

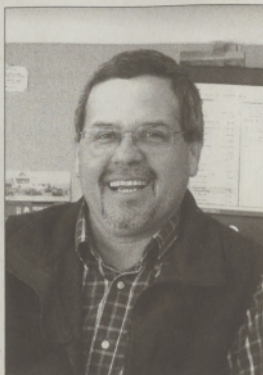
# Award to Manion benefits river, youth

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Ecotrust, an organization that honors and supports the wisdom of Native and First Nation leadership has recognized Jim Manion as one of five of the West's most innovative indigenous leaders.

Manion was awarded the 2009 Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Award for his work representing the Warm Springs Reservation, as the general manager of Power and Water Enterprises, and as the chair of the Deschutes River Conservancy.

Throughout his career Manion has helped to improve the tribe's economic, political,



Jim Manion

and environmental strength through creative leadership, managerial skills, and an open form of communication, the

Ecotrust representative said.

Manion's leadership resulted in a source of renewable energy for the region, economic support for the tribe, more focus on environmental mitigation, and fish and wildlife usage within the Deschutes River basin.

As the main awardee, Manion received a \$25,000 grant, which he pledged mainly to the Deschutes River Conservancy and the Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club.

The Deschutes River Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that works with cities, counties and irrigation districts to improve fish habitat in the Deschutes and its tributaries.

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is starting up again and needs some funding help, said Manion.

Some of the money will also go to a tribal canoe project for youth, he said.

Four finalists each received a grant of \$5,000. They are: Janeen Comenote (Quinalt), Allen Pinkham (Nez Perce), Brian Wallace (Washoe), and Patricia Whitefoot (Yakama).

For more information on Ecotrust, go to [www.ecotrust.com](http://www.ecotrust.com).

Allen Pinkham from the Nez Perce is the father-in-law of Warm Springs Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham.

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## Warm Springs Community Calendar

### Wednesday, Dec. 16

There will be an **Arts & Crafts Show & Sale** this Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Plaza. Space is limited, contact Anita Davis for more information at 553-3462.

CPS is having their **Annual Foster Parent Christmas Dinner & Exchange** from 5:30-7 p.m.

Warm Springs Fire and Safety offers **1st aid classes** open to all community members the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. Fire and Safety has more information, 553-1634.

At noon there will be **Yoga** class at the Community Center.

The **Young Artists Society** for teen artists meets Wednesday at 3:45 at the Jefferson County Library's Rodriguez Annex.

**The Red Road For Parents** is a 12-week program that teaches parents the tools required to meet the challenges that raising adolescents can bring. They meet every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs lecture room at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

### Thursday, Dec. 17

It's **Family Craft Night** at Warm Springs Elementary School from 5:30 until 7 in the Gym.

The **Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner** is Thursday at noon at Agency Longhouse; there will also be a small Christmas Bazaar in the dining room from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the seniors to sell their arts and crafts.

At noon there will be **Core Strength** class at the Community Center.

There's a **4-H after school** activity Thursday 3:30-5 p.m. at the Education Building, it's "Dance For Fun" with Merle Kirk.

There is **group dance practice** every Thursday from 5-6:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the Warm Springs Community Center. The group is open to all ages.

**Positive Indian Parenting Class** will be held this evening at Warm Springs Community Counseling. The topic this week is Praise in Traditional Parenting and Choices.

**Narcotics Anonymous** will meet Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family resource Center conference room.

### Friday, Dec. 18

At noon there will be **Body Flex** class at the

Community Center.

The Madras High School **boys basketball** team takes on Liberty at 7 p.m. in Madras. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

### Saturday, Dec. 19

The Warm Springs Christian community will come together for a monthly **Christian community prayer gathering and potluck** at High Lookee Lodge in the Tribal Room the third Saturday of every month. People from Baptist, Presbyterian, Full Gospel, Simnasho, home churches and others are invited to attend.

The Madras High School **boys basketball** team takes on Woodburn Saturday at 7 p.m. at Madras. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

### Monday, Dec. 21

The 509-J school district **Winter Break** starts Monday. School will resume on January 4.

At noon there will be **Cardio** class at the Community Center.

A **woman's support group** meets this evening from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services office.

The Madras High School **girls basketball** team hosts the Madras Invitational Tournament Monday at 7 p.m. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

There's a **Healthy Breakfast** at the IHS kitchen conference room from 9-10 a.m. The topic is DM Support Group.

At noon there will be **Body Flex** class at the Community Center.

Community Counseling presents the **Red Road For Youth**, a weekly program designed to help kids find their role in community. They meet every Tuesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the upstairs lecture room of the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

The Madras High School

**boys basketball** team hosts The Madras Invitational Tournament Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Listen to KWSO for live play by play coverage of the game.

### Wednesday, Dec. 23

At noon there will be **Yoga** class at the Community Center.

The Young Filmmakers Society for teen filmmakers meets Wednesday at 3:45 at the Jefferson County Library's Rodriguez Annex.

### Thursday, Dec. 24

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will allow **early release** for Christmas Eve. Employees who are present for a full day of work on Wednesday will get off work at 3 p.m. Employees with kids at Early Childhood Education need to pick them up by 3:30. Early shutdown does not apply to WSPD, Corrections, EMTs, the Tribal Group Home or Tribal Utilities personnel.

The Warm Springs 1910 Indian Shaker Church will have a **Potluck Christmas Eve Dinner** for all members Thursday starting at 6pm. They will have services Friday and Saturday night at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10am with Baptisms.

### Saturday, Dec. 26

The Freeze Your Fanny **Fundraiser Holiday Fun Run/Walk, Swim, Fitness Challenge and Chili Feed** is Saturday at the Madras Aquatic Center at 11 a.m. Call Bud at 948-3321 or Kelly at 325-5040 for more information or to sign up.

### Monday, Dec. 28

At noon there will be **Cardio** class at the Community Center.

A **woman's support group** meets this evening from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services office.

### Tuesday, Dec. 29

At noon there will be **Body Flex** class at the Community Center.

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### Wednesday, Dec. 30

Today at noon there will be **Yoga** class at the Community Center.

**The Red Road For Parents** meets every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs lecture room at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.

### Thursday, Dec. 31

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will allow **early release** for New Year's Eve. Employees who are present for a full day of work on Wednesday will get off work at 3 p.m. Employees with kids at Early Childhood Education need to pick them up by 3:30.

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