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New state initiative to assess MMIP

The Oregon legislature this year passed House Bill 2625, providing resources for the state to help address one of the most serious problems among tribes.

The problem—many feel it is a crisis, and in Canada referred to as a genocide—is the incidence of missing and murdered indigenous women, or MMIW.

Both federal and state lawmakers and law enforcement agencies are now aware of the problem, and both are taking action. On the federal level a new task force is forming specifically to address the problem.

At a meeting last week with

Tribal Council, U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon Bill Williams spoke to the subject: Mr. Williams said U.S. Attorney General Barr recently made important funding decisions to help address the crisis.

His discussion with Mr. Barr happened this fall at a meeting with tribes in Montana, Mr. Williams said.

Tribal Council also met last week with law enforcement representatives from the state of Oregon.

Council spoke with Terri Davis, state police deputy superintendent, and Mitch Sparks of

the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services.

HB 2625 commissions a report on the incidence in Oregon of missing and murdered indigenous people; and the reasons why this specific group is being targeted.

Loop holes in jurisdiction is seen as one of the barriers to combating the crisis.

The meeting with Tribal Council was the first official step in the process of developing the report, Ms. Davis said.

The task force next will be meeting with the other eight Oregon tribes, gathering information in order to make a recommendation

to the legislature in 2020.

Ms. Davis and Mr. Sparks are planning a community meeting soon in Warm Springs to hear first-hand from the members regarding experiences with cases of missing and murdered indigenous people.

In the U.S. Native American women are more than twice as likely to experience violence than any other demographic. One in three Native women is sexually assaulted during her life; and over 85 percent of these assaults are perpetrated by non-Natives, according to the data.

CEO position at Ventures

Warm Springs Ventures, the economic development enterprise of the Confederated Tribes, seeks to fill the position of chief executive officer. Ventures is a wholly owned company of the tribes. Their mission is “to create sources of revenue through new business development that enhances opportunities for tribal members.”

The chief executive officer will have responsibility for the Ventures operations in accordance with the enterprise strategic plan. The closing date to apply will be January 31, 2020. For additional information please email leslie.cochran@wstribes.org sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org

The following some of the details from the job announcement, posted this week:

The chief executive officer provides leadership and management of the Warm Springs Ventures staff, oversight and growth of its subsidiary enterprises, and is responsible for exploring new business opportunities to diversify the local economy with a priority of generating new revenue for the tribes. Some of the qualifications:

A Bachelor's degree in business, public administration, planning or a related field. An MBA is preferred. Also: a minimum of five years demonstrated leadership and management of a multi- and diverse enterprise environments.

No single-use retail bags after January 1

In Oregon a ban goes into effect on January 1 regarding single-use check-out bags: After that date a retail store or restaurant may provide only re-usable or recycled paper checkout bags to customers.

In certain cases the seller must charge a fee to customers for providing the bag.

The new law repeals the state law requiring retail stores, who provide plastic checkout bags, to offer paper bags as an alternative. By definition in the new law:

A single-use checkout bag is one made of paper, plastic or other material, provided to a customer at the time of checkout, that does not meet the definition of recycled paper checkout bag, reusable fabric checkout bag or reusable plastic checkout bag. Also by definition:

See **HB 2509** on page 2

The Warm Springs Baptist Church invites you to a community Christmas Dinner at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 21.

A Fall Snowfall

The first day of winter this year will be on Saturday, December 21. The snow fell early, though, making for a winter-like November.

The storm arrived at the Oregon Coast early last week, bringing near hurricane-force winds.

The conditions moved inland, and arrived in Central Oregon the day before Thanksgiving, causing work delays.

Tribal Public Safety teams responded to several accidents, many of them at the top of the grade to the north.

A problem during the early part of the storm was the ability of the response teams to navigate the frozen roadway, said Carmen Smith, general manager of tribal Public Safety.

During the snow event, a



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

The Highway 26 grade was especially treacherous during the November snowfall.

fatal motor vehicle accident happened on Tenino Road, in part caused by the driving conditions.

Schoolie Flats experienced a

power outage due to the wind and snow.

The last time a November storm of this intensity happened in Cen-

tral Oregon was 2002. Over the past week at least five inches of snow fell on the reservation, with conditions now clearing

Tribal Council discussion with U.S. Attorneys

It was a case of road rage on the reservation: Three tribal members in a vehicle threatened by another driver wielding a firearm. This happend earlier this year on Highway 26.

The suspect was taken into custody, and held in a Portland jail pending trial. Finally after the trial the jury found the person guilty.

Then came the sentencing: Time served, and the person was set free. The question being: Would this have been the sentence if the road-rage incident happened off the reservation?

“I don’t agree with the sentencing,” said Tribal Councilwoman Anita Jackson. “That makes it seem like lives here don’t matter.”

Tribal Council met last week with the U.S. Attorney for the region Bill Williams; U.S. Attorney

tribal liaison Tim Simmons; and assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Maloney, who takes the lead on many of the federal criminal cases arising on the reservation.

“I agree with you,” Mr. Maloney said. “That was not a good message with the sentencing, and that was not our recommendation.”

At least once a year Tribal Council meets with the U.S. Attorney’s Office. During last week’s conference, federal law enforcement of cannabis was a topic of discussion, as the tribes are preparing a hemp project through Ventures.

The Ventures plan at this time envisions a CBD operation, now regulated as a standard crop under the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Food and Drug Administration.

Much of cannabis regulation

“is like the Wild West,” Mr. Williams said, as the industry is still new. Eleven states including Oregon have legalized marijuana, Williams said. Illinois will become the twelfth as of January 1, while 33 states allow medical use of marijuana.

Regarding marijuana, the U.S. Attorney’s Office focuses on cases involving trafficking, violence, youth endangerment, and abuse of public lands, Mr. Williams said.

Over-production of cannabis is a big problem since legalization took effect, he said.

Methamphetamine continues to be a serious drug problem in Indian country, as it is across the U.S., Williams said.

Another topic at Council was the exclusion order authority of the tribes. Councilman Glendon

Smith raised the question of whether a federal judge—as part of the sentencing of a non-member for a crime committed on the reservation—could exclude the person from the reservation.

Mr. Williams said this has not yet happened, as the federal government respects tribal authority to issue the exclusion.

Councilman Smith said there are cases where a person is aware of the exclusion order, violates the order, spends time in the tribal jail, only to repeat the scenario again and again.

“I know of one individual who has been doing this at least since the 1990s,” Mr. Smith said. “And he doesn’t mind spending time in our jail.”

This becomes a drain on the resources of the tribes, he said.



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Clinic welcomes new director

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic welcomes new director Hyllis Dauphinais. Mr. Dauphinais joins the clinic following the retirement this year of long-time clinic director Carol Prevost.

Mr. Dauphinais is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, from North Dakota.

His wife is Nancy, a member of the Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota. They have been married for 27 years, and have three boys, all grown and on their own now.

“Our oldest son has two daughters, so we are very happy grandparents to a 2-year-old and a 4-week-old,” Hyllis said.

Our oldest and middle boys live and work in Dickenson, North Dakota,



Clinic director Hyllis Dauphinais

and the youngest lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Dauphinais worked

25 years for a tribal manufacturing company, Sioux Manufacturing Corp., be-

fore joining the Spirit Lake Health Center, located in Fort Totten, North Dakota.

