

Letters to the editor

Wings meet at Academy

The Wings Invitational Youth Track Meet is coming up on Tuesday, August 8 at the Warm Springs Academy track field. You can pre-register at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meet, which starts at 6 p.m.

The divisions are: Ages 2-5 years. Ages 6-9 year; and ages 10-12 years: Boys and girls categories in the three divisions. Events include the 50-meter, 100-meter and 400-meter; the long jump, softball throw, t-ball throw and 400 relay.

Participants receive a t-shirt and water bottle. Presented by Warm Springs Prevention/JCP. For information you can call 541-610-0038, or Warm Springs Recreation at 541-553-3243.

Penny Carnival

A Penny Carnival is coming up on Tuesday, July 25 at the Warm Springs Youth Center Gym. The carnival is hosted by Warm Springs HAPPI—Health and Promotion Prevention Initiative—Prevention and After-Care.

At the July 25 carnival, there will be food and games, crafts and music. For booth information contact Warm Springs Prevention at 541-610-0036. The carnival will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

And a second Penny Carnival is scheduled for late August.

To Veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Portland Area Indian Health Service Warm Springs Service Unit will host a veterans information event at the Health and Wellness Center from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, July 31.

The event will feature Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, Honoring Our Promises to Address Comprehensive Toxics—PACT—Act. To Honoring Our Promises and Increasing Awareness, all veterans are welcome.

Bring your DD214. Veterans Administration staff will be on hand to help file claims.

If you have any questions, please call **Jeremiah Johnson**, IHS business manager at 541-553-2123; or **Terry Bently**, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations at 541-537-0213 (cell). Or send an inquiry to: ask.va.gov

You can also call the Warm Springs Veterans Ser-

vice Office, **Rain Circle** at cell number 541-460-8971; or office 541-553-2234.

Youth sports physicals at IHS

The 2023 sports physical dates at Warm Springs IHS are coming up on July 26 and September 1. The state of Oregon requires annual physicals prior to participating in any school sport. Call IHS to schedule your child's appointment for a sports physical, 541-553-2610. Parent or guardian attendance at the appointment is required.

At Wallowa

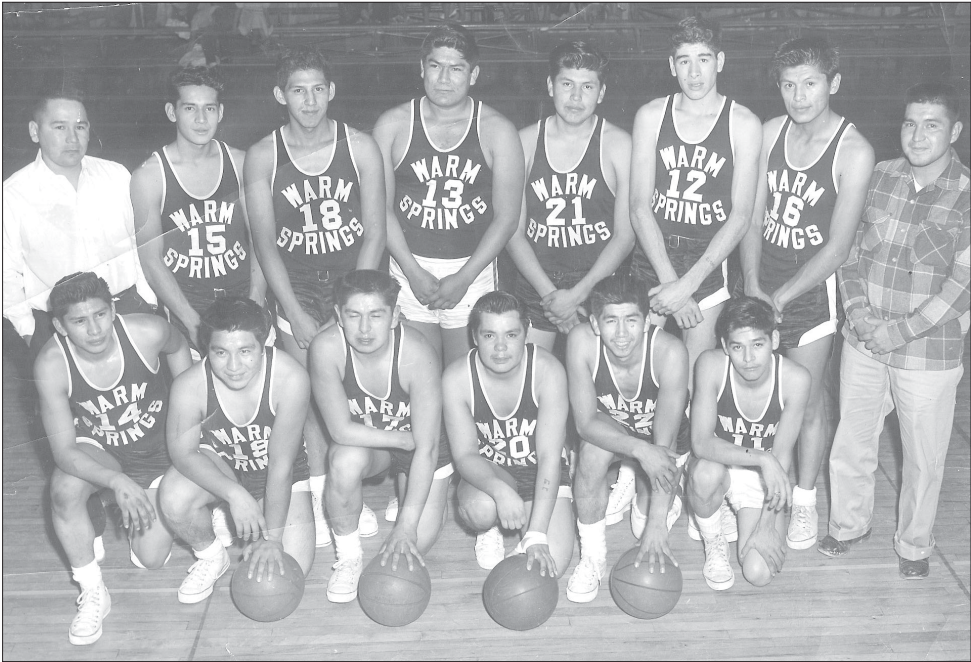
The Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Potluck's date is set for July 21-23 at the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland grounds in Wallowa. Please contact the NPWH office at: info@wallowanezperce.org

Remembering the original Magpies basketball team

Back in the mid 1950s a basketball team from Warm Springs was among the most popular around the region: When they traveled to play the Sprague or Chiloquin teams, the stands were always full, because the people liked to watch their style of play.

Some years before, when these players were growing up, they would watch the teams play from Warm Springs Forestry, the mill and the BIA Roads Department. And the kids wanted one day to have a team of their own. So when they became teenagers, they started their own team, though for a while the team did not have a name.

Then during one of their games, during a timeout, the Warm Springs players were by



Courtesy Lyle Rhoan Sr.

Recognize these Magpie players, shown here in 1956?

their bench and a woman in the stands, Eva Winishut, a longhouse leader at the time, commented to the players, “You all sound like a bunch of magpies.”

And one of the players,

a young Lyle Rhoan, said, “Okay boys, I think we have a name. We are the Magpies.”

And they went on to a great playing career around the region. The team is pictured

above, in a photograph taken in 1956. *A trivia question for the day: How many of the players, and the coaches, can you recognize? Look in the next Spilyay for all their names.*

Launch event for ‘My Name Is Lamoosh’

Thank you to all who attended the June launch party for *My Name is LaMoosh* with the author Linda Meanus.

With around 150 attendees, it was standing-room-only at the Oregon Historical Society.

