

Letters to the editor

From time immemorial

The Bering Strait waterway divides the USSR from Alaska. It is over 60 miles in width (mileage scale) and connects multiple seas and oceans together. The water flow is severely powerful, turbulent and dangerous, sometimes with ice flows.

As late as the year of 1741 a sea captain observed Eskimos crossing the 60-plus mile waterway on their kayaks. Eskimos still live and hunt subsistence as they did forever in both Alaska and Siberia USSR. It would be virtually impossible for a land-slope bridge to span such a huge waterway which connects many seas and oceans together.

In the year of 1590 a Spanish priest Jose de Costa surmised: To form a notion of from scanty evidence that Indians are here from Asia. Others have since jumped on the bandwagon all bent on proving that priest's notion.

For many years it was widely believed that this had been scientifically proven because a scraper made of bone was found in Canada in 1966, and it was believed to be America's oldest artifact, said to be 27,000 years old. But it turned out to be only 1,350 years old, a gross error of over 25,000 years.

There are fictitious stories out there designed to disprove that Indians are not Native inhabitants of the Americas.

America has wildlife found not found any place else, such as buffalo, Rocky Mountain elk, puma. Also of misinformation is the Indian pony mustang. It is in stone petroglyphs: An Indian on horseback, which predates the landing of the Spanish by 500 years or longer.

Many Indian elders believe Creator put Indians and Eskimos on the North and South Americas, and all other races of people on their different continents, which some refer to as the 'Old World,' and they call the Americas the 'New World.' But it is not the New World at all: It is and always was the homeland of the Indians and Eskimo inhabitants of the Americas since time immemorial.

Awe-Na
Anthony Littleleaf

Kick Butts

Warm Springs Prevention is hosting Kick Butts Day, bringing awareness to the

dangers of cigarettes, on the Saturday morning of March 21.

The activities will be at Elmer Quinn Park. There will be a skateboarding competition, and 3-on-3 tournament for students in grades k-12. Vendors are welcome.

If you have any questions, call **Prevention** at 541-615-0036.

For MHS eighth graders

The Madras High School eight-grade family night is coming up on the Wednesday evening of March 11, from 5:30 to 7. Dinner will be served.

The families will learn everything they need to know about Madras High School, including athletics and activities.

Birth

Branson Nick Scott

Gordon Scott and Lorien Stacona of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Branson Nick Scott, born on February 16, 2020.

Branson joins brother Kiellan All, 11; and sister Kiahna Allen, 12.

Kiara Melissa Tall Bull

Russell Tall Bull and Nicole Andy-Knight of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kiara Melissa Tall Bull, born on February 6, 2020.

Grandparent on the father's side is Deborah Joy Gorge of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Vanessa Knight-Crane of Warm Springs, and Travis Andy of Yakima.

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.

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.

Cascades East Transit has Saturday service on their Community Connector routes, including Warm Springs-Madras, Route 20. To see the schedule go cascadeeasttransit.com Or see kwso.org

Chemawa school this month turns 140

One-hundred and forty years ago this week the Chemawa Indian School welcomed its first students.

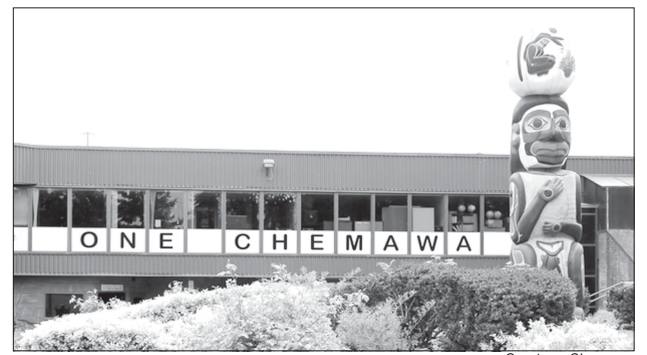
Over the years, many people from Warm Springs have attended and graduated from Chemawa.

This past weekend the students and staff hosted a powwow to commemorate the One-Hundred and Forty Year Anniversary of the school.