He served as the administrative officer for five years, before moving to Phoenix to become their first practice manager at the adult Primary Care Clinic. His goal was to lead the clinic’s effort to achieve Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition.

The clinic successfully completed its PCMH survey and recognition in July of this year.

Mr. Dauphinais joined the Warm Springs IHS clinic in November. He met with Tribal Council this week, briefing Council the goals and objectives of the clinic, and the Joint Health Commission.

On the Council agenda

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for December (subject to change at Council discretion):

Thursday, December 5
9 a.m.: Human Services Branch update with Caroline Cruz.

10: Natural Resources Branch update with Robert Brunoe.

11: Presentation of relief check with Coca Cola.

1:30 p.m.: Public Safety Branch update with Carmen Smith.

2:30: Public Utilities update with Travis Wells.

3:30: Education Branch update with Valerie Switzler.

4:30: Meet and greet with group regarding Kah-Nee-Ta.

10: January 2020 Agenda and review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions. 1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Statistics.

3: Indian Health Service modernization update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

4: Chuush Fund amendment with Michele.

Tuesday, December 10

9 a.m.: Ventures update and hemp plan with Ventures board and staff.

10: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) update with the TERO Commission and office staff.

Thursday-Friday,

December 12-13: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission meeting.

Summary of Tribal Council

December 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chief Joseph Moses, Glendon Smith, Chief Alfred Smith Jr. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder. Bureau of Indian Af-

fairs Update with Floy Anderson, Superintendent.

Office of Special Trustee conference call Update with Kevin Moore.

Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic director.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 10:44 a.m.

Winter shelter hours

The Warm Springs warming shelter will be open on the following days from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.:

Wednesday, December 4.
Thursday, December 5.
Friday, December 6.
Saturday December 7.
Sunday, December 8.
Monday, December 9.

The shelter is located at the former elementary school.

House Bill 2059

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A reusable plastic check-out bag is one with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple

times, and made of durable plastic. The re-usable bag may also be made of machine-washable fabric; or a paper bag made of at least

40 percent post-consumer recycled material. House Bill 2509 passed the Oregon legislative this year.

By encouraging the switch to reusable or recycled paper bags, Oregon

can reduce the amounts of single-use bags that are used and thrown out, while addressing a significant problem for Oregon’s recycling programs: plastic bags.

Resolution of Tribal Council

Tribes join study of elders needs assessment

Whereas the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon believes that long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, meals-on-wheels, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home

services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian country; and,

Whereas the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Again have been awarded grants through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Department of Health and Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native

and Native Hawaiian elderly, and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement of their ACL grant; and,

Whereas the needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs, as follows:

General health status. Activities for daily living. Screening. Visual, hearing and dental. Memory and disability. Health care access. Tobacco and alcohol use. Nutrition, exercise and excess weight. Social support/

housing. Social functioning. Demographics.

Whereas that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation belongs solely to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies or organizations without express authorization from the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and,

Whereas in addition to

providing technical assistance, the grant to the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii resource centers on native aging is required by the Older Americans Act to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and,

Whereas the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Ageing are asking tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement to identify the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the Resource Center will provide: Needs assessment instrument. Assistance in sampling. Training of interviewers. Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone. Data entry and analysis. Data storage on a secure server. Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics.

What the tribe/consortium will provide: A tribal resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable. A list of elders to interview. Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey. Interpretation of the results with local input. Development of recommendations for actions. Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials.

And:

Whereas the summary of information from the

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs’ assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing Tribal Council and to the local contact person; and,

Whereas the confidentiality of enrolled members and tribal consortium information is of the utmost important; therefore the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with a digital copy of the data stored on a secure server at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a period of at least 10 years or longer. Paper copies will be retained for six months after the cycle ends to ensure accurate data entry, then destroyed; now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(a) and (d) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws that Tribal Council hereby authorizes participation in the “Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders” Native elder social and health needs assessment; and,

Be it further resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Ageing to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional and national results from analyses of the data.

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For the Holiday Spirit in Warm Springs

The next few weeks will see a host of Christmas holiday season events on the reservation.

The season begins this Wednesday evening, December 4, as Recreation hosts the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit. The evening begins at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Next Wednesday, December 11 will bring the Christmas Lights Parade, also hosted by Recreation. The parade begins at 6 p.m. on campus.

Parade line-up will be at the old Warm Springs Elementary school starting at 4 p.m. Judging is at 5:15. For

more information call 541-553-3243

The following evening, Thursday, December 12 will be the Warm Springs Academy Family Craft Night starting at 5 p.m.

The Warm Springs Recreation Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend: Find beautifully hand-crafted gifts, delicious baked goods, fry bread and more at the Community Center. Vendors can set up starting at 8 a.m. If you'd like to be a vendor or have questions, call Recreataion, 553-3243.

Indian Night Out is com-

ing up Monday evening, December 16 at the Community Center

Recreation's Last Minute Christmas Bazaar is at the Community Center on Wednesday, December 18 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

HAPPI gift giving

The Warm Springs Health and Promotion Prevention Initiative—HAPPI—is coordinating items for distribution in December. There are two ways you can help:

You can contribute any gift item for youth ages 0 to 18. Unwrapped items may be dropped off at the tribal Administration building, the Health and Wellness Center,

the Early Childhood Education Center, the Library at the Family Resource Center, or at KWSO at the Media Center. Another option:

You may make a cash contribution: \$25 sponsors an item for a child. During business hours, contributions may be made at the administration Cash Management window.

HAPPI is taking applications from families whose could use assistance for your child this Holiday Season. Visit the Library for an application. Gifts will be distributed Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20 at the Warm Springs Youth Center gym.

Forty-Third Annual Christmas Bazaar

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Forty-Third Annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 14 at the Community Center.

Booth set-up starts at 8 a.m., and the bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a chance to find beautifully hand-crafted gifts, plus baked goods, fry bread and more. If you would like to be a vendor, or if you have questions, call Recreation at 541-553-3243.



Podiatry services at IHS

You can make an appointment at the Warm Springs Podiatry Clinic at Indian Health Services by calling 541-553-2610.

If you need to be seen right away you can also opt for a Podiatry Nurse Assessment by coming in to the IHS clinic before 3 p.m.

Employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Human Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to attach cover letter and resume with completed application.

Questions regarding application process can be directed to 541-553-3262. For full job descriptions see: warmsprings-nsn.gov

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Wastewater plant chief leader
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Inventory forester
GIS specialist
Tribal veterans representative
Fisheries Department manager
Biologist
Maintenance – Limited duration
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Day care substitute
Security officer (three positions)
Probate assistant/Vital Stats receptionist
Day car teacher
Patrol lieutenant
Health coordinator
Assistant juvenile prosecutor
Protective care

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Corrections officer (three positions)
Wildlife biologist II
Chief of police
Budget, contract and grant analyst
Education coordinator/coach
Prevention coordinator
Day care teacher
Crew boss-Fuels
Fuels monitor technician (two positions)

Indian Head Casino
The following are positions advertised with the Indian Head Casino:
Revenue auditor - Contact Sean McLane - 541-460-7777 ext.

7705.

