

By tradition, as we approach the conclusion of another calendar year, the Spilyay recalls here some of the notable and newsworthy events that happened among the tribal community during 2023.

January

In January the High Desert Museum in Bend opens the exhibit **Creations of Spirit**. Four artists of the Confederated Tribes are joined by other Plateau Native artists for the exhibit. Natalie Kirk, H'Klumaiyat Roberta Joy Kirk, Jefferson Greene and Kelli Palmer are representing the Confederated Tribes. In other news:

The **Lincoln's Birthday Powwow** committee announced the powwow will return to Simnasho, after being on hold because of covid in 2021 and 2022.

February

For people who love to cook great and healthy meals there is nothing like a brand-new kitchen. "All of cooking is based on what you can do with the kitchen," Berlyn Yazzie Jr., Seniors food product manager and lead cook, was saying the other day.

"Now, everything here is exactly where I want it, so there's not so much running around." And that, Mr. Yazzie says, is one of the keys—along with preparation—to making great meals for a number of people at any one time.

The new kitchen is the center feature of the **renovated Seniors Center**, which reopened in February following a long closure due to water damage.

The **War Pony Express Training Center** holds the key to many possibilities. The Auto-



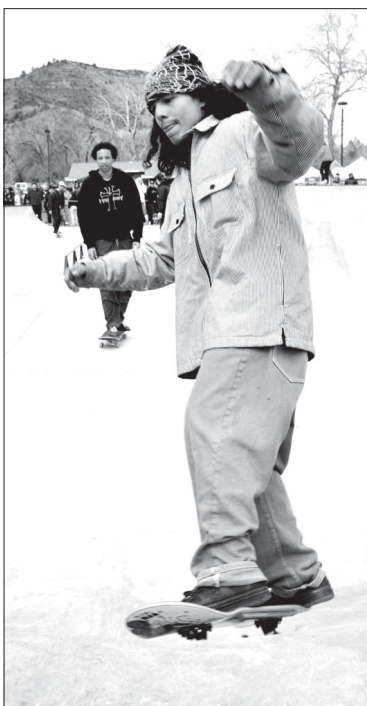
Berlyn Yazzie Jr. and Andrea Cook at the new Seniors kitchen in February of this year.

motive Center is a classroom ready to teach and then award the participating students ASE Certification—the essential certificate of Automotive Service Excellence. This key element alone opens employment doors for young people, both on the reservation and off.

And looking beyond, the Automotive Center presents an opportunity for business growth and economic development on the reservation; plus a way for the tribes to save money on maintenance and repair of the organization vehicle fleet. War Pony Express, located at the industrial park Vehicle Pool, opened in February. Elsewhere:

Both of the **Madras Elite Cheer** teams took home state titles over the weekend. Juliet Warner and Coraline White, both tribal members attending the Warm Springs Academy, are on the teams. One of the teams is the team Rec Youth - Smalls. These girls tied for first place out of seven teams. Juliet Warner is a member of this team. The other team is Rec Juniors - Small. These girls took fourth out of 12 teams, and Caroline White is on the Junior team. Both girls hold state and national titles.

March



Skater during skate park grand opening in March.

The new 8,000-square-foot **skatepark** opened in March at Elmer Quinn Park. The Grand Opening day was an exciting afternoon of skateboarding, a cookout, music, and a giveaway of more than 150 skateboards. The tribes and skatepark organizers hosted the grand opening with a turnout of hundreds of guests. During the opening ceremonies, except during the blessing, skaters from around the Northwest were demonstrating their skating skills across the many ramps and half-pipes at the new park. The weather was great and the day was a fun and joyous occasion.

Michael Collins of Managed Care was one of the coordinators of the project. He worked with the

April

Great spring weather greeted the **Root Feast Rodeo** at the end of March 2023, hosted by the Ranch Rodeo Association at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds. Elsewhere:

Chico Holliday is the general manager of tribal Public Utilities. He has been the front-line person managing the water situations on the reservation for the past several years, during some of the worst drinking water events in recent history on the reservation. In April of this year, the Oregon Association of Water Utilities hosted their annual awards ceremony. And the top award this year—**Water Manager of the Year**—went to Warm Springs Public Utilities General Manager Chico Holliday, by unanimous OAWU vote.

May

An eventful and historic life it has been and continues to be after these 93 years: Veteran, author and tribal historian, George Aguilar Sr. is the **2023 Elder of the Year**

of the Confederated Tribes. Mr. Aguilar received the honor at the Seniors Day celebration this past May at the Agency Longhouse. And this in May 2023:

The **Warm Springs Missing and Murdered Indigenous Natives Awareness Marathon** saw great support from 17 teams and 118 participants, plus the many spectators along the 20-plus mile course. "We had a great turnout and great day," said Reina Estimo, one of the event organizers.

Reina noted that among the marathon runners was Mona Cochran, who is in her 70s and ran nearly all of the course, before handing off to her teammate. Anthony Caldera ran the whole race on his own.

The Confederated Tribes, through the **Warm Springs Housing Authority**, are moving forward with a new affordable housing project on Kuckup Loop. This is made possible by a \$2 million grant that will in time fund the construction of eight single-family homes.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team now offers an **innovative training and career exploration service** featuring virtual reality technology. The virtual reality, or VR, training facility can be accessed at one of two locations: at the Painted Pony Espresso and gift shop at the Plaza by Indian Head Casino; and at the Community Action Team office.

Looking toward June: the full **Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days** June 23-25 is again possible. "This will be great because we've all been waiting for something more to do here in the community," said Robinson 'Gorky' Mitchell, Chair of the 2023 Pi-Ume-Sha Committee.



Spring Root Feast Rodeo, hosted by the Ranch Rodeo Association.

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Employment with the CTWS

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs.

Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribes.org

Tribal Member preference is exercised in hiring processes as defined in Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202.

Pro-Tem Judge. Compensation and benefits manager. Surveillance observer (part-time). Janitor (limited duration). IT database specialist.

Custodian. Fisheries technician II. Fisheries technician III. Native plant nursery. Community Health program manager. Cash management specialist/ Court accounts receivable.

Corrections officer. Travel accountant. Early Childhood Education program manager. Tribal Council recorder/support technician.

Timber sales forester. Probation secretary/service coordinator. Juvenile/young adult probation officer.

Director of Information Systems. Fish biologist III. Wellness coordinator. Compensation and benefits coordinator. Public administrator.

Protective care provider. Property management specialist. Treasury controller. Conservation properties program supervisor. Project archaeologist/principal investigator.

Maternal child health nurse. Soil scientist/watershed planner. Community Health nurse.

Jobs with Indian Head, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with **Indian Head Casino**. For details see the website: indianheadcasino.com

Food and beverage manager. Cage cashier. Cottonwood Restaurant server. Tule Grill line cook. Table games dealer.

Count team member. Facilities manager. Class III keyperson. Food and beverage purchasing clerk. Cage

supervisor.

Controller. Security officer. Cottonwood Sous Chef. Custodian. Kitchen steward. Player's Club ambassador. Network engineer.

The following are jobs advertised recently with the **Plateau Travel Plaza** (see the casino website for details on applying):

Three Teepees Cafe Host/Server. Custodian. Maintenance Custodian.