Fire agencies begin new burn program

Warm Springs Fire Management and the BIA this week began a program to conduct controlled burn with the use of a helicopter. The aerial burn program was scheduled to start this week on the Metolius Bench area of the reservation, said Brad Donahue, of Fire Management field.

The aerial ignition program includes a class that is conducted as Fire Management, providing certification for firefighters interested in taking part in the actual burn.

Firefighters were on hand from California, Arizona, Washington and other areas, plus from Warm Springs.

Fire Management has not used aerial ignition of controlled burns since 1989. Then last year, national BIA fire officials were in Warm Springs on other business, and suggested holding a training here this year. Fire Management agreed.

The plan is to burn control burn about 4,000 acres at the Metolius Bench, which would help reduce the threat of a major wildfire later in the year, Donahue said.

Fire Management has had a controlled burn program for several years, with the ignition done by hand on the ground. For a 4,000-acre project, this can take two to three weeks, whereas aerial ignition can accomplish this in a day or so, Donahue said.

Fire Management-BIA is using a helicopter and pilot from Bend. Crew members carry out the aerial ignition with the use of an nick-named “ping pong balls.”

These are small plastic spheres filled with potassium permanganate. When the balloon is over the area to be burned, the balls are injected with ethylene glycol and immediately ignited.

VDOS Global, working with Veneta Eagle Tech was possibly going to use a drone to record the process.

The new Tribal Council took office this month, during a time of great opportunity, as well as serious challenges for the Confederated Tribes.

The tribal budget will be a critical point of focus, not only looking to 2017, but for the discretionary budget as well.

On the bright side, the Twentieth Tribal Council is taking office just as the cannabis enterprise is beginning the greenhouse construction phase. In time, this project could over the next decade, providing needed new revenue.

Another positive development.

The timber and Sympal Revenues Branch are developing a new enterprise to realize value from the reserves.

There are logs at the mill, and others in the forest that can be sold at market value, bringing in more revenue.

The forest product situation, though, has two significant down sides.

First, about 80 tribal members lost their jobs this year, when Warm Springs Forest Products Industries shut down.

And second: Last year the pre-vision of Tribal Council, finance and management developed the current year budget on an assumption that the mill would be contributing to the tribal fund. That is no longer the case, as VESFP is in receivership.

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Graduation ceremonies coming up

The Madras High School graduation will be on Saturday, June 4, starting at 2:30. Graduation is held at the football stadium.

The eighth-graders in June will be graduating from the Warm Springs Academy. A show was not yet available as of earlier this week.

The Early Childhood Education graduation is set for June 10, starting at 10 a.m. at the community center.

Some other dates to keep in mind during this graduation time:

The Warm Springs Graduation Banquet for the Class of 2016 is scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 10, at the Agency Longhouse.

High school grads, for information call Carroll at 541-553-3311. For higher education graduates, contact Becky Pizat of the Tribal Council office.

The “Smallest-Grade” Night Out Powwow is set for Wednesday, May 25 at the Simnasho Longhouse. Powwow dinner is at 6, and the powwow at 7.

Grow enterprise begins construction phase

Construction is scheduled to start soon on the grow facility that will house the tribes’ cannabis enterprise.

The construction phase will take four to five months, seeing Veneta estimating a completion time around October.

Meanwhile, the building process is gaining new construction jobs, said Don Sampson, Veneta executive director.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the project proved to be a popular event. On hand were many community members, plus the tribes’ partners in the project, and federal and state officials.

Steve Spala, BIA North-West regional director, mentioned how the tribes and Veneta have handled a unique and potentially complicated business idea.

"They have been very careful and very cautious," Mr. Spala said of the tribes. "They are certainly going by a model!"

An economic-study has projected significant revenue, possibly more than $20 million a year when in full operation, from the cannabis enterprise. "But this is bigger than dollar and cents," said Pit-ta Pitt, project coordinator.

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Native Aspirations gearing up for summer

The Native Aspirations summer youth work and education program starts on June 25. The closing ceremony is on July 16.

There are four orientations scheduled for interested youth. Placement of the youth with a community mentor, if available, will be different.

This year, each youth will make a placement interview with a community mentor, where he or she might like to work. This interview will be with an interview panel.

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Her senior division exhibit was titled Celilo Falls: The Mid-Columbia River Indian Trade Network. The exhibit discusses his-
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The Springs Yard Sale is happening Satur-
day, June 11, from 3-7, at the front lawn of the Com-
munity Center from 9-4. The event is spon-
sored by the Recreation Department. For information call 541-553-3243.

