New state initiative to assess MMPR

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Mr. Dauphinais’ 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,” Hildy said.

Our oldest and middle boys live and work in Dickinson, North Dakota, and the youngest lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Dauphinais worked for 25 years for a tribal manufacturing company, Susup Manufacturing Corporation, before 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 chief 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 2019. Mr. Dauphinais joined the clinic’s efforts when he started in November. He met with Tribal Council this week, briefing Council the goals and objectives of the clinic, and the Joint Health Commission.

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For the Holiday Spirit in Warm Springs

Thursday, December 5
The Senior Wellness Center is having Senior lunch at noon and 5:00 p.m. for those 60 and older. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 541-553-3243.

Friday, December 6
A senior fitness class is held Monday through Friday at 10:45 at the Senior building. After class, participants can eat brunch. Warm Springs Bap- tism and Exercise classes today: Functional Fit- ness classes on functional movement, cardio, strength, balance, and core. At the Community Center, there are Medical fitness classes starting at 10:12. Piyo is a combination of Pilates and yoga that focuses on flexibility in the spine and core balance and will be available in the gym at 12:10.

Saturday, December 7
There is an Alcohols Anonymous meeting every Saturday morning at 10 at the Shaker Church.

Warm Springs Recreation classes today: Insanity is a body sculpting program that focuses on functional movement, cardio, strength, balance, and core. Monday through Friday from 10:45 to 11:30. For more information call 541-553-3243.

For Podiatry Services, call 541-553-3243.

Fifty-Third Annual Christmas Bazaar

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Fifty-Third Annual Christmas Bazaar. Saturday, December 14 at the Community Center. Bazaar set-up starts at 8 a.m. and the bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Tule Grill Cook - Alex Mancak - 541-460-7777 ext. 7725
- Health - Heath.
Cage cashier (2 full-time) - Tim Kerr ext. 7721
- Security officer (2 full-time) - Tim Kerr ext. 7721
- Indian Night Out is coming to you by KWSO 91.9 FM

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If you need to be sure right away you can also opt for a Podiatry Nurse Assessment by coming in to the IHS clinic before 3 p.m.
To students: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs internal scholarship guidelines require all students to submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and at least four other scholarships in the guidelines, see page 3: "Federal Financial Assistance Other Scholarships to supplement the Tribal Scholarship.

Applying for FAFSA by March 1. Your eligible for the Pell grant and may possibly be eligible for the Oregon Opportunity Grant need grants.

Your deadline is June 1.

Send your questions to: kaceyc@wstribes.org

Call Higher Education at 541-535-3311.

Canned goods must be a minimum size of 10 ounces, with an expiration date of beyond six months. Other items, such as Oregon Hunger Prevention Coalition, Oregon Food Bank stock cards, Warm Springs Trust, and Indian Head Casino, plans to deliver all donated canned goods to the Warm Springs Victims of Domestic Violence Awareness walk.

We have a great turn out for the Walk Against Domestic Violence Awareness and everyone who joined us in our Walk 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 541-233-2285, or come to the office at 1086 Wasco Street on campus.

We are also available after 5 pm by calling Warm Springs Dispatch at 541-535-1171. Ask for the call center.

Thank you all again for your support.

The staff here at Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services.

Project Zero Weigh-in for the Project Zero Challenge: Don’t Gain over the Holidays.

Weigh-in will be on Tuesday, December 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Indian Head Services.

The January 2 weigh-in will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center; and 1:40 p.m. at HS. For information contact the Community Health Program: Kacey Conyers or Jennifer Robbins at 541-535-2460.

Membership in the Project Zero Challenge is $10 in Bonus Slot Play every Monday through Thursday. For those who bring in 10 cans of food every Monday through Thursday, they will receive a $5 in Bonus Slot Play that will be added to their Bonus Slot Play account. Each person will need to bring the canned goods in a bag in order to receive the reward. Deliver all donated canned goods to the Warm Springs Victims of Domestic Violence Awareness walk.

Projects Zero Item are now being collected for the 2020 Warm Springs Holiday Homeless Survey. You can provide those in need who are experiencing homelessness by contributing useful items. Your donation may be dropped off with Martha at the Commodity Building or with Buffy at the Family Resource Center.

Howlak Tichum ~ In Loving Memory ~

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

I’m a poet or Native poet-person, I’m an unofficial poetry ambassador out of the next several weeks. April 2019.

You left as beautiful memories. Your love is still with us. And although we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our family circle is broken, and something inside me.

It breaks your hearts to lose your children. You did not go alone.

For part of you will be gone. The day God called you home.

Project Zero Challenge—Maintain, don’t gain over the Holidays. The Tananawit 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:

- Ability to serve as a voting member of the Tananawit Warm Springs Art committee and an invitation to the annual meeting; and eligibility to turn in artwork for promotional use.

- One level up from Basic membership is $25, and offers these benefits:

- Access to more workshops and mentoring, and communication and networking with the artists and the quarterly artists newsletter plus.

