

Summer at Painted Pony Espresso

The tribes' summer youth work program is a great chance for young people to learn new things while earning money and having fun. A good example is the youth team helping Emily Courtney this summer at the Painted Pony Espresso shop at the Plaza, next to the casino.

This summer the youth at the shop are Kalyssa Fuentes, her sister Fontaine Fuentes, and Katelyn Tanewasha. "I like meeting the customers, getting to know new people, and learning how to make all the drinks," Kalyssa, who will be high school freshman in the fall, was saying the other morning. She's working this summer through Health and Human Services.

Her sister Fontaine adds, "I also like that we're encouraged to try new things, to be creative with the drinks." In fact, the drink special board by the shop counter features all drinks that are original creations by the summer workers. This week these include coffees like Cinnamon Roll, Cherry



Working this summer at Painted Pony Espresso are Fontaine Fuentes, Katelyn Tanewasha and Kalyssa Fuentes.

Turnover and Candy Bar, to name a few.

"I like working here," Katelyn says, "because I like being open to new experiences, and learning to make the drinks."

Also this summer at Painted Pony Espresso they choose a different theme for each day they are open. This week, for instance, includes '90s Throwback Day, Crazy Hair, Dress Like Someone

You Admire Day, followed by Dress Like Your Boss Day.

You can stop by the shop by Indian Head Casino, the address being 3240 Walsey Lane, Suite 1. Or you can call in a drink at 541-797-9688. You can pick up or have delivered. Painted Pony is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They're closed on Wednesdays for training day.

— Dave McMechan

Student Acceleration starts Monday

The Kindergarten Summer Acceleration Camp of the Jefferson County 509-J school district is coming up August 1-19, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy.

This is for students entering kindergarten in September.

The summer program will enhance your child's reading, math and language development skills through STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Please call the Jefferson County Community Learning Center at 541-475-0388 with any questions.

Students must be registered with the district as an incoming kindergartner to be eligible for the summer program. You can register at the 509-J website; or stop by the district office.

First through Eighth

The district is also offering a free summer acceleration program for students entering first-through eighth-grade in September 2022. The program enhances students' reading, math and language through STEM.

The program will be August 1-19, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy.

Please call 541-475-0388 for information. Register at the website.



Strong start

The school district is offering a summer program for incoming freshman at Madras High School.

Dates are August 1-19, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school.

School credit recovery

The district is offering a credit recovery program to

all Jefferson County high school students in grades 9-12. During this time, students will be able to complete or retake any courses that need to be completed. Dates are August 1-19, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bridges High School or at Madras High School. Call 541-475-0388 with questions.

Oregon Tribal Students grant deadline soon

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is a new grant program, able to pay for most or all public college-related expenses—including tuition, housing, books, and other costs not covered by other grants—for eligible Oregon tribal students.

It can be applied toward undergraduate or graduate study at Oregon public colleges and universities, as well as eligible private non-profit institutions, where award amounts can go up to the public institution maximum level, in the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

After all federal and state grants and scholarships have been applied, the Oregon Tribal Student Grant can be used toward your remaining cost of attendance.

To be eligible for the program students must be an enrolled member of one of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon, such as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Students must also be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon college or university and a valid FAFSA or ORSAA for the 2022-23 academic year.

Additional eligibility information can be found on the Oregon Tribal Student Grant website.

The priority deadline for students enrolling in the fall 2022 term is August 1. To meet this deadline students must have a valid 2022-23 FAFSA or ORSAA and submit an application.

Additional application windows may open later for other academic terms if funding allows.

If you have questions or need additional information you can call 541-687-7400 or email: publicprograms@hecc.oregon.gov

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is an exciting opportunity to get money for college. Apply today!

Seventh-day Adventist churches bring smiles, shoes to Warm Springs

Laughing children chase the swirling, iridescent orbs that bloom from a bubble machine. Tantalizing scents of cheese and bread waft from a pile of pizza boxes. The drum circle fills the air with a deep-throated melody. As dignified elders keep a watchful eye on the proceedings, young tribal citizens wait in line to receive a gift of new shoes.

One young boy takes his seat. A volunteer crouches down to his level and says "Hello."

"Before we get your shoes, we are going to do a water blessing on your feet," the volunteer explains. "Would you like to do that?" The boy agrees.

Along with their shoes, children received hand-written cards with colored pencil art.

"We believe that water gives life, and we pray that your shoes will bring new life to you and your family," the volunteer says, pouring water over the boy's feet. Soon a shoebox arrives. What color might the mysterious shoes inside be?

"Blue?" the boy ventures. The volunteer slowly opens the box, and a broad smile spreads across the boy's face as he sees the blue shoes inside. Nearby, several tribal elders, grandchildren in arms, smile their approval.

The Adventist Churches of Madras, Pleasant Valley and Redmond collaborated on the event in cooperation with the tribes and with funding from Samaritans' Feet.

Tribal leadership contributed food for families in



Kimiko Danzuka Mitchell smiles while holding her granddaughter at the shoe giveaway event.

need and provided a drum circle. Four hundred twenty-five children either received shoes at the event or will get them soon by delivery. The Adventist churches raised additional funds and staffed the event with volunteers.

Seth Cantu, pastor of the Madras church, stresses that the shoe presentation should not be seen as an isolated outreach event. Rather, it is one step in building a lasting partnership.

Many tribes are justifiably skeptical of Christian groups coming onto their reservations due to poor follow-up, or worse. Addressing the concerns, Cantu worked to create a script for those who were washing feet and presenting shoes, with guidance from Candace Jimenez, a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Ms. Jimenez grew up on the reservation and now attends the Pleasant Valley church. "I was really thinking about what it meant to be a tribal person, volunteering in my own community with a church. It can be really heavy in a way," Candace said.

"I want to be thoughtful about having a church come into a tribal community and having it done right. We can see from history that there's a lot of times it hasn't been done right."

In the end, both Ms. Jimenez and Pastor Cantu felt the start was a positive one and that the tribes appreciated the cultural sensitivity and respect their guests displayed. "We literally are shaving years off of the timeline for the relationship," Cantu said.

Candace spoke with her uncle, tribal elder Dan Martinez, on the day of the event. "I could just tell that he held a lot of joy, having been a part of it, and having been a connector—connecting Pastor Seth with the right people," Candace said.

In the end, the day was a great success for the many young people who received the new shoes and socks, as well as for the churches and their volunteers.

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Warm Springs Ranch Rodeo

September 3, 2022

Start 12:00 PM

Ranch Bronc Riding
Muley Team Roping
Barrel Racing
Bull Riding
Breakaway
Wild Cow Milking
2-Man Wild Horse Race
"St Paul Style"

Calf Scramble FREE
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\$10 Office Fee Per Contestant/Per Event

WHR Added \$1000 Entry \$400
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