Happy Pi-Ume-Sha

The Forty-Seventh Annual Treaty Days starts this Wednesday, June 21 with the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair—with the theme this year, “Water is Life.” The health fair is through 1 p.m. this Wednesday at the community center.

Next is the opening of the new Museum at Warm Springs exhibits, Celestial Visions. Grand opening—the theme anticipating the 2017 total solar eclipse—is this Thursday, June 22, at 3:30 p.m.

The first of the weekend Grand Entries is Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m., at the powwow grounds.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Pai-rade is Sunday at 11 a.m., before the 1 p.m. Grand Entry. Pi-Ume-Sha hosts more than 30 Grand Entries, Sunday evening at 7; and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The powwow this year marks 162 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1855. In that year tribal leaders of the Tenino, Tygh, Wyam, Dockspose and Wasco agreed to many terms as prescribed by Indian Affairs, then a division of the U.S. War Department.

Tribal leaders signed the treaty on June 25, 1855, near Celilo Falls. Pi-Ume-Sha began in 1975, during the Vietnam War, and was an honor to veterans—still a central feature of powwow weekend.

Tribal Council discussion with school district officials

Tribal Council met with the new superintendent of the Jefferson County School District 509-J, and the outgoing superintendent.

The new superintendent is Ken Parrish, also the principal for the past two years of the Warm Springs Academy. The outgoing superintendent is Rick Molitor, resigning to focus on his business enterprise.

Mr. Molitor presented Tribal Council with a Pendleton blanket featuring a white buffalo image, the mascot at Madras High School. He said the partnership between the tribes and school district to build the Warm Springs Academy was a highlight of his career as superintendent.

Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. agreed on this point. “The effort to pass the referendum was a remarkable step in investing in our children,” Chairman Greene said. The membership, management, Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council and school district worked hard to make it a reality, he said.

Council Vice Chairman Judy Calea said there had been a 40-year impasse in developing a new school in Warm Springs, and he appreciates the help in overcoming this impasse.

He added that the tribes and district now have to come up with a new long-term education agreement, a matter that has been pending for about a year now.

The Confederated Tribes, the Education Committee and school district 509-J hosted the first Warm Springs Academy Powwow. The Ich’inun Summer Jam Powwow Slam was held the Tuesday evening of the last week of the school year.

Veterans Memorial Park

The architect working with the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park Committee has developed a design for the project. Meanwhile the funding details are being worked out.

The architects Scientist Brun also designed the museum, and are donating services to the memorial park committee.

Some funding can come in-kind, such as through the use of tribal services for some of the work. Other funding will come from grant sources, such as the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Tribal development director Bruce Jessee was working on this in recent weeks.

A design of the project includes an elevated mound with concrete walkways laid up to the central feature. This feature includes seven flags. Those of the VFW, American Legion, POW/ MIA, Warrior Bag, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, state of Oregon, and the United States. Other notable features: A bronze Warrior Status, the Soldier’s Cross, Service Medallions, ten benches, columns, and names of the veterans of the Confederated Tribes, a running water feature, and a central flame.

The Veterans Memorial Park Committee working on the project include Eamonn Calhoun, president; Charles Tallackson, vice president; Susan Gootee, secretary; Johnathan Couturey, treasurer; trustees AJ Atencio, Dennis Dowty, Dave Martinez and Alex Smith III; and Chaplain Philip David.

Students at the Warm Springs Academy got to see a test flight of a high-altitude helium balloon—she kind that will launch here during the August 21 solar eclipse. The Space Grant Consortium, the NASA partnership and academy hosted the balloon demonstration in the afternoon of the last day of school.

The balloon ascended to a height of 18,000 feet, said Aurolyn Stwyer, Ventures marketing director, who has been working with the NASA partnership team.

After the balloon launch, the team launched a rocket as the school day ended. This is part of a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum. Since the partnership has been visiting Warm Springs, the academy now has an engineering club. A STEM summer camp with an unmanned aerial systems component with Ventures, is another upcoming project of the team. Then in August, during the eclipse, they will launch helium balloons equipped with cameras.

