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Elite Cheer teams at State

Both of the Madras Elite Cheer teams took home state titles over the weekend. Juliet Warner and Coraline White, both tribal members attending the Warm Springs Academy, are on the teams.

One of the teams is the team Rec Youth - Smalls. These girls tied for first place out of seven teams. Juliet Warner is a member of this team.

The other team is Rec Juniors - Small. These girls took fourth out of 12 teams, and Caroline White is on the Junior team.

Both girls hold state and national titles.

The state competition was this past weekend in Salem.

Skatepark grand opening in spring

The new skatepark grand opening at Elmer Quinn Park is planned for this spring, depending on weather.

The fundraising and organizing began in 2021, and actual work began last October, and has included the construction of the concrete skatepark ramps.

Other amenities, like a frisbee golf course, will add to the new attractions at the park.

Results of point-in-time survey

The Health and Human Services Branch and partners recently conducted the 2023 Point-In-Time survey, giving an estimate of the incidence of homelessness among the tribal community, and insights about their situations.

The Confederated Tribes' count was part of the nationwide point-in-time surveys. For the tribal event, 97 people attended, and 81 completed surveys, giving the rough estimate.

In addition to completing surveys, the participants were able to learn about medical help such as flu and covid shots, and acupuncture services. The participants also visited with the IHS business office and contact representatives, offering advice regarding the Oregon Health Plan enrollment, for instance.

The Indian Head Casino general manager Shawn McDaniel and staff assisted with surveys and meals. The Commodities staff, and Ron Hager of Prevention and Joni Wallulatam from Health Modernization and Prevention also helped out; as well as the Health and Human Services Administration and Library staff.

New Automotive class now on track

The War Pony Express Training Center holds the key to many possibilities. The Automotive Center is a classroom ready to teach and then award the participating students ASE Certification—the essential certificate of Automotive Service Excellence. This key element alone opens employment doors for young people, both on the reservation and off.

And looking beyond, the Automotive Center presents an opportunity for business growth and economic development on the reservation; plus a way for the tribes to save money on maintenance and repair of the organization vehicle fleet.

War Pony Express, located at the industrial park Vehicle Pool, opened last week. Wayne Miller is the program director. He brings his automotive experience—with Dodge, Auto Zone and Smolich Motors, for instance—to the Training Center. "This is a wonderful opportunity," Mr. Miller says, "A plus for everyone."

Miller graduated from the Central Oregon Community College Automotive program in 2017, leading to an Automotive repair career, before bringing



The interim classroom at the former vehicle pool. A new classroom is being built adjacent to this area. And at right: small motors that will be used for instruction.

the instructor back to Warm Springs. "I jumped at the chance to come back and teach here," Wayne says. Gordon Scott, who used to work at the Vehicle Pool before it closed some years ago, is helping as the Small Engine and Mechanic instructor, part-time for now.

Bringing the Automotive Center to reality has required teamwork by several people and a number of entities. First, the Tribal Education Branch began planning for the

project a couple of years ago. Education general manager Valerie Switzler was the lead in building the partnership team. Among the tribal organization, Ms. Switzler worked with Melinda Poitra of the Workforce Education and Development Department—WEDD—and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or WIOA; and recruiting William Stockish.

Their work led to a partnership with the Jefferson County School District 509-J, including the Roots



and Bridges programs. And Central Oregon Community College is another essential partner, through the college's Automotive Technology program. COCC Automotive Technology will now be able to bring its classes to the War Pony Express center. Class credit for the students could be at both 509-J and COCC. Carl Cavallo of COCC Automotive Technology is serving as advisor to the program.

For now there are 13 students in this initial semester of the training center. A great thing about going into the automotive field is the variety of specialties that students can focus on, Wayne Miller says: Electronics, transmission, suspension and brakes are just a few examples.

There are several buses located by the Training Center. These can be used for training, as the vehicles can be put on the lift and worked on by the students with instructor supervision.

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Winners from around the region at Lincoln's



Marge Kalama photos/KWSO

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee would like to share the following results from the powwow:

Drumming contest: First, Bald Eagle of Vancouver, British Columbia. Second, Black Lodge of White Swan, Washington. Third: Wild Rose, White Swan.

Women's Golden Age: First, Edith Walsey of Toppenish, Washington. Second, Zelda Winnier of

Toppenish. Third, Pat Heemsah, Toppenish.

Men's Golden Age: First, Terry Heemsah Sr., Toppenish. Second, Peter Jo Olney, White Swan. Third, George Meiniick, Toppenish.

Junior Girls' Fancy: First, Vera Johnson from Salem. Second Emma Eaglespeaker of Yelm, Washington. Third, Jayden Holiday, Toppenish.

Junior Girls' Jingle: First, Liyann Johnson from Salem. Sec-

ond, Alexis Payer of Georgeville, Washington. Third, Lealey George of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Junior Girls' Traditional: First, Ethelyn Smith of Carson City, Nevada. Second, Charisma Kelly, Owyee, Nevada. Third, Tiara Price of Harrah, Washington.

Junior Boys' Fancy and Grass: First, Jaydea Walsey, Wapato, Washington. Second, Hoody Walsey, White Swan. Third, Cirrus Krogerus.

Junior Boys' Traditional: First, Evan Jurado, Salem. Darryl Whiteplume, Lapwai, Idaho. Third, Damon Danzuka, Warm Springs.

Teen Girls' Fancy: First, Valerie Scabbyrobe, White Swan. Second, Shandiin Shebala, Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Third, Virginia Walsey Begay, Granger.

Teen Girls' Jingle: First, Junee Picard, Lapwai. Second, Jasmine Barney, Portland. Third, Kaylyani Estimo, Warm Springs.



Teen Girls' Traditional: First, Dahyitihi White, Plummer, Idaho. Second, Askewiin Tom, Warm Springs. Third, Kahmussa Green, Warm Springs.

Teen Boys Fancy: First, Donnatello Rowan, California. Second, Julian Stwyer, Warm Springs.

Teen Boys' Grass: First, Jeryn LittleEagle, Wapato. Second, Elijah Denny, Warm Springs. Third, Nathan Nez.

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