

New job titles, familiar faces

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Two people, both familiar to many residents, are in new positions at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Joseph Arthur recently was named the athletic and sports coordinator.

"Most of these kids, they're pretty funny," he said. "I like to hear what they have to say."

Arthur, 23, graduated from South Wasco County High School in 2004.

He had originally planned on becoming a landscaper but ended up working at the community center as a recreation aide. He also helped with the diabetes program before being named to his new job.

A self-professed "gym rat" since his teens, Arthur seriously loved playing basketball.

It's still his favorite sport. He enjoys being around it and following games—and arranging basketball-related things so other people can enjoy it—as much as playing it himself.

Adults are playing basketball now at the center, and he's pre-



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Carol Sahme, arts and crafts coordinator, and Joseph Arthur, athletic and sports coordinator.

paring for elementary school-age basketball play at the center in January.

Planning activities for people who use the center is a big part of his job. Other duties include watching the gym, watching the kids who arrive there after school, and keeping the adults

who use the center happy.

New arts and crafts coordinator

Carol Sahme recently was named the center's new arts and crafts coordinator.

"I love my job," she said. "It offers the chance for creativity."

All of Sahme's past job experiences help her tackle responsibilities she has now.

She has worked with families and children in the community for 25 years in such capacities as trainer, recruiter, family interventionist and pre-Kindergarten teacher. Past employers have included the University of Oregon, the 4-H program, and Head Start.

Sahme now coordinates various events and works with culture and heritage employees to promote native languages.

One of these offerings is a craft class with a language expert on hand while the students create things.

"Our kids are artistic, creative, talented and imaginative," Sahme emphasized. She is thrilled to be helping local children express their artistic sides.

Sahme also holds a weekly dance class with Deanie Johnson at the center, coordinates local parades, and will be highly involved with the center's summer recreation program.

Arthur and Sahme also share duties in some instances, such as chaperoning field trips.

Heroic Act

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Edna also has a 9-year-old. Two of the children in the home at the time of the blaze were young relatives staying with the Campuzanos after another fatal event.

Hannah Crowe was shot to death by Julian Wallalatum, who then killed himself, on New Year's Day 2009 in a Madras residence. Crowe was Edna's cousin.

A boy and girl, ages 8 and 4, respectively, who had been living with Crowe and Wallalatum, were placed with the Campuzanos by Child Protective Services.

A third child, a toddler, was being care for elsewhere, according to previous reports.

The honoree's widow, Edna, plans to speak at length about the incident when her period of mourning ends.

"The woman had just lost a cousin and then this has to happen," Martinez said of experiences "too miserable" for anyone to contemplate.

"It's been tragedy after tragedy. Tragedy all around."

Things have somewhat improved for the mother and

her two daughters since the darkest days after the fatal fire.

They were moved to a new place to live on the reservation and a few individuals and groups have tried to help them financially cope with the ordeal, but more assistance would improve their lives, he said.

Contact Martinez, 553-1634, to arrange for donations to help the Campuzanos.

Martinez nominated Campuzano to the Carnegie prize commission.

"It's good to see him identified as a hero," Martinez said.

Steel baron Andrew Carnegie started the fund in 1904 after hearing rescue stories from a deadly mine disaster.

Since then, more than 9,300 people have received Carnegie awards for heroism.

A nominee must be a civilian, not a trained professional lifesaver, who voluntarily risked his or her life to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the life of someone else.

Stalking

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Breaking the cycle

Stinson said she's trying to help young people identify stalking and to know that it's unacceptable, albeit criminal, behavior. She teaches her children to just say "no" to people. And there are plans to target efforts during this awareness month toward making local teens aware of the damage resulting from stalking.

"It's as important for youth to feel safe and have power and control as it is for adults," she said.

She also wants to focus on making people aware about the increased use of electronic tools to stalk, such as computer, text messaging and the ever-growing array of cheap and easy-to-use monitoring devices.

"People can use a satellite and zoom into people's

homes ... sneak tracking devices into cars or even a child's toy," she said. "Stalking goes far beyond having someone stand outside your home."

A support meeting this month will highlight stalking, and essential things a victim of this crime should know. It's from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 18 at the VOC office.

Look for materials around the reservation during January, such as posters and handouts, and take some time to learn more about stalking by contacting the tribe's Victim of Crime office at 553-2293. Also contact the Stalking Resource Center, The National Center for the Victims of Crime, www.ncvc.org, or 1-800-FYI-CALL for information.

If you are being stalked and believe there is immediate danger, call 911.

Reporting, prosecution of stalking is key

Tribal stalking code

"Any Indian who shall knowingly alarm or coerce another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated, unwanted contact with the other person where the repeated and unwanted contact causes the victim reasonable apprehension regarding the personal safety of the victim or a member of the victim's immediate family or household, shall be deemed guilty of stalking." —WSTC 305.180

keep it in a safe place.

Even if it's material that is crude or embarrassing "it's still evidence and can help with the investigation," Williams added.

And with electronic stalking, it can't hurt to notify law enforcement officials in the area where the victim lives, where it's occurring and other potential locations connected to one or

more incidents.

Tribal law states that stalking is punishable by up to a year in jail, up to a \$5,000 fine, or both. Convicted defendants can receive up to one year of probation and non-tribal members are banned from the reservation.

There is a state law focused on stalking as well. It is a Class

A misdemeanor unless the person convicted has a prior conviction for stalking, violating a stalking court order, for examples, and then the crime is classified as a felony, said Mark Matthews, Victims of Crime director and an attorney.

Tribal officials see the value in stalking laws as a preventive measure, not just to hamper the stalking itself but to keep the situation from escalating, to keep the victim from being physically attacked.

Unfortunately, episodes of stalking and harassment often go unreported "until a more serious crime occurs," Williams said.

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