

Letters to the editor

Little League board election

The Warm Springs Nation Little League is holding a board election at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at the Prevention training room.

All community members are invited to participate and be part of the 2023-24 Little League season.

The board member positions up for election are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, player agent (baseball), player agent (softball), safety officer, umpire chief, information officer, equipment manager, concession manager, and fundraiser coordinator.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Warm Springs Nation League President Edmund Francis at 541-325-3856.

School BBQ

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue happened Thursday, August 31 at the Warm Springs Academy. Despite rain and two power outages, the cooks and servers provided over 800 plates of food to the many who showed up; and families and students were able to gather information and swag from nearly 30 booths set up at the Family Information Fair.

Big thanks to the cooks and food servers, school staff and everyone who set up a booth, picked up trash, held a door, or were kind to someone.

The kick-off event was a huge success, as the new school year begins this week for the Jefferson County 509-J district.

The annual Back to School BBQ is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Health and Human Services.

NeighborImpact

If you have any input you would like to share with NeighborImpact, you can reach out to Dot Thurby, of Emergency Management, who maintains a NeighborImpact office here in Warm Springs. Her number is 541-777-2804; or you can email: dorotheat@neighborimpact.org

NeighborImpact was created in 1985 to represent and serve economically disadvantaged residents of Jefferson County, including Warm Springs, and Deschutes and Crook counties. Their mission is to sup-

port people and strengthen communities. You can learn more about their program services at: neighborimpact.org

Last week, NeighborImpact representatives heard from the Warm Springs community during a listening session at the Community Center.

They talked about issues including food box assistance, transportation to help people get the food boxes, better means of communication, and NeighborImpact programs for weatherization and rental assistance.

The discussion included the needs for more preschool and child care options; and assistance with the application process for all program services provided by NeighborImpact. NeighborImpact has been hosting community meetings in an effort to identify the ways they are meeting people's needs, and also hearing input on how NeighborImpact could help to fill gaps and overcome challenges for people.

Buffalo Nighthawkers tourney

The Buffalo Nighthawkers 3-on-3 basketball tournament is coming up this Friday, September 8 at the campus basketball court. This will be an eight-team double elimination tournament.

There will be t-shirts and raffle prizes. Divisions are 13 and under co-ed; and 14-18 co-ed. The tourney starts at 7 p.m. Sponsors include the Warm Springs community Action Team, Warm Springs Prevention, and AfterCare and Juvenile Crime Prevention.

Job Fair

A job fair in Warm Springs is coming up this month for anyone who is looking for seasonal employment, or for a new career.

The employment recruiting event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26 at the Community Center Social Hall. The fair is hosted by the Warm Springs Community Action Team. For more information, contact Sara Dowty, WSCAT Technology Workforce Analyst. You can reach her at 541-553-3148; or by email: sara@wscat.org



Reminder: Please follow the tribes' dog ordinance

Warm Springs Public Safety has noted an increase in dog biting incidents on the reservation.

Public Safety reminds everyone that the tribes' Dog Control Ordinance No. 36 remains in effect.

Public Safety is providing the community with information about the ordinance, as necessary steps will be taken by the Warm Springs Police Department, Prosecution and Tribal Court in cases involving dog bites.

Coordinated efforts are being initiated with

the Housing Authority, Fire and Safety, Fences for Fido and tribal Sanitation. Some revisions will be made but to the ordinance in the future. Meanwhile, provisions of the current ordinance apply to dog biting incidents, and enforcement continues.

It is vital that you call the Warm Springs Police dispatch for dog bites at 911, and seek emergency medical services.

Some of the important provisions of the tribes' dog control ordinance include the following: All dogs kept,

harbored or maintained within the boundaries of the reservation shall be licensed—the license fee is only \$1—as provided by the Tribal Court. Before any dog may be licensed, the owner shall have the animal vaccinated against rabies.

Every owner shall provide each dog under his or her control with a collar or harness to which the license and rabies vaccination tag are attached; and the dog should wear the collar when the dog is at large in the community.

