

Letters to the editor

Powwow at high school

The Madras High School Native American Student Union invites the tribal community to the the Innaugural Social Powwow this Friday, June 2. The student union invites all drummers, singers and dancers are welcome.

Dinner will be provided to the first 300 people, starting at 5:30 p.m.; and the powwow is at 6. Vendors are welcome to set up for a fee. For more information contact **Jill, Mabel, Tillie or Mariah**. Or visit the Papalaxsimisha Facebook page.

Endurance horse race

The Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Endance Horse Race will happen on Saturday, June 24 starting at the Warm Springs Shaker Church. There are two race divisions: Seniors Division: 16 years and up. Juniors Division: Ages 15 and younger. The Seniors run a 15-mile course, and the Juniors run a six-mile course. The Seniors will start on 8 a.m. on race, and the Juniors at 8:15. Paid prices for both divisions are for first-, second- and third place. The entry fee for Seniors is \$100, and for Juniors, \$50.

Contact **Butch David** at 541-325-2253; or **Harry Hisatake** on Facebook, or by phone at 541-300-1643. You can also email to: nomishus@gmail.com

Superman, Wonder Woman

The Fourth Annual Superman and Wonder Woman Challenge is coming up on the Sunday of Pi-Ume-Sha weekend, June 25. The event—a tribute to the past Pi-Ume-Sha Chairman Isaac Mitchell—includes a 3.3 mile rugged overland foot race, a 9-mile bicycle race (on paved road), and a 1.75-mile fun run-walk.

The start time is at 8:30 on challenge day. There is a \$20 entry fee, and you receive a souvenir shirt or baseball hat. For more information text Azar Spino at 541-460-3611; or Sandra Greene at 541-325-1839.

WSCAT summer youth work

The Warm Springs Community Action Team youth work program is accepting

applications. The jobs are for 300 hours this summer, many paying \$14 an hour.

Job locations include the Painted Pony Espresso shop, and the Twisted Teepee food court (17 and over). There is a position at Tananawit (18 or over); and six positions at the Early Childhood Education Center (18 and over). Three youth can work the summer at the Museum at Warm Springs (18 and over).

Please call **Emily** at 541-553-2147 if you are interested. Or email: emily@wscat.org

There is also a two-day opportunity for solar panel installation (17 and over) that pays \$15 an hour.

At Credit

The Warm Springs Tribal Credit Enterprise seeks to fill the position of enterprise secretary. The closing date to apply is June 2. For more information contact **Becky Cochran** at 541-553-3201.

Tackle football with the MAC

Young people are invited to sign-up for fifth- and sixth-grade tackle football with the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District. The registration closes at noon on July 7. There will be a parent information meeting this

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the MAC.

The fee is \$100 for in-district residents, including Warm Springs; and \$125 for out-of-district. Registration fees have been reduced by \$400 per player thanks to the generous support of Indian Head Casino, Bright Wood Corp., Central Oregon Seed Inc., Harris Family Farms, Keith Manufacturing, Norton Cattle, Pratum Co-Op, and Shielding International. For more information call the MAC at 541-475-4253. See the website: macrecdistrict.com

Clarification

An article in the previous Spilyay Tymoo may have indicated or inadvertently implied that the Tribal Court Probate Department is independently operated. Probate is under the supervision of the the Confederated Tribes Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Pro Tempore Judges are under the Tribal Court, which is also supervised by the S-T/CEO.

The Spilyay apologizes for any implication that may have indicated otherwise. **Dave McMechan**

An apology

I apologize to the Warm Springs Police Department, Tribal Court Judge, the community, my family and anyone else I affected by my actions and choices I made in January of this year. I would like to apologize to the Tribal Court Judge for being

‘My Name is LaMoosh’ with Linda Meanus

The Hood River Library and Waucoma Bookstore hosted a book reading on Saturday with Linda Meanus, tribal elder. Ms Meanus is the author of *My Name is LaMoosh*, her her life story.

Linda grew up with her grandma Flora Thompson and grandpa Chief Tommy Thompson near Celilo Falls, the great fishery on the Columbia that was flooded in 1957 by the construction of The Dalles dam.

Linda persevered through this historic trauma and life’s challenges to teach young people about the Indigenous ways of the Columbia River.

Intended for young readers to learn more about Native American history through a first-hand account, the book is also a reminder that Indigenous people continue to



Linda Meanus

maintain a cultural connection to the land and river that gave them their identity.”

My Name is LaMoosh includes fact boxes that provide historical, cultural and environmental context for Meanus’ personal story.

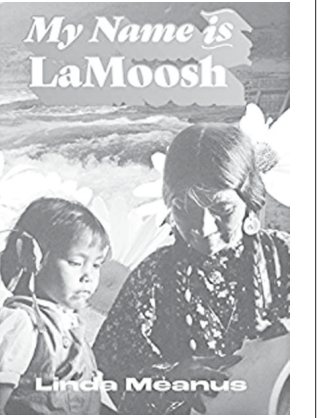
Hundreds of books exist about Lewis and Clark and their journey of ‘discovery.’

My Name is LaMoosh balances the established understanding of American history

with the long-neglected voices of Indigenous people.

Linda’s story is not just about historic trauma but also about resilience, perseverance, and reciprocity.