Custodian - Contact Rod Durfee 541-460-777 ext. 7722.

Count team member - Willian Wason - 541-460-7777.

Development supervisor - Janell Smith 541-460-7777 ext. 3490.

Players Club host lead - Janell.

Guest services operator - Kapri Moore, 541-460-7777 ext. 7700

Coffee stations attendant - Heather Cody ext. 7710.

Slot keyperson - Kyle Schackmann - ext. 7724.

Tule Grill Cook - Alex Manzano/Christine Brunoe - 541-460-7777 ext. 7725.

Server - Heath.

Cage cashier (2 full-time) - Wyval Rosamilia - ext. 7737.

Security officer (2 full-time) - Tim Kerr ext. 7749.

Plateau Travel Plaza
The following positions are advertised with the Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras:
Cashier - Contact Darrell Jones - 541-777-2815.

Security officer - Doug Super - 541-777-2815.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

Brought to you by KWSO 91.9 FM

Thursday, December 5

The Senior Wellness Center is having **Senior lunch** at noon. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the Behavioral Health Center, and a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

Warm Springs **Recreation exercise classes** today: Insanity is a body weight boot camp style workout including cardio and strength, in the Community Center Aerobics room at 12:10. Functional Fitness focuses on functional movement, cardio, weights, core and more: At the Community Center in the social hall starting at 12:10pm.

Friday, December 6

A **senior fitness** class is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 at the Senior building. After class, participants can eat brunch.

Warm Springs **Recreation exercise classes today:** Functional Fitness focuses on functional movement, cardio, weights, core and more: At the Community Center in the Aerobics room starting at 12:10 p.m. Piyo is a combination of pilates and yoga, with a focus on strength and balance will be in the clinic pod A at 12:10.

There is a **Behavior Health Walk-In Clinic** today. Appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. The medical social workers at the clinic can help with screenings, assessments, crisis in-

tervention and many other things for children, adolescents and adults.

Saturday, December 7

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at the Behavioral Health Center.

Sunday, December 8

Warm Springs Christian Fellowship meets this morning at 10 at the Senior Center.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Sunday School** at 10, and **Worship Service** at 11 this morning.

The Warm Springs Food Bank is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open from 11:30-1:30 today after services. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Monday, December 9

Senior fitness class is this morning at 10:45 at the Senior Center. Participants are invited to eat brunch after.

It's a **late start Monday** for Jefferson County 509-J schools. That means the school day starts 90 minutes later than usual.

Exercising today: Functional Fitness focuses on functional movement, cardio, weights, core and more: At the Community Center in the Aerobics room starting at 12:10pm. Piyo: a combination of pilates and yoga, with a focus on strength and balance will be in the Clinic Pod A at 12:10.

There is **Women's Prayer Group** at the Presbyterian Church from 12:15-12:45 today. All women are welcome.

Warm Springs Community Health at the Health and Wellness Center has a **Behavioral Health clinic** every Monday and Friday. Walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. Services available include screenings, assessments, crisis intervention, and referrals to seek mental health and medical care, substance abuse treatment or other community resources. Children, adolescents and adults are welcome.

Tuesday, December 10

Warm Springs **Recreation exercise classes today:** Fusion fitness starts this morning at 6 in the Community Center Aerobics room. Insanity body weight boot camp style workout is in the Aerobics room at 12:10. Functional Fitness in the

Social Hall starts at 12:10.

Senior Lunch is at noon today at the Senior building.

The **Jefferson County Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street in Madras. They are open for distribution this afternoon.

There is a **Warriors for Wellbriety** meeting this evening at High Lookkee Lodge. They have drum practice at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30.

Wednesday, December 11

There is **Community Acupuncture** in the Community Center Aerobics room. Stop by anytime between 8 and 11:30 a.m.

Warm Springs **Christian Fellowship** has bible study at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Bible Study and Prayer** this evening at 6.

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Letters to the editor

From VOCS

The staff here at the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services would like to say Thank You to Indian Head Casino and Erickson's Thriftway Market. Thank you for the donations—water from Indian Head Casino, and fruit from Thriftway—you provided to us for our Domestic Violence Awareness walk.

We had a great turn out for our walk, and appreciated everyone who joined us in our Stand Against Domestic Violence. We look forward to more walkers joining us next year.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please do not hesitate to call our program at 541-553-2293; or come to the office at 1108 Wasco Street on campus.

We are also available after 5 p.m. by calling Warm Springs Dispatch at 541-553-1171: Ask for the on-call advocate.

Thank you all again for your support.

From the staff here at Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services.

Canned goods must be a minimum size of 10 ounces, with an expiration date of beyond six months.

Other partners are the Oregon Hunger Prevention Coalition, Oregon Food Bank and Neighbor Impact. Indian Head Casino plans to deliver all donated canned goods to the Food Bank in both late November and in December.

To students

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal scholarship guidelines require all students to submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and at least five other scholarships. In the guidelines, see page 3: "Federal Financial Assistance/Other Scholarships to supplement the Tribal Scholarship."

Apply for FAFSA by March 1. If your eligible for the Pell grant, you may be eligible for the Oregon Opportunity State need grants. Their deadline is June 1.

Send you questions to: carroll.dick@wstribes.org

Or call Higher Education at 541-553-3311.

Tribal artists

The Tananáwit Warm Springs community of artists is seeking membership of all tribal member artists. Membership offers many benefits, and there are options to join:

The introductory membership, which is free, offers these benefits:

Access to some workshops and mentoring; communication about activities and the quarterly artists newsletters, plus:

Ability to serve as a non-voting member of the Tananáwit committees; invitation to the annual meeting; and eligibility to turn in artwork for promotional contests.

One level up the Basic membership is \$25, and offers these benefits:

Access to more workshops and mentoring, and communication about activities and the quarterly artist newsletter. Plus:

Ability to serve as a voting member of the Tananáwit committees; and an invitation to the annual meeting with voting rights. Also:

Eligibility to turn in artwork for promotional contests; your name and photo listed as an artist in the Tananáwit newsletter, and on the website; and eligibility to be selected as a Spotlight Artist in the newsletter.

For answers to questions



Spilyay photos

Member show at the museum

On display through mid January at the Museum at Warm Springs is the Twenty-Sixth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit.

Stop by the museum and check out the show!



Howlak Tichum ~ In Loving Memory ~

~ Velden Cory Calica ~
February 7, 1980-November 16, 2019

Velden Cory Calica passed away at his home in Browning, Montana on November 16, 2019. He was 39.

Velden was the beloved son of the late Larry Calica of Warm Springs.

We little knew that day, God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to love you, You did not go alone.

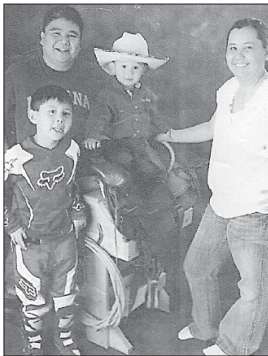
For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you, You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one, The Chain will link again.



YouthBuild recruiting for 2020

YouthBuild at the Heart of Oregon Corps is a 12-month program designed to engage young people ages 16-24 who wish to complete their high school education, and learn construction skills, through building affordable housing in Central Oregon.