The American Red Cross is recruiting for the Disaster Action Team Training.
The training will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat-
urday, May 14, at the Warm Springs Library conference room.
The Disaster Action Team is there for initial re-
sponse from more major events.
Topics at the training will include assistance with medical and emotional needs, disaster assess-
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For more information contact Rosemary Aloren at the Warm Springs Li-
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Perfect game

Congratulations to Ray Stick for losing his 4th perfect game of the season on the final night of the Warm Springs League Bowling at Madison Lanes. Raymond bowled his fourteenth perfect game a couple weeks ago, celebrating his father Charlie Stick’s 70th birthday. Truly a monumental evening.

Sandra Danzuka

To graduates

The Nimkash Graduation Night Out Powwow for the Class of 2016 will be held on Wednesday, May 25. The Night Out will be at the Somploos Longhouse. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m. and the graduation ceremony is at 8 p.m.

Come and join us as we celebrate our young people’s achievements. This event is sponsored by some happy and proud parents and other members of the Somploos Longhouse. I want to take this opportunity to thank our young people’s teachers.

Michaell, Scott or Leighton.

I want to ask for David, Rosanna, Sandra Danzuka. If you need one, call 541-553-3205 and arrange a ride if you can’t drive.

The training is free but space is limited.

Rides are available. To sign up and arrange a ride of your need, call one 541-553-5025 and ask for family, friends, wherever needed.

We will be talking about dealing with things like alcohol, drugs, peer pressure, and talking about finding support, spirituality and family.

Alone we are strong. Together we are stronger.

David Howesenite

Class reunion

The Madras High School Class of 1940 is getting ready for their Thirty-Five-Year Class Reunion. This will be held August 19-21 at Cab Nee Taf.

We would like to invite all classmates from 1940, as well as other classes that are at- tended high school with, and those who attended Barlow on Friday at 4 p.m. in the Village. Buffet banquet is Saturday evening at 6 p.m. Jim Brunie will be speaking to us on Saturday evening. Please RSVP to Rose “East” Galli- sh, Sid Miller, “Crocker” Young, 933-932- 1201.

A thank you

To the Housing group, thank you for helping put our house water tank in.

It was not fun watching in colors for two and half weeks.

Also, thank you to my daughter Rosanna for letting me shower at her house a couple times.

Sharice Sanders

No big to coa

Columbia River tribal members and community members are invited to join the fight against by attending the Tribal Treaty Cover and Longhouse in Loomis. Wash. The treaty is coming up on May 19. Some details of the treaty proposal include: 4,020 more cars full of coal will be on the rail lines. Coal and rail companies make all the money, while we pay all the risk to the local environment and the air.

A train carrying coal for export project and families on dances. Environmental and health risks infringe upon tribally fishing many rights.

This will include a presen- tion about the ceremony; however, these persons— Frank Wahlman, who of- ficiated the Waash, the drummers, as well as oth- ers were involved in the ceremony was celebrated. I asked my son Cha- rles to provide the drum, and Aaron and Aarin dancing around the Waash drum. Thanks to those folks who sat with us.

I would like to thank the veterans that danced and mentioned and supported Richard- son, whom I served with. Only in the last few years had we made costume again. He was pleased and mentioned he was treated well. He men- tioned Frogman and Kara, who remembered seeing across from him at the time of the ceremony.

I would like to thank Ron Suppah, who has been real supportive, and Judy Calico and brother Raymond as well. Thank you to Austin Greese and his family, and Chief Joe Moses and Travis. Thanks to my brother Ralph and my sister Kat. I really should visit with David.

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Indian Head events in May for Relay for Life

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This is the time of the year that many tribes, and schools involved with these events, and were unable to be with us. They have spoken to me about the support.

I would like to say I am honored by Chief Delvis that he named me Sub-Chief, and that when the time comes I will do my best to serve, and I will be serving.

Thank you all, Chief Delvis.

Sandra Danzuka

The Madras High School 1201. The Night Out will be at the Somploos Longhouse.

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During the past five years we have experienced unprecedented price drops in the wholesale energy market in the Northwest. There are several factors that have changed the demand and energy producers in the Northwest. The two biggest factors are renewable energy resources and natural gas. At any given hour we can see wind generation go from zero to 4,000 megawatts. This has a big impact on market prices and affects all available energy to meet demand.

The other renewable resource affecting the market price is solar. This resource is coming on strong and we will see more and more solar coming in the future.

The number of new renewable energy developments has increased in the Northwest, and by all accounts will continue to increase through the next decade.

The other large influence causing energy prices to remain low is the current prices of natural gas, another fuel supply for power stations in the region.

Right now natural gas prices are at the same levels they were back in 2000. A new method for extraction through a process called fracking has increased the supply, making it more economical to generate power with gas turbines like the combined cycle combustion turbines.

