

Letters to the editor

Lil' Miss classes

Warm Springs Recreation is now hosting classes for the 2020 Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant. The classes are Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall.

There are three divisions for the Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant—not to be confused with the Miss Warm Springs Pageant, which is for girls 18 to 24. The Lil' Miss divisions are: Senior Miss Warm Springs, ages 15-17. Junior Miss Warm Springs, 12-14 years. And Lil' Miss Warm Springs, ages 9 to 11.

All ages are welcome to participate in the Tuesday classes with Recreation (*parents need to be present*). The goal of the classes and Lil' Miss Pageant are:

To support traditional values and teachings of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and to provide an opportunity to all people to participate and learn. For more information call 5143-553-3243.

To contestants

The Miss Warm Springs Committee invites young women to the 2020 Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

The committee is accepting contestant applications through February. This website includes details on eligibility, and a applicant for downloading:

warmsprings-nsn.gov/program/miss-warm-springs/

Miss Warm Springs must be 18 to 24 years old at the time of the pageant.

Births

Ethan Rey Stacona

Krysten and Anthony Stacona of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Ethan Rey Stacona, born on January 26, 2020.

Ethan joins sister Keira Saldana, 8.

Grandparents on the father's side are Blanca Plazola of Madras, and Andrew Stacona of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Heather Alford and Edward Heath of Warm Springs.

Number 24

I guess when it's your time, it's your time. I'm sure you all know of the

NBA's All Star Kobi Bryant's helicopter death. I was shocked when I first heard of his death. I was watching CBS News on my tv in Eugene. The crash happened when the helicopter flew into a mountain, going through a lot of fog. It was the third week of January 2020.

I Warm Springs we have many great basketball players. I would be happy to see an Indian from Warm Springs become an NBA player, like Michael Jordan, Clyde Drexler, or even like Kobe Bryant. Thank you.

Evette Patt, HRCC 1075 Irvington Dr., Eugene, 97404.

Baby Fair

Warm Springs Recreation and Managed Care Health presents the Sweetheart Baby Fair, and free family photo shoot with Allie Anderson, RN. The Sweetheart Baby Fair will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26.

There will be a Lilly Tykes Regalia Fashion Show at the Community Center Social Hall, open to tykes from walkers to 5 years old. The evening includes a family fun night with games and prizes.

Learn about screen time, and the health of your little ones. The fair features a baby board gallery—Showcase your baby boards. For more information call **Recreation** at 541-553-3243.

Welcome all

Community members are welcome to the Victim Impact Panel—The Hurt of One Is the Hurt of All—through December, hosted by the Meth and Opiate Work Group and the Confederated Tribes. Meetings are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Baptist Church, the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is coming up on February 25.

For more information contact Sarah at 541-553-3205; or her email: sarah.frank@wstribes.org

Pharmacology education

Pharmacology Education with Eric Martin is coming up on Monday and Tuesday, February 24-25 at the Fire Management building conference room. There is no cost for the training; meals and lodging are not included.

Sessions on both days will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sixteen Continuing Education credits are offered. Training is provided by the Warm Springs Opioid Mental Health Initiative. For more information, or to sign up contact **Misty Kopplin** at 541-615-0035. Or email: misty.kopplin@wstribes.org

Heartfelt thank you

A huge heartfelt Thank You out to all family and friends of our Loved One—now our Elder Audwai Lillian Jo Blackwolf—who came together to help in one way or another in the family's time of need, when she passed on in our home.

Thanks to the St. Charles Hospice Palliative Care Team. They were a huge help to the family in helping take care of her in the home, providing specialty care services from the beginning to the end.

Thanks to our the Vital Stats Department, Michelle Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Utilities Department staff for their hard work delivering the benches and making casket liner, delivering the casket to the home and driving the bus from our home to ALH to Simnasho Cemetery; and for digging the grave.

Thank you Sandra Greene, Austin Smith Sr., Erland Suppah Jr., and Alvis Smith III.

Thanks to Branch Natural Resources staff for taking care of the salmon and deer request.

Thanks for Norman Lucci, Charlie and Brenda Strom, and Guy Wallulatum for singing and praying with her at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

Thanks to Gary and Irkie Smith for coming to sing prayer songs with her and the family in the home.

Thanks to our sister Rosie Guerin, and Guy Wallulatum for coming to the home to help take care of her right away after her passing.

Thanks for the Officiators, Fred Wallulatum Sr. and Antone Fuentes, and Ramona Starr and Flossie Wolfe for undertaking.