Thank you to our partners in publishing at Oregon State University Press, to our funder Meyer Memorial Trust, and to the Oregon Historical Society for hosting.

And thank you to



Courtesy Confluence

Linda addresses the Oregon Historical Society.

Linda Meanus for sharing her story with both the audience and countless more through this book.

If you were not able to attend or don't yet have a copy, you can buy it from

the Confluence Shop.

Buying through Confluence directly supports our work, like co-publishing Linda's book.

Colin Fogarty, the Confluence Project.

Using the wisdom of ancestors

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

Imagine what it would be like to walk with an ancestor and listen to their wisdom.

Imagine you are walking with them and sharing a current problem you are facing.

What wisdom would they share with you? Some believe we hold the wisdom of our ancestors within our hear.

You can tap into the wis-

dom in your own heart. Find a quiet space and take a deep breath. Breathe in and out and begin to relax your body.

Imagine a healing light flowing through your body. Now imagine taking a walk down deep into your heart or wise mind.

When you arrive, you see an ancestor there waiting for you. Continue breathing as you sit with your Ancestor.

Find the quiet and calm place in your mind and listen to what your ancestor has to say.

Elder Council outlines its Guided Tourism Economy concept

The Warm Springs Elder Council would like to share the following letter, addressed to the Tribal Council, with the community. The letter, from Mike Clements, Elder Council chairman, and Sal Sabme, vice chair, on behalf of the Elder Council, and is in regard to the Elder Council Guided Tourism Economy:

Dear Tribal Council Chairman Jonathan Smith,

Based on the last brief meeting we had with the Tribal Council and at the direction of the Chairman to meet again, the Warm Springs Elder Council makes this request to follow up and meet for a complete presentation of our concept, Elder Council Guided Tourism Economy. We look forward to this important meeting. The proposal is as follows:

Elder Council Guided Tourism Economy

For many years we made the forest and water our economic providers. Now this revenue is disappearing. We must find a way to create financial support for our government, enterprises and membership.

Past Elders and Tribal Councils decided to save part of our land and resources for the future. They knew we couldn't depend on our trees to sustain our jobs and economy. The shutdown of our mill is an example. The Elder Council believes it's time to use our land and human resources for sustainable development and a healthy economy.

We take great care of our culture, natural resources and image. We can preserve and protect our culture and natural wonders with a long-term economic model. Our nation has a Guided Tourism Economy Plan. Rather than relying on tribal enterprises as the only job provider, we must support our tribal member self-reliant business development.

Our Tribes' tourism model has been passive in the services it provides. This means Kah-Nee-Ta and the limited tourism services are static. The hosts of these services are viewpoints, trailheads, museum exhibits, interpretative signs and limited oral presentations. We sell lodging, dining, gaming and souvenirs. It takes volume to succeed. The quality of our guest experience is in the hands of the visitor and not the host: Our people.

In an interactive guided

tourism economy, lodging, dining and gambling are the support system. The focus is adventures, explorations, activities and cultural experiences. Visitor impacts are more easily managed than passive tourism. Visitors are guided through experiences and are oriented to correct behavior by our people they come to know. This makes an authentic, personal experience and creates mechanisms to control visitor experience respectful of our culture and community. Ideas to consider:

1. Use our telecommunications infrastructure to create a central point of contact for reservations, billing, marketing and service quality control.

2. Create a Welcome Center including guest and retail services.

3. Expand tourism businesses including a workforce development plan, partner with CAP/Board.

The time is now to turn our attention to this economic way of generating the economy that will support our needs. We have provided a very general model to take us into this discussion. We want all members that want to join in on the discussion to attend meetings to lead us into the next Tribal Council election. We believe we need representatives that will work with the membership to put this “Guided Tourism Model” in motion. We believe it will create the expanded support the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort needs to con-

tinue operation. It will also create many other opportunities for Tribal, individual members and others to get into private business on our lands. It will generate the much needed financial resources for our nation to continue in the world today. More importantly, it will create an environment where the well-being of our membership can be supported. There will be those that will say no and we must hear them out but we must do something now to move ahead. This is our thought and we will share it with you in a form we can all see. Prayers.

Basic three thoughts: Welcome Center to greet all who come.

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is the hub for our guests.

Use of other outdoor resources and water for business opportunities.

Some will say we will destroy but we were taught to “Manage and Protect.”

Draft of March 27, 2023:

Vision: Our success is caring for and cultivating our people while delighting and enlightening our tourism customers with “Ta’ Man Wit” (reciprocity, respect, shared responsibility, growth and inter-connectiveness).

Mission (based on our values): 1. Ta’ Man Wit: reciprocal, respectful, sustainable and spiritual economy.

2. Follows our oral “trading” traditions: History, languages and inter-personal/social values.

Outcomes:

Business: 1. Customer desired “high quality” tourism products.

2. We become our own champion telling our authentic story, fight institutional racism; change attitudes by demonstrating our inter-connection inside/outside our families/community/dominant culture.

3. With work/self sufficiency our health improves and thrives.

4. We take responsibility to protect, preserve and sustain our homes/homeland; in accordance with our Treaty, “the well being of our membership.”

Spiritual: We live in Ta’Man Wit by demonstrating and working to become at peace with one another, dominant culture and our homeland (Mother Earth).

Tribal Government: 1. Creates and follows a vision (big picture/long-term plans).

2. Follows spirit and intent of our Treaty, enabling documents, comprehensive plan and past policies.

Business assumptions: 1. Business model: What business do we follow, “passive vs. active”?

2. ROI? What's our expected return on investment? Our business investment partners, or lenders, etc.

3: Equity: Where and how do our tribal members get equity?

4: Living wage: Do wages meet membership needs, industry standards and competition?

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