Enterprise dividend

Because of a large supply of low cost natural gas, there is nothing in the open market for power prices.

In 2015, we struggled due to the price drops, and the dividend payment was met with reserve funds from Warm Springs Power & Water.

We will be held pressed based on what we know today to continue using reserves to pay a dividend.

The board of directors has made it very clear we must take drastic measures to insure we are operating the division of the tribe stay financially solvent. With that, the dividend payment will be potentially reduced to levels not typical from WSPWE.

Geothermal

We will continue to explore other generating opportunities, and see if we can put together a viable project that will be masked in the renewable energy requirements that the large utilities will be required to have in the near future.

We received a grant to explore our renewable energy potential here on the reservation. This year we did some surface work to identify where the highest potential may be for a geothermal resource for a power plant.

That information yielded enough positive information to submit a request to further our exploration and drill at a few sites in the Warm Springs River Basin area upstream from Kah-Nee-Ta.

WSPWE.

Tribal Council has also authorized us to explore the geothermal waters that Tribal Council has also been awarded in the Docehute Basin. That is underway and a report for Tribal Council will be delivered in 2016.

We continue to be optimistic that this business will survive if we manage it prudently. Diverting dividends from surplus revenue and not reinvesting is something that the enterprise is going back and will place a high level of importance on maintaining the most value out of the project as possible.

Habitat restoration

Hydroelectric power will continue to have a place in the Northwest energy market. It has operating characteristics that wind and thermal plants don’t have.

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Self help legal advice can cause serious consequences

By Bruce Eagle

Loan officer

W.S. Credit Enterprise

Go carefully into that dark night.

In this busy business world it is

to be carefully handled by people

with legal expertise. That usually must be insured.

Those providers are often not

trained in the law. All they can

be relied upon from anyone who is trained.

That’s your safety blanket if they

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## Root Feast Rodeo action this Saturday

### Scott qualifies for Fargo National tourney

Quentin Scott has travelled some serious miles, starting his quest for qualifying for a huge national tournament on the Great American Rodeo Circuit, edging closer to the platform on the up-side as well as down-side of the rodeo stakes and standings.

Earlier in the high school he participated in the high school rodeo for 3 years with hour and a half with excellence, and for other reasons, Quentin joined the team late. He failed to qualify for Steer wrestling, but the comeback with a strong 9-0 record before the Prineville District Tournament. "That was my wake up call," Quentin said. "That especially prompted me to keep going." Now, he says, "I feel a lot better this week and I am only wrestling in the county still competing!"

The weekend of April 3-5 in the ground arena, Was, the site of Northern Idaho Finals for Freestyle and Greco (the Olympic style). Quentin qualified and out the first day in Freestyle, and the next in a different style placed seventh. For Freestyle was the bracket off criteria. Placing in top four would essentially qualify him for Team Oregon National Team in Greco-Roman style. The next week Quentin and family traveled in Reno for the Benarow for Freestyle and Greco (the Olympic style).

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The U.S. Forest Service,监察长, Doug Dunlap/Bill Sidwalter) - Bob Medina, 541-553-3272.

Getting ready for powow

The Pi-Ume-Sha Community is getting ready for the Forty-Seventh Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. This June powow will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855. Food Gathering – Local and Accustomed to the theme this month will be Of Steer, and other specialties.

Tell the Men’s Round Balls, and Women’s Shell Dances, 3 person hand drum contest; Owl Dance/Rabbit Dance; Queen’s SPECIAL, Miss Warm Springs Special. The Traditional Dress Parade will be on Saturday morning of Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days.

At the sweating in ceremony on Monday, May 9th, with new Council members Ron Suppah (at center) and Jody Calica meet with Onie Delville and other members to lead the new Council.

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The Utilities Department has reopened the Dry Creek landfill and Transfer station open after many days cleaning up an area that is near the landfill.

The area had been used for illegal dumping for many months. The area, an old shooting range, stayed clean for many months. The area is marked with ‘no dumping’ signs. For information, please call the police. 

You can reach Cassie Katchia at 541-325-1573; (w), 541-6295-32; and Louise Katchia, 541-460-0292. Here is some powow information:


Alex Katchia and Amanda Franks of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Letticia Lynn Rau Katchia, born on May 3, 2016. The U.S. Forest Service,监察长, Doug Dunlap/Bill Sidwalter) - Bob Medina, 541-553-3272.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Richard Williams and Durinda Sanders of Culver.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Andrew Stosna of Warm Springs, and Blanca Plasencia of Danville.

The High Desert Museum’s two resident raven artisans, Brook and Rognes, have sent in recently restored exhibit space.