Balloon test flight for solar eclipse

Vet's School on page 71

The architect’s concept image of the Veterans Memorial Park at the Museum at Warm Springs.

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Tribal Planning and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) identified the various State funding is secured to term projects can go for significant roadway improve on the document, meaning some projects can now go forward.

These projects—several along Highway 26 in the Warm Springs area—have been in the works for two years. State funding is secured to continue these projects. ODOT identified the various needs to improve based on a study of the number of accidents at particular locations, and whether injury was involved or just vehicle damage. The single biggest item is the I-5 and Highway 26 Boulevard intersection by the Shell Station. An estimated $910,000 would be used to improve the sight distance from Hollywood Boulevard visibility of pedestrians and bicyclists. This project would involve a larger section of the grade at the intersection.

Other projects include the intersection of Highway 26 and the turn-off to the Warm Springs Casino.

Honoring Purple Heart veterans July 4

Warm Springs Recreation will again honor veterans in the Fourth of July Parade with an equal float on Purples Heart recipients. If you or someone you know was awarded a Purple Heart, please share that information with the Warm Springs OVD.

There is a horse shoe tournament at noon, and all family fun games all afternoon.

This year’s theme is ‘All Aboard July 4 – Come – All – Hosting Our Purple Heart Recipients.’

Summer Rec game room

The Diabetes Prevention Program is hosting the Movie the Wednesday, June 22 at the IHS clinic walking path. Be one of the first 50 to

Monday, June 27
The game room at Sum- mer Rec is open today for youth. They start with a morning walk at 8:10 and a morning snack. They work on balance, core conditioning, flexibility and agility.

Wednesday, June 28
Kids 18 and under can eat for free today at the Warm Springs Youth Center. Breakfast is at 8:30, and Lunch at noon. Kids can take part in game room activities today at Summer Rec. This morning at 8:10 they take their morning walk, followed by a morning snack. It’s Wii Wednesdays from 1:10-9:30. Board and card games are at 10:30 and at 2. They take a walk around the track at 10:30. Next Challenge starts at 1:30. And, they will show a move at 3:30.

Today’s fitness sched- ule is as follows:

In the Atrium at 9:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village. Post Fitness class is at 10 at the Senior Center. Basketball is at noon in the gym, and at 10:15 there is a Fitness class in the Aero- dinic room.

Thursday, June 29
Warm Springs seniors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Early High Start Group is meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ECE. Women’s groups meet today at 1:45-5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy.

Sorority Bears Ferrari Spirit Weekend meets today from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy.

Warm Springs Christian Fellowship is meeting this evening at 6 at High Lookee Lodge.
TERO planning for 2017-18 construction

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office is coordinating work on- and off-reservation with ODOT for later this year and in 2018.

The Warm Springs TERO finalized their memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Transportation in February. With the MOU in place, TERO now works on on- and off-reservation ODOT contracts and others on future projects. There are several projects planned in ODOT region 4—north to south Central Oregon—and in neighboring ODOT regions within the Warm Springs TERO jurisdiction, and Wendell Jim, of the warm springs tribal employment rights office, said, “We are currently planning for 2017-18 construction.”

Summer meals for youth

Warm Springs youth 18 and younger are welcome to come to free nutritious meals through the summer free meal program. Better yet, it is served at the Warm Springs Youth Center (in the former elementary school gym) from 8:30-9, and lunch is from noon to 12:30. At Bridges Career School, located in the Warm Springs School in Ma-dras, they will serve lunch at noon, and an afternoon meal at 3.

Diabetes Prevention Move Walk

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market is every Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of the Re-Use It store next to Warm Springs Market. The market features locally produced and fresh food, crafts and products. For more information, contact the Warm Springs Community Action Team office, 541-553-3148.

Tribal enterprise boards of director

The Confederated Tribes has openings on the following corporate boards of directors (Note: letters of interest and resume due this Friday, June 23):

- Warm Springs Tribes Economic Development Corporation: one non-member position, Class II term expires January 1, 2018.
- Warm Springs Tribes Credit Board of Directors: one non-member position, Class II, term expires January 1, 2020. The other Class II board member is a tribal member.

