

Letters to the editor

Tree lighting, 47th Bazaar, holiday notes

The Recreation Department will host the Community Christmas Tree Lighting, and visit from Santa, on Thursday evening, December 7 at six o'clock at the Community Wellness Center. Join them for carols, the tree lighting, a weenie roast with s'more delights, and more.

Then on Saturday, December 9 at the Community Center, Recreation will host the Forty-Seventh Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar, featuring the unique Native American gifts and jewelry. The bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, so bring the whole family! For informa-

tion call 541-553-3243. Meanwhile:

The Commissioned Officers of Warm Springs are hosting a **Christmas Cookie Exchange Party for Veterans and Friends** at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center next Wednesday, December 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Please stop by!*

And the **Cougars Youth Basketball Tournament** is coming up Thursday through Sunday, December 15-17 at the Warm Springs Community Center. The tourney is 10 and under, co-ed; and 12 and under. Recreation will host the **Last Minute Christmas Bazaar** on Wednesday, December 20 at the Warm Springs Community Center; and an **Indian New Year Walk** at noon on Thursday, December 21.

Howlak Tichum ~

Lester Buster Tanewasha Jr. 'Su-X-Um-Taat' ~ 1968-2023

Lester Buster 'Gus Gus' Tanewasha Jr. - Su-X-Um-Taat - passed away on November 5, 2023 at the Tanewasha Estate Home. He was 55.

Mr. Tanewasha Jr. was born July 13, 1968 to parents Patricia Tanewasha (McKinley) and Lester Buster Tanewasha Sr.

His siblings are Leontyne Tanewasha-Davis, Robert Kuneki Tanewasha, and Jeanette Henderson.

His children are daughter Jessa Ferguson-Tanewasha, and son Dustin 'Buster' Tanewasha.

His mate is Krystal Ferguson.



Mr. Tanewasha did fulltime seasonal work in the winters with the Oregon Department of Transportation; and also worked in Construction.

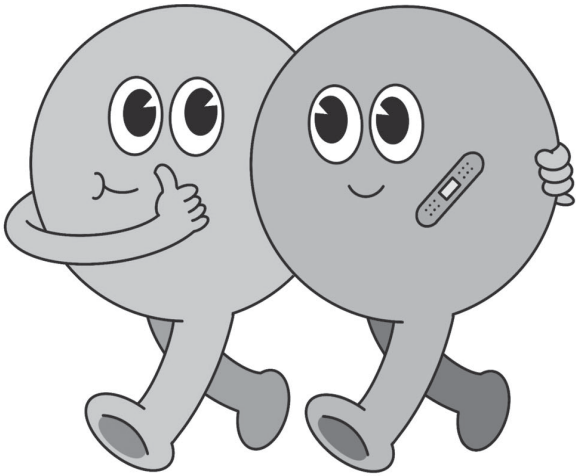
His hobbies were hunting, fishing and mechanic work.

When tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart.

For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart...

A loving son, brother, father and friend.

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Idigenous education practices message from Prevention

Oregon tribes and tribal communities have voiced objections to the movement towards 'evidence-based' academics, as it is called, because it imposes a linear approach to funding requirements that are greatly at odds with the circular worldview held by most American Indian and Alaskan Native people.

Oregon tribes, tribal entities and other academic advisors have met regularly since 2003 to gather information about indigenous



Warm Springs hand drum making class is a great example of indigenous practices teaching.

practices that have longevity within tribal communities.

As a result, practices were documented and a format created to bridge the gap between the scientific definition, and tribal best practices.

One of the tribal best practices we like to host is the Hand Drum Making workshop. We provide drum kits to tribal members who want to participate, and we teach them how to make

A thank you, and in Loving Memory of Marcelino 'Eno' Baca

So much time has passed by so quickly, and it is very important to me that I finally send out a most Heartfelt Thank You, and acknowledge the many friends, coworkers, and of course my family, who stepped forward to offer their presence, prayers, condolences, and monetary gifts during the most sad and tragic time of my life.

On September 6, 2023, the Love of my Life Marcelino Baca, passed away due to a tragic incident that occurred at his place of employment.



Marcelino Baca and I had known each other since were only 15 and 16 years old. Our families were very close and soon his older brother married my older sister. He was the kind of person who could make friends easily by simply being his happy, fun-loving self. He proved to be a very loving man, who had loved living here in this area for the past five years. He was a strong athlete in his younger years, playing basketball, baseball and football in school, and into his adult years.

Marcelino loved to be in the great outdoors, and loved to fish. He was an avid bow hunter in his earlier years, and had been a great deer and elk hunter. Marcelino loved the Great Pacific Northwest.

'Eno' was a hard worker and strived to be part of my family supporting my grandchildren through all of their sports activities, attending all birthday parties, and being a good male role model to all my grandchildren.

Marcelino was very proud of his Hopi/Navajo/Hispanic heritages. Eno was proud to say that he loved herding his grandfather's sheep as a young boy, and later in life was initiated into his Hopi culture and customs. Needless to say, this man could make any plant grow, and loved gardening. He was also a great tamale maker.

Family, friends, people who I have known my entire life, and those of you who I have had the privilege to work with, and come to know at the Warm Springs clinic for the past 10 years: Many stepped up, and offered their condolences and prayers for me and my family.

The people, family and friends employed at the Warm Springs clinic: Rena Adams Smith, who was there for me during this most difficult time of sorrow, and the entire staff at the warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Hyllis and Nancy Dauphinais. Su-Yenn Smith-Walker. Brandi Martinez. RaNeVa Dowty and family.

Dr Keane, and all the Warm Springs clinic staff who donated their time for me, and special thanks to all individuals who donated monetary gifts.

Becca McPherson. Entire group of Seven Drum Singers who came to bless my home. Vivian and Alvis Smith III. Joe Brisbois. Joy Harvey. Melissa Wakanoba. Roscoe Greene. Mona Greene. Erke Smith. Aaron Strong. Mona Smith. Gwen George.

Joanne Smith. Jewel Minnick and family. Versa, Shirelle and Christina, who brought over hot food for us. Abby Beamer. Sylvania and Dan Brisbois, who donated cash. Betty Hewson who volunteered to take care of my pets in my absence.

Marcelino's Bright Wood co-workers, and Hispanic families who came to the home blessing service and meal, and donations of food and their condolences. Dr. Capri Fillmore, who made the trip to Arizona to be with me at this time.

Dallas Stovall and the

the drum.

The next step is finding an elder willing to share their knowledge and singing lessons. Contact Warm Springs Prevention if you're willing to help teach and help.

We believe Culture is Prevention, and we try our best to provide cultural practices for the Warm Springs community. We are better together, so let's share our knowledge to preserve our Indian ways.

Scott Kalama, Warm Springs Prevention Team.

Community notes...

The Confluence project takes a look at our education program and the role of reciprocity in education. Hear from the Confluence Education manager Heather Gurko (Tlingit), and three Confluence educators:

Christine and Clifton Bruno of Warm Springs, who have been sharing the Indigenous culture of the Pacific Northwest for more than 25 years; and Cowlitz member Emma Johnson, who recently earned her masters of science in Cultural Anthropology from Portland State University.

Every 40 seconds someone loses their life to suicide.



It's time to raise awareness and recognize our role to help prevent it.

- 1 Ask.
- 2 Listen.
- 3 Encourage them to seek help.

A Message From:
Warm Springs Suicide Prevention