

Letters to the editor

Native Youth Day Camp

Young people are invited to the second Native Youth Day Camp. There is no cost to attend.

The dates of the camp are Monday through Friday, July 10-14; and week two: Monday through Friday, July 17-21. Space is limited.

The location of the camp is at The Dalles Wahtonka Charter School, 3601 W. Tenth St., The Dalles. The deadline to sign up is Saturday, July 1. You can call Robert Main to sign up: 541-645-5252.

Adult volunteers can contact Venus Allison at 541-980-3973. Partnerships presenting the camps are the Oregon Johnson O'Malley Indian Parent Committee, Oregon Native Education, and The Next Door, Inc.

Academy Acceleration Summer Camp

The Warm Springs Academy Summer Acceleration Camp is coming up July 31-August 18, Monday through Friday during those dates.

Transportation will be provided for those living farther away than one mile. The times are as follows:

Kindergarten: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First- through eighth-grades, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can pick up an enrollment form at the district office. Or call 541-475-0388.

During the camp, breakfast and lunch are provided. Free for incoming 2023 sixth-through eighth-grades. Incoming students must be registered with the Jefferson County 509-J district.

Correction

The caption of a photograph in the previous Spilyay, of people at the 2023 Madras High School graduation ceremony, mistakenly said that Rusty 'Miller' was in the audience. The person is actually Rusty Calica. The Spilyay apologizes for the error.

Fisheries workshop

Join the Confederated Tribes and PGE on Thursday, July 13 for the Twenty-Ninth Annual Deschutes Fisheries Workshop. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. in Bend at Oregon State University Cascades campus.

This event is a great opportunity to hear the latest updates directly from biologists, restoration project managers and other experts in the Deschutes River Basin.

Agenda highlights include presentations on Whychus Creek flow restoration, why 'size matters' for out-migrating smolts; results of the latest genetic studies, lessons learned from a decade of re-introduction, and much more.

You can register online at portlandgeneralelectric.com

At Wallowa

The Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Potluck's date is set for July 21-23 at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland grounds in Wallowa. We look forward to welcoming everyone for a wonderful event!

To arrange for name givings, memorials, and specials please contact the NPWH office at:

info@wallowanezperce.org

Or call 541-886-3101. To apply to be a vendor, volunteer, sponsor dances or drums or to make a general donation to the Tamkaliks Celebration or Tamkaliks Scholarship fund please visit our website: wallowanezperce.org/tamkaliks

Or call Nancy Crenshaw at 541-388-1112.

Health survey

The Confederated Tribes are gathering information on behalf of our Public Health Modernization Project in Warm Springs.

We would sincerely appreciate your opinion and input on two questions relating to your experiences, please use the link below for the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRFBLB9

ESD position

The Jefferson County Education Service District, or ESD, is seeking candidates interested in filling a vacant ESD board position.

Applicants must be over 18 years of age and a registered voter that has resided in the Jefferson County Education Service District for at least one year.

Applicants may not be an employee of the Jefferson County ESD, where they are seeking appointment.

Candidates may pick up an application packet at the Jefferson County Education Service District office, or download a packet on the website:

Museum rose bough baby board workshop a fun success

The Museum at Warm Springs Rose Bough Baby Board Workshop this month was a great success. Special thanks to our partners: The House of Welcome Cultural Center at Evergreen State College; and the Meyer Memorial Trust, which provided funding. And thank you to Sue Matters at KWSO 91.9 community radio, who got the word out for us.

This is an account of the first day, as published on our Facebook page by museum executive director Elizabeth Woody. For daily reports about the class, visit the museum's Facebook page and enjoy the many photographs documenting the class that were taken by Elizabeth. Her account is as follows:

Today was the first day of the Rose Bough Baby Board class! It's being taught by Valerie Fuiava and Rosetta Fuentes.

The first session shared information on the special attitude and preparation of the maker for the protection and future of the baby.

Everyone introduced themselves and talked about their ancestry and how they came to be interested in making a newborn size baby board.

Some of the participants have made several baby boards and wanted to refresh their memories and learn from others about their own way of making baby boards and their techniques.

This included the Indian language, the Unwritten Laws of the Creator, and gratitude to the materials and rose bush.