Thanks to Leona Ike and Flossie Wolfe for making her traditional buckskin outfit.

Lifesaving cause with Firefighter Stairclimb



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Firefighter Andrew Glen, Lt. Dan Chapanar, Cpt. Trevor Beebe and firefighter Jeff Whitworth prepare for an endurance training exercise at the Miller Heights Plateau, aka Superman Hill, prior to the March 8 Firefighter Stairclimb.

The Firefighter Stairclimb happens every year at the Columbia Center in Seattle: Wearing full gear the fire fighters climb the 66 flights of stairs of the Columbia Center tower. The mission of the climb: 'To cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkins disease and myeloma; and to improve the quality of life of the patients and their families.'

Representing Warm Springs Fire Management at the 2020 Firefighter Stairclimb will be Cpt. Trevor Beebe, Lt. Dan Chapanar, and fire fighters Jeff Whitworth and Andrew Glen. They will be among the 2,000 fire fighters to make the March 8 stair climb.

Meanwhile, the Fire Management team members are working

their jobs, while putting in extra training toward the March 8 climb. And they are accepting donations for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Their goal is to raise \$2,000 for the Society. The team members have donation information flyers that include a link whereby a person can donate. Or stop by Fire Management to donate. For more information, or as another way to donate, visit: firefighterstairclimb.org

Since its inception 28 years ago, the Firefighter Stairclimb—'Climb. Conquer. Cure.' is the motto—has raised over \$20 million for cancer research and patient services. Their work supports the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, helping millions impacted by cancer; funding breakthrough research, and providing support and advocacy for pa-

tients. The Firefighter Stairclimb is the world's largest 'on-air' stair climb competition: The fire fighters are in full gear that weighs up to 60 pounds, including the 'on-air' oxygen tank and mask.

Last year Derek Sherrell of the Kingsley Field Fire Department of Klamath Falls finished with the winning time. He made the 66 flights with a time of 11 minutes 3 seconds.

During that same length of time, three people were diagnosed with blood cancer, and one person died from blood cancer.

As we look toward the March 8 Firefighter Stairclimb, please remember their motto:

Climb. Conquer. Cure... And Donate!

She looked very beautiful.

Thanks to all the Washuut drummers who sang all the beautiful songs to send her on her journey. Thanks to all the Washuut dancers, and for the cooks Melinda Jim and Family, and Annie Kalama for their wonderful delicious meals they cooked throughout the funeral.

Thank you Jo Ann Smith, Bobbie Marlon, Christine Johnson, Jewel Minnick, Rosanna Jackson, Nancy Blackwolf, Josephine Johnson, Melissa Bryant, Lola Dick, Marena Florez, Taaw Lee Winch and Desirae Boise. Thanks to all the family and friends that traveled to be by the side of her children and siblings she left be-

hind. Thanks to each and every person that contributed something to our services, whether if it was in the home or at the longhouse.

I apologize if I forgot to mention specific names but just know I truly do appreciate your help and contribution in our time of need for the loss of our loved one. Respectfully,

Matthew D. Sconawah, II
Mary Lee L. Sconawah
Jeremiah I. Blackwolf
Angeline Blackwolf & Arthur B. Mitchell Sr. & Family
Agnes, Melvin-Jr, Mary Ann Stahi & Fami-

lies
Avery American Horse
Adult Children of our Audwai Brother Hiram Yaw Sr. (Hiram-Jr, MARRISSA, Keisha, Pamela)

Pregnancy presentation

The Warm Springs Opioid Mental Health Initiative presents Pregnancy and Opioids—A Community Education Presentation. The session will be the evening of Wednesday, February 19 at the Community Center Social Hall, dinner served at 5:30, presentation begins at 5:45, ending around 7.

Come learn about opioids and their effects to the unborn child, ways to keep the baby safe, and what services are offered to mothers with addiction in Warm Springs.

The guest presenter will be Allison 'Alli' Anderson, registered nurse and community health maternal health coordinator.

There will be door prizes to be raffled to participants. For more information call **Jaycelyne or Antonio** at 541-615-0035.

Sweetheart Sale Friday

Warm Springs Recreation presents the Sweetheart Sale—Shop locally for your sweetheart, for one-of-a-kind beautifully hand-crafted jewelry and gifts.

The sale will be this Friday, February 14 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center Social Hall. The first 20 vendors will get one table: Sign-ups open are now open. Contact Carol at 541-551-3243.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Sweetheart Sale will also feature a buckleberry pancake plate for breakfast, and lunch sandwiches and fries.



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