Closed for the fall, the exhibit will reopen Saturday, May 21.

The U.S. Forest Service first opened in 1983 and remains one of the most popular exhibits at the museum. Over four million visitors have watched these amazing birds of prey in this exhibit.

View the Museum’s website for additional information: highdesertmuseum.org

Tribal employment opportunities

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Indian Reservation Resources Department: Secretary/Treasurer/CEO - Karen Lynn Davis, 541-553-3212.

Chief Judge - Contact Karen Lynn Davis, 541-553-3212.

Probate Assistant/ Victim Reconciliation - Lynn, 541-553-3212.

Surveillance Agent I - Don Allen, 541-460-7762.

Surveillance Assistant Technician/Observers - David McCoury, 541-553-0497.

Adult Mental Health Specialist - Caroline Cruz, 541-553-3212.

Dual Diagnosis Therapist - Don Allen, 541-553-0497.

Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline Cruz, 541-553-3212.

Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline Cruz, 541-553-3212.

Sports and Athletics - Austin Greene, 541-553-3212.


Lead Teacher - Cheryl Tom, 541-553-3240.

Teacher Assistant - Cheryl Tom.

Teacher Aide - Cheryl Tom.

Support Services Coordinator - Kay Minnie Mitchell, 541-553-3241.

Daycare Teacher - Kay Minnie Mitchell.

Bus Driver - Jodi Bagley, 541-553-3242.

Family Service Advocate - Ron Donaldson.

Lookout - Eagle, 541-553-3241.

Sidewalk - Bob Modina, 541-553-831380.

Wildland Fire Module Squad Boss (2 positions) - Dorian Solf, 541-553-83138.

Equipment Operator Operations - Jabbar Davis, 541-553-1116.

Assistant Engine Operator - Adrian Talia- Lion Davis, 541-553-539-7117.

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BNSF Conservation Law Enforcement Ranger - Charlie Swann, 541-553-2033.

Fisheries RME Supervisor - Bill Houseal, 541-553-2039.

Fish Technician - Keith Karoglanian, 541-553-2037.


At the Swearing In ceremony on Monday, May 9th, with new Council members Ron Suppah (at center) and Jody Calica meet with Onie Delville and other members to lead the new Council.

High Desert Museum alternate exhibit opens soon

The High Desert Museum's two resident raven artisans, Brook and Rognes, have sent in recently restored exhibit space. Closed for the fall, the exhibit will reopen Saturday, May 21.

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The Warm Springs Head Start program this month received a three-star rating from the Oregon Quality Rating and Improvement System. The Quality Rating and Improvement System, or QRIS, works to raise the quality and consistency of child care and early learning programs across the state. The three-star rating means Warm Springs Head Start is meeting the standards that support quality learning for children, said Cheryl Tom, acting Head Start director.

Warm Springs Head Start is a state-certified child care center, licensed for 430 children. The program first opened in 1992, one of the original Head Start programs in the U.S.

Warm Springs Head Start now employs nearly 100 people, providing comprehensive services including year-round child care, preschool, early intervention, integrated special education, and Head Start, both full and part-day. Housed in the Early Childhood Education Center, services also include after-school care, infant care, parent education, the infant follow-along program, home base program, and various outreach services.

Graduation
The Head Start graduation is coming up on June 10 at the community center. This year there is a large class of 74 of graduating students, who will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall.

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For the first time since the Violence Against Women Act became law in 2013, tribes will be able to obtain federal funds to help them exercise jurisdiction over non-Indians. The landmark law recognizes the “inherent” authority of tribes to arrest, prosecute and sentence certain non-Indian offenders for some domestic violence crimes. But Congress never funded a program that was designed to help tribes strengthen that justice system. That’s finally changing now that Congress included some money in a fiscal year 2016 appropriations measure. The Department of Justice is now accepting applications for the new Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Program.

The lack of federal funding hasn’t stopped tribes from writing new laws, improving their courts and making other changes that enable them to comply with Violence Against Women Act. The law requires tribes to protect the constitutional rights of all defendants if they choose to participate in the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction program.

Funding for tribes to prosecute non-Indians

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UAS at KNT looks to break ground

A key part of the Warm Springs Ventures unmanned aerial systems program is the training center at Kah-Nee-Ta. This will help with Ventures’ goal of developing a Center For Excellence in Fire Fighting on the reservation.

The work at Kah-Nee-Ta will involve remodeling the lower floor area, and creating classrooms and a UAS training simulator. There is a chance the groundbreaking for this work could happen in the next two to three weeks, said Aurolyn Stwyer, Ventures business and marketing director. Funding is coming through a state grant program.

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