No female dog in heat;

no dog of a fierce, dangerous or vicious nature; and no dog which becomes a nuisance to others when trespassing upon streets, public places, or premises of others shall be permitted to run at large, whether licensed or not.

Any person found violating any provision of the ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine assessed in Tribal Court not to exceed \$25; or 10 days imprisonment, or both.

Penny Carnival

A Penny Carnival is coming up on Tuesday, September 26 at the Warm Springs Youth Center Gym, hosted by Warm Springs HAPPI (Health and Promotion Pre-

vention Initiative), Warm Springs Prevention and Juvenile Crime Prevention. There will be food and games, crafts and music.

For booth information contact Andy Leonard at: andy.leonard@wstribe.org

Indigenous Peoples' Day in October

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October, on October 9 this year, to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people.

The day, as designated by the United Nations, is also celebrated across the world.

Indigenous Peoples' Day centers around reflecting on tribal roots, the stories of tragedy, perseverance and achievement.

History of the celebration

The original idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day came from the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination held in 1977.

The first U.S. state to recognize the day was South Dakota in 1989. The cities of Berkeley and Santa Cruz, Califor-

Passes at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl

Ski Bowl, a partner of the tribes in many ways, is honoring the October holiday with complimentary Action Passes to members of the Confederated Tribes. The passes will be good on Sunday, October 1.

nia soon followed.

The day was formerly known as Columbus Day, clearly hurtful and an insult to Native American cultures, as it seemed to celebrate centuries of colonial torture, oppression and broken promises.

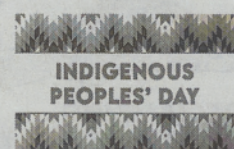
Year by year over the past few decades, the movement to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day spreads to more and more states, towns, and cities across the United States of America.

Today, 14 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, many cities and of course the tribal nations celebrate

Indigenous Peoples' Day and not Columbus Day.

In Oregon

In 2021 the federal government by presidential proclamation recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day, and in the spring of 2021 the Oregon legislature also designated the second Monday in October as a holiday, Indigenous Peoples Day.



Native vote

People in the country of Australia will vote in October on a proposed law to create an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the nation's first referendum in a generation. The country's prime minister announced the referendum date, triggering just over six weeks of intensifying campaigning by both sides of the argument.

The referendum would enshrine in the constitution an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, a collection of advocates aimed at giving the nation's most disadvantaged ethnic minority more say on government policy.

Senior center

The Warm Springs Senior Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Senior fitness classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., with lunch provided after. Senior lunches are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Jim Pepper Music Festival

During the fall, a music festival is held on the grounds of Parkrose High School to remember Muscogee-Kaw musician Jim Pepper.

This Friday, September 8, the Jim Pepper Native Arts Council is holding a fundraiser concert at Alberta Abbey featuring Innastate, a 2019 Native American Music Award Winning Reggae Band from New Mexico.

That will be followed on Saturday, September 9, by the Eleventh Annual Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Parkrose High School in Portland.

The music lineup for this year's festival includes:

Renee Roman Nose, Star Naye and the Chemawa Indian School Singers with Tony Carr. Gary Ogan. Innastate with special guest Delbert Anderson.

Blue Flamez and Kao (Scott and Levi Kalama).

Plus powwow drums and more! Learn more at: jimpepperfest.net



Friday, September 8:

Desert Inn, 385 Jefferson Avenue, Metolius
5:00-10:00 p.m. • Socializing • Cash bar & grill • Classes of 1967 and 1969 invited to join tonight! No RSVP required • If ordering Prime-Rib dinner, call to inform The D.I. by Sept. 6: 541-803-8991

Saturday, September 9:

The Elks Lodge, 262 SW 2nd Street, Madras
\$25 per person
4:00-10:00 p.m. • Socializing / Cash bar
5:30 p.m. • Sandwich-Style Buffet (ham, turkey, tri-tip, cheeses) side dishes, dessert cake, iced tea & coffee



RSVP with number attending and PRE-payment by August 27:

Checks payable to MHS Class of 1968, c/o: Charles Jackson, P.O. Box 356, Warm Springs, OR 97761 Include your email and cell number with check OR use VENMO payment: @Charles-Jackson-574

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