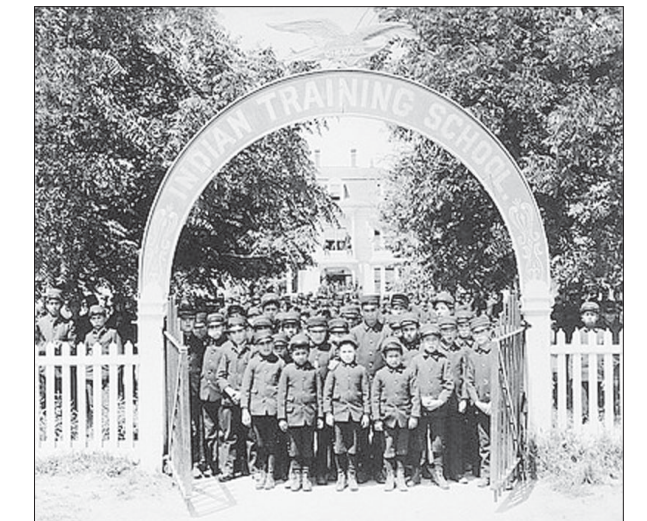
Chemawa, in Salem, was the second Indian school to open in the U.S.; and Chemawa now is the oldest continuously operating Indian school in the U.S.

Named after the Chemawa band of the Kalapuya people of the Willamette Valley, the school opened on February 25, 1880 as an elementary school.

Grades were added, and Chemawa became a fully accredited high school in 1927, when lower grades were dropped. The school



The school today; and below, historic photo of boys at Chemawa.



now serves students in grades 9 through 12.

At its peak of enrollment in 1926, it had 1,000 students.

New buildings were constructed in the 1970s on a

campus near the original one, where at one time 70 buildings stood, including barns and other buildings related to the agricultural programs.



Confluence welcoming field school applications

For generations our region's origin story has been "Lewis and Clark discovered this place and the pioneers settled it."

At Confluence, we work to replace this over-simplified and incorrect narrative. We work to replace the narrative with a realistic view of history that includes the voices of Indigenous cultures that still call this place home.

The Confluence Field School is an immersive opportunity for teachers and education leaders to learn more about the storied landscape of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices.

These summer journeys include guided visits to Native sites of cultural and environmental significance with tribal cultural leaders and thinkers, to hear personal insights into the Native traditions and history of the Columbia River system.

Participants come away with a richer understanding of tribal sovereignty, cultural traditions and heritage, resilience, and the value of reciprocity.

By joining us on this journey, you can also help carry this work forward. Educators who have joined us in the past repeatedly express how unique and powerful these experiences are for personal and professional development.

Confluence field school - Mid-Columbia - June 26-28

Travel from the gateway of the Columbia River Gorge to the High Desert of



Powwow, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Central Oregon.

This trip begins with a morning talk and a traditional ecological knowledge hike at the Sandy River delta.

Then we travel to the Warm Springs Reservation to celebrate Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days with featured speakers and a salmon dinner.

We end with a visit to Celilo Park near The Dalles.

Professional development for teachers: 14 hours. Submit your application at confluenceproject.org

Confluence Field School - Lower Columbia - July 11-12

This trip begins at the Confluence Land Bridge at Fort Vancouver, with a discussion with members of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Then we travel to Bay Center, Washington as guests of the Chinook Indian Nation for a traditional salmon bake, conversation, drum and song.

The following morning

includes a visit to Cape Disappointment and the Confluence art landscapes by Maya Lin to experience where Lewis and Clark first saw the Pacific Ocean in Chinook homelands.

Professional development for teachers: 7 hours. Submit at confluenceproject.org

About the program

The Confluence Field Schools are open to educators of all kinds, including classroom teachers, principals, heads of school, district administrators, school board members, and educators with nonprofit organizations that work with schools and students.

Ideally, our cohort will include a blend of travelers with varied educational roles, geographic and cultural diversity, and subject area focuses.

We strongly welcome tribal members and educators who serve Native students.

We invite groups of as

many as three people from one school, district, or organization to apply.

Confluence Field Schools are free of charge thanks to generous grants from the Emily Gottfried Fund at OJCF, and Meyer Memorial Trust.

Confluence will cover speakers' and park fees, select meals, and supplies. Participants or their employers must pay their own travel costs, including lodging, mileage and some meals. Carpooling options are available.

Teachers will receive professional development certificates. In your application, please specify what impact you expect this experience will have on your work and on students.

Participants must submit their application by April 13. The final list of participants will be shared by May 1.

For more information contact Confluence Program manager **Courtney Yilk** or call 360-693-0123.

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