

Letters to the editor

Testing at clinic

The Warm Springs Clinic announced new covid outdoor testing hours. The new hours are as follows:

Wednesday, February 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday, February 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Monday, February 28 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday, March 4 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Home testing kits are available at Emergency Management, 1160 Wasco Street (the former elementary school).

Please call when you arrive 541-777-2803.

To limit entry into the building, car side delivery is available

For covid illness questions outside these hours, please call the covid information line at 541-553-5512.

At Council

The following are some of the items remaining on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of February (subject to change at Council discretion):

Wednesday, February 23

9 a.m.: *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs vs. USA Trust* case discussion with tribal attorneys.

10: Tribal Court update with Chief Judge Lisa Lomas.

10:30: Health and Human Services update with general manager Caroline Cruz.

11: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith. Items for discussion: Governmental Affairs, Administrative Services, and the Veterans Service Office.

Afternoon session: Open.

Baby formula advisory, recall

The Food and Drug Administration issued an advisory alert to consumers to avoid purchasing or using certain powdered infant formula products. There is an ongoing investigation into the situ-

ation.

There is a recall for these products. Affected products: All 12.6-ounce Total Comfort powder.

All 12.5-ounce Similac for Spit Up powder.

All EleCare powder—Infant and Junior.

All Alimentum powder.

Some 12.5-ounce Similac Sensitive powder.

Some 12.4-ounce Similac Advance powder.

Participants should check the code printed on the product packaging near the expiration date. The code for affected products includes the following identifiers:

The first two digits on the code on the can are 22 through 37; and,

A code on the container contains K8, SH or Z2; and,

An expiration date of 04/01-2022 or later.

Products that do not have the above information are not affected. Participants should continue to use products not covered in the advisory.

Warm Springs WIC will replace recalled formula for its WIC participants only.

Call 1-800-986-8540 for information. Or see the wite: tinyurl.com/formula-check

Cultural position

The Wallowa Land Trust seeks to hire the Wallowa Gathering Project Manager. This is a part-time position, full-time during events. The pay is \$25 to \$35 an hour, depending on experience. The job lasts through June 15. The location can be by remote, with occasional travel to Wallowa County.

The application deadline is February 25. Wallowa Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Enterprise.

The Wallowa Gathering Project Manager plays an important role as ambassador to, and advocate for, the three main tribal communities that participate in this event: the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. For a full job description see: wallowalandtrust.org

Howlak Tichum

Lupita 'Piitah' Phyllis Tohet ~ Shum'n'Wash

Lupita 'Piitah' Phyllis Tohet - Shum'n'Wash, was born on February 15, 1996 at 4:35 a.m. at Mountain View Hospital in Madras, to Harvianne Tohet. She was raised by her step poppa Chet Tias.

Grandparents are atwai Alexander and Phyllis Tohet.

Great-grandma is atwai Maxine McKinley. She has three uncles: David Sr., Uncle Jr. and Uncle BooBoo.

She has seven brothers and two sisters; and six nieces and four nephews.

Lupita was proceeded in death by her great-grandmother, both grandparents. Poppa Chet Tias; and one brother and one sister, and one uncle Rat.

Lupita graduated in 2014 from Nixáawii Community School in Pendleton. She attended one year of college at Washington State University in Pullman.

She was raised by Grandpa in the Longhouse, with Washut, Wasklick, Medicine Singing and Shaker. She prayed daily, knew her creator well, and had strong faith in her beliefs.

Lupita gathered tradi-

tional foods when she wasn't busy.

She worked at the Wildhorse Casino and Hotel in Security. She also worked at Spirit Mountain in Security.

She was an emergency responder; and worked as a cage cashier at Indian Head Casino.

Her hobbies were sheep and calf riding; and going to rodeos with her family.

She played basketball, and taught herself how to bead. Several people own pieces of her work.

She attended powwows with her family and late Poppa, who was a drummer. Lupita was a Fancy Shawl Dancer, and loved All Around Dancing; and mostly spending time with little brothers Son-Son (Glenden)

and Beebz (baby Alex).

She passed away in a serious car accident on Highway 26 near the Bear Springs turnoff, January 28, 2022.

The family dressed her in the old style traditional ways on January 31 at 3 p.m. in the Agency Longhouse. She laid over night, with Washut and Medicine Society Services being held.

On February 1 Lupita was laid to rest near her grandparents Dry Creek Cemetery, Warm Springs. A Celebrations of life was also held for Lupita by best friend Kaity Gail, from Salem, at the Fort Hill Bar, Grand Ronde, February 11.

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Arthur (Art) "Koy-a-ma" James McConville Jr.

Arthur (Art) 'Koy-a-ma' James McConville Jr., 77, was called home by our Creator on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Art was born to Arthur James McConville Sr. and Emma Kash Kash on June 16, 1944, in Pendleton. Art was a caring haama, tota, and family man.

