-615-0555.

You must call in for technicians to respond, troubleshoot and resolve your issue.

Indianpreneurship classes are coming up on Saturdays, August 17 and 24 at the Community Action Team office.

This program teaches the basics you need to know to start your own business. They will cover all 12 lessons over the two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 541-553-3148 to sign up.

If you have unused or expired medications you need to get rid of, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness

Center now has a **MedSafe drop box** to dispose of old meds. Bring them to large blue box located in the pharmacy waiting area to safely dispose of unneeded medications.

A Jefferson County **Veterans Service Outreach officer** will be in Warm Springs at the Warm Springs Senior Center on the this Tuesday of each month. This month the date is August 20.

Appointments are available for the morning by calling 541-475-5228. Otherwise, the Veteran's Service Officer will be available to answer questions during and after the senior meal that day.

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Photo courtesy Kevin Smith

Tribal director of Governmental Affairs meets with Congressman Greg Walden, at a town hall meeting in Culver. They were discussing the tribes' water infrastructure situation, and how Rep. Walden could possibly offer some kind.

EXPLORE! TREK! PADDLE!

2019 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS & EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS!

COMMUNITY GATHERING: 8/25

BACKPACKING COURSE: 8/26-8/28

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