

Letters to the editor

W.S. 4-H meeting

The Warm Springs 4-H program is hosting a virtual informational meeting on Wednesday, October 28.

We will be discussing 4-H programming and opportunities; and will have time for a live question and answer session.

This virtual meeting will focus on showing livestock for the 2021 Jefferson County Fair.

We are offering two different meeting times on October 28: At 12 noon, and at 5:30 p.m. Please attend whichever time fits your schedule.

Meeting information is on the OSU Warm Springs Extension website: extension.oregonstate.edu/warmsprings

And the Warm Springs Extension Facebook page: [facebook.com/wsextension](https://www.facebook.com/wsextension)

Or for the link you can email Ellise David: ellise.david@oregonstate.edu for the link.

If you cannot make either of these times, please contact **Ellise David**.

Birth

Rhylie Elizabeth Young

Jesse and Evangeline Young of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Rhylie Elizabeth Young.

Rhylie was born at 8:24 a.m. on September 10, 2020 at St. Charles Madras.

At birth Rhylie weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length.

Rhylie joins sisters, Leilani, 8, and Oaklynn, 1.

The grandparents are Shawn and Sue Young of Metolius; Brad and Dora Hood of Culver; and Darlene Trimble of Warm Springs.

Home grants for veterans

NeighborImpact's lending program is now offering \$15,000 grants to veterans purchasing their first home on the Warm Springs Reservation, in Jefferson, Crook or Deschutes counties. In order to qualify, applicants must:

Provide proof of eligibility with a certificate of release or discharge from active duty (DD 214)

Have a household income below 100 percent area median income. Complete a Home Buyer Educa-

tion course, available through NeighborImpact.

There are ten grants currently available. To learn more or to apply for a grant, visit: neighborimpact.org/get-help/help-with-finances/lending/

YouthBuild

Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild in October is accepting applications from young people in the region.

Interested youth must attend the information session at YouthBuild in Sisters: Tuesday, October 27 at 5 p.m.

If that date does not work for your schedule, please call the YouthBuild number and individual sessions can be accommodated.

YouthBuild is a 12-month, full-time program designed to engage young people ages 16-24 who wish to complete their high school education and learn leaderships and construction skills through building affordable housing in Central Oregon. The number is 541-526-1380.

For Miller

Are you ready to vote for a dynamic, smart, articulate Native American woman who has served on the Tribal Council of the Warm Springs Reservation?

Are you ready to elect a candidate who has the lived and professional experience to advocate for all rural Oregonians in Salem? Then vote for Carina Miller for Senate District 30.

We've met Carina Miller and heard her talk several times. We're impressed with her knowledge of the issues and solutions.

She will stand for our environment, passing policy to address climate change now, creating a more sustainable economy and making sure we have just transition.

She'll advocate for recovery services, making sure we are advocating for communities in rural Oregon who need access to geographically available treatment, mental health and in- and outpatient programs.

Education is a priority for her to ensure we are providing more educational opportunities to all communities in Oregon.

This means more kinds of learning options, like bringing trades programs back. She'll back social jus-

Tribal Cares Act applications available until Oct. 30

Many tribal households are making good use of the Warm Springs Cares Act funding. Tribal Council this year made the funding available to the membership.

The Cares Act Emergency and Disaster Relief General Welfare Program is designed to provide non-taxable economic relief—due to circumstances of Covid-19—to enrolled members.

Applications are now available, due by the end of the day on **Friday, October 30**.

Paper copies can be picked up at the tribal administration building, and also at the Family Resource Center.

You can download a copy online at: warmsprings-nsn.gov/news/press-releases/cares-act-emergency-disaster-relief/

The tribes' Cares Act relief program provides



Martha Winishut sorts the Cares Act applications at the Family Resource Center.

help with matters such as housing, transportation, food, water, medication, medical care, utilities, and basic life necessities to help alleviate the financial hardships endured from loss of income and increased costs due to Covid-19.

Cares is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Who can apply: The following persons who have ex-

perienced a financial hardship due to the Covid-19 pandemic may apply for assistance:

Warm Springs enrolled adult tribal member who has attained the age of 18 years may apply for the Adult Tribal Member Grant; and

A Warm Springs tribal member who is head of household, or qualified non-tribal member who is head of

household, may apply on behalf of a Warm Springs enrolled minor dependent tribal member for the Dependent Tribal Member Grant.

Application Submission: Your eligibility will be based on the information submitted as of your application date. No new information will be accepted after your application is submitted.

Submit by mail: P.O. Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761 Attn: Cares Grant

By email: cares@wstribes.org

In Person: 1233 Veterans Street, the administration building (outside the building in designated dropbox).

By Fax: 541-553-2236

For further assistance regarding this Program, please contact the Program Administrator: Isaac George, 541-553-3476.

Justice programs, because it's important we have elected officials who recognize issues of systemic racism and inequitable policies and laws, and who take steps in addressing them.

She'll represent all the people in her district, not just the big economic interests.

She's not a quitter. She won't walk off the job when important legislation is at stake like the incumbent did.

She's committed to working with people of all persuasions to make life better for all the constituents in her district.

Marjorie and John Thelen

Lambing school

A lambing school is coming up in January, hosted by the Oregon Sheep Growers Association. The school will be all day on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Mont Alto Ranch in Glide, Oregon.

The deadline to register will be January 11. Class size is limited, so first-come first-serve. For registration information call John Fine at 541-673-0369; or email: johnandpeggyfine@charter.net

If you have information you would like us to share on the KWSO Community Calendar, email: kwso@wstribes.org



Happy Birthday Jo Hallam, member of the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland family since the very beginning. Angela, and the Wallowa Nez Perce Homeland family. (Jo pictured with Cece Whitewolf at an earlier Tamkaliks Celebration.)



Happy Halloween wishes from artist Travis Bobb.

Masking up

Dear Tribal Leaders,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has some exciting news to share: Our 'Bigfoot Mask Up' campaign is nearly ready.

Our Covid 19 Communications Team has been working on a campaign featuring Bigfoot for several months, encouraging everyone to keep our tribal communities safe, with mask wearing and social distancing.

Each tribe will receive a life-size, all-weather cutout of Bigfoot with his own specially made mask. To accom-



pany Bigfoot, we will be sending posters, yard signs, window clings, and 'stand here' floor stickers.

We expect all the materials to be ready by the end of October, and we were planning to mail them to the diabetes coordinator at each tribe's clinic. Respectfully yours,

Sheila Hosner and Victoria Warren-Mears, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.



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