

Award recognizes tribal WIC program

The Tribal WIC Program this week will receive a Breast-feeding Performance Award that includes additional funding for breastfeeding projects in the county. The award will be presented this Friday, Feb. 10.

Roopa Puri, WIC coordinator, says, "The WIC Program plans to use the additional funding to update our educational materials for our patients and staff as well as to purchase more breastfeeding supplies."

This Tribal WIC award is part of the Breastfeeding Performance Bonus awarded to the Oregon Nutrition and Screening Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Oregon is one of six WIC agencies nationwide that received an award for highest breastfeeding rates for Fiscal Year 2011.

"Oregon WIC's high breastfeeding rates are really a reflection of the efforts that local agency staff make every day working directly with breastfeeding mothers and babies," emphasized Sue Woodbury, the Oregon State

WIC director.

"We are giving the Tribal WIC Program bonus funding and a Certificate of Recognition for their ongoing efforts to support breastfeeding families."

This is the first time the bonus awards focused on the number of WIC mothers who exclusively breastfed their babies for six months.

"Exclusive breastfeeding" means only breast milk (no formula, water or other foods) are given for the first six months. This has been a recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics since 1997. The longer a mother exclusively breastfeeds her child, the greater the positive health impact for both mother and baby.

Research shows giving formula to breastfed babies undermines breastfeeding by decreasing a mother's milk production and does not actually solve most breastfeeding concerns.

Tashina Smith, our local WIC breastfeeding mother, reports WIC was helpful to her by all the support she received to continue breastfeeding exclusively

for 6 months. She knew this is all she wanted to do for her son because of all the great nutrition and benefits it will provide for her baby.

WIC is a public health prevention and nutrition education program. Janet Bissell RN IBCLC explains that "Breastfeeding has been a primary focus of our program for over 15 years because it is known to reduce the incidence of infections, asthma and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Exclusive breastfeeding is also associated with lower rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancers later in life.

Mothers who breastfeed have significantly lower rates of breast and ovarian cancer. And, breastfeeding is more economical for the family budget, does not require preparation, is convenient and portable, and is ready whenever baby wants to eat. For more information on WIC, or to find out if you are eligible to participate, visit: www.public.health.oregon.gov Or call: 1-800-SAFENET; in Warm Springs, 553-2460.

Tribal board vacancies

Note: Letters of Interest and Resumes of applicants interested in serving on the following Boards of Directors must be submitted to the following address by no later than **March 1, 2012**:

Charles R. Calica, Secretary-Treasurer; P.O. Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

(Authorization letters will be mailed to all applicants for a criminal and credit background check to be completed returned to Secretary-Treasurer office. Information will be submitted confidentially to the Secretary-Treasurer.)

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, would like to advertise the following:

Warm Springs Water and Power Enterprises Board of Directors, two positions:

One tribal member/non member, Class I; and one non-member, Class III. The Class I position term ends 12/31/14. The Class III position term ends 12/31/13.

Warm Springs Credit Board of Directors: one position, tribal member, Class III.

The Class III director shall have an initial term in office expiring January 1, 2015 or until their successors are appointed and take office.

Warm Springs Forest Products Industry Board of Directors. Two positions:

Class I and III (one tribal member/non-member; and one non-member.) The term of the Class I position ends Dec. 31, 2014. The term of the Class III position ends Dec. 31, 2013.

Warm Springs Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors.

One tribal member, and one non-member. Class II, two positions. The terms for these positions end Dec. 31, 2014.

Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors.

One position: tribal member/non-member, Class I. The Class I director shall have an initial term in office expiring on the December 31, 2014, or until a successor is appointed and takes office.

Water Board: One position. Term ending Dec. 31, 2014.

Warm Springs Local Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Two positions.

Happy Valentines!

Happy Valentine's Day to our son Wil and his valentine Rachel and lil valentines Maylie and Liam Parker. Love, Mom and Dad.

A very happy Valentine's Day to my Grandma Charlotte and my Uncle Junior, you're the greatest and I love you! Xoxo Anona.

Happy Valentine's Day to Tamara. Love, Kendall.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of my candle girls - Gayleen, Dorothy, Natalie, Juanita, Yummy, all of you - you know who you are! You are the best, I just adore you! Ron.

Happy Valentine's Day to our son, Ramone and his valentine, DJ and Tyra KayAnn. Love,

Mom and Dad.

Happy Valentine's Day to Duran - thanks for bringing sweetness to all your followers and readers! Love, Mary.

Happy Valentine's Day to a very dear friend. I want to let you know you are very good reporter. Keep your head up, walk tall and proud and don't mind negativity. Love you, my friend, and wish you nothing but the best. Veronica Smith-Goveia.

Happy Valentine's Day, Princess Revonne. I love you not stoppin'!

Happy Valentine's to all my family with love. From Donna Lou.



Students post outstanding attendance at middle school

Several Jefferson County Middle School students from Warm Springs had great attendance this past month, which included a total of 20 school days.

