

Letters to the editor

Kim Schmith for Commission

I am writing in support of Kim Schmith for County Commission in Jefferson County, of which Warm Springs is part of.

Kim has background of our reservation as her father worked here in the Roads Department and her mom in our school. Kim attended Madras High School and spent time on the reservation gaining some knowledge of our land and people.

I have known her for 30 years. She graduated from Oregon State University, spent time and effort in the United States, and traveled to other countries.

She has communication skills, is genuine in her efforts to become informed, listens, is respectful, ethical and involved in public service.

Kim returned to Madras and started her acupuncture and Chinese herb small business which is still operating since 1999.

She has volunteered her time for students, other citizens and local events knowing that this is the future and it's vital to invest in people. She can do the right thing which requires hearing all sides of the issue, and will make a decision. Kim keeps informed of local, state, national and world happenings.

This is our community and she is willing to listen, represent, make decisions and stand up for us. We need people who are willing to commit themselves and be a voice for us. Our reservation needs representation for our concerns.

Check out the Voters' Pamphlet. Kim is the only Jefferson County Commissioner listed. The other candidates did not get involved with this particular Oregon voters' system.

Also Kim made a stand against the proposed development along the Deschutes River, which borders our reservation, and we were never included nor asked for our input. But this will directly affect us. Some of our needs are similar to other communities which are on Kim's radar, health, housing, rural living, eco systems, clean air and water, education, small businesses, employment and sustainability.

She wants to learn our other needs and promote these. She has said, 'I know I don't know what you need but I want to know and help attain that.'

Before Covid-19 started Kim came here looking for a

place to hold a get together and to put up her signs.

It's up to us to vote for our representatives, so get involved to help our reservation by voting and expressing your ideas and concerns. I urge you to vote Kim Schmith for Jefferson County Commissioner.

No matter how your vote, Vote. Exercise your right to vote, so many before us fought for your right to Vote.

Pinky Beymer.

Births

Kataleya Raquel Satanus

Kurtis Satanus and Rayann Satanus of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kataleya Raquel Satanus, born on April 25, 2020.

Grandparents on the father's side are Jessica Polk and Roger Satanus.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lyle Katchia and Marilyn Meanus.

Angel Gabriel Wagner

Marilyn R. Suppah of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her son Angel Gabriel Wagner, born on April 19, 2020.

Angel joins brother Jarred, 6; and sister Francine, 1.

Grandmother is Rena L. Suppah of Warm Springs.

At St. Charles

Over these weeks my wife and I have received hundreds of incredibly kind messages from our community expressing condolences on the loss of my father-in-law due to Covid-19. I can't tell you how much it means to both of us. All of it has helped to make this difficult time a little easier to bear.

I feel similarly about knowing St. Charles has such a supportive community standing behind us as we work together to get through this pandemic.

Overwhelmed. Humble. Grateful.

While we have had some recent positive test results, our number of hospitalized Covid-19 patients remains low. We know this is because of you. Your social distancing efforts and sacrifices continue to make a difference.

In late April Governor Kate Brown announced that she relaxed her executive order, and is now allowing

hospitals to provide some expanded non-urgent health services.

This is good news for our patients who have been waiting for needed surgeries. We know the delay has caused anxiety, pain and distress, and we are very much looking forward to being able to provide you needed care.

It is also critical to note that if we start to see an uptick in Covid-19 cases in our community, or we start to run low on supplies, we will take a step back. Re-opening for services will be a cautious process over the coming months, as we consistently evaluate the safety of our team, our patients and our community.

In addition, the World Health Organization has indicated that it is too soon to know if recovered Covid-19 patients are immune to the virus, which makes it risky to rely on antibody information to relax social distancing measures.

For these reasons, St. Charles is not offering or recommending antibody testing at this time. However, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates as more information becomes available.

The best we can do today is to continue practicing safe social distancing, good hand hygiene and wearing masks when we do need to go out in public. It is important that each of us continue to act as though we have Covid-19 ourselves and that every person we meet also potentially carries the virus—simply keeping this in mind and acting accordingly will reduce exposure

Voices of Family in Land and Sky

With Emily Washines and Josiah Pinkham

Join the Confluence Project for a conversation between two family members as they discuss finding resilience, comfort, and strength in times of challenge.

The conversation will be at 4 p.m. this Wednesday, May 6 on the Confluence project Facebook page, live streamed. Simply click on the link, and at 4 p.m., the live stream will start on our main Facebook page.

You don't need a Facebook account to attend. About our speakers:

Emily Washines is



Emily Washines

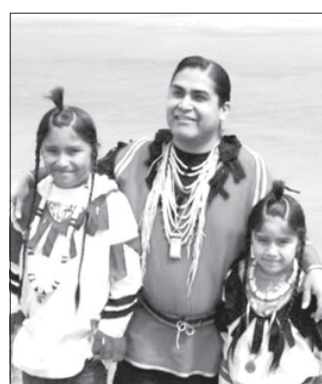
an enrolled Yakama Nation tribal member with Cree and Skokomish lineage.

