

Letters to the editor

A thank you

We would like to thank everyone for helping with our elder.

Thank you to Melinda Jim and Family for the meals. It truly was good for the soul, and brought many good feelings.

Also, Guy Wallulatum and the drummers, who came to High Lookee, to our home, and to the longhouse. The drumming, dance and singing uplifted our spirits and gives us strength.

And the 1910 Warm Springs Shakers, Thank you for coming to the home and spending time with us and bringing comfort with the songs, bells and candles.

Thank you to Lavina Colwash for making the outfit. It was beautiful, and she was glowing. Also, Thank you to Mona Cochran and granddaughter for taking care of her body and dressing her. It was very loving and wonderful. And to Janice Suppah for carrying the dish. It was an honor to walk beside you. She found a way for me to feed her, and made my heart glad.

Also, Thank you to all her mom's for helping me raise her. It truly takes a village. She loved each one of you with her heart.

To her Bro's and Sis's, You each uplifted her heart and made her smile. To my family and friends, to all who traveled across the miles. Alex from El Salvador, so many that wished to make the travel, your love and prayers were felt and received. Thank you to Captain and Family for

digging her grave.

Everything is as it should be. Thank you, Sincerely,

Her children: Jarred, Francine and Angel.

Her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Shippentower.

Her Pops: Tilden McDonald Sr.

Her grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Queahpama.

Her siblings: Angel, Inez and Marley.

And all of her friends and family. We love you all.

Spilya Táimu

The Confederated Tribes, Education Branch and Culture and Heritage recently celebrated the publication of the most updated and complete Warm Springs Ichishkiin Dictionary, a project of great pride for the many who have worked on the dictionary, and those who appreciate the language.

The English language translation of the name of the biweekly publication of the Confederated Tribes is roughly, 'Coyote News.'

For the decades since its first edition in March of 1975, the spelling of the translation of Coyote News into Ichishkiin was accepted as 'Spilyay Tymoo.'

However, the new dictionary, now the most representative of the language, indicates the translation should instead read 'Spilya Táimu.'

In keeping with this conclusion, made among speakers working with professional linguists over the years, the spelling Spilyay Tymoo no longer seems appropriate; hence the updated spelling Spilya Táimu.

Appaloosas

The original Appaloosa horses were documented in 1806 by Lewis and Clark during the expedition into a partition of Nez Perce Country at the Upper Mid-Columbia River and Wallowa region. These Appaloosas with a striking, serene blanket of spots existed for over a hundred years before Lewis and Clark came along, which would date back to the 1600s or earlier.

These horses had a gentle temperament, but were lightning fast and had endurance. Speed was needed to outrun a herd of buffalo. Courage was needed to not shy away in fear, and they were agile, sure-footed to make a tight turn to cut out their wounded buffalo from the stampede.

When horses were the



Petroglyph shows hunter on horseback with bow and arrow.

transportation, these horses had no fear and could outrun and out-manuever any foreign horses. This bloodline of horses documented by Lewis and Clark was pure up

until the War of 1877.

Then after the Nez Perce ceded the war, their magnificent horses were confiscated and sold via auction. Most immigrant buyers cross-bred

them to any breed of horse mainly for stylish color, ancestral Native culture of the spots.

The Native Americans have many petroglyphs, vintage artifacts which show a way of life. Spiritual symbols, goats, deer, elk and buffalo, and Indians hunting on horseback. Some are just riding.

There is an interesting article in the *National Geographic* issue 11.2018 American West, which shows pictures of various petroglyphs, including the horse and rider hunting for elk on horseback with bow and arrow, petroglyphs probably inscribed by a Ute who moved into the region after about 1400.

Over 600 years ago or earlier. With that said, Wild horses were always here.

Awe-Na,
Anthony Littleleaf.

Births

Murrin Xandraya Smith

Mateo Smith and Janae Adams of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Murrin Xandraya Smith, born on September 4, 2022.

Murrin joins brother Xavien, 3.

Grandparents on the father's side are Vivian Smith and Alvis Smith III of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Alicia Adams and Herminio Guijosa of Warm Springs.

Florine Marilyn Lena

Brenda Suppah

Tyler Jae Suppah and Evelyn Elsie Velma May Wahchumwah of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Florine Marilyn Lena Brenda Suppah, born on September 8, 2022.

Florine joins brothers Sterlin, 14, Terrance, 10, Robert, 7, and JaQue, 3; and sister Marie, 10.

