

Letters to the editor

Master’s graduate



Courtesy Dorothea Thurby

Family and friends of Melissa Danzuka send Congratulations! Melissa, pictured here at graduation with her daughters and mother, graduated June 16 with a Master of Social Work from Portland State University.

Twenty-first Simnasho Hot Summer Nights Powwow

The Twenty-First Annual Hot Summer Nights Powwow and Encampment are coming up in Simnasho on Monday through Wednesday, July 8-10.

On Monday evening, July 8 there will be a parade at 6:30, and stick game tourney at 7:45. On Tuesday evening there will be a 6 p.m. weenie roast; 6:45 will be for new joiners and rejoinders; and powwow at 7.

Specials will be the Me-

morial Singing Contest (four singers) winner take all. The 6-and-under Boys and Girls special will be sponsored by Xander Danzuka and family.

The Sweep Your Teepee World Championship will include trophies for the top two.

The Family Team Dance, open to all ages, is for up to four members a family. Winning family will receive a trophy and prize.

Wednesday night at 6 will be a potluck barbecue dinner, and powwow at 7. Specials include the Round Bustle, open to all ages, the winner receiving a trophy and blanket. The Puth la pa special, open to all ages, winner will receive a trophy and blanket.

The Thirteenth Annual Drummers Relay Race winning team will win prizes; and the Sixteenth Annual Running of the Simnasho Derby

will be for the first 12 in each group: 6and under; 7-12; 13-54 and the ‘olders’ 55 and over, trophy to the winner.

Camping areas available and some teepee poles will be available.

Bring your lawn change, windbreaker and good feelings. This event is sponsored by members of the Simnasho community. For information contact **Captain**. *Join us for a good old time!*

At the Warm Springs Academy Graduation ~ 2024



It was Graduation Day in June for students at the Warm Springs Academy.

Photos by Sandra Danzuka



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Softbal Slam

June 28-30th @Juniper Hills park, Madras

Mens & Womens Open Division

3-GAME GUARANTEE

1350 Entrance fee

\$100 non-refundable to hold spot

1st-Skyn style Windbreakers

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3rd-T-shirts

All-stars-Shorts

MVP-Pendleton Jacket

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Summer meals

The Jefferson County School District’s free **Summer Meals** for Kids program runs Monday, July 8 through mid August at the Warm Springs Academy.

Breakfast is served from 8:30-9 a.m. and lunch 11:30 until noon.

Meals are open to all kids 18 and younger. No enrollment is required. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. No grab and go, or parent meal pick up.

Community sports notes...

Warm Springs Recreation and Madras High School are partnering for a series of sports camps in July.

Softball camp is Wednesday, July 10; and a **golf** camp is the following Wednesday, on July 17.

Baseball camp will be Monday, July 22; and **cheer camp** on the last day of the month, Wednesday July 31. Camps are free and open to the first 25 youth to sign up.

Summary of Tribal Council

May 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 by Chairman Jonathan W. Smith Sr. Roll call: James ‘Jim’ Manion, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chairman Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody, Chairman Jonathan W. Smith Sr., Alvis Smith III, Rosa Graybael. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe
- Draft resolutions with the S-T:
- NTIA Tribal Broadband grant discussion with tribal attorney:
- Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,153. Second by Jim. Question: Jim/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Alvis/yes, Rosa/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Direct 437 lease (Indian Health Service):
- Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,154, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the ‘U.S. Government direct 437 Lease, Lease No. DES-23-1004’ attached as exhibit A; and the expansion lease amendment No. 1, exhibit B. That the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary Treasurer to sign and execute the Direct 437 Lease and the Expansion Lease Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the tribe and authorizes the authorized representatives of their delegate to take or cause to be taken all acts on behalf of the tribe to perform and carry out the Direct 437 Lease and the Expansion Lease Amendment No. 1 and to authorized representative determines to be necessary or appropriate to complete the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. That the Tribal Council requests the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to approve the Direct 437 Lease and the Expansion Lease Amendment No. 1 pursuant to Public Law 94-437 (25 USC § 1674). Second by Captain; Question: Jim/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Alvis/yes, Rosa/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- 2024 eel fishery regulations at Willamette Falls with Mark Manion, Fisheries manager.

Boarding school Truth, Healing legislation at Congress

The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act is currently making its way through the Congress.

Recently, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce voted to pass the proposal, as House Resolution 7227

Deborah Parker, Tulalip Tribes, is the chief executive officer of Native American Boarding School Healing Association.

The legacy of Indian boarding schools unveils deep-ceded injustices that have profoundly affected and continue to resonate within tribal nations and communities, Ms. Parker said.

Supporting for HR 7227 is crucial in acknowledging and addressing the

longstanding historical wrongs, paving the way for truth, justice, and healing for survivors and their descendants, she said, adding, “We deserve to know the truth, and Congress must act decisively to address the enduring trauma and embrace this moment for meaningful progress.

Ponka-We Victors-Cozad, of the Tohono O’odham Nation and Ponca Tribe. Ponka-We is the policy leader of the Boarding School Healing Association, saying of 722, “This joint effort underscores the dedication to acknowledging and addressing historical injustices faced by Native people, a pivotal step towards fostering healing among our relatives.”

The Truth and Healing

Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act will create a 6-year commission that will inquire into the assimilative policies of the U.S. Indian Boarding Schools to examine or undertake the following:

- Document the location of Native children’s graves and locations of their burials.
- Document the ongoing impacts from boarding school eras and locate local, state, religious institutions, and private records of this era,
- Collect testimony from survivors, tribal nations, and subject matter experts.
- Create a commission and disseminate findings and recommendations for legislation and administrative ac-

tions to address the impacts of the Federal Indian boarding school policies, and,

- Investigate beyond the Department of Interior’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, offering more comprehensive data and insights to better determine the number of human lives lost and impacted during this era.
- Additionally, H.R. 7227 advocates for the establishment of a resource center dedicated to gathering and safeguarding documents, records, and personal testimonies associated with Indian boarding schools. This center would serve as a valuable repository for researchers, educators, and future generations, offering insights into this somber chapter of history.

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