

Coalition: addressing victims' needs

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The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs already has a well-established and active Victims of Crime office, but the same is not true of other tribes in the state, said George. One large reservation in the state, she said, has only one person handling all of the domestic violence and sexual assault victims assistance duties. Clearly, this is much too large a caseload for one person, said George.

Another problem is lack of victims shelters available to Indian people, who can find it very hard to live at non-Indian shelters because of cultural differences. All too often the victim chooses to return to an abusive situation rather than stay at the shelter, said George.

Along with the survey, another upcoming project of the coalition will be the production of a documentary video on the subject of domestic violence and sexual assault in Indian Country. The project will involve all of the tribes in the state, said George.

The coalition also plans to develop a training program for people whose work is providing assistance to Indian people who are victims of domestic violence. "Now, there is no standard domestic violence assistance



Lucinda George

training for Indian Country," said George.

The Indian Country Coalition Against Domestic Violence and

Sexual Assault is funded by a federal grant.

The coalition began in 2002, when Marie Calica, director of

Warm Springs Victims of Crime, learned that federal funding was available for the creation of such an organization. Calica now serves as the president of the board of the coalition. Vice president is Marvin Garcia, who works in social services with the Klamath Tribes.

Before opening the office recently in Madras, George worked out of her home.

George's background includes work with the Wenatchee Police Department, where she served as an advocate and later as a trainer in self-defense tactics. She served as a liaison between the court system and the victims of crimes.

She has a degree in criminal justice and a graduate degree in social work.

Her co-worker Debra Kalama has a background in business.

In simplest terms, the goal of the coalition is, "To empower Indian victims to live healthier lives."

In the long-term the goal is stop the cycle of abuse: If a child grows up in an environment of domestic abuse, then as an adult the individual is more likely to display the same behaviour.

For more information on the coalition, call 475-6690.

Miller wins scholarship

The Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has awarded scholarships to three area students, including Candice Miller of Warm Springs.

"It was a difficult decision," said Dorothea Viera, scholarship committee member. "We had originally decided to award just one \$1,000 scholarship, the one that went to Candice."

But, she said, the committee was so impressed with two other applicants that the committee board approved an additional \$1,000, to be split by two other applicants, Karola Bond of Prineville and Catherine Collins of Redmond.

All three students plan to pursue higher education in the field of medicine.

Miller will be attending Concordia University in Portland, majoring in biology/pre-medicine.

Potluck honors Navy veterans

All Navy men who wore silver or gold Dolphins are hereby requested to attend a potluck picnic to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 5. The picnic will be held at the home of Bill and Sue Munson, 1280 Eagle Vista Place at Crooked River Ranch.

Their phone number is 548-6717. "Since our base is just getting started, guests are requested to bring enough food for themselves plus two," said Bill Munson. He also requested that anyone who intends to attend the potluck, please call and let them know.

Woman sentenced to probation

Josie Ann Blackwolf was recently sentenced in U.S. District Court in Portland to five years probation, and ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$9,602, according to a police department report.

The sentencing follows Blackwolf's conviction on one count of embezzlement from an Indian organization.

Blackwolf was charged in U.S. District Court after an investigation determined that money had been taken from the Warm Springs Tribal Court where Blackwolf was employed. She worked as the compliance officer.

The criminal investigation division of the Warm Springs Police Department conducted the investigation.

Some frequently asked questions about clinic appointments

By Sharon A. Miller
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Question: Why am I placed on hold when I call for an appointment in the morning?

Answer: A large number of calls come into the clinic between eight and 10 o'clock in the morning. On some days, 20 to 30 calls may occur within a half hour.

Since it is not possible for one nurse to answer all those calls at once, we now try to have several people answering the phones during those times. Your call still may be placed on hold, but your call will be answered in the order you called in.

New phone system software

has been installed, so the staff answering the phones are able to see how many calls are waiting, and they can call for additional help during busy times.

Question: Why does the nurse on the phone ask me all those questions, when all I want is an appointment?

Answer: Each day in the clinic there are a given number of appointments available either with a doctor, a nurse practitioner, or a registered nurse.

While the triage nurse speaks with you on the phone, she or he is also checking the computer for the availability of appointments, and trying to match your needs with an appropriate length of appointment time.

We will usually try to get you an appointment with your "designated" provider. If your provider is not available you may be asked who you would like to see or who you usually see if your doctor or practitioner is not in.

The phone nurse also begins preparation for your appointment. For example, lab work or x-rays may be ordered, results from referrals may need to be faxed, etc. We can do that before your visit, in order to make your visit go faster with less waiting.

The nurse must also determine if you have a medical emergency that needs immediate attention.