YouthBuild Heart of Oregon is now recruiting for the new year. A pre-requirement to joining is completion of an information session.

There are a number of these sessions coming up over the next several weeks. Here is the schedule:

· Tuesday, December 17 at YouthBuild, 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

· Tuesday, January 7 at YouthBuild in Sisters.

· Tuesday, January 14 at YouthBuild.

· A Redmond session date and time are to be announced.

YouthBuild requires a minimum 12-month daily

commitment, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many young people from Warm Springs have completed the program, qualifying for high school and college credits, a stipend, and other benefits.

Public transportation is available for young people who wish to attend an information session. For information call us at 541-526-1380.

YouthBuild and Heart of Oregon Corps.

Point-in-Time

Items are now being collected for the 2020 Warm Springs Point-in-Time homeless survey.

You can provide for those in need who are experiencing homelessness by contributing useful items.

Your donation may be dropped off with Martha at the Commodities building; or with Buffy at the Family Resource Center.

Project Zero

Weigh-ins for the Project Zero Challenge—Maintain, Don't Gain over the Holidays—begin this week. Another weigh-in will be in early January.

The December Project Zero Challenge weigh-in is this Wednesday, December 4 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Indian Head Services.

The January 2 weigh-ins will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center; and 1-4:30 p.m. at IHS.

For information contact the Community Health Program: **Kacey Conyers** or **Jennifer Robbins** at 541-553-2460.

Coins for Cans

The Indian Head Casino Coins for Cans continues through December 19.

Coins for Cans is in partnership with the Warm Springs Food Bank, a service sponsored by the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

The goal at Indian Head Casino is collect three tons of food—the equivalent of 6,000 meals for those in need.

Coins for Cans is an annual drive at Indian Head: Guests at the casino who bring in 10 cans of food earn \$10 in Bonus Slot Play every Monday through Thursday, through December 19.

Joy Harjo, first Native named United States Poet Laureate

Joy Harjo from Tulsa, Oklahoma—of Muscogee Creek, Cherokee, French and Irish—is a poet, musician and author.

She is also the first Native American Poet Laureate of the United States. She is an important figure in the second wave of the literary Native American Renaissance of the late twentieth century.

Central Washington University at Ellensburg recently celebrated Native American Heritage Month, honoring Mr. Harjo in particular.

"Central Washington University sits on Yakama nation land that was ceded in the Treaty of 1855," said Kandee Cleary, university vice president of Inclusivity and Diversity.

"There is much to learn from the Native cultures, relevant to university life, benefitting our students, faculty and the community."

This spirit led the university to choose Mr. Harjo for special Native American Heritage recognition—with a large first-floor display in



Courtesy

Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate of the United States.

the at the university library.

"We decided to highlight Joy Harjo's work because she brings an important voice to American literature," says Rebecca Lubas, Central Washington University dean of Library Services.

"Her poetry gives voice

to the will to survive, and connects the natural world with the inner spirit."

Ms. Harjo has authored eight books of poetry. Her latest, *An American Sunrise*, released this year by W. W. Norton, confronts injustices endured by the Mvskoke/Creek Nation,

of which she is a member.

She is a musician, playing sacophone, dancer and painter. Harjo is also chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. "I've been an unofficial poetry ambassador—on the road for poetry for years," the 68-year-old Harjo said recently.

"I've often been the only poet or Native poet-person that many have seen, met or heard. I've introduced many poetry audiences to Native poetry and audiences not expecting poetry to be poetry."

These are opening lines from her *She had some horses*:

She had horses who were bodies of sand.

She had horses who were maps drawn of blood.

She had horses who were skins of ocean water.

She had horses who were the blue air of sky.

She had horses who were fur and teeth.

She had horses who were clay and would break.

She had horses who were splintered red cliff.

She had some horses.

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W.S. photographer a feature of art show

The photography of Warm Springs' Edward Heath will be a feature of a new show opening at the Art Adventure Gallery in Madras. Opening reception is this Thursday evening, December 5 at 5:30. Mr. Heath has earlier been the featured photography artist at the Museum at Warm Springs. He also had a 2017 show at the Art Adventure Gallery.

Before the opening reception on Thursday, the Jefferson County Arts Association will hold their annual members meeting, starting at 5. Election of the association board is on the agenda. Joining Mr. Heath as featured artist at the new exhibit will Sharon Bean, Gary Bold and John Scheideman.



Example of Edward Heath Photography.

ELVES AT WORK

Jefferson County Arts Association will be holding its annual meeting for members at 5:00pm. There will be elections for the board of directors, and all members are invited to come and vote.

Art Adventure Gallery
185 SE 5th St
www.artadventuregallery.com

Sharon Bean
Gary Bold
Edward Heath
John Scheideman

OPENING RECEPTION
THURSDAY, DEC. 5TH
5:30-7PM

Community notes...

Students in need of **school supplies** can pick some up at the Warm Springs Library in the Family Resource Center.

Basic supplies are available to students during the library's regular business hours.

Cascades East Transit provides transportation around Warm Springs and to Madras, with Connections to other Central Oregon towns.

You can see their schedule for Route 20 at kwso.org

Click on the 'Community' tab and choose transit from the Drop down menu.

If you are experiencing issues with your **Warm Springs Telecom** services, please call them at 541-615-0555. You must call in for technicians to respond, troubleshoot and resolve your issue.

If you have unused or expired medications you need to get rid of, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center now has a **MedSafe drop box** to dispose of old meds.

Bring them to large blue box located in the pharmacy waiting area to safely dispose of unneeded medications.

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New bowling tradition to roll in December

The Warm Springs Indian Holiday Bowling Committee is starting a new tradition—The Jingle All the Way Christmas Open rolls Sunday, December 15 at Madras Bowl.

“This is a fun and festive event—a Christmas themed fun activity,” tournament director Austin Greene.

Bowlers are welcome to wear festive wear for the open. Check-in time will be at 11 a.m., and bowling starts at 12 noon. The pre-registration entry fee is \$40 until this Friday, December 6. After this date there is an additional \$5.

Space is limited to the first 30 women, and the first 30 men—as this will be one squad only. Games will be singles modified with game one: 3 - 6 - 9 Autostrike. Game two—9 Pin No-Tap. And game three—regular game.handicap. **Rules:**

Entering average—Use the first that applies:

Years 2018-2019 year end with 21 games or more. Or 21 games by December 6 of current year of 2019-2020. If none of these apply, assigned average for Women is 180 and Men, 210.

Prize ratio is one in five on payouts. There will be the prizes for your first official strike, 50/50 drawings, and raffle. The event is christmas themed fun activity.

You can reach Austin at 541-553-1953(h); or message at Recreation, 541-553-3243.

You can mail entry to Birney Greene-Boise, PO Box 327, Warm Springs, 97761.

Fundraising store for Buffalos basketball team

At Madras High School the fundraising sale for the girls varsity basketball team is extended to Saturday, December 8.

You can shop online at: [fancloth.shop](#)

Enter the code P8VEV.

The Buffalos fan store

has a wide range of apparel and other items for anyone to order.

Every item that is purchased through this fan store earns money for the basketball team.

There are catalogs left in the mail room at the school

A reminder to students

Now is the time for students planning to attend college or technical school to start completing the requirements for the tribal scholarship.

