

Letters to the editor

ECE enrollment

The Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center is opening the enrollment soon for the 2023-24 year. The enrollment is for new and returning children. Enrollment packets will be available on Monday, July 31. Stop by ECE to pick up a packet, 1257 Kot-Num Road; and please submit completed packets by August 25 to ensure timely processing. Day care and Head Start program features include developmental curriculum, play-based learning and outdoor play.

For more information contact **Ina Chief** or **Laurissa Bellanger** at ECE, 541-553-3241.

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.

In Memory
Norman A. Nathan
~ In Memory of his Eleventh Year in Heaven ~ August 8, 1937-July 18, 2023 ~
Grief never ends but it changes—It’s a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness or lack of faith.
It is the price of Love.
Renee Hogan Krstovich

Penny Carnival

A Penny Carnival is coming up at the end of August at the Warm Springs Youth Center Gym. The carnival is hosted by Warm Springs HAPPI—Health and Promotion Prevention Initiative—Prevention and After-Care.

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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.

Free haircuts for seniors

Free haircuts for seniors are available at High Lookee Lodge on Fridays. The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Please note, available only to seniors.

JOM funds for students

Summer applications for Johnson O’Malley are open, with a deadline date for a 2023 summer application on Friday, August 18. The awards are for extra-curricular activities for Jefferson County and Wasco County School District students. Please complete the Johnson O’Malley enrollment application; complete the JOM survey; complete the request for financial assistance; and attach support documents such as flyers, rosters, schedules, receipts, etc.

Submit applications to Higher Education in the Education building, 1110 Wasco Street. For information call 541-553-3311. Or email: carrol.dick@wsTRIBES.org Or to: itwin2430@gmail.com The award amounts are \$150 per student in grades k- through fifth; \$200 per student for grades six through eight; and \$300 per student for grades nine through twelve.

Listening session in W.S.

The NeighborImpact board of directors is holding listening sessions with different communities and partners to gather input for their new two-year strategic plan. The plan will take effect in January of next year. The Warm Springs NeighborImpact listening session will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15 at the Community Wellness Center social hall. Or you can join by Zoom (details below). Questions that the board is asking are in regard to how best to serve the people of the reservation. If you require accommodation for the meeting, please contact 541-548-2380; or email: reception@neighborimpact.org To join the Zoom meeting on August 17: The meet-

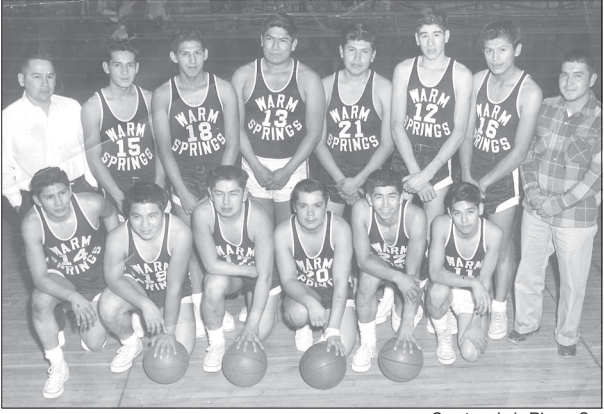
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Birth

Amalia Loren Silva
Anthony M. Silva and Ellen L. Blake of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Amalia Loren Silva, born on July 13, 2023. Amalia joins sister Alora Lazuli Silva, 3. Grandparents on the father’s side are Leo and Jessica Olivas of Madras. Grandparents on the mother’s side are Brooke and James Giddens of Cascade, Idaho.

Strong Start at Madras High

The Strong Start Summer Program for freshman who will be going to Madras High School in 2023-24 will be from Monday, July 31 to Thursday, August 18. Freshman can earn half an elective credit by attending the program that will offer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); and project-based learning with field trips, plus breakfast and lunch will be provided. Sign up at the high school office Wednesdays, or find the link: parentsquare.com/signin



Courtesy Lyle Rhoan Sr.

In this photo of the 1956 Warm Springs Magpies basketball team are: Roscoe Smith, manager; Lyle Rhoan, Satch Miller, Charles Nathan, Robert Suppah, Bobby Macy and Don Sohapp (back row from left); and Paul Smith, Chester VanPelt, Sammy Colwash (who played with just one hand), George ‘Squeaky’ Clements, Tom Estimo, Gordon Rhoan and Eugene Greene (front from left).

A veteran’s message to the Warm Springs community

by Rain Circle,
U.S. Army Veteran

At ease, Warm Springs! I come to you now as a tribal member formerly known as the Tribal Veterans Service Officer, TVSO. I resigned the position back in June but that doesn’t mean I have cut all ties and have no interest in helping. I do want to help for sure and I believe it is better to help without reward for the help rendered. The first topic I would like to touch on was brought to me by another tribal member, and TVSO client. The topic is the Native American Direct Loan. If you’re a veteran, and either you or your spouse is Native American, our Native American Direct Loan—NADL—program may help you get a loan to buy, build, or improve a home on federal trust land. You may also get a loan to refinance an existing NADL and reduce your interest rate. Most importantly, with the NADL, is to ask your Council representative if we, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, have an

