

Johnson joins Tribal Youth Program

Itukdi wigwa naika itgulxaml! Good day my people! My name is Radine Johnson aka "Deanie." The Tribal Youth Program is my new place of employment so I'd like to share with you my job duties:

Work with tribal youth and their parents;

Work with truancy and behavioral issues for Warm Springs Elementary School, Jefferson County Middle School, and Annex students;

Work with Warm Springs juvenile prosecutor and juvenile officer;

Join in effort with Juvenile Prosecutor's Office to help youth that are in the court system;

Join in effort to reduce recidivism in court system;

Coordinate cultural youth activities;

Work with other youth departments;

Do home visits to help parents get their children to school; and,

Community service work around the community.



Deanie Johnson

There have been projects that are on-going such as the sweathouse project; and the dry shed, to teach to prepare dried salmon and meat; the Waashat Sunday School at the Agency Longhouse; Social Dance classes, the Canoe Family, and we work with other youth department activities including:

Warm Springs Community Center Recreation activities, Community Health Education

Team, all-night parties for youth; Children's Protective Services, ribbon shirt and wing dress making; Lil Miss Warm Springs; the community garden; the Diabetes Program, Community Counseling; and Christmas family fun.

Please review the Tribal Codes regarding sending your children to school. Truancy is an important issue that we are dealing with in the schools and courts. Every other week a Tribal Coe will be printed out to educate and make our people aware of the laws dealing with our youth:

360.500 Compulsory School Attendance.

1) Except as provided in subsection (2), all juveniles between the ages of 7 and 18 years who have not completed the twelfth grade are required to attend school full time. Full-time attendance means attendance each school day unless excused from attendance for that day by the school authorities or by mutual agreement of the school authorities and the Warm Springs Tribe.

305.439 Failure to Send Children to School.

Except as provided in WSTC 360.500, any person who shall, without good cause, neglect or refuse to send his or her children or any children under 18 years of age under his care, who have not completed the twelfth grade, to school shall be deemed guilty of failure to send children to school.

I am honored for the opportunity to be working with our tribal youth and assisting them in any way that I can. I believe our children can excel in anything they put their minds to if given the opportunity. I hope that I can help with the efforts of making positive changes in the schools for our kids and to help the teachers that work hard to educate them.

I thank you for your time and please contact me if you need assistance getting your child to school or if you have any questions then please call me at 541-553-3446. Kwapt aga.

Radine "Deanie" Johnson.

Middle school parent-teacher conference dates

Jefferson County Middle School will hold parent-teacher conferences as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Community Center in Warm Springs from 4-7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 22 at the middle school from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you are unable to attend any of those conference times, please contact any teacher at the middle school through their e-mail, or call the school and leave a message for the teacher to call you. The phone number is 541-475-7253.

Lunch and Learn event Nov. 18

There will be a community Lunch and Learn activity from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center atrium.

Presentation topic will be "Traditional and Cultural Healing," presented by Wilson Wewa.

Lunch and Learn is hosted by the Warm Springs Model Diabetes Program. This is a November Fitness Challenge event. The menu includes chili, roll, fruit cup with bottled water and crystal light. For more information call Jeri Kollen, RN, at 541-553-2478.

BLM wild horse roundup draws protests

(AP) — The federal Bureau of Land Management has begun rounding up wild horses near Burns to preserve public land as animal rights activists keep close watch.

"We're trying to make it as transparent as we can," said BLM spokesman Mark Wilkening of the Vale District.

The law requires the agency to keep herds under certain levels to protect the habitat and the horses themselves, he said.

The BLM manages about 38,400 wild horses and burros on rangelands across the West. In 2010, it is scheduled to gather 12,000 horses, including about 360 from the Warm Springs herd. Those that are not adopted will be sent to long-term pastures in the Midwest.

Wild horses earlier this month were rounded up and corralled at a temporary facility

south of Burns.

The first few days of the roundup, contractors gathered and sorted about 140 animals.

Contractors use the noise of the helicopters to direct them toward the capture site, Wilkening said, but cannot go too fast or too far so the horses don't get lathered up or injure themselves.

Opponents say herd size limits are set artificially low. Managers contend there is not enough water for the animals, Leigh said, but grazing numbers are not being reduced and the BLM fast-tracks renewable energy projects that use water on federal lands.

Scott Beckstead, Oregon director and equine protection specialist with the Humane Society of the United States, did not attend the roundup but said it was outrageous that the BLM

removes thousands of horses to protect the land while millions of cows and other livestock are permitted to graze.

A 2008 General Accounting Office report found the BLM program to be unsustainable and the agency is developing new strategies for managing wild horses and burros, said Tom Gorey, agency spokesman. In 2010, the program had a budget of almost \$64 million, including \$37 million to hold captured wild animals.