For each of these board positions, please submit a letter of interest and/or resume no later than June 23, to Emily Yazzie, PO Box 1299, Warm Springs OR 97761. Or fax 541-553-2241. Or email Emily.Yazzie@wstribes.org

All applicants will be required to do a criminal background check and credit check. The report will be submitted confidentially to the Secretary-Treasurer. For more information call 541-553-3287, or 5328.

Pat Courtney Gold, member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, is seeking the unique weaving technique of Wawona basketry. She also enjoys experimenting with various materials and weaving techniques.

Misty Sando-Emhoolah then added, “We are looking for individuals who can offer training to the Warm Springs tribal members who have completed the necessary work and certifications. These will be opportunities for our tribal members who have completed the necessary work and certifications.”

In 2015, the museum asked Pat if they could include the unique weaving technique in Nathe’s 2016 Potlatch Fund award for her work on cultural preservation.

Wasco weave at a beautiful Museum exhibit

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Ando Stokes at Kah-Nee-Ta in July

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Scholarships applications due

The deadline is coming up to submit an application to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs scholarship program. The last day to submit an application is Friday, July 1. For more infor-mation contact Higher Education in the Educa-tion building, room 306.

The phone number is 541-553-3111. Or email carroll.dick@wstribes.org

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Elders Council

The CWCT Elders Council wants to thank Kae Neo-Ta, Indian Head Counsil, and the Museum at Warm Springs for their support and donations. Also thank you to the Elders members for further help and donations. Our next raffle drawing will be held on June 2nd. If you would like to support our organization you can purchase a raffle ticket in the gift shop or make a donation.

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The gathering will allow time for the exploration of nature, sweat lodge, meditation, music and games. The ancient medicine bundle will not be accessible for public viewing.

Elders gathering

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Northern Paiute Powwow in August

The Northern Paiute Powwow—Honoring All Powwows Quarantined and Present—will come up on August 5-6 at the fairgrounds at Burns. The Head Man’s Special has a $500 winner take all ($18 and up), Old Style vs. Contemporary; Women’s Old Style Special, $500 winner take all ($18 and up); Women’s Old Style Jingle Special Spot. Any other questions, call Jody Richards, 541-573-8655. All dancers, drummers and spectators welcome, open to the public, free admission.

Estate planning free to members

Tribal members this summer can receive free assistance with drafting a will, power of attorney, or other estate planning documents. Working with a supervising attorney, Courtoise’s office this summer is at the Community Action Team building on campus, at 1135 Paiute Ave. To schedule an appointment call 541-553-3148; or 541-553-4007 (T). To contact by email: jigard@castu.edu

St. Charles Madras expansion opens

New entrances

St. Charles Madras completed phase 2 of an expansion, and will soon begin the third phase. The expansion of emergency services, surgical services, and diagnostic services was complete earlier this month. The third phase of this project includes the remodeling of the existing space, and moving the laboratory inside the building. Please refer to the following information for entering the building, as St. Charles Madras transitions to the third phase of this project. These plans are temporary until the entire project is complete later this year.

Emergency Department: use the new emergency entrance, northeast corner. All days, all times.

Surgery: use new Emergency entrance, all days, all times.

Family Birthing Center (for laboring moms): New Emergency entrance, all days, all times.

Hospital admittance: New Emergency entrance, all days, all times.

Laboratory (including drug screen): Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Imaging: Ultrasound, CT, X-ray, mammogram, Echo, MRI: Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Pharmacy: Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Outpatient services: Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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Hand Drum Contest sponsored by Derek Houck and family: $150 winner take all, 12 and under. Teen Girls Special by Queen Leslie Pusata family; Couples Dance by Holy family. For vendor information contact Barry Louie Hawley at 541-888-1396. Any other questions, call Jody Richards, 541-573-9405. All dancers, drummers and spectators welcome, open to the public, free admission.

With public transportation in Warm Springs, it’s easy to ride the bus to get to where you need to go—whether your destination is in a neighboring community or on campus at Western Oregon University. Check out our website for schedules, or download the new app to get on the road. Or, learn how to make a dial-a-ride reservation.

