



Courtesy of Jolene Estimo.

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition held an open house in Madras last week. About 130 people, including members from Warm Springs, attended. The goal of the coalition, which recently received a \$130,000 grant, is to improve health and equity in the community.

School decision regarding teacher draws some criticism

Jefferson County 509-J school officials decided recently not to extend the teaching contracts of two teachers. One of the two, Becky Dudney, is a Title VII and English Language Development teacher at the high school. Dudney teaches the Cultures of Warm Springs class at MHS.

Dudney has another year left on her contract; so the decision not to extend her contract would take effect after the 2012-13 school year. The school superintendent and board can reconsider the matter between now and that time.

The school district board evaluated the matter at the March 12 board meeting. They met for a time in executive session, as required by personnel procedure. During the meeting before and after executive session, several people spoke on behalf of Dudney and her class. Speakers included Warm Springs members Lyle Rhoan Sr. and Delson Suppah Sr.

Rhoan and Suppah commented that Dudney's class is essential to preventing some Warm Springs students from

dropping out of high school. Suppah said that, as a youth, he may have quit school had he not had a teacher like Dudney.

"I probably wouldn't have made it, because there are many teachers who are not sensitive to the needs of the First Americans," he said. He was lucky, he said, to have had a teacher "who taught me lessons that I'm still working on today."

Rhoan said Dudney's class gives some Warm Springs students a reason for continuing with school. She brings in speakers on fishing, hunting and tradition, he said, "and the students get support from her to stay in school."

The Culture of Warm Springs class features lessons on Native languages, first foods and other traditions. Staff from tribal Culture and Heritage are regular guest speakers.

A teacher from Metolius, David Wickham, also spoke on Dudney's behalf at the March 12 meeting. "If I were to fault Ms. Dudney for anything," he said, "it would be for trying too hard and caring too much."

Question: 'What's on your mind today?'



Sharon Jones

'I'm thinking about spring, softball season for my girls, and vacation.'



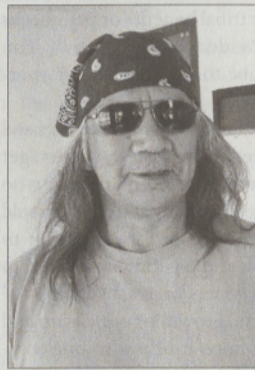
Vernon Smith Sr.

'I wish people would stop throwing empty bottles on the side of the roads. The glass shatters, and it's dangerous for the people who walk.'



Pearl Van Pelt

'I'm thinking about pool tournaments—We just got back from a tournament on the Coast, Chinook Winds.'



Leo Hellon

'I'm thinking about the NCAA tournament, who's going to win... My bracket got busted when Duke got beat.'

Honor Seniors Day

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is extending an invitation to attend the Twenty-Second Honor Seniors Day on May 11 at the Agency Longhouse. For information, contact the Senior Citizens

Dept., PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761. You can also call the office at 541-553-3313, or 553-3520, or 553-3390.

Lodging available at Kah-Nee-Ta, 1-800-554-4786. Senior staff email: paiutewewa@yahoo.com

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Wednesday, March 21

The JCSD Family University is offering **Family Zumba Class** Wednesday from 6-6:45 p.m. in Madras. To register call Susan Chamberlain at 541-475-6192.

Today in **Carol's Room** — Craft time is from 3:30 to 5:15, Beading with Marge is from 4-5 and the Sewing Circle starts at 5:30.

At the **Boys and Girls Club** after school today they have Power Hour homework assistance and the TRAIL. The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is located in the Vern Jackson Home next to the CPS center.

The Museum at Warm Springs will have **Wing Dress making time** March 21 and 22 from 4-7 p.m. in its education room. You should bring your sewing machine, material, pattern and supplies.

A **Summer Youth Work Program workshop** will be held today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the first floor training room at the Education Building. Warm Springs youth who want to work this summer are required to attend.

An **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting will be held this evening at 7 in the Family Resource Center conference room.

Thursday, March 22

There's **Snack Attack** at 3:45 today at the Community Center; **Beading with Marge** is at 4; and The Reawakening Program is from 5-7 p.m.

At the **Boys and Girls Club** after school today they will offer: Outdoor games and indoor activities plus the TRAIL program.

There's a **Strength Training Class** today at 5:30 at the Community Center.

A **Summer Youth Work Program workshop** will be

held today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the first floor training room at the Education Building. Warm Springs youth who want to work this summer are required to attend.

Warm Springs Elementary Family Night is from 5:30-7pm. It's a time for families to go into children's classrooms and participate in the online programs they use in Language Arts and Math.

A **Simnasho Community Garden Workshop** will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Simnasho Church/Community Center — next to the old school. The workshop will cover Garden Irrigation.

The **Jefferson County Middle School Science Fair** will be open to the public from 6-8 p.m. They will have a free cookie and pie social, a few hundred science projects to view and a catapult competition.