This includes doing a FAFSA for financial assistance. Details are now available at [kwso.org](#)

Click on the slide that says ‘tribal scholarship’.

Buffalos winter sports opening

The Madras High School boys basketball season opens this Wednesday evening, December 4 at home against Hidden Valley.

The girls varsity basketball season also kicks off December 4, with an away game at Hidden Valley High



School.

The varsity girls will then host a tournament this Friday, December 6, starting at 5:30 p.m.. The tourney is then followed by another home game against Crook County on Tuesday, December 10.

The boys are away on December 10 at Crook County.

The JV teams, Frosh/Soph and Freshman basketball seasons—and the Swimming and Wrestling seasons—are all beginning early this month.

Cougars tourney, winter run, more coming up

The Eighth Annual Warm Springs Cougars Youth Christmas Co-Ed Basketball Tournament is coming up Friday through Sunday, December 20-22.

Divisions: Youth co-ed divisions for 10 years and under; 12 years and under and; and seventh-eighth grade grade co-ed divisions.

For all three divisions the first six teams to register will play. *Deadline to register is this Thursday, December 5.* Entry fee is \$150 per team.

The tournament will be at the Warm Springs Community Center. Tourney director is Austin Greene, Recreation director. His email is: austin.greene@wstribes.org

You can reach him by phone at 541-553-3243 (w); or 553-1953 (h).

Tournament awards include ten champion hoodies for each division; runner-up crew necks; finalist t-shirts, All Tourney; and coaches t-shirts.

Guarantee of three games for each team; round robin then single elimination bracket.

Age deadline is December

20. Bring tribal identification.

madrasrunners.com/canyon dash rumble

The **Canyon Rumble Frozen Half Marathon** is this Saturday, December 7 at Willow Canyon in Madras, starting at 10 a.m.

Racers can choose to run the half marathon, 10k or 5k routes, which all follow the same course. The race features a mix of paved, gravel and dirt trails, along with some challenging terrain. You can register and pay fees online at:

At the Warm Springs Community Center gym, the New Year will bring the Fifty-Ninth Annual All-Indian **Men’s Holiday Basketball tourney**, January 1-4. The deadline to register is December 13. Entry fee is \$375. Awards will be:


For information contact Austin Greene, tournament director, 541-553-3243(w); or 541-553-1953(h). Or you can email: austin.greene@wstribes.org

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Jan.1-4, 2020



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austin.greene@wstribes.org



The Year in Review ~ 2019 ~

The following is a review of the some of the news that happened over the past 12 months on the reservation.

January

As January 2019 opens, **federal offices on the reservation**—the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Office of the Special Trustee—are closed. This is because of the partial federal government shutdown that began in mid December of 2018.

Meanwhile, the Indian Health Services and clinic were on regular business hours; some of the BIA Roads workers were also on the job, working without pay. Elsewhere in January 2019:

There are more than 30 designated **tribal fishing sites** along the mid Columbia River: The sites are a legacy of the federal government’s construction of the dams on the Columbia.

The dams flooded the traditional fishing sites, and also destroyed homes and entire tribal villages. The government for decades now has been obligated to provide

housing for tribal members who were displaced from their homes by the dams and reservoirs.

After the construction of the dams, the federal government rebuilt homes for non-Indians who were displaced, but nothing was done for the Native people.

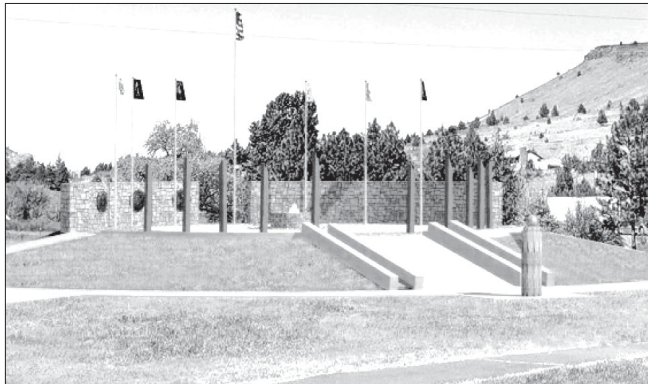
A few years ago, correcting this long-standing omission became a priority of lawmakers from the Northwest. And as a result of this effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now working on a tribal housing project at the Columbia.

The Corps has received \$1.8 million to develop a plan for the housing project. Details—the location and types of housing—are being worked out with the tribes: The Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce.

For its part, the Tribal Council has created a new Columbia River Inter-Tribal Housing entity, with a possible name of N’Chi Wana Housing. The board will work with other tribes and the Corps of Engineers on developing and implementing the tribal housing project at the Columbia. In other January news:



Spilyay photo



Tribal management expects ballots to be in the mail soon for the election of the **Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council** of the Confederated Tribes. The election will be on April 4. Meanwhile:

The Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council decided to move the **blood quantum referendum** from mid February to mid March. Recent changes at Administrative Services have required more time to organize the election.

ball program. If you have any questions about the fan shop, please contact Jerin Say by email at jsay@509j.net

Or call or text to 541-777-7904. Check out the website: [fancloth.shop/P8VEV](#)

Central Oregon Thrive connects individual needs to community resources. They can help with housing, health, employment, social security and more. THRIVE is in Madras on Tuesdays at the Jefferson County Health Department from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 2-4 p.m. Thirty-minute walk in meetings are available. First come, first served. In Warm Springs the **GROW** program is available to connect individuals to community resources. You can stop by the Grow program office to talk with Lorien or Isaac. They are located in the trailer on Wasco Street next to Warm Springs CPS.

Early in the year Warm Springs Construction began work on the Veterans Memorial Park (conceptual image at left).

Tribal Council will soon consider a funding proposal for the CP Enterprise-Ventures cannabis/hemp project. The plan calls for growing and processing non-recreational hemp products on the tribes’ Schoenhagen property, off Highway 26 across the Deschutes River.

The Ventures’ request to Tribal Council is for start-up funding to begin growing hemp. The sooner in the year the plants are in the ground, the larger will be the eventual revenue from sales, the Ventures team said.

The start-up funding would come from the carbon sequestration revenue. Ventures, Natural Resources, Tribal Council and management implemented

the carbon project over the past few years, with great success for the tribes.

For years the tribal story as taught in schools has been mis-represented. The curriculum, de-veloped from the non-Indian perspective, has been incomplete and incorrect.

This is changing as the nine tribes of Oregon are developing Native American curricula that will be taught in public schools.

Warm Springs Culture and Heritage, a department of the new Education Branch, is developing the curriculum of the Confederated Tribes.

Working with tribal elders, Deanie Smith at Culture and Heritage is coordinating the Warm Springs project. The group meets at the Education building, and has developed a draft curriculum that will be refined over the coming months.

The team also hosts community meetings, seeking input. The most recent, for instance, focused on the three Native languages of the Confederated Tribes.

Five specific topics are covered in the overall curriculum:

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January

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The **five curriculum topics:** Tribal History, Sovereignty, Culture, Lan-guages, and Tribal Govern-ment. Three levels of study—for el-ementary school students, middle and high school—are included.

The final curriculum will be com-plete and submitted to the Oregon Department of Educa-tion. This will then be incorporated into the lessons of the public school sys-tem, replac-ing the versions that are incom-plete or inaccurate in regard to the Native people.

