

# Missing non-member raises questions

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A few days after Christmas, just after hunting season had closed, a non-member and his 3-year-old daughter were found safe after it had been initially reported that he had gone hunting in the Foreman Point area of the reservation.

The incident has raised questions among tribal members. Namely, is it legal for non-members to hunt on the reservation if they are accompanied by tribal members? And, are non-members allowed into closed areas?

Vital Statistics in Warm Springs has no record on file for Dustin Jones. He is a non-member. His Facebook page lists his hometown as Redmond.

Jones' family called Warm Springs Police around 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28.

"We were told that it was reported by family that he was out hunting," Juanita Majel, spokesperson for Public Safety, said. "But he was accompanied by

tribal members. We were told [later] that he wasn't hunting. He was sledding."

Search parties from Warm Springs Police Department, Warm Springs Fire and Safety, Deschutes County Search and Rescue, Wasco County Search and Rescue and Oregon Emergency Management were planning on covering 1,000 acres of the reservation.

Just before the search began, around 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Jones family notified authorities that the missing party had been found.

Agencies corrected information given to local media, saying that Jones had not been hunting on the reservation.

Warm Springs tribal code 350.220 states that no non-member shall pursue, shoot at, or kill any wild animals or wild birds at any time within the Warm Springs Reservation.

"It's not just a rule," Stanley Simtustus of Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife said. "It's a law. The code is also written in the Treaty of 1855. Tribal mem-

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bers can be cited for aiding and abetting if they take non-members hunting on the reservation. Even if [Jones] wasn't hunting, he was trespassing. That's the number one thing here. If they said he was hunting, that would be more serious."

"It's widely accepted," Majel said, "that if you're a tribal member you can take a non-Indian friend with you. There aren't any penalties that tribal members can face with that. He wasn't charged with anything, because there weren't any laws broken that they could see."

Tribal attorney Howie Arnet said he isn't aware of an established protocol for these situations. "Non-members don't hunt on the reservation. I haven't heard that it's okay for them to

tag along with a tribal member."

On occasion, Arnet said, Tribal Council gives special permission for groups to venture into closed areas. "For example, I love to climb Mt. Jefferson on the Whitewater side once a year. In order to do that, I will go to Tribal Council and obtain written permission."

One concerned tribal member noted that her father, who was enrolled with another tribe, wasn't allowed to teach her brothers how to hunt in Warm Springs because it was against the law. Even though she and her siblings are tribal members, their father was told that he wasn't allowed in closed areas. "And besides, most hunting seasons are over with now, so I wonder what they were hunting."

"Even if they're with a tribal member," Simtustus said, "they have no business out there. That's not an area people take their children to go sledding. Nobody supersedes the Treaty of 1855."

## Tribal Ski Day in Feb.

The next Tribal Member Ski Day at Mt. Hood Meadows is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25.

To sign up, call KWSO at 541-553-1968.

You will need to list your name, age, and preference for either skiing or snowboarding. Also level of ability, and your mailing address

and contact phone number. Space is limited, so the first ones to sign up get on the bus.

Equipment, lessons, transportation, lift tickets and lunch are all provided by Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, who have hosted this event for the past several years.

## Information sought about restaurant vandalism

The Warm Springs Police Department is seeking information about a vandalism that occurred between the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Employees at the Eagle Crossing restaurant arrived the morning of Dec. 29 to find four windows smashed, likely with rocks.

While the double paneled windows were repaired about a week after the incident -- more than \$1,500 to replace the windows -- police are still investigating the incident.

Randy Nathan, who owns the restaurant on Highway 26 near the southern border of the reservation with

Jefferson County, said he thinks it was an attempted break-in.

"It's just so stupid," Nathan said of the event.

No other major damage occurred and nothing was stolen.

Repair costs will be shouldered by tribal ventures unless arrests are made and conviction results.

Police ask that people call 541-553-2202 with any information about the incident. It likely occurred between Dec. 28 and before restaurant workers came in to prepare for opening on Dec. 29.