[Tribes consider survey on elder safety]

The Confederated Tribes are looking into the possibility of conducting an elder maltreatment survey on the reservation. The data could be used to help in grant funding to address any potential problem or problem areas.

The survey project on the local level is a project of the Warm Springs Senior Program; and was presented to Tribal Council by Chief operations officer Alyssa Mary, and Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz.

Council members want the proposal first to go for formal action before the tribal Health and Welfare Committee.

Council members may be aware of the survey proposal, but no formal recommendation is also needed, Council members said. The survey— and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—were provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI). Council members were aware of the survey proposal, but no formal recommendation is also needed, Council members said. The survey— and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—were provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI). Council members were aware of the survey proposal, but no formal recommendation is also needed, Council members said. The survey— and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—were provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI). Council members were aware of the survey proposal, but no formal recommendation is also needed, Council members said. The survey— and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—were provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI). Council members were aware of the survey proposal, but no formal recommendation is also needed, Council members said. The survey— and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—were provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI).
Hood to Coast Washington

The Warm Springs walking team When’s the Finish Line (WL) is one of 19 teams in the Women’s Division of the first-ever Hood to Coast walk in Warm Springs. When’s the Finish Line team members are Michelle Stacona, Chris Smith, Tashina Smith, Janel Smith, Sephronia Katchia and Sylvia Russell.

Students graduate Language Program

Students this month graduated from the Autnich Ichishkin Sapsikw’at Academy at Culture and Heritage. Ka’ Pew’at’samayu Namu Tatamatai, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, for another successful year in the Autnich Ichishkin Sapsikw’at Academy at Culture and Heritage. The students, returning to all the Miyanashma who attended kindergarten to all parents, grandparents and teachers.

Clinic, youth rodeo in July

Chiefs for Recovery will host a clinic and rodeo for youth at the Warm Springs radio ground show on Saturday, July 8–9. This is the third annual rodeo for youth. The rodeo begins at 11 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. A wild cow rodeo clinic for junior age and seniors will be Judge Jason and Beck Smith.

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Warm Springs Fisheries sets June, July fishing regulations

Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishing is open for subsis-
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KWSO radio will hold their first ever plede drive the week of June 13–21. Anyone desiring to make a contribution to the KWSO station can also choose a sustaining membership by donating $25 or more monthly, having it automatically charged to their credit card or bank account.

Warm Springs Housing Authority.

I would like to thank my family for being there for me through all my ups and downs and for making my dreams come true. Love, Your family and friends.

Four West Coast senators are calling for a declaration of salmon fishery emergency. This could pro-

provide aid to economically struggling fishing communities.

Senators see for salmon fishery emergency

From California, sent a letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross last week calling for the declaration. It comes in the wake of a similar appeal three weeks ago from the two state governors, Kate Brown of Oregon and Jerry Brown of California.

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**Academy Egg Drop**

Tribal Council continues to direct the re-establishment of the Education Branch from the organization. During the budget process last year, Council voted to bring back the Education Branch, which some years ago was separated into different areas of the organization. Council members heard an update on re-establishing Education from Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy, Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz, and Councilwoman Val Switzler, director of the Culture and Heritage Department.

Meeting the education needs of the membership is a priority emphasized multiple times in the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council session, chief operations officer Macy said. “We have a Natural Resources Branch, Utilities, Health and Human Services—but no education,” she said. In the past, however, the new Education Branch had over time been dismantled, with various functions moving to offices in different locations around the organization.

Discussions are ongoing in bringing the branch back together. “This discussion and planning process is as we deal with limited resources,” Ms. Macy said.

The project will take steps, perhaps a process of a couple of years. Next year Education could begin as a department of Health and Human Services, becoming a separate branch in 2019 as the pieces are put in place.

Amen would involve Culture and Heritage, Head Start and EEC-Parent, Education, OSU Extension, eventually Vocational Rehab and possibly the Native American Summer youth work program, among possible others.