Grandparents are Annette H. Polk of Warm Springs, the late Dixon Sr. Polk of the Yakama Nation; Janice Suppah, the late Roger Suppah, the late Brenda Bohay, and the late Thomas Lauren Zana; and on the mother's side, the late great-grandmother Lucille F. Schuster, and great grandfather James Teeman.

Luna-Mae Myrtle Becerra

Antonio Becerra and Ruby Pacheco of Warm

Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Luna-Mae Myrtle Becerra, born on September 10, 2022.

Luna-Mae joins brother Vallejo, 19, and Carlos, 14; and sisters Raven, 7, Faith, 7, Anaya, 6, and Nova, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are Victor Becerra-La Peña of Mexico; and the late Marlena Myrtle Becerra.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Eloy Pacheco and Araceli Haas of Madras.

Geographic name changes

The Department of the Interior Board on Geographic Names has voted on the final replacement names for nearly 650 geographic features featuring the word sq_____.

The final vote completes the last step in the historic efforts to remove a term from federal use that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women.

One of the early geographic sites to replace the 's-word' is Wychus Creek, a tributary of the Deschutes River in Jefferson County. Confederated Tribes members were the main advocates in 2006 to change the name to Wychus Creek.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who is Native, has felt a deep obligation to use her platform to ensure that

our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming. That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for far too long.

The list of new names can be found on the U.S. Geological Survey website with a map of locations.

Community notes...

The **Warm Springs Commodities Food Bank** is open Thursday and Friday, September 22-23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed from noon to 1. The food bank provides boxes with enough groceries to prepare meals for five days to eligible individuals and families.

The **Madras Community Food Pantry** is open Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, across from St. Charles Hospital.

Papalaxamisha's **Camel Back Club** meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. Park and sign in at the rodeo grounds gate. Participants can walk at their own speed and distance. Walk, and get a chance for a raffle prize!

Walk the hill or the road and get you name entered into a raffle for prizes.

School note...

After-class activities are in full swing at the Jefferson County 509-J School District. A good example: At Madras High

School, the Native American Student Union is having its first meeting of the year this Wednesday, September 21.

Jillisa Suppah is one of the program coordinators for the Native American Student Union, or NASU, program. She will host the first NASU meeting this Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in Mr. Jones classroom, room 6.

Each meeting will alternate week to week from student lunch time to after school. Meals, snacks and raffle prizes are provided at each NASU meeting.

You can find more information about the Native American Student Union at Madras High School at the Papalaxsimisha Facebook page.

Tribal app

A company owned by an Oregon tribe has launched a new app designed to improve communication among its members.

Cayuse Native Solutions has launched 'Camp Crier,' an app that has been customized for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

This gives the tribe another tool to be more targeted in their information.

And it also allows tribal members who don't live locally on the reservation to participate in discussions and be active in discussions going on around the community.

Debra Crowell, president, Cayuse Native Solutions.

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Equine Wellness

It'ukdi kadux, My apology to you all, this is long overdue, at this time:

I will like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to Maylene Smith, Bonita Leonard, Andrew Stacona Jr., Willie Selam and Dr. John Spence for the team work in supporting and keeping the positive momentum going with the participants.

The participants were awesome! They truly were blessed with the Ikuitan/Kusi, and was wonderful to see the smiles. The Equine Clay Holistic Wellness program is volunteer and the Kusi/Ikuitan continues to Heal Hearts with Good Medicine.



I will like to take this time to express my gratitude to Craig Smith, Jeremiah Lone Wolfe, and Jeremy Kills First, Joe Culps, Leander Smith Sr. If I lent anyone out it's not intentional. The Natural Re-

sources manager Austin L. Smith Jr. and team for setting up the livestock panels, enabling the Equine White Clay Holistic Wellness program to present at the Warm Springs Health that took place this summer for the first time in a while due to the Covid-19.

This was an honor implementing the Equine White Clay Holistic Wellness program to present with the people who were interested in participating.

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God Bless All of You, Mona Cochran, M.Ed/CADCIII/QMHP, White Clay Holistic program, and Bonita Leonard, Maylene Smith and Dr. Spence J.

For students

Heart of Oregon Corps Youth Build program offers students age 16 to 24 a chance to complete your GED, finish your diploma or earn college credits, while learning job skills and serving your community through building affordable housing or working at childcare facilities in Central Oregon. This is a 12 month commitment. You can learn more and apply at heartoforegon.org/programs/youthbuild