Culture and Heritage for years now has been teaching tribal lan-guages, history and cul-ture in schools. The new curricu-lum will broaden this approach, giving stu-dents a better under-standing of the tribal experience.

February

Oregon Governor Kate Brown this month met with Tribal Coun-cil, making official her stance against **‘the Huntington docu-ment.’** Known also as ‘the treaty of 1865,’ this abnormality has never been recognized by tribes or federal government, and is an offense to the tribes.

Essentially: The Treaty of 1855 created the Warm Springs Reserva-tion while recognizing the tribal right to hunt, fish and gather at usual and accustomed places, and on “un-claimed lands” within and beyond the 11-thousand square miles of Ceded lands.

Then a decade later the Oregon superintendent of Indian Affairs, one J.W. Huntington, orchestrated the so-called ‘treaty of 1865.’

This document—with no appar-ent compensation to the tribes, and with hardly any tribal signatures—purported to eliminate tribal off-reservation rights as ensured by the Treaty of 1855. A provision in the 1865 document also says tribal members could only leave the res-ervation with written BIA permis-sion.

This erroneous document was eventually ratified by the United States Senate. Yet it has never been recognized or enforced, ei-ther by the tribes or the federal government.

In support of a federal effort to recognize the illegitimacy of the Huntington document, Governor Brown met with Council at the Museum at Warm Springs, signing her letter of support. In other news this month:



Courtesy Alyssa Macy

Members of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes—Lee Tom, Ron Suppah, Carina Miller (seated), Valerie Switzler, Brigetta McConville, atwai Jody Calica, Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath and Council chairman Austin Greene (from left)—witness as Governor Kate Brown signs a letter of tribal support, against ‘the Huntington document.’

Ballots went out in February for the April 2019 **election of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council** of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. And this in Feb-ruary:

Kiahna Allen, age 11, spoke be-fore the Oregon legislature as an advocate of a state bill that would **reduce carbon emissions.**

Kiahna was on the first panel to testify before the House commit-tee regarding HB 2020: She spoke of her elders’ teachings on the im-portance of a healthy environment.

“We already see the effects of global warming on our roots, ber-ries and salmon,” Kiahna said. The state’s decision regarding HB 2020, she said, will certainly affect her own, and those of future genera-tions.

Kiahna is the daughter of Lorien Stacona, Health and Hu-man Services tribal targeted case manager; and Gordon Scott, liai-son with the Oregon Health Sci-ences University. Despite strong advocacy in favor—and support from Gov. Kate Brown—HB2020 in the end did not pass the House.

March

Since the 1880s the **remains of three ancestors**—believed to be Wasco—were part of a mu-seum collection half-way around the world. A team of Columbia River tribal members—from Warm Springs, Yakama and Umatilla—traveled in March to the museum, the Canterbury in the Christchurch, New Zealand.

A native tribe of New Zealand—long-time friends of the tribes, the Māori—conducted the transfer ceremony, handing the remains back to the Columbia tribes. The tribal group—includ-ing three of the Māori—then trav-eled to the Columbia River—the Wishxam Cemetery at Dallesport, Washington—for this unique and historic return.

The repatriation is unique in that it is an international effort, said Roberta Kirk, Native American Graves and Repatriation Act co-ordinator. She explains:

The Graves and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) applies to museums within the jurisdiction of the United States. The law re-quires these museums to return any Native remains and funerary objects to the most appropriate tribe or tribes.

The Canterbury Museum is out-side this jurisdiction, so the law does not apply, Ms. Kirk said. Instead, the museum has willingly cooper-ated during the years-long process that preceded this month’s return. In other March news:

For Isaiah Florendo **rodeo is a year round sport.** With grand-father Evans Spino Jr. and his trav-eling family, Isaiah makes about 80 rodeos a year.

At age 12, Isaiah had already seen many kinds of rodeo arenas. Yet none were like the renowned Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City.

Former home of the National Finals Rodeo, the arena earlier this year hosted the International Mini-ature Rodeo Association Finals—where hundreds of young people from around the world were in competition.

In the saddle bronc competi-tion—a rodeo specialty for Isaiah—there were four go-rounds. Isaiah won two of these outright. And in the end—with most points overall—he won the International Miniature Rodeo Saddle Bronc World Champion-ship.

Isaiah won the Championship buckle and money, and fine wooden plaques for his two go-around wins. “I was happy about that,” Isaiah says. “I was proud.”



Courtesy

Kiahna Allen, 11, testifies on the carbon emissions bill before the Oregon legislature, 2019.

April

This month—in choosing the **Twenty-Eighth Tribal Coun-cil of the Confederated Tribes**—the membership elected an almost wholly new Council.

Six new Council members are joining two members who were re-elected, plus the three Chiefs who serve for life.

The turnover on the new Tribal Council is the biggest among at least the past several recent Coun-cil elections.

Swearing-in of the new Coun-cil is planned for the first Monday in May. These are the members of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Coun-cil of the Confederated Tribes:

Agency District: Anita Jack-son, Glendon Smith and Lola Sohappy.

Simnasho District: Captain Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah and Raymond Tsumpti.

Seekseequa District: Brigitte McConville and Wilson Wewa.

Management and Council are developing a plan for **a new wa-ter treatment plant.**

The tribes so far this year have made recent improvements to the domestic water treatment plant.

These improvements have al-lowed the tribes to continue to provide the safe drinking water that currently serves the mem-bership.

The improvements—a coop-erative effort of Council and management, Utilities and federal agencies—were designed to pro-long the life of the treatment plant.

The long-term solution for the growing community, though, will be a new treatment plant.

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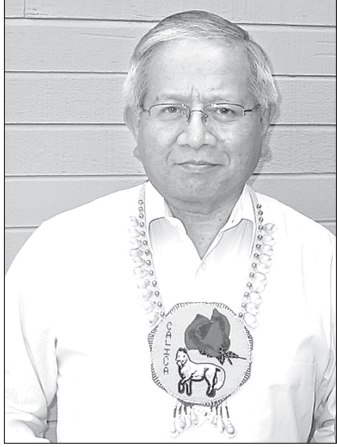
Charles ‘Jody’ Calica ~ Wall-A-Hee- 1947-2019

Charles ‘Jody’ Calica, Vice-Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council, passed away March 18, 2019 at his home and sur-rounded by family.

He is greatly missed by many who knew him and worked with him on natural resources, eco-nomic development and tribal policy.

Mr. Calica’s tribal heritage de-scends from the Tiah Band of the Ichischkin or Warm Springs People, and the Clackamas band of the Kiksht or Wasco People. He was a veterans of the U.S. Navy.

Throughout his 37-year ca-reer of tribal service, he worked in a number of middle to se-nior executive positions includ-ing municipal manager, Natural Resources general manager, and



Chief Operations Officer.

He served three consecutive three-year term appointments as the Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Executive Officer for the Twenty-Third, Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Tribal Coun-cil terms. He then served as a Tribal Council representative of the Simnasho District.

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The Warm Springs Health And Promotion Prevention Initiative (HAPPI) is coordinating items for distribution in December. There are 2 ways you can help.