‘MOU’ (Memorandum Of Understanding) with the NADL, because veterans living on the Warm Springs reservation cannot utilize this program unless that is in place. To find out if you qualify for an NADL, and on how to apply, see: va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-types/native-american-direct-loan/ And that is how teamwork, works. When you help others, you help yourself, so assist others without expecting a reward or recognition. We’ll all be proud of you for it. Have the discipline to do the right thing just because it’s the right thing to do, and if you have a hard time deciding on what the ‘right’ thing is? I’ll tell you like one of my Sergeants told me: “If you have to think about it more than five seconds, it’s most likely the wrong thing, troop.” Which segues perfect to: Leadership. **On leadership** We all want it and we are all doing it in some way, and that’s leading. The mantra that helped

me to be a good leader was from a First Sergeant I had early in my Buck Sargn’t days and he said: “There’s no such thing as bad soldiers, Sgt. Circle, Just bad leaders.” And in order to be a good leader you must take that to heart. What that phrase means is that the people you lead, teach, supervise or raise from birth...only become what you teach them to be. You are being watched, listened to, read, overheard etc. all the time. Nothing you do as a leader goes unnoticed, and this can be a help or a hindrance depending on who you are as a person at your mental, spiritual and emotional core, and that is the burden of leadership. There is a conundrum (use your phone to look this up, good leaders are well spoken) in leading people: Success and failure has only one person to blame or give credit to, and that’s you, but leading has nothing to do with you... it’s all about the people following you, that is ‘the led’. If you want to be a good leader take a read.

Lead by example The leader is the thermometer of the organization. In other words, as the leader, your emotions, thoughts, and actions will be replicated in your organization. You must ‘check yourself’ whenever possible. Make sure you are mission focused, level-headed, positive thinking, and growth focused. Stay calm, cool, and collected, and do the things you want your team to do. Leaders set the direction by helping others see what lies ahead and rising to the challenges. They see everyone’s potential and encourage and inspire those around them. Leading by example is a trait of a true leader. ~ **Discipline** is the key to success in any organization. If you want to improve people’s morale you must be a disciplined leader. This means you lead by example, you enforce the organization (if there aren’t any...create them) standards and you set lofty expectations for everyone you lead.

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Cross cultural circle addressing equity in rural Oregon, Wash.

The Circle provides true cross-cultural engagement, and a place to apply equity training, in an open community, facilitated space The cross cultural community building circle are convened in Central Oregon and Washington to address, ‘Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery.’ “The Doctrine gave Christian governments moral and legal rights in the Fourteenth Century to invade and seize indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous peoples,” says author Sarah Augustine. “The patterns of oppression that continue to dispossess Indigenous peoples of their lands today are found in numerous historical documents such as Papal Bulls, Royal Charters and U.S. Supreme Court rulings as recent as 2005.” Ms. Augustine, along with JoDe Goudy, former chair of the Yakama Nation; Patrick Bell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon and Javier Cervantes, Racial Justice Council advisor with the office of Gov. Tina Kotek, are among participants.

“WeX Voter Outreach have several volunteers in attendance, including white allies, who have training in the art of tribal dialogue and who will help model this style of communication,” said Jolene Estimo, of WeX Voter Outreach, one of the Circle hosts. The two other co-hosts, and several of the attendees, are part of rural faith-based communities, with funding provided by the Presbyterian, Self-Development of People Fund. However, the dialogue is not about religion, rather centering on the inequitable secular laws, policies and systems, based on the Doctrine, that are in place today. When asked if it is still relevant today, JoDe Goudy, of redthought.org says, “The doctrine of Christian discovery frames practical reality for all of us. Unfortunately for most of society it does so in a veiled manner. “Native Nations were at ground zero of its incorporation as philosophical, legal, and political tool to assert a claimed right of domination. The result manifested the greatest genocidal acts

in the known history of man. What is critical to understand is that this is the history of the present moment. “The doctrine at this moment is still asserting a claimed right of domination and hidden in plain sight.” The third WeX Cross cultural community building circle, tribal dialogue, distinct from mainstream monologue, centers the community voice rather than centering individuals’ points of view. The hope is, as WeX has experienced over the last one to two years, that the circle will provide a tool to allow differing perspectives to be heard, and foster understanding and human connection. WeX Voter Outreach intends to co-host circles throughout rural Oregon and Washington, to foster cross-cultural community building. The Circle is being recorded. Utilizing a standard WeX practice that fosters partnership, inclusion and sustainability of the work, WeX is seeking partnerships, to produce an educational video using the Circle re-

cording. To learn more about the doctrine of Discovery, read Sarah Augustine’s book, *The Land is Not Empty*. Or go to: redthought.org **About WeX Voter Outreach** WeX Voter Outreach is grassroots, people of color-led and centered group, located in Warm Springs, Oregon and Spokane, Washington. Intentionally, not a 501c3, they work through partnerships, to serve under-represented populations, primarily people of color offering community building activities, including but not limited to voter outreach, community assessments, cross cultural community building circles and monthly cross cultural allyship zoom meetings. To participate as a meeting guest, or if you are interested in co-hosting a Cross Cultural Community Building Circle, contact: wexvotes@gmail.com Or call 541-460-2607. See Facebook: WeX Voter Outreach Warm Springs, Oregon and WeX Voter Outreach Spokane, Washington.