

'Take Back the Night' gathering Thursday

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Warm Springs Victims of Crime Service will hold a "Take Back the Night" candlelight vigil on Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m. at the campus basketball court across from the program office, 1132 Paiute Street.

Take Back the Night first appeared in Europe in 1976 and has continued throughout the world as a sign of empowerment for women, men and children.

Events revolving around Take Back the Night have occurred over several years to raise awareness for sexual violence and to support survivors in their healing process.

The University of Oregon in Eugene is a community example of having this awareness.

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is the VOCS sponsor who has generously provided supplies

for this event, with VOCS hosting this event.

Rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse and domestic violence are often labeled "crimes of silence" because of low reporting rates and social discomfort with their public discussion and awareness.

This Take Back the Night event will help survivors know that they are not alone, and that these crimes will not be tolerated or left to go silently into the night.

Our voices can shatter the silence, but there is much to be accomplished in the fight to end sexual violence.

Crimes of this nature continue to appear in the news in epidemic proportions—movies, music, and daily news described another killing, shooting; more abuse violence and rape.

International history

Take Back the Night occurred at the International Tribunal on Crimes against Women in 1976, in Brussels,

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Belgium.

Two thousand women representing 40 countries attended the event, and this was the first documented march as a candlelight procession through the streets of Brussels.

In other parts of Europe, Take Back the Night began under a different name: Reclaim the Night arose in Rome in 1976; then leaped to West Germany, where they held their first Reclaim the Night in 1977. The event then moved over to Leeds, England, also in 1977.

Outside of Europe, India and Australia were hosting Reclaim the Night events beginning in 1978.

The first event in the United States was held in

New York in 1976; however the slogan Take Back the Night was introduced in 1977, during a memorial at an anti-violence rally in Pittsburgh, Penn.

The event has spread from New York across the United States and Canada.

Sexual assault facts

Forty-four percent of victims are under age 18.

Eighty-percent are under age 30. Every two minutes someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.

Each year there are about 207,754 victims of sexual assault

Fifty-four percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police.

Ninety-seven percent of rapists will never spend a day in jail. Approximately two-thirds of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

Thirty-eight percent of rapists are a friend of acquaintance.

Domestic violence facts

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.

Females between the ages of 20-24 are the most likely victims of domestic violence.

Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.

The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.

VOCS encourages victims, survivors and their families and friends of sexual violence, dating violence and domestic violence to attend this event.

Questions can be directed to VOCS, 541-553-2293.

Births



Brayden Rodney Craig

Eric and Esmerelda Craig are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Brayden Rodney Craig, born on June 26, 2012.

Brayden weighed one pound, 14 ounces, and was 12 and one-quarter inches long.

Grandparents on the father's side are atwai Madeline Queahpama and Richard Craig.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Elliot and Estelle Lawson.

Aunt and uncle on the father's side are Rafael and Nola Queahpama.

Hantavirus confirmed in resident

The first case of Hantavirus in a Warm Springs resident has been confirmed, according to the Jefferson County Public Health Department. There have been only 17 other Oregon cases.

Hantavirus cases are rare in the U.S. but have been found from Canada to Argentina. This disease, carried primarily by deer mice in North America, can be deadly if not diagnosed quickly. Unfortunately, however, the illness presents with nonspecific symptoms of low-grade fever, aches and pains—that is, like flu-like symptoms.

Hantavirus is carried by mice that are not sick but that excrete the virus in urine, feces and saliva. About 10 percent of mice in our area may be infected with the virus.

The most common human exposure to Hantavirus occurs during the cleaning of and working in spaces that have been inhabited by mice—garages, sheds, barns, crawl spaces. The virus particles dry and then become

airborne when the debris is swept or vacuumed. Breathing this dust is the most common route of infection. The incubation period can be from one to four weeks.

The Hantavirus is not spread from person-to-person, nor is it spread among domesticated animals, nor from domesticated animals to humans.

Before cleaning out rodent-infested areas, make sure to air the space out for at least an hour prior to performing the work, spray for droppings or nests with a bleach solution or household disinfectant. (Mix one and a half cups of household bleach in one gallon of water.) Leave solution on area for about 15 minutes.

Once everything is wet, wipe up the debris with a damp paper towel, and then mop the area with the bleach solution.

Also, take personal precautions when cleaning rodent-infested area:

Use rubber, latex, vinyl or nitrile disposable gloves;

Wear a particulate respirator face mask; and,

Thoroughly wash hands with soap and water (or waterless alcohol-based hand cleaners when soap and water is not available).

Seal all refuse in double plastic bags, and dispose of this, and personal protection equipment, in an appropriate waste disposal system. It should be noted that utilizing a live trap system can cause further exposure as a rodent may aerosolize urine upon capture and special care and equipment should be used to handle live rodents.

With the onset of spring and spring-cleaning, the public and health care personnel need to have a heightened awareness of this dangerous virus.

Masks may be obtained by the Community Health Department or through the tribal sanitarian, both in Pod A of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

For additional information about prevention, please direct questions to both Community Health, or the sanitarian, Nancy Collins, at 541-553-1196.

Fire season begins on reservation

The Warm Springs Reservation was declared to be in fire season on July 12. All regulations governing any timber industry or other outside activities are being enforced. As the fire danger risk rises, more strict regulations will be implemented.

As the fire danger increases during the declared season, restrictions will follow the regulations covered by the National Fire Danger Rating System, Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL), and the Warm Springs Mobilization and Dispatch Plan.

Industrial fire precaution levels

Level I: Closed season. Fire precaution requirements are in effect. A fire watch/security is required at this time and all higher levels unless otherwise waived.

Level II: Partial shutdowns. The following are prohibited except as indicated:

Cable yarding—except that gravity operated logging systems employing nonmotorized carriages may operated between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage and the chokers.

Power saws—except power saws may be used at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between

the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time.

In addition, the following are permitted to operate between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time:

Tractor, skidder, feller-buncher, forwarder, or shovel logging operations where tractors, skidders or other equipment with a blade capable of constructing fireline are immediately available to quickly

reach and effectively attack a fire start.

Mechanized loading or hauling of any product or material.

Blasting; welding or cutting of metal; any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned.

Level IV: General shutdown. All operations are permitted. (These IFPL ratings can be found at www.blm.gov)

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W.S. Chamber of Commerce notes

Java Jumpstart this Thursday at WSCAT

The Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce members held their regular monthly meeting in mid July.

The agenda included: Recruiting chamber members; electing new officers to the board; planning a business and information fair for later in the fall, and hosting a Java

Jumpstart gathering on Thursday July 26.

All community members are invited to the Java Jumpstart for coffee and goodies at the Warm Springs Community Action Team office, 1136 Paiute Avenue on Campus.

Bring ideas and join in the conversation beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 9.

We are looking to continue

the Java Jumpstart Gatherings on August 2, 16 and 30. See you there!

Youth Prevention Camp at HeHe

The HeHe Butte Prevention Camp will be held August 12-17. This is a camp for Native youth from the nine tribes of Oregon between ages 13-18. Camp activities will incorporate both traditional and contemporary venues. To obtain a registration packet, call (541) 553-0467.

If you are interested in advertising in the Spilyay Tymoo, call Yvonne at 541-325-1089. Or email her at yvonne.iverson@wstribe.org

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