Friday, March 23

Today in **Carol's Room** after school they are having popcorn and a movie.

Saturday, March 24

The 25th Annual BAAD — **Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs** - Tournament is March 24-30 at the Nixyaawii Community School Gym.

Caldera Arts is inviting people to meet their Artists in Residence. Artists, writers and performers will share the work they have created during their residencies. It's free and open to the public on March 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. To reach Caldera, take highway 20 to the Suttle Lake turnoff — 13 miles west of Sisters — and follow the signs to Caldera.

Monday, March 26

Spring Break for 509-J schools is March 26-30 (see activities schedule on page 8).

There is a **Glucometer Class** from 2-3 at the I H S Kitchen Conference Room.

Summer Youth Work Program workshops will be held today from 8 to 5, 2 hours per session, in the first floor training room at the Education Building. Warm Springs youth who want to work this summer are required to attend.

The **Veterans and Family Healing Circle Gathering** will be held April 26-29 at the Hehe Longhouse. Thursday, the longhouse will open at noon for travelers, music and storytelling. Friday, there will be a lighting of the healing fire, veterans honoring, flute playing, healing touch and sweat lodge. Saturday, will feature speakers, ceremonies, a talking circle, sweat lodge, silent auction and raffle. Sunday will be a closing ceremony at 10 a.m. For more information: Larson Kalama Sr. 541-553-3093.

Tuesday, March 27

Tuesday is **Healthy Breakfast** at the Health & Wellness Center in the kitchen conference room. Jeri Kollen will make a presentation on Diabetes.

Summer Youth Work Program workshops will be held today from 8 to 5, 2 hours per session, in the first floor training room at the Education Building. Warm Springs youth who want to work this summer are required to attend.

Wednesday, March 28

Water Aerobics Class is this morning at 10:15 at the Kahneeta Pool.

There is a **Seat Belt Diversion Class** March 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tribal Conference Room at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center.

The Museum at Warm Springs will have **Wing Dress**

making time March 28 and 29 from 4-7 p.m. in its education room. You should bring your sewing machine, material, pattern and supplies.

A **Simnasho Community Garden Workshop** will be held March 28 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Simnasho Church/Community Center — next to the old school. The workshop will cover Garden Fertilizers.

Thursday, March 29

There's a **Cardio Circuit Class** today at the Community Center, at 5:30.

Friday, March 30

Summer Youth Work Program workshops will be held today from 8 to 5, 2 hours per session, in the first floor training room at the Education Building. Warm Springs youth who want to work this summer are required to attend.

Today is the **deadline** to submit items for the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo coming out Wednesday, April 4th.

JCMS Students and Parents are being reminded that March 30 is the last day to buy **yearbooks for \$15**. The prices will go up after.

American Legion Post 125 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125 invite you to its 2nd annual **Welcome Home Vietnam and Korean Veterans Day dinner**. It's March 30th at 6 p.m. at Madras High School. A \$5 donation is asked of all non-Vietnam/Korean War Veterans. There will be door prizes and a raffle.

Monday, April 2

JCMS Spring sports — Track and Field, and Soccer — begin April 2. Practices will be held after school. Contact the middle school or see their website for details.

There will be a **Warm Springs Community Advi-**

sory Board Meeting Monday at 10 a.m. at KWSO. Anyone interested in participating in learning more about what KWSO is working on and offering feedback is invited to come to the meeting.

Warm Springs Elementary will have **awards assemblies** at 1 p.m. for Kindergarten thru 2nd grades; and at 1:40 for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

In **Carol's Room** today they are playing board games from 3:30 to 5:30 and then the room is open until 6:45.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Warm Springs language and a presentation on "Purpose." It's from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the basement of the education building.

There's a **Zumba Class** today at the Community Center. It starts at 5:30.

Tuesday, April 3

Today in **Carol's Room** at Recreation — **Snack Attack** is after school and Beading with Marge is at 4.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Paiute language and a

presentation on "Historical Trauma." It's from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the basement of the education building.

Warm Springs Spring Term **GED classes** will begin the week of April 2. Basic Reading and Writing will be Tuesdays from 9 to noon and Basic Math Thursdays from 9 to noon. Students need to attend class for registration and orientation the first 2 weeks of the term.

Wednesday, April 4

The first Wednesday of every month is **Coffee with the Principal** from 8-8:45 a.m. at the Madras High School Parent Center.

Today in **Carol's Room** — Craft time is from 3:30 to 5:15, Beading with Marge is from 4-5 and the Sewing Circle starts at 5:30.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Wasco language and a presentation on "Inherited Duties." It's from 3:30 to 5pm in the basement of the education building.

Buying beadwork

Now buying beadwork at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Gift Shop.

Looking for small Coin Purses, Barrettes, key chains, Earrings, and necklace.

We also offer consignment for larger beaded items. Please contact Amanda at 553-1112.

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 Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)