An immersion school for students would be a welcome addition, said Councilwoman Switzler, “to do the kind of coordination of the ongoing effort to bring the languages to the Early Childhood Education center. That said, it took 20 years to accomplish, and during that time the number of speakers may have fallen from about 200 to 100, Ms. Switzler said.

“The Education Branch projects on the Council and management agenda as the tribe is negotiating a new education agreement with the school district.”

This could provide an opportunity to partner with the district in providing some of those services, Ms. Macy said. The newly formed Education Branch could be housed in the Education building on campus, though some upgrades would be needed. “It is a matter of finances,” said Tribal Council Chairman Suit Gano Jr. “So it’s keep working on it.”

The 2019 target year for the creation of the new branch will be here before we know it, Chairman Gano said.

**School: improvement in literacy, math**

Monica Rose (Kirk/Littleleaf) Taft, 1970–2017

Monica passed away after a long battle with cancer. Services were held at her and her son’s home, with burial at the Kah-Nee-Ta cemetery. The burial was to be a traditional cremation instead. She loved life and camp, bragging about the fishing and taking her kids to Lincoln City and to the ocean. Her love were ev- erything to her. Monica spent the majority of her school in Wapato, Washington, and went to a Washington college.

She was born in Portland to Anthony Taft and Bernice Ava Burns (de- ceased), who lived in Wapato, Washington, and went to a Washington college. She was the daughter of Anthony Taft and Bernice Ava Burns of Portland and Washington; aunt Carol Kirk; and cousins Robert Burns of Pendergrass, also her father Anthony Littleleaf and stepmom SeeGray, and numerous relatives.

She had charisma and lots of close friends and relatives. She worked at the hospital where she helped out at the urgent care and served as a security at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, both casinos, Warm Springs Behavioral House security and at ECE. She earned a trailer house business near Anamoor, Alabama.

She enjoyed selling horseshoes at her stand at Pi-Ume-Sha and on campus. In her younger days she studied and was always her dad’s pride and joy. Her charisma and unselfish ways will be missed. Monica’s In- dian name was Luvava Xula (Bright Star).
Leadership Corner
A Message from Rick Mollitor
Superintendent

It is with mixed emotions that I write this last message as superintendent for JCSD S99. It has truly been an honor to partner with our staff, families and community members to raise the bar for education in Jefferson County. I am proud of the progress we’ve made and the partnerships we’ve built to support our kids. There is still much work to be done and I am confident that Ken Parse’s leadership will take us to the next level.

As we wrap up the school year, I’d like to invite and challenge our community members to become strong voices for equity and excellence in education. Our communities will shine when each and every student succeeds — regardless of his or her cultural, racial or economic background. Our division is what makes us great.

With your support and the talent of our JCSD team, I know that all of our students throughout our district can be successful.

Thank you for all of your support. I hope you have a happy and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you around town.

Rick Mollitor, JCSD Superintendent

Local leaders make high school internships possible

Thanks to support from local business and community leaders, Bridges Career and Technical High School students now have access to internships that help them learn job skills and gain experience.

According to JCCHS Principal Carrie Smith, the school has been building partnerships with local business owners, EDO, the Madison Chamber of Commerce, COCC and The High Desert Education Service District to better prepare students and help make students with internship opportunities.

Bridges sophomore Lakin Kurtz recently completed an internship with the Great Earth Deli in Madras. Kurtz is interested in owning her own cafe or bakery one day.

“It was pretty exciting to be part of the morning baking. I learned a lot of different things like how to make scones, keep the areas clean and stock shelves.”

— Lakin Kurtz, Bridges sophomore

According to Carrie Phifer, Great Earth’s bread maker who helped supervise Kurtz, she did all right at the deli.

“Lakin was very interested in what we were doing and seemed to enjoy the hands-on training,” said Phifer. “She was good at observing and learning and able to replicate what we were doing. It was a good experience for us and we would definitely hire her to work with an intern again.”

“The community support has been incredible,” said Smith. “Our local leaders are truly stepping up to support these kids as they explore their futures.”

Bridges student Richard Ellis, who is interested in a career in clinical psychology, also interned with Three Rivers Human Society.

