

Letters to the editor

Youth survey

We R Native is making a monumental push to enroll 1,500 American Indian teens and young adults nationwide—15-24 years old—to participate in a study that will evaluate the impact of our text messaging service.

For more information see: npaih.org/brave/Best,

Michelle Singer, Navajo, Healthy Native Youth Project Manager, Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Email: msinger@npaih.org



For health

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center will host the Lunch and Learn this Thursday, November 7. The lunch is free, and the topic of discussion will be blood pressure care and prevention.

You will learn the signs and symptoms of high blood pressure; how to work with your physician to get a proper diagnosis; the benefits of self-monitoring, and treatment options.

The guest presenter will be Dr. Mark Backus, graduate of Duke University Medical School. Dr. Backus has been in practice for over 20 years.

His practice is at Cascade Internal Medicine in Bend. Dr. Backus was named a National Blood Pressure Control Champion by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Million Hearts Campaign.

To students

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal scholarship guidelines require all students to submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and at least five other scholarships. In the guidelines, see page 3: "Federal Financial Assistance/Other Scholarships to supplement the Tribal Scholarship."

Apply for FAFSA by March 1. If you are eligible for the Pell grant, you may be eligible for the Oregon Opportunity State need grants. Their deadline is June 1.

Send your questions to: carroll.dick@wstribes.org
Or call Higher Education at 541-553-3311.

Nature

A year and a half ago—following months of careful planning—the U.S. Forest

Service and Deschutes National Forest conducted a prescribed burn on the grounds of the High Desert Museum. More than a year later, visitors can see nature rebounding as wild strawberries, rabbitbrush and manzanita grow anew.

How did a seemingly destructive event such as fire support new growth and biodiversity? A new exhibit at the museum—*Nature's Resilience*—highlights the valuable role of ecological disturbances. The original exhibit opens on Saturday, November 23.

Nature's Resilience will feature large-format photography illustrating the dichotomy of devastation and new life. It will highlight a variety of high desert habitats, including the pine forests, riparian ecosystems and sagebrush steppe.

The ecological health of various landscapes relies on fire, floods and pine beetle outbreaks. The heat of a wildfire opens the seeds of native plants such as manzanita. Wildfires create snags—standing dead trees—that offer valuable wildlife habitat. From the ruins, new life is born.

Nature's Resilience will also address the unintended consequences of humans actively increasing some disturbances and suppressing others. For instance, after generations of fire suppression and overgrazing, the spread of native juniper trees can be seen throughout the region. After channelizing rivers to prevent flooding, floodplain species dependent on the river can experience significant impacts.

The exhibit features the work of photographers Bruce Block, David Bahr, Ashley Duffus, Paul Glasser and others.

Birth

Merlin Yellowtail Jr. and Alicia Pedraza of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Carla Mae Yellowtail, born on October 23, 2019.

Carla joins four brothers and one sister.

Grandparent on the father's side is Merlin Yellowtail Sr. of Lodgegrass, Montana.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Richard Tohet of Warm Springs.

Shelter

Due to the recent dip in temperatures, a temporary warming shelter has been opened at the former Youth Center in Warm Springs, the former elementary school, where the Boys and Girls Club was located. The club is now at the Academy.

The shelter at the youth center gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The hours could change, depending on circumstances.

Capacity for the shelter is estimated at 13 people. Each person wanting to utilize the shelter will be screened before being admitted.

School supplies

Students in need of school supplies can pick some up at the Warm Springs Library at the Family Resource Center. Basic supplies are available to students during the library's regular business hours.

Candidate

Oregon State Senator Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, announced last week that he will be running for the Republican nomination to the Oregon Second Congressional District, which includes the reservation. The seat is currently held by Congressman Greg Walden, a long-time friend of the tribes, who has decided not to seek re-election.

Sen. Bentz this year was co-sponsor of law providing close to \$8 million for improvements to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs water system.

Announcing his run for the U.S. House, Sen. Bentz said, "Congressman Walden has done, and is still doing a great job as Oregon's only Republican Congressman. It was a surprise to learn that he has decided not to run again."

The Oregon Primary will be in May of next year.

'Parrallel Lives' reading with Ed Edmo and Lani Roberts

Confluence will host a reading from the book *Seeing Color: Indigenous People and Racialized Ethnic Minorities in Oregon*.

