

W.S. Telecom Award for Excellence

Many individuals, organizations and government entities have cooperated in the development of the Warm Springs Telecom.

This cooperative effort was recognized at the Oregon Connections Conference, held at Hood River, Oct. 18-19. At the conference the Warm Springs Telecom received the Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships Award.

Mary Beth Henry, of the Oregon Connections Awards Committee, nominated the Warm Springs Telecom for the award.

"Warm Springs Telecom was created to provide tribally-owned 'improved access, reliability and affordability' for these tribal nations," Henry wrote in her award recommendation.

"The tribes were previously neglected and underserved by incumbent telecommunications providers for many years, leaving more than one-third of the population without basic telephone service and very limited broadband or even basic dial-up Internet access."

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference draws attendees from all regions of the state to share ideas, experiences and knowledge about telecommunications. The recent award was an exciting



Accepting the Award of Excellence for the Warm Springs Telecom were Danica Greene, Aurolyn Stwyer, Gabe Walker and Jose Mantanane.

The Telecom now serves close to 300 customers on the reservation...

Growing enterprise

The Warm Springs Telecom is a tribally-owned enterprise, operating with its own board and staff.

The enterprise was made possible two years ago

through \$5.6 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Warm Springs Telecom opened its offices in the old apparel building, which was completely remodeled and equipped with state-of-the-art telecommunication equipment.

The Telecom now serves close to 300 customers on the reservation, some who previously had no telephone ser-

vice, much less Internet.

The Warm Springs Telecom is one of only nine tribally-owned telecoms in the U.S. If you would like more information, call the Telecom at 541-615-0555, or stop by the office at the industrial park, 4202 Holliday St.

(The Excellence in Telecommunications Partnership letter of award recommendation is reprinted on page 4.)

Impact Aid Hearing

A public meeting in Warm Springs of the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors is scheduled in November.

This meeting will be a chance to discuss the Impact Aid application for financial year 2014, and other matters relating to Impact Aid.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26 in the library Warm Springs Elementary