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- Warm Springs ECE
- Warm Springs Library (Family Resource Center)
- GROW program office (103 Wasco Street)
- KWSO radio

You can make a cash contribution
(\$25 sponsors an item for a child)

- Contributions can be made at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Administration Building Cash Management Window during their business hours.



Deadline to turn in donations:
Monday, December 16, 2019

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April

At the Agency Longhouse this month Charisse Heath gave a demonstration of skills—one of them rare and potentially life-saving, the other lighter and more familiar—at recent **Miss Warm Springs 2019 Pageant**. She first demonstrated her skill in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, a life-saving technique she learned at school. She followed this with the more familiar Native youth skill of basketball, at which Charisse excelled in high school.

At the Pageant she also gave a talk on traditional foods, and food preservation techniques. Charisse is the 2019 Miss Warm Springs. A graduate of Yakama Nation Tribal School in Toppenish, she attends Yakima Valley Community College.

She first became interested in being Miss Warm Springs some years ago. “When I was younger we would go to the powwows, like Lincoln’s Pow-wow,” Charisse says. “And I always looked up to the pow-wow royalty.”

Her friend Thyreicia Simtustus, 2018 Miss Warm Springs, suggested Charisse give this year’s Pageant a try. And the judges agreed that she would make a great 2019 Miss Warm Springs. Elsewhere:

A new book published in April—***Power in the Telling*** by Brook Colley—examines a story of the Warm



Miss Warm Springs 2019 Charisse Heath with aunt Colleen and uncle Roosevelt Johnson.

Springs Tribes, inter-tribal relations, and the effort to build a casino on Ceded Land at Cascade Locks. The author is now the assistant professor of Native American studies at Southern Oregon University. Brook spent several years researching and writing *Power in the Telling*.

May

The first week of May the 11 members of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes took office. After the swearing-in ceremony the Council met for preliminary businesses—electing the chair and vice-chair, and reviewing the tribal major documents: the Treaty, Constitution and By-Laws and others.

Council chose Raymond Tsumpti, longest-serving member, as chairman; and Lola Sohappay, former tribal judge, as vice-chair.

There are many worthwhile project ideas on the reservation—from economic development, housing, a new community cen-

ter, a traditional foods processing plant, to name just a few. There are grant and other funding sources available to tribes, yet a potentially greater source of revenue also exists.

These sources are the tens of thousands of charitable trusts and foundations—1,600 in the Pacific Northwest alone, and more than 110,000 nationwide. These sources become available when an entity has 501(c)(3) non-profit recognition.

The tribes received great news in May, as the federal government awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit status for the Warm Springs Community Development Organization. Tribal executive management, the community development director, Tribal Council and legal counsel initiated the application process two and a half years ago.

Elsewhere in May of this year:

The Confederated Tribes Community Health Nurse team works with the nursing and medical teams of Warm Springs IHS in assuring that children and adolescents receive their scheduled vaccinations.

This health partnership has been a success: The rate of immunization of young

people for meningitis and human papillomavirus on the reservation greatly exceeds the overall standard. And for this cooperative effort, the clinic team has received national recognition, earning the 2019 IHS Area Director’s Award—Fostering Relationships.

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Executive order addressing missing, murdered indigenous women

In a ceremony at the White House last week President Trump signed an executive order establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. “It’s a tremendous problem,” Trump said in announcing Operation Lady Justice, a government-wide initiative aimed at addressing the crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans.

“It’s been going on for a long time—many, many decades, beyond that,” Trump said.

Trump was surrounded by tribal leaders from around Indian Country, as he closed out Native American Heritage Month with the executive order. The president invited tribal leaders to share their own words on such a solemn occasion.

First to speak was Melanie Benjamin, the chief executive of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. She introduced herself in the Ojibwe language.

“It’s a historical day to know that our missing and murdered women have a place and a remembrance, and that we care about them and their families,” Benjamin said in the Oval Office, offering thanks to Trump.

Next was vice president Myron Lizer of the Navajo Nation. He was accompanied by wife, Second Lady Dottie Lizer, and their daughter, Halle Lizer.

“As the host people of the land, we feel that our prayers are being answered—and



With tribal leaders, President Trump displays a signed copy of the executive order establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives at the White House in Washington, D.C., on November 26, 2019.

First Nations’ prayers are powerful,” said Lizer, who provided a blessing before the event started.

“We look forward to seeing some improvement in Indian Country,” Lizer said as he thanked Trump in the Navajo language.

In attendance was Chairman Alvin ‘A.J.’ Not Afraid, of the Crow Tribe. Though Trump pointed out the uniqueness of his name, it was in a friendly and professional manner.

“I personally am affected,” said Not Afraid, whose reservation is located in a county that suffers from the highest rate of missing and murdered cases in the state of Montana.

“So knowing that you support in the realm of this executive order, the Crow Tribe is honored,” Not Afraid said, before present-

ing the President with an image of a group of Crow citizens in their headdresses.

Kevin DuPuis, the chairman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, introduced himself in the Ojibwe language. He too has been personally affected by the crisis of the missing and murdered in Indian Country.

“Our women are the ones who raise our children,” DuPuis said. “Our women are the ones who take care of our village. Our women are the ones who take care of communities—our teachers.”

“Our children are our future,” DuPuis said. “And these are both being affected in that way.”

Another Fond du Lac leader closed out the round of remarks from the Indian Country attendees. Council

member Roger Smith said he’s been working on issues affecting the missing and murdered since being hired as his tribe’s first police officer more than 20 years ago.

“I’m also honored to be sitting on Governor Walz from Minnesota’s Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women,” he said of an initiative signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz, after being written by State Rep. Mary Kuneshe-Podein, who is a descendant of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

According to Trump’s executive order, the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives will be housed and funded by the Department of Justice. It is being co-chaired by Attorney General Barr and Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt, who were present at the signing.

“As you know, this is a very vexing and dangerous issue in Indian Country, and I appreciate your leadership on it,” Barr said to Trump.

“This is an opportunity to bring the expertise of the Department of Justice, and the experience and expertise of Interior, together with our teams to work for these communities that desperately can use our help,” said Bernhardt.

In addition to the co-chairs, the task force will consist of the leaders of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of

Indian Affairs and the Administration for Native Americans, among other federal officials. The members have been directed to consult with tribal governments, and provide a written report within one year, to be followed up by another status update a year later.

“The issue of missing and murdered Indigenous persons has not only affected

families, but it impacts communities,” Second Lady Dottie Lizer of the Navajo Nation said after the event at the White House. “As leaders, we must continue to advocate for safety and justice for Native women and children. Most importantly, we need to address efforts to restore balance, love, and harmony within Native homes and communities.”

Please contact Vital Statistics

The Confederated Tribes Vital Statistics Department would like the following individuals to assist in updating your contact information.

The information needed is a current mailing address. Note: Due to upcoming holiday, address changes for per capita to arrive in on time December is this Friday, November 22. Make sure your box is open and not closed.

Tribal member can come to the office, or send Vital Statistics a letter with the following information needed:

Name, enrollment number, date of birth, former address, and new address.

You may also fax to Vital Statistics Department, 541-553-2236.

Or by mail.