He was a proud descendant of the Cayuse and Nez Perce People and citizen of the Confederated Umatilla Tribes.

He was a very active member of the community, involved with many organizations and movements. He served as the Chairman of the American Indian Movement's Portland Chapter. He was a hard worker and loved working for his fellow Nixyaawii and Nimiipuu people.

Art was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a simple, humble and modest man; the kind of person who would give you the most important gift—his time. He would be there to help you when needed, no questions asked.

If you knew Art, you knew his humor and his creative mind for problem solving whatever he was involved with.

He was a complex human being with a beautiful heart. He would do whatever he could to help the young people, and enjoyed watching his grandkids grow up, beadworking and sharing stories from his many adventures, spiritual teachings, or life lessons he's learned along the way.

Art's early beginnings were difficult and he had his own battles with the darkness in life, but Art's curiosity about the world and people led him to learn from his experi-

ences and challenges, shaping his view of the world and inspiring in him a passion for fighting injustice and helping others.

He lived a long and fulfilled life, giving him time to develop his many talents and spend his retirement years traveling and doing his important work in many places. He was a learner and a teacher, he volunteered for his community often.

Over the years, he worked in Wildland Fire, Forest Management, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Indian Child Welfare, and for many years in media and curriculum development for the Culture and Heritage Program for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

He was proud to be of both the Shaker and Washat faith. He worked in Youth Prevention Services for Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, managed the Wildhorse Resort and Casino's Child Entertainment Center for many years, and later served as the Umatilla Tribe's Veterans Coordinator. He is well known for his work bringing spiritual teachings and ceremony into Oregon's prisons.

He would always talk about how much he loved to spend time and learn from all his aunts, uncles and elders from Nimiipuu, Nixyaawii, and Warm Springs.

One of his greatest accomplishments was his sobriety, and his path of ceremony and spirituality. His time at Standing Rock was one of those important times in his life.

He was always encouraging and supporting others along their own journey. He always wanted to be of service to others in any way he could, and he truly made a



difference in many lives. He was in ceremony up until the very end and he will continue to live on in all our hearts, spirits, and in dreamtime. Just remember to ask yourself, "What would Art do?" and you'll be alright.

He spent much of his free time with the elders and youngest members of the tribal community, and socializing on 'Indian Twitter' aka Facebook.

Art was a great man and friend to many. He truly enjoyed traveling, visiting friends and family, attending pow wows, ceremonies, shaker meetings, hanging at the casino, and attending other tribal functions. He also loved attending the Nixyaawii Golden Eagle sporting events.

Art had a big family. He is survived by his children, Shana, Alx, Paris, Sterling, Kim, Rusty, Jerry Allen, and Aimee. His grandsons, Maurice, Maddox, Joshua, Christian, and La Peka. His granddaughters, Juelz, Soleda, Terri, Phoebe, and Artis. His sisters, Judy Johnson and Laura Lee McConville. His niece, Julie Ann Johnson. His nephews, Jon McConville and Sterling Sampson. And numerous great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandfathers, James McConville and

James Kash Kash, Andrew Allen, and great grandmothers Julia Kash Kash and Mary Wilson Mox Mox McConville, Lucy Kash Kash, his parents, Arthur James McConville Sr. and Emma Kash Kash McConville, Ayats, Vivian Aust, Anita Webb Taylor, Billie Joe Bagley, Annette Lucero, his brother, Herschel McConville, sisters, Mary Lou McConville and Ruth McConville. His two sons, Art McConville III, and Norman McConville. His nephew, Raymond McConville.

The funeral services were held Wednesday, February 7 at the Nixyaawii Longhouse, and officiated by Armand Minthorn. The burial was officiated by Robert Taylor with support from the American Indian Movement at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery in Lapwai, Idaho. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements. To support Art's family; Venmo: @shanaradford; CashApp: @shaaradford; Paypal: @shanaradford; or mail cards or check to: 42 Umatilla Loop, Pendleton 97801.

Community notes...

The Warm Springs Senior Wellness program offers meals to Senior Citizens, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for delivery or pick up at the Greeley Heights Community

Building.

This Friday, February 25, the menu is Lasagna with Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread and Fruit.

The Warm Springs Com-

munity Action Team is offering Tax Aide again this year.

You can schedule an appointment by calling 541-553-3148. The service will be drop-off and pick-up so you will need to gather everything needed for your income taxes, then drop it off on your appointment date.

The Young Life Club meets Thursday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Roots Trailer next to the old Warm Springs Elementary School.

The club is for youth in sixth-twelfth grades. You can contact Earl Simmons at 541-815-0992 to learn more.





FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SPRING LEAGUE FOR AGES:
4-6 | 7-9 | 10-13 | 14-17 | 18+

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