Ms. Meanus is an educator. She shares her knowledge on traditional Indian foods at events across the American West, from elementary schools to the National Indian Child Welfare Association. *My Name is LaMoosh* is her first book.



late, and for the lack of effort I have been showing. I have intentions on improving lots of things in my life. It’s a work in progress. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, **Susan Mitchell**.

Boarding school applications

Applications are now available for the 2023-24 boarding school year.

Applications are avail-

able for the Chemawa Indian High School, Riverside Indian School in Oklahoma, the Sherman Indian High School in California, and the Flandreau Indian High School in South Dakota.

The deadline date for boarding school applications is July 31. You can pick up an application at Higher Education, located on the top floor of the Education building, 1110 Wasco St,

room 306. Or call 541-553-3311. You can also email to: carroll.dick@wstribes.org

Academy concerts

The Warm Springs Academy spring music concerts are this Wednesday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. for grades 3 through 5; and on Friday, June 2 for k- through second-grades, also at 1:30.

Families are welcome to attend.

Treaty fishery closure: Questions and answers

from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission coordinates management policy and provides fisheries technical services for the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes.

CRITFC’s mission is ‘to ensure a unified voice in the overall management of the fishery resources, and as managers, to protect reserved treaty rights through the exercise of the inherent sovereign powers of the tribes.’

This spring, the mid May sudden fishery closure came as a surprise to many tribal fishers.

Since the announcement, there have been questions about why the tribes made this difficult decision.

In the following article are some of the frequently asked questions, along with answers to them, as provided by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Question: Why was the tribal zone 6 fishery closed early?

Answer: The spring chinook pre-season forecast was 198,600. To play it safe, the tribes planned early season fisheries based on the potential that the run might come in only about 75 percent of that forecast.

It turned out that the run came in even smaller than that. The fisheries had better catch rates than anticipated as well.

This combination resulted in the treaty fishery being much closer to the harvest limit than the tribes were anticipating for this date.

It is important for the tribes to live up to their commitments to manage their fisheries to stay within the allowed harvest limits. It protects tribal sovereignty and helps protect the fish.

Question: Did CRITFC close the fishery?

Answer: No, CRITFC has no authority to set fishing seasons or create fishing regulations for any of the member tribes. This power lies solely with the tribes themselves.

The four member tribes created CRITFC partly to provide a forum where they

could all meet to coordinate their fishery responsibilities and activities.

Question: How do the tribes decide on their opening and closing determinations?

Answer: The tribal leaders had a difficult decision to make when they chose to close the 2023 spring fishery. They knew it would impact tribal fishers, but they also have a responsibility to take care of the salmon for future generations. After reviewing all the available data, analysis, and projections, they made the call. Click here for more detailed information on how the tribes set fisheries.

Question: When will the treaty fishery be re-opened?

A: The tribes are closely monitoring the run and assessing catch projections for treaty fishing.

If the run size changes enough to allow for additional harvest, the tribes have indicated they will re-open fisheries as soon as possible.

If the run size estimate does not change, the summer management period begins June 16 and fisheries will re-open no later than then.

Question: In mid May, why were non-Indians allowed to fish while tribal fishers were not?

Answer: At the current run size projection of 139,000 the treaty fishery is at a 7.4 percent harvest rate which comes out to a total allowed catch of 10,286 fish.

That number is also the non-treaty catch balance limit. The treaty fishery caught 9,907 fish through Saturday, May 13; so the treaty fishery is basically at its harvest limit.

The non-treaty fisheries have only got total mortalities of 2,831 through last Saturday. Since they also have an allowed mortality of 10,286 at this run size, they can expand their fisheries to catch some more fish. So that is why they set another five day opening.

Question: How did this allocation system get established?

Answer: The *Boldt* and *Belloni* fishing rights cases determined that the tribes were to receive half of the harvestable surplus of salmon in the Columbia River.

The process to decide how to allocate these shares and what is considered the harvestable surplus was cre-

ated as part of the *US n Oregon* court case. The US v OR Management Agreement manages the fishing of upriver spring chinook salmon. The agreement is between the tribes and states who have co-management authority over the fisheries. This agreement sets rules for how many fish can be caught by treaty and non-treaty fishers. The agreement also limits the impact on endangered spring chinook populations. There is a limit on non-treaty fisheries so they don’t catch more fish than the tribes are allowed to catch. They can keep fishing as long as their total catch doesn’t go over what the tribes are allowed to catch.

Question: What about all the fish caught in the ocean and river mouth? Do those count against the non-treaty allocation?

Answer: For some salmon stocks they do, but upriver spring chinook are almost never encountered in ocean fisheries. This is probably due to these fish just not being present in areas where there are fisheries occurring when those fisheries are happening. As an example, spring chinook are probably off the Washington Coast in February and March.

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Problem solving strategies to help with everyday life

Note: This is the first article in a series, by Dr. Shilo Tippet and posted by KWSO, regarding Life Problem Solving Skills.

Problem solving is an important skill to manage stress and anxiety. It also helps us

calm feelings of anxiety and overwhelm.

Effective problem solving can also help manage harder things such as substance use, depressive thoughts, and other mental health experiences.

When facing a problem, first identify it by writing it down or stating it out loud, then decide that it is time to address this problem.

After that, try to see the problem in a different, brighter light, then start to

identify solutions that will work.

It is best to start with smaller problems then tackle bigger ones. With some practice, you can develop your problem solving skills.