The reading will be at The Dalles High School auditorium this Sunday, November 10. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Ed Edmo is a Shoshone-Bannock poet, storyteller and educator. He will join Dr. Lani Roberts, retired professor of Philosophy, as they read excerpts from their chapter, *Celilo Falls: Parallel Lives Along N'chi-Wana*.

They will and share childhood memories of growing up in The Dalles in the 1950's, but from distinctly separate backgrounds.

Mr. Edmo lived at the fishing village at Celilo Falls until its inundation in March 1957. Lani grew up six miles away, just outside The Dalles, a descendant of an early settler family.

Although they grew up in the same area and are the same age, they lived parallel lives because of the differences in their ethnic heritage.



Some of the Fire Management team, past and present. Courtesy

On behalf of the Wildland Firefighter Memorial Committee, we want to thank the following individuals and businesses who contributed to the memorial and helped make the event a success:

Warm Springs Composite Products. Health and Human Services. Bonafide. Savagethread. Warm Springs Fire Use Module. DMJ Automotive. Medina's Coffee.

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Juniper Cove Bar & Grill. Warm Springs Community Center. Terry Stradely. Angela Sampson. Star Horse Singers. Tyler Anderson. Jason and Charice Begay. And the cooks and everybody who

assisted in preparing the meal.

There were a lot of people that helped make this memorial a great success. We apologize if we forgot anyone that may have contributed.

Thank you to the community members and visitors that were able to attend and show support for the Warm Springs Firefighter Memorial.

The Firefighter Memorial Committee.

Acupuncture

There will be a free Acupuncture session on Wednesday, November 13 at the Community Center Aerobics room. The session will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Provided by an experienced, licensed acupuncturist.

Veterans Concert

The Madras High School Music Department will per-

form in honor of Veterans this Thursday, November 7. The concert will be at the high school Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Reserved seating for veterans. Ten dollar donations, or food contribu-

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In loving memory ~ Tracy D. Fuentes ~ 1980-2019

Tracy D. Fuentes, born on June 11, 1980, of Warm Springs, was taken from the world on September 5, 2019. He was 39.

Tracy loved anything that had to do with the wood. He was an avid gunman who loved to shoot his guns. He also loved hunting, camping and the occasional fishing. We can definitely remember his love for ATVS.

He was the type of



person who could always bring your spirits up no matter the situation, always being the jockey.

Tracy is survived by his

children, his twins Isabelle and Evalyn, Tylasha, Kalyssa, Fontain, and one son, Trayvon.

Tracy will be greatly missed by his mother Meleah Miller and his father Tony Fuentes. His siblings Antone, Angelo Sluggo Fuentes, Jade, Carlos, Toni, Rianna, Pamela and all family and friends.

He will always be remembered by all who held him close in their hearts.



During their childhoods, signs in the windows of businesses read, 'No dogs or Indians allowed.'

Their juxtaposed stories give a full picture of rural Oregon and the separate experiences they had along the N'chi-Wana River.

There is no charge for admission. Visit the Confluence Community Calendar at:

confluenceproject.org
Or call 360-693-0123, to register.

About the speakers

Internationally acclaimed poet, storyteller, actor and clay artist, Ed Edmo uses puppets to tell Indian legends to children and adults—helping people learn to laugh again.

Since 1981, Ed has traveled to colleges, pre-schools, trade shows, pow-wows, and more as a Native consultant. In 1984, Ed earned top prize at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center One Act Play Festival for his play, *Through Coyote's Eyes: A Visit with Ed Edmo*. In addition to co-authoring *Celilo Falls: Parallel Lives Along N'Che Wana—Seeing Color: Indigenous Peoples and Radicalized Ethnic Minorities in Oregon*, he is also the author of *A Nation Within*.

Lani Roberts, Philosophy major of the University of Oregon, was a faculty member in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University from spring 1989 through spring 2011.

She has now retired and moved east of the Cascades, back home to the Columbia Gorge where her family settled in the 1860s.

During her time in the OSU Philosophy Department, Professor Roberts directed the Graduate program, coordinated the Applied Ethics Certificate, and directed the Peace Studies Program.

She was a founding member of Faculty and Staff for Peace and Justice at OSU, and a member of Association of Faculty for the Advancement of People of Color.

About Confluence

The mission of Confluence is to connect people with the history, living cultures and ecology of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices.

Confluence is a community-supported nonprofit that works through six art landscapes, educational programs and community gatherings in collaboration with northwest tribes, communities and artist Maya Lin.

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