It was said it is usually



Elizabeth Woody photos

The class: Jeanine Kalama, Valerie Fuiava, Rosetta Fuentes (front row). Sharda Miller, Julie Quaid, Cameryn Halliday (middle row). Ouieda Colwash-Jimenez, Leanne Smith Lucero and Barbara Lowe (back row).

the men, especially grandfathers, who collect the rose boughs. We are doing it so the maker can instruct their kin.

The instructors and assistant have made several baby boards throughout their lives.

They want to ensure more people learn in a constructive and non-critical manner. Today, the students cut their own boughs to make into baby board bows.

Selecting, cutting and finishing is portrayed here. It is the perfect time to gather. If the boughs are less green then they must be soaked to bend. They are taking home the boughs to do the smoothing and peeling. They will hang the rose bough to dry in full sun light.

We remember our relatives, by Elizabeth A. Woody, 1993 *Seven Hands Seven Hearts:*

We begin with the flowers beaded onto the cradleboard.

The mattress and forms hold the child's head center and upright:

The legs and spine will be



Busy sewing! Julie Quaid on the right. Barbara Miller in middle. Cameryn Halliday to the left. Way in back is Rosetta and Leanne Smith Lucero.

straight.

The laces spiral over the center. They will shape the child.

The baby emerges from the womb and is safely enclosed again.

Leaning on a tree or hanging from a saddle, the child is connected to us and watches as we gather huckleberries, catch and clean the salmon, dry the roots.

The beginning with protection is brilliant with attention to detail: cradleboards have a song.

Shells tinkle on the rounded rose bough that guards the child's face as we walk.



Contoured flowers edging the carriage in arms, made by relatives especially for the child to ensure the soul will bloom.

jcesd.k12.or.us/board

Applications must be received by the Jefferson County Education Service District no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, July 10.

For more information you can contact Tessa Bailey at: tbailey@jcesd.k12.or.us

Her mailing address is Attn: Tessa Bailey, 295 SW Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741.

Spay-a-Thon

The first weekends of Warm Springs Spay and Neuter Clinic were a great success, with hundreds of dogs and cats participating.

Most appointments are filled for the remaining weekend; however, if you have a pet in need of vaccinations, or spaying or neutering you can see what's available online at:

firstnationsvet.com/clinics

There is a waiting list too in case anyone cancels.

The Spay-a-Thon is made possible by First Nations Vet, Fences for Fido and other partners and volunteers. Warm Springs Fire and Safety is hosting.

For homes

NeighborImpact's Weatherization program provides free assessments and contracted services to qualified applicants to make energy saving improvements to homes.

Some of the services could be adding insulation to your

attic, floor, or walls; duct sealing and insulation and replacement or repair of inefficient appliances. Apply at: neighborimpact.org/weatherization

Or pick up an application in Warm Springs at the Family Resource Center.

Boarding schools

Warm Springs Higher Education has 2023-24 boarding school applications available. The deadline to apply is July 31. Applications can be picked up at the Education Building. Or email: carroll.dick@wstribes.org.



Courtesy Howie Arnett

The family of the late Dennis Karnopp, longtime attorney of the Confederated Tribes, presented Tribal Council with a gift basket at a June Council meeting, pictured here as accepted on behalf of the tribes by Council Vice Chairman Captain Moody.

The gift was also to thank Tribal Council for participating in the Celebration of Life event for Dennis in April of this year. Mr. Karnopp—who was the tribal attorney for 53 years—passed away in March of 2020. The family chose this time to give the gift, as presented by tribal attorney Howie Arnett, because following Mr. Karnopp's passing, covid made a tribute gesture difficult.

Have you ever struggled with trying to kick a bad habit?

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

Critical thinking skills are essential to use when trying to kick bad habits.

Habits are, well, habitual and you need to look at them with a critical eye when trying to change them.

The first thing to practice is observing. With critical thinking, you need to observe opportunities to

change bad habits.

You also need to practice analyzing what you see. Become curious to understand what contributes to habits you want to change and gather data on how to change them.

You can also build the ability to make educated guess about what great alternatives might be. Keep a curious, open mind and apply some problem-solving skills.

This takes practice but have fun and keep trying!

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