Many times people seek appointments when they really need an order for a med refill, medical advice, or the results of a medical test, and often the nurse can help make that happen without waiting for an appointment time (some medications do require a visit for a refill order so you may be asked what the medication is).

If you have a designated provider, your provider's nurse can also help with these kinds of requests, and you may not need to wait for that appointment.

Question: Why does the nurse ask so many questions when she or he is just taking my vital signs? I just have to repeat myself to the doctor or the

nurse practitioner when I get in the room.

Answer: Just like calling in for your appointment, the nurse is often checking to see if there are other things you will need for your visit. Lab work can be done while waiting for the doctor or nurse practitioner, and this saves you time.

The nurse may also screen for safety and health issues such as nutrition, exercise, tobacco use, domestic violence, etc., or be able to find you health information about your problem while you are seeing your doctor or nurse practitioner.

Question: Why does my 15 minute appointment take so long?

Answer: An appointment to see a doctor, nurse practitioner, or nurse involves more than the time set aside with the provider.

When arriving at the clinic your first stop is with patient registration to update demographic information, then you sign in with the medical receptionists, the nurse aide will take vital signs, and the RN will order laboratory tests or x-rays if needed.

These are actions taken prior to your 15-minute appointment time so all information is available for you and your provider to discuss.

Your appointment with the provider may result in additional needs.

In the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Lee Johnson, respondent. Case No. CV59-03. To Lee Johnson:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Modification 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 10:30 a.m. on July 8, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Warm Springs Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for modification. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, June 3, 2003. Judge Wilma Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Shawn Cartney, respondent. Case No. CV57-03 To Shawn Cartney:

You are hereby notified that a petition 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 11 a.m. on July 8, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, WS Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, June 3, 2003. Judge Wilma Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Elizabeth Johnson, respondent. Case No. CV193-02. To Elizabeth Johnson:

You are hereby notified that a Civil Complaint has been filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court alleging that the defendant has committed a civil wrong against the plaintiff. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on July 8, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

The defendant in this matter has the right to file an answer to the complaint prior to the hearing, however, he/she is not required to do so. The defendant also has the right to file a counterclaim prior to the hearing. Any papers filed with this court in conjunction with this case must be accompanied by the certification that the opposing party was served a copy of the same by the time the court filed was made.

If the defendant fails to appear at the hearing, the court may award the plaintiff a default judgment, which means the court can award the plaintiff all that is requested in the complaint. If the plaintiff fails to appear at the hearing, the court may dismiss the case for lack of prosecution, allow the defendant to offer proof, or continue the case and reschedule the hearing. If both parties fail to appear at the hearing, the court may dismiss the case with prejudice, or reschedule the hearing.

If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately. Failure to obtain legal counsel prior to the hearing is not sufficient cause to reschedule. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, June 6, 2003. Judge Walter Langnese, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Marie Tom, petitioner, vs. Tyree/Cecilia Stormbringer, respondent. Case No. DO77-03. To Marie Tom/Tyree and Cecilia Stormbringer:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Conservator/Guardian 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 11 a.m. on July 8, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Marie Tom, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Conservator/Guardian. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, June 11, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Children's Protection Services, petitioner, vs. Michelle Gonzales, respondent. Case No. JV31-93; JV56-96. To Michelle Gonzales:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Assisted Guardianship 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 2 p.m. on July 9, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Childs Protective Services, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Assisted Guardianship. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, June 4, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Carolyn Lawrence, petitioner, vs. Valerie/Frank Fuiava Sr., respondent. Case No. DO3;4;5;6-03. To Carolyn Lawrence/ Valerie and Frank

Fuiava Sr.:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Conservator/ Guardian Review Hearing 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 9 a.m. on July 10, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Carolyn Lawrence, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Conservator/ Guardian Review Hearing. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on June 11, 2003. Judge Lola Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Pat Allen, respondent. Case No. CV67-03. To Pat Allen:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint 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 11 a.m. on July 14, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will auto-

matically win. The WS Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Civil Complaint.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on June 10, 2003. Judge Wilma Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Frank Brunoe, respondent. Case No. CV69-03. To Frank Brunoe:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint 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 11:30 a.m. on July 14, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Warm Springs Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Civil Complaint.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on June 10, 2003. Judge Wilma Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Victoria Gerba, petitioner, vs. Kerrick Gerba, respondent. Case No. DO135-02. To Victoria/Kerrick Gerba:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Dissolution of Marriage 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 9 a.m. on July 15, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your

argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Victoria Gerba, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may then have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon June 11, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Roderick Arthur, respondent. Case No. CV263-02. To Roderick Arthur:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint 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 11 a.m. on July 15, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Warm Springs Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for civil complaint. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon June 10, 2003. Judge Wilma Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Next Spilyay deadline is noon Thursday, July 3

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