A scholar, with a Master's in Public Administration, her work is in film, writing, speaking, exhibits.

Her blog, *Native Friends*, focuses on history, culture and building understanding and support for Native Americans.

Her research topics include the Yakama War, Native women, traditional knowledge, resource management, fishing rights, and food sovereignty.

She is a board member of the Museum of Culture and Environment, Artist Trust, and Columbia Riverkeeper. She is adjunct faculty at Yakima Valley



Josiah Blackeagle Pinkham and family

College.

She lives on the Yakama reservation with her husband and three children.

Josiah Blackeagle Pinkham was raised on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in north-central Idaho, and has worked in the cultural resource field for over 20 years as a Nez Perce tribal intern, tribal traditions technician, ethnographer, and a cultural specialist.

He has also worked on a variety of cultural resource workgroups with several federal, state, and county agencies, as well as private corporations and other tribes.

Mr. Pinkham regularly speaks to public schools, college classes and the public. He has travelled nationwide and has also travelled overseas for interpretative talks and cultural exchanges.

Please join the conversation!

Colin Fogarty, director, Confluence Project

and save lives.

Sincerely,

Joe Sluka, St. Charles Health Systems president and chief executive officer.

Day of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer is happening this Thursday, May 7.

Locally, Everyone is asked to pray at home with a focus

on prayers for Warm Springs leaders and families.

Notes...

Face coverings are now being required for riders on the Cascades East transit buses, and also for shoppers at Warm Springs Market, the Shell Station on Highway 26, the Rainbow Market and Three Warriors

Market in Simnasho. Cascades East Transit community connector service is suspended for Saturdays.

Warm Springs Agency BIA offices are closed to the public. If you would like to apply for general assistance, call Angela at 541-553-2406 to request an application that you will get in the mail.

Two Oregon universities planning for fall re-openings

Two Oregon universities last week announced plans to have students return to campus in the fall.

The University of Oregon said it was making plans for on-campus instruction for fall term. While keeping the Covid-19 crisis in mind, classes could have reduced numbers, and students could be spaced further apart both in residence halls and dining areas. Intensive cleaning would continue on all campus facilities.

The letter to the Duck

community included that testing and contact tracing could be required for all employees and students. The university president said these plans will be coordinated with local, state, and even national leaders.

UO administrators said they expect about a 15 percent reduction in enrollments for the upcoming school year.

The University of Portland also released a statement about having students return to campus in the fall. The

university's president addressed the school's community in a video message.

"As of today, our energies are focused on a return to in-person instruction this fall," said Father Mark Poorman in his video message.

"Face-to-face interaction is critical to our mission at the University of Portland, and we're going to do everything we can to safely bring our students, faculty, and staff back onto campus. Doing so will require adapt-

ability on the part of all community members."

Additionally, UP's graduating class of 2020 will not be left behind. The university president said they plan to hold an in-person graduation for seniors as soon as it's feasible for everyone to gather.

Graduating students will still get their degrees this month, and a virtual commencement ceremony happened this past Sunday, May 3.

From the archives of the Spilyay Tymoo

A look back on the reservation—Thirty-Four years ago this week—From the May 9, 1986 Spilyay Tymoo:

The newest Tribal Council took office on May 5, 1986, as Warm Springs Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent Bernard Topash conducted the swearing-in ceremonies in Council chambers. All but one of the new Council persons, Mickey Brunoe, have sat at the oak table and governed tribal affairs in the past. Taking the oath were Council members Chief Nelson Wallulatum, Karen Wallulatum, Rita Squiemphen, Ellen Jonson,

Zane Jackson, Mickey Brunoe, Harold Culpus and Chief Delvis Heath. In other news:

A proclamation was issued by Oregon State Governor Vic Atiyeh designating May 18-24 as American Indian Week. And this:

In 1974 the first overall economic development program in Warm Springs introduced the idea of a community shopping center. A market analysis in 1977 presented the center as being feasible but the project never reached the implementation stage.

Interest and support for the shopping center has been

increasing over the years, and a recent market analysis by Portland urban land economists, based on the community survey, show that population growth and need could support such a neighborhood shopping center.

Twenty years ago—From the May 4, 2000 Spilyay Tymoo:

A new gaming facility in Madras represents the best possible answer for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, according to tribal leaders. Council has set May 23 for a referendum on the membership on a proposal to

expand the tribes' gaming program by developing a new casino on tribal trust land in the industrial area just north of Madras. And this:

At a national gathering of American Indian community leaders the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced nearly \$5.5 million in grants and low interest loans to six Indian Country drinking water and sanitary sewer projects in five states, including Oregon.

A \$600,000 grant to improve the existing wastewater treatment plant serving the Warm Springs community was among the award recipients.

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