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

For answers to questions

Judy Harjo, first Native named United States Poet Laureate

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Before the opening reception on Thursday, the Jefferson County Arts Association will hold their annual members meeting, starting at 5.30. 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.

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 the large blue box located in the pharmacy waiting area to safely dispose of unneeded medications.
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Kiahna Allen, age 11, spoke before the Oregon legislature as an advocate of a state bill that would reduce carbon emissions.

Kiahna was on this panel to testify before the House Committee regarding HB 220. She spoke of her sisters’ teachings on the importance of a healthy environment.

“We already see the effects of global warming on our homes, our animals, and our land,” Kiahna said. The state’s decision regarding HB 220, she said, will certainly affect her own, and those of future generations.

Kiahna is the daughter of Loren Seacrest, Health and Human Services tribal targeted case manager, and Gordon Scott, liaison with the Oregon Health Sciences University. Despite strong advocacy in favor—and support from Gov. Kate Brown—HB220 in the end did not pass the House.

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

A tribal treaty of New Zealand—long-time friends of the tribes, the McKee and O’Hagan families—petitioned the museum to return the remains back to the Columbia tribes. The McKee’s were 3 Fuegians, one of three from the Alacaluf tribe who were moved to Australia back in the 1700s. They were the last remaining members of the Alacaluf tribe. The remains of the 3 Fuegians were returned to the museum, where they are being displayed.

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

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

The Catherhof Museum is located in Munich in the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council term. The museum is a part of the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council term. The museum is a part of the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council term.

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Make it a... HAPPY HOLIDAY FOR WARM SPRINGS APRILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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

You can contribute any item for youth 0-18
Unwrapped items can be dropped off at:
• Tribal Admin Building
• Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center
• Warm Springs ECE
• Warm Springs Library (Family Resource Center)
• GROW program office (103 Wasco Street)
• KWOS 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


Wall-A-Hee-1947-2019

For Isaiah Flumendo makes a year round sport
On horseback, and yet he’s not the number one, and yet he’s not the number one. He made it in 2018.

At age 12, Isaiah had already seen many kinds of rodeos arenas. Yet none were like the renowned Jim Nintchick Arena in Oklahoma City. Former home of the National Finals Rodeo, the arena earlier this year hosted the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals—where hundreds of young people from around the world met to compete.

In the saddle bronc competition—a rodeo specialty for Isaiah—there were four rounds. Isaiah won two of those rounds. And in the end—with most points overall—he went on to win the International Miniature Rodeo Saddle Bronc World Championship.

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

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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.

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.

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Elsewhere in May of this year:

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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 Sohappy, former tribal judge, as vice-chair.

There are many worthwhile project ideas on the reservation—from economic development, housing, a new community center, a traditional foods processing plant, to name just a few. 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.

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Executive order addressing murdered, missing indigenous women

In a ceremony at the White House, President Donald Trump signed an executive order establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, saying it’s “an enormous problem.” Trump said in an announcement Operation Lady Bible, a government-wide initiative aimed at responding to the crisis of missing and murdered Native American women.

“This is an order that will last a long time—many, many decades beyond that,” Trump said.

Trump was surrounded by tribal leaders, including Melanie Benjamin, the executive director of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribe.

First to speak was Melanie Benjamin, the chief executive of the Mille Lacs Band of the Ojibwe tribe. She introduced her husband into the Ojibwe language.

“Seasons of warm greetings, seasons of sorrow and a remembrance, seasons of our missing and murdered ones,” Benjamin said in the Oval Office, of American Indians.

In previous years on this occasion, tribal leaders of tribes from the Northwest, Midwest, South, Great Plains, and the Mountain West have presented with the White House a signed executive order.

This year, President Trump signed an executive order on Native American Heritage Month with the executive boards of the 566 federally recognized Native American tribes.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre introduced the event.

“Today, we honor the Native Americans who have made the greatest sacrifices for the nation,” President Trump said.

“First and foremost, I want to say thank you to the tribal leaders, the Native American people who have contributed so much to this great nation,” Trump said.

“Thank you for your sacrifice and your dedication,” Trump said.

“Thank you for your continued hard work,” Trump said.

“Thank you for being here,” Trump said.

The president introduced his wife, Second Lady Karen Pence.

“Happy Native American Heritage Month,” Pence said.

“President Trump and I are honored to be here today to celebrate our rich culture and the beauty of our Native American heritage,” Pence said.

“This Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate the rich cultural and spiritual traditions of Native American Tribes. These traditions have been passed down from generation to generation and are an essential part of who we are today,” Pence said.

“Today, we honor the history and the contributions of our Native American ancestors, and we continue to build on their legacy,” Pence said.

Today, we recognize the Native American heritage month, which is celebrated in November in the United States.

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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.

“It’s what’s best for 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 v. 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 phosphorus processing plant has become a Superfund site, and safe cleanup could take decades or forever.

FMC stopped paying the tribe for storage in 2001, when 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 “self-reliance and cultural practices of the Tribes and their members.”

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

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