Perfect attendance

Eighth grade: Janae Adams, Julius Bagley, Christin Banda-Smith, Gavin Begay, Brittany Craig, Valerie Gonzales, Robert Hatlstad, Brendon Jack-Parks, Dale Kaltsukis, Teagan Kerr,

Soroya Mendez, Erminio Parra-Pena Jr, Jasmyne Reese, Maricella Rodriguez, Lana Shike, Roman Silva, Callista Smith, Camisha Smith, Che StiffArm, Leah Suppah, Lauren Teal, Allen Warner Jr, Rosebud Whipple, Kalan Wolfe, Vivian Yazzie.

Seventh grade: Amaya Adams, Cecelia Andy, Terrell Bailey, Jarius Brunoe, Justine Clements, Deon Culpus,

Damean Frank, Jerilyne Frank, Shoshanah Garcia, Riata Green, Denise Herkshan, Kris Howtopat, Rodger Jack, Garyson Johnson, Shirleen Killsfirst, Brittany Parra, Jordan Patt, Marisol Perez, Marisella Sanchez, Charles Scott, Dion Sloan, Preston Stevens, Aaron Winishut, Shae Yeahquo.

Sixth grade: Jenessa Boise, Ashlin Boston, Keonna Brisbois, Kiley Florendo, Jake Frank,

Rianna Fuentes, Nakota Gray, James Greene Jr, Catalino LeClaire, Thomas LeClaire, Lynden Harry, Blanche Howtopat, Silas Howtopat, Alony Johnson, Michael Kaltsukis, Elias Lopez, Genesis Lucei, Izraii Mendez, Alyssa Philbert, Colton Reese, Siryna Sloan, Jevin Smith, Nylanis Spino, Isreal Tapia Jr, Lillian Tulee, Kali Walker, Rosaleen Yahtin, George Yazzie.

Oregon lawmakers could name new coastal reserves

(AP) - Oregon's state Legislature is on track to add three non-fishing marine reserves off the coast.

That would amount to 38 square miles of ocean wilderness, despite continued concerns

from fishing groups.

Coastal legislators from both parties have signed off on Senate Bill 1510, partly out of concerns that ocean conservation groups might otherwise push a statewide ballot measure to

cover more of Oregon's biologically rich territorial sea.

"I believe this bill protects the coast from an economic Armageddon that could result from a ballot measure," Sen. Betsy Johnson, a Scappoose Demo-

crat, told the Senate environment committee Thursday.

The committee unanimously voted in favor of sending the bill to the Senate floor for a vote.

Court hearing in Custer museum raids delayed

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - A federal judge has delayed until April a hearing into whether American Indian artifacts seized by federal agents should be returned to a privately-operated museum in southeast Montana.

The hearing had been scheduled for Friday before U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull.

The government seized the war bonnets, medicine bundles and other artifacts from the Custer Battlefield Museum in

2005 and 2008 during an investigation into artifact fraud. The items are being held as contraband, based on allegations they were obtained illegally.

But no charges were ever filed, and museum director Christopher Kortlander wants the artifacts returned.

The government says it needs more time to depose witnesses prior to the hearing before Cebull.

Prison time for failure to comply with sex offender registration law

Leon Tenorio, 43, of Warm Springs, was sentenced recently in federal court for failure to comply with the sex offender registration law, and failure to comply with supervised probation.

Tenorio was convicted of abusive sexual contact, and sentenced for the crime in 2007. He was convicted in 2010 of abusive sexual contact with a minor, and sentenced to prison.

He was released under supervised probation, but absconded from supervision, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland.

Tenorio was required by the Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act to register as a sex offender, but

he did not register, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

He was arrested by Warm Springs Police in the spring of 2011, and charged with failing to register, which is a felony.

He pleaded guilty to the charge last fall, and was sentenced this month to two years in prison for failure to register. He received an additional year in prison for violation of supervised release, for total of three years.

"Sex offenses against children are among the worst crimes that someone could commit against another human being," said Craig Gabriel, assistant U.S. Attorney.

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Warm Springs Cougars

All Indian Boy's 13 - 15yrs & 12 Years & Under Co-ed Basketball Tournament

February 24, 25, 26, 2012

Warm Springs Community Center
Warm Springs, Oregon

Open to the First 6 Teams in Both Divisions (**)
(3 Game Guarantee) **Based on Team Interest/Bracket with 8 or more teams!

Entry Fee: \$175.00/13-15years
\$150.00/12 & Under
Due by February 17, 2012

13 - 15 Year Old Boy's
10 Champions Pull Over Jackets
10 Runner Up Crewnecks
Finalist T-Shirts (3rd - 4th)
M.V.P. & All-Tourney

12 Yrs-Under Co-ed
10 Champions Hooded
10 Runner Up Crewnecks
Finalists T's (3rd - 4th)
All-Tourney

All Players asked for Proper ID
Prior to Participating in 1st Scheduled Game!
(Age Eligibility deadline - 2/24/12)

For More Information:

Austin Greene, Tournament Director
P.O. Box 1327 Warm Springs, OR. -97761-
(541) 553-1953 (H) (541) 553-3243 (Mess)

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Basketball Organization, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Recreation Department will not be held liable for Accidents, Injury, Theft or Short Funded Travelers while participating in this Event!