Students thriving at new Bridges high school

In its first year, the JCSD Bridges Career and Technical High School has made a big difference in the lives of more than 121 students at Madras and Warm Springs.

The new high school offers project-based, hands-on learning for students who struggle in a traditional school setting.

“We are working with some amazing students who need help overcoming some big personal challenges,” said JCCHS Principal Carrie Smith. “Some are dealing with homelessness or difficult personal situations and they need help getting their basic human needs met so they can come to school and learn. At our Bridges campuses in Madras and Warm Springs, we create a safe space where we can meet them where they are and help them build from there.”

Smith said the students are learning to work together in a respectful, supportive environment.

“I think I’m doing so much better than I was at Madison High School,” said Rose Beneska, grade 10. “I’m up early, I learn everything, and I’m getting really good grades thanks to the teachers.”

This first year, more than 70 students from Madras and Warm Springs successfully graduated and Smith expects that number to climb as the program grows.

“As we begin working with more sophomores and juniors, we’ll be able to support them so they don’t fall so far behind,” said Smith. “They will also learn how they learn best and what skills will have a big impact on their confidence and success.”

Madras High School Vice Principal HD Widdess has been a close partner with the JCCHS team, helping to identify students early and get them the support they need.

“They really help you and they care,” said Bridges 10th grade Richardiya Ellis. “I feel more comfortable and I don’t feel dumb.”

Smith said the Bridges team has enjoyed watching the students grow.

“We’re seeing them become more confident. They are starting to believe they are smart enough to graduate from high school and be successful in careers.”

— Carrie Smith, JCCHS Principal

Warm Springs K8 receives $2.5 million grant

Warm Springs is one of four schools in the Pacific Northwest to receive a $2.5 million grant to increase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning for Native American students. The project, called INSTEEL, is led by the Washington State University teams in partnership with three Pacific Northwest Plateau Tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (Warm Springs Tribe), the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribe), and the Coeur D’Alene Tribe.

According to WSU research lead and associate professor Paul Groves Price the "P" in INSTEEL stands for Indigenous, integrated, told and technology, interest, imagination and innovation. INSTEEL entices tribal knowledge, culture, language and land with western science.

JCSD Alumni: Where are they now?

Do you know a JCSD alumni who has moved on to college and/or career success? We are looking to feature our graduates in future School In Action updates. If you know of a former student, contact the District office at (541) 475-6192.

PAC Calendar

July 20
The New Old Time Chautauqua?
August 21
The 2017 Eclipse Across America

JCSD Calendar

June 26
School Board Meeting District Office?

(above-left) Mark Hack will graduate from Bridges and go on to earn a bachelor’s degree so he can explore his career in film and videocoding. (above-right) Chance Stover is interested in a career in carpentry.

(above-left) Rachel Feyer is interested in a career as a clinical psychologist. (above-right) Justin Freas is interested in exploring a career in the music industry, specializing recording and mixing rabbits. (center) Roreal Goforth plans to draw on his summer work experience to become a hardware equipment operator.
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Details are still coming together for the event, but AUVSI plans on hosting training and UAS demos, outstanding presentations by regional and national unmanned systems and robotics experts, as well as great networking. This will be the second time the resort has hosted the AUVSI Cascade chapter, the first time being in the fall of 2014, when over 150 participants enjoyed the hospitality and great venue features of Kah-Nee-Ta.

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**TERO conference returns to KNT**

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office, Kah-Nee-Ta and the Confederated Tribes are planning for the 2017 Council for Employment Rights National TERO Conference. The conference this July 31-August 3 will be Kah-Nee-Ta Resort—on the Fortieth Anniversary of the first national TERO conference, also held at Kah-Nee-Ta. This is all good timing, as Warm Springs now has its own TERO.

**MHS hoops fundraiser**

Through this Wednesday, June 21, you can show your support for the Madras High School basketball teams. They are holding a can and bottle drive fundraiser through this afternoon at the high school parking lot. All proceeds go to the boys and girls basketball programs. Thank you for supporting MHS hoops!

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