Vital Statistics Dept.,

PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761. This notice is to the following individuals (laast name first):

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Dodge, Austin
Fry, Joshua
Heath, Rebecca
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Jones, Linda
Leach, Sabrina
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Neri, Richardo
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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Please note: All hearings are conducted at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Sylvia Sampson-Spino, Petitioner, vs Lois Squiemphen, Respondent; Case No. RO47-19. TO: Sylvia Sampson-Spino, & Lois Squiemphen:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of December, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

S A N D R A CLEMENTS, Petitioner, vs GRANT CLEMENTS SR, Respondent; Case No. DO125-19. TO: GRANT CLEMENTS SR, SANDRA CLEMENTS, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOWCAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7th day of JANUARY, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**

MARY L. DAVIS, Petitioner, vs JULIA SIMTUSTUS, Respondent; Case No. JV91-14, JV68-17. TO: JULIA SIMTUSTUS, JARRON

DAVIS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27th day of JANUARY, 2020 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CYNTHIA ISADORE, Respondent; Case No. JV53-17. TO: CYNTHIA ISADORE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **24th day of FEBRUARY, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TO: KISHON GRAYBAEL, MARION GRAYBAEL JR. Case No. JV35-10, JV12-15. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **13th day of JANUARY, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs AMANDA SWITZLER, Respondent; Case No. JV19-07. TO: AMANDA SWITZLER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8th day of FEBRUARY, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Jessica E. Gilbert-Finch, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR31. To John Finch, Jessica E. Kirk and Bobby Spackman: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for the **January 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Marilyn Wagner, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR17. Notice is hereby given that Marilyn Wagner, who at the time of her death last known residence was 1706 Foster St., Warm Springs, OR, died on the 30th day of March, 2019 and the court has appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Darrell Anthony James Smith, W.S., U/A,

deceased. Estate no. 2015-30. To Cheryle Smith and Mackalin Kalama: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **January 2, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Tracy D. Fuentes, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR41. To Dellarae Suppah and LaDonna Squiemphen: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **January 6, 2020 at 11 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Glenn R. Brunoe, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR43. To Lorene Wainanwit and Nicole Alexander: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **January 9, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Shari A. Miller, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR46. To Jeremy Miller and Roberta Tufti: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is rescheduled to **December 30, 2019 at 11 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Eric L. Boise, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR34. To Ila Jumping Bull:

2020 Census initiative in Indian Country

The U.S. Census Bureau is recognizing the unique challenges of conducting the census as accurately as possible in American Indian communities.

To accomplish this goal, the Census is reaching out to those communities in advance to build awareness.

This work includes coordinating closely

with tribal governments to accurately count tribal populations on and off reservations.

The 2020 Census is now recruiting people from Indian Country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

You can learn more by calling 1-855-JOB-2020. The pay is very competitive, and the hours are flexible.

Columbia gorge photo contest

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is now accepting submissions for its annual photo contest. The 2019 contest is entitled *Nature + Nurture*, featuring nature pictures at the Columbia. The deadline to submit is December 31. Grand prize is a \$300 Pro Photo Supply gift card,

and a large print of the winning photo.

Seven other category winners will receive \$100 Pro Photo Supply gift cards, and large print of their photo. For the list of contest rules, or to submit photos: gorgefriends.org/photocontest

You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is rescheduled to **December 30, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Stanley R. Smith Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR07. To Rollina Smith, Lori Smith, Stanley Smith III, Jason Smith, Joella Smith and Jacoba Smith: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **January 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

2020 at 4 p.m.

In the matter of the estate of Theda Whalawitsa, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR21. To Lonnie James, Rodney Guerin and Susan Guerin: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **January 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

Around Indian Country

Longtime employee to lead Couer d’Alene gaming

Laura Stensgar is the new chief executive officer of the Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort Hotel in Worley, Idaho. She’s a very familiar face at the facility, as she has worked there since its debut 25 years ago, The Pacific Northwest Inlander reports.

“I think what’s key is our employees,” Stensgar told The Inlander of her vision. “I really want to empower employees to offer that great customer service, what we call traditional tribal hospitality. I really want to focus on that. And then continue to be a good neighbor and work with the community.”

Stensgar succeeds Francis SiJohn, who resigned in early October. She was named interim CEO during the search for a permanent leader before being named to the post.

“The Tribal Council has a lot of confidence in Laura’s abilities,” Chief Allan, the tribe’s vice chair, said in a statement quoted by The Spokesman-Review. “We have no doubt she will continue to run our resort at the top level we know she is capable of and that our guests have come to expect of us.”

Shoshone-Bannock win hazardous waste case

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor recently in the case of *FMC Corporation vs Shoshone-Bannock Tribes*.

FMC argued that the tribe’s demand for payment of storage of hazardous waste on the reservation should be dismissed, as the demand could be in perpetuity: Waste from a now-closed FMC phosphate processing plant has become a Superfund site, and safe cleanup could take decades. Or forever.

FMC stopped paying the tribes for storage in 2001, when the it ceased the phosphorus operations.

The tribes sued in tribal court. Eventually the case reached a tribal appeals court, and that court found the money was owed because “FMC’s creation and storage of this hazardous waste on the reservation creates “an ongoing and extensive threat to human health” and threatens the “welfare and cultural practices of the Tribes and their members.”

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the tribal appeals court had jurisdiction in the case, and its ruling stands.



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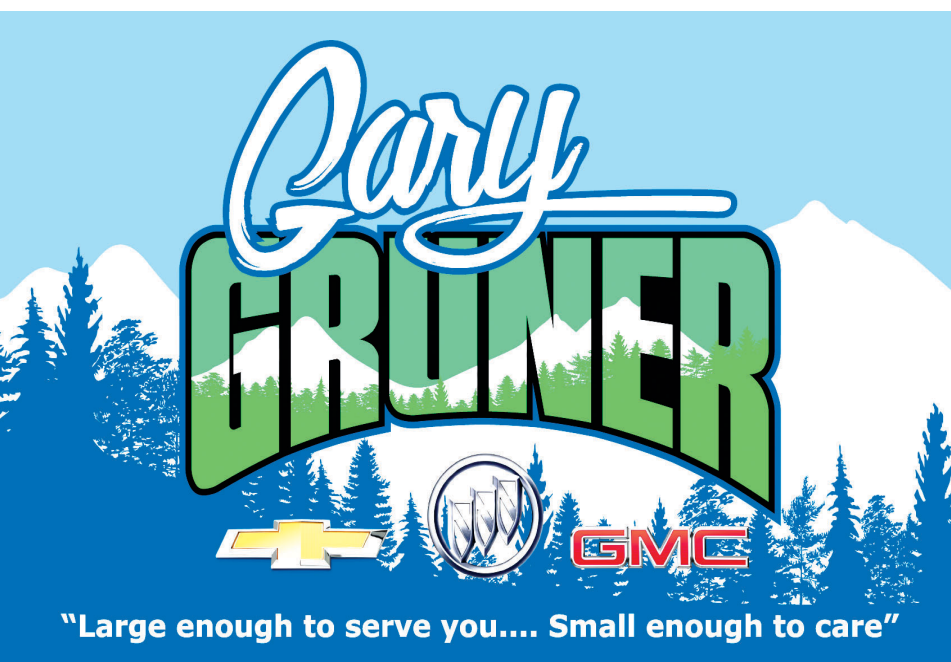
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