

Letters to the editor

Native wills

The Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon—NAPOLS—is offering free legal assistance to Confederated Tribes members in drafting a Last Will and Testament. The service is available now through the end of May.

You can leave your contact information by phone: 503-224-9483. Or email: wills@lasoregon.org

For urgent matters and end-of-life documents, please call 541-966-1420.

Native American Program of Legal Services of Oregon is a non-profit law office nationally recognized for specializing in the protection of Indian rights. Since 1979, NAPOLS has provided this highest quality legal advice and representation in nearly every issue and field of Indian Law.

Today, NAPOLS continues to provide high-quality legal services to Indian tribes and members with limited income in the state of Oregon.

Tribal board positions

The Tribal Council is seeking to fill a number of positions on boards of directors of the Confederated Tribes.

The deadline to apply for a position is at 5 p.m. this Friday, April 7.

If you would like to apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume. Drop off at the tribal ad-

ministration building, addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Or by mail send to: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be emailed to you. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

The following are summaries of the positions:

The Telecom Board of Directors: Two positions—Class II: non-members.

Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors: One position—Class III: Tribal member.

Warm Springs Credit Board of Directors: Two positions—Class II: One Class II director shall be a tribal member, and one shall be a non-member.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise Board of Directors: One position—Class I: Tribal member.

Warm Springs Ventures—Economic Development Corporation—Board of Directors: Two positions: Class I: One tribal member and one non-member.

Elders day with Chehalis

The Chehalis Tribe's Third Annual Elders Luncheon gathering is coming up Thursday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Luncheon will be

at the Lucky Eagle Casino in Rochester, Washington. Any questions, call **Sam Boyd**, 360-529-7839 or email: sboyd@chehalistribe.org

Wishes...

Happy Birthday to my Uncle Leroy Smith. I love you, from Donna Lou.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Jack Shadley. I love you, from Donna Lou.

Birth

Elovie Emiko Hisatake
Gunner Fraser and Aliitasi Hisatake of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Elovie Emiko Hisatake, born on March 27, 2023.

Elovie joins sister Kiyomi Hisatake, 2.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Harry Hisatake of Warm Springs, and Kirstin Nilles of Madras.

For moms

A Moms' Talking Circle provided by Papatxsimisha is this Wednesday, April 5 during the noon hour at the Family Resource Center. For questions, contact:

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Correction

In the previous edition, the Spilyay inadvertently stated that the First Annual Pacific Northwest Native Classics Bowling Tournament was sponsored by the Warm Springs Recreation Department.

The tournament was actually hosted and sponsored by the Warm Springs Holiday Bowling Tournament Committee, and the Spilyay apologizes for the error.

Thank You, Museum friends and supporters

A big, heartfelt *Thank You!* to everyone who came to the Museum at Warm Springs on Saturday, March 18 to take part in our first-ever Museum Clean-Up Day!

We counted more than 100 people who helped spruce up the museum grounds in preparation for the spring and summer seasons.

Special thanks also to LaRonn Katchia and Brutis Baez, who documented the day with video. And thank you to our board president Jim Manion and board member Bill Nicholson, who were among those



On the clean-up crews at the first-ever event.

who attended.

This was the kick-off event for the museum's Thirtieth Anniversary. Special exhibits and programs are planned throughout 2023.

We hope to see all of you

at the museum this year!

Sunmiet Maben, acting executive director and operations manager, the Museum at Warm Springs.

Restoration award for lamprey advocate

Laurie Porter of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission won the 2023 Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society Award of Merit for her work in lamprey.

The Fisheries Society Award of Merit is presented to recipients who make major contributions to fisheries or the society and go above and beyond their normal job requirements over one or more years.

Ms. Porter, a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, leads CRITFC's lamprey program.

She was honored with the award after the Fisheries Society saw "evidence of creativity, cooperation and results" in her work.

"Everything is inter-related, and we approach our efforts through a whole ecosystem-based approach," Laurie says.

"Together, with unified voices, we can meet the challenges and protect and restore Pacific lamprey so that they will thrive into the future and for the next seven generations and be-



Laurie Porter and friends collecting lamprey.

yond."

The Pacific lamprey, which is the focus of Ms. Porter's work at CRITFC, is an anadromous fish native to the Columbia Basin.

The ancient fish has recently been the focus of an exhibit at the Oregon Zoo and is gaining the attention in the Pacific Northwest, however, it is not a new species to the Native peoples of the region.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, Nez Perce Tribe, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have been harvesting this animal as one of

their First Foods since time immemorial.

With treaty-reserved rights to these fish, these four CRITFC member tribes continue to harvest them annually at traditional fishing grounds where they return in sufficient numbers, most notably Willamette Falls.

Porter recognized the importance of the Pacific lamprey to the Columbia Basin as a whole in her response to receiving the annual award.

She attributes the same holistic approach of all working towards Pacific lamprey restoration for the success of the program.

Embracing your ability to solve life problems

Note: This is the second in a series of articles, by Dr. Shilo Tippett and posted by KWSO, regarding Suicide Prevention.

Facing problems can be very daunting. Many people

try to avoid this through workaholicism, substance abuse, and other maladaptive ways of coping.

You can learn how to solve problems in your life. A positive problem-solving lens means you choose to look at

your problems with an optimistic viewpoint. Such as, "I can handle what comes my way" and "I know I can find an answer to this."

Problems are a normal part of everyday life and learning to embrace, welcome,

and conquer them is a big step in mastering solving problems.

Some problems seem bigger than we can handle, remember to call on a friend, family member or even therapist to help!

MAC Recreation District starts work on a 10-year Master Plan

by *Courtney Snead*
Executive director,
Madras Aquatic Center



The Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District has been working to keep its head above water (pun intended) for many years and is finally in a position to start thinking about setting the course for our future.

Thanks to the generous support of the Bean Foundation, the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District—MACRD—is working with the University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement to develop a master plan.

For those of you who

find governmental planning boring—and let's be honest, time consuming—you are not alone.

But as much as we would like to forge ahead with our own board and staff observations and priorities, we want to make sure that the communities we serve have a chance to provide direction for the future.

In addition, to get grant funding to support future goals, it is critical that we have an up-to-date master plan that explores coordination between recreation providers within the district, sustainable funding, facility maintenance, construction and use, as well as services and programming.

The part we are most excited about is getting your feedback and input.

Starting in May, we'll deploy a community-wide (online and printed) survey, followed by User and Stakeholder Workgroups (June/July), a Visioning Workshop (July), and tabling at the Madras Aquatic Center and at community events across Jefferson County throughout the summer.

Staff and consultants hope to have a draft Master Plan ready for review in October 2023.

A webpage on the project will contain up-to-date information on engagement opportunities. Check out: macrecdistrict.com/masterplan

Check the site regularly to see status updates, leave comments, and learn how you can become involved.

For more information, contact Courtney Snead, MACRD executive director, at: executivedirector@macrecdistrict.com

Or call 541-475-4253; or join us for a board of directors meeting on the third Monday of each month. Meeting agenda and times are on our website at: macrecdistrict.com/governance

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