— Terri Harber

# Safe school routes gets \$1,000 boost

The Confederated Tribes received a \$1,000 mini grant that will help make it safer for students walking or riding to and from school.

The tribes' Grant Development Office applied for the grant in November, said Ashley Aguilar, grant development project assistant.

There was a great deal of competition for the grant: There were 304 applicants for 25 available mini-grants, she said.

The tribes learned last week that one of the awards, through the Safe Routes to School program, went to Warm Springs for use in the Spring.

The grant award should open the door to further similar awards in the future, said Aguilar.

The grant will help implement the safe route to school action. This could involve training for a crossing guard on school days at the busy intersection by the bridge on Hollywood Boulevard, said Jolene Atencio, grant development director.

The Safe Routes to School team took a tour of some problem areas—for instance, by the



On a recent tour of the reservation student walking areas were (from left) Rick Molitor, school district superintendent; community member Lyle Rhoan Sr.; Ashley Aguilar, grant development project assistant; Nancy Collins, environmental health specialist; Louie Pitt, director of Government Affairs; Jolene Estimo, Grant Development Office director; Laurie Danzuka, school board member; Jonathan Smith, environmental health specialist; and Lonny Macy, tribal planner.

administration building—after learning of the \$1,000 grant award.

Anyone who would like information on this subject, or has suggestions on safe routes to

school, can call the Grants Development Office at 541-553-2243.

## Youth Art Exhibit deadline Jan. 21

Artists and teachers are invited to submit art done by tribal youth for the 18th annual Warm Springs Tribal Youth Art Exhibit.

The theme: "Canoe Journeys: Our Life on the Big River"

All media accepted. Art can

represent the theme. The Museum at Warm Springs will show pieces during June. Individual art is encouraged.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 21. Call Natalie Moody for details, 541-553-3331.

## Food handling training sessions

Anyone who sells food or works with food needs a card that shows they completed training on how to safely prepare and handle food.

Classes will be held on the Warm Springs Reservation for people who want to earn their food handling credentials. The certification test will be administered there.

The next class on the reservation is later this month and

will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Clinic Atrium.

Here are the dates for the single-day training sessions at the clinic:

Jan. 20, Feb. 10, March 17, April 14, May 12 and 26; June 9, 20, and 23; July 14; August 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 11, Nov. 9, Dec. 6.

Call 541-553-4943 for details.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first

Monday of the month at the Family Resources Center in Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

## Washanaksha committee announces grant awards

The Washanaksha Cultural Trust Committee has announced new grant awards. The committee awarded \$6,075 to the following individuals for the following purposes:

Lucinda David Green, \$1,825, for cultural events.

Delson Suppah and KWSO Radio, \$1,500, for Native American language presentation.

Emerson Squiempfen, \$1,000, drum making instruction.

Wanda S. VanPelt, Roy Heath and Margaret Suppah, \$850, shell dress preparation-

breast plate instruction.

Phillip David, \$300, net making instruction.

Saraphine Scott, \$300, horse trappings instruction.

Rose M. Charley, \$300, jewelry and moccasin making instruction.

Committee members present for the award decision were Dallas Winishut Jr., Sue Matters, Paul M. Patton, Brigitte Whipple, Sandra Danzuka and Rosalind Sampson.

The Washanaksha Cultural Trust Committee provides grants through the Oregon Cultural Trust.

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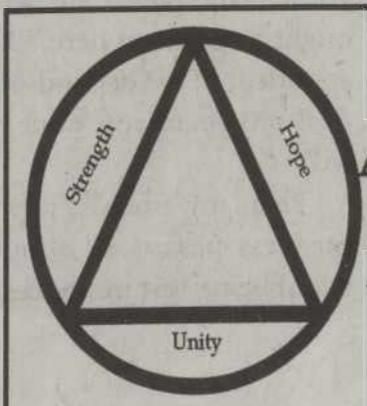
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