The BLM in December will publish a summary of a revised wild horse strategy proposal, Gorey said. Some people want a moratorium on roundups, though herds grow about 20 percent annually.

"The damage to the rangelands would be significant if we didn't try to control the population," he said. "It would impact

rangeland health to the detriment of habitat to wildlife. It's just not an alternative."

For the Warm Springs herd management area in Eastern Oregon, which covers more than 475,000 acres, the agency has set herd size at 111 to 202 horses and burros.

The BLM has to make sure the habitat can support sage grouse, deer, pronghorn and cattle. Wild horses can damage the habitat, said Rob Sharp, BLM rangeland management specialist with the Burns District, because once they find a spot they like, they often graze it for a long time.

During drought years, he said, bands of horses cluster around a handful of water sources. Unlike cattle, Sharp said, horses are on the range all year.

Concert at Kah-Nee-Ta

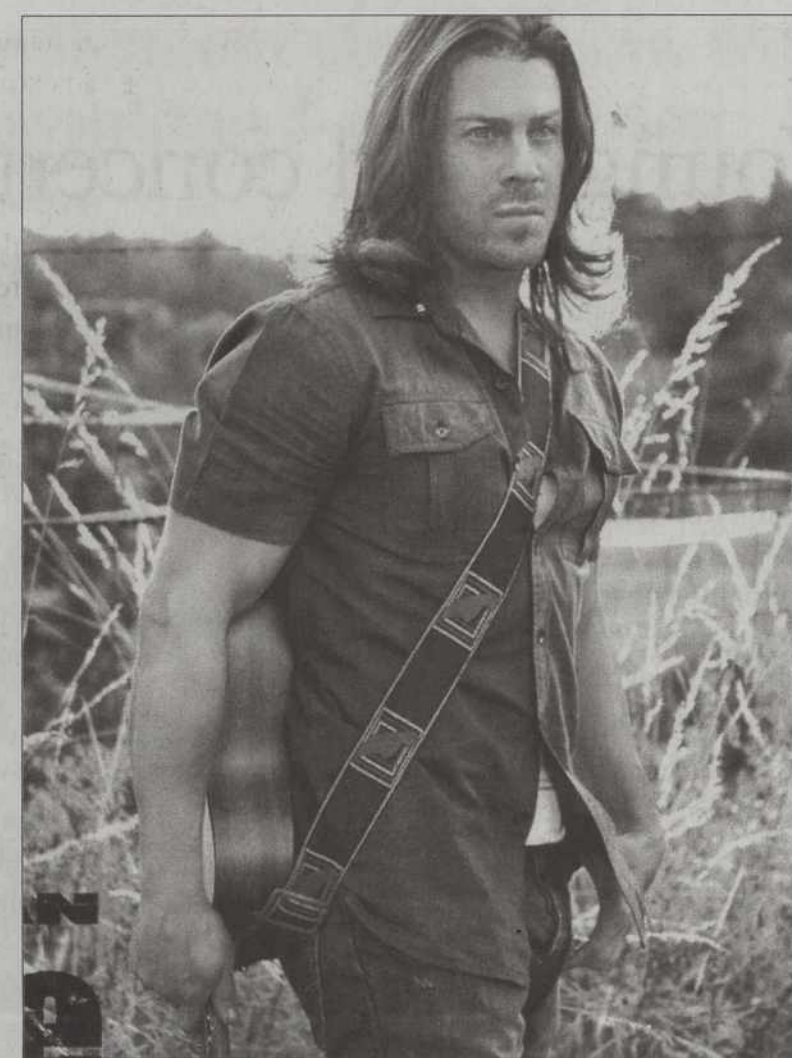


Photo courtesy of Kah-Nee-Ta.

Country musician and actor Christian Kane plays Kah-Nee-Ta's Gold Ballroom on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are just \$10, available at kahneeta.com or in person at the Lodge front desk. 21 and over.

Fun Night Coloring Contest



Hey kids! Color this bear and bring it with you to Christmas Family Fun Night at the Warm Springs Community Center on Thursday December 2nd 5-9 pm. You could win a fun prize!

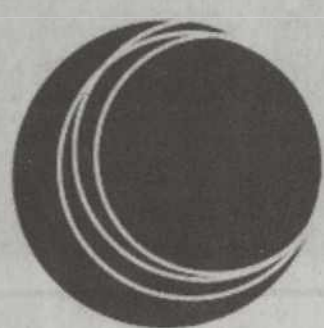
Public Meeting

Central Oregon Community College

You are invited to a public meeting with COCC officials to share information on the construction of the Madras Campus.

MONDAY, NOV. 22, 2010
4 to 6:30 p.m.

Library at Jefferson County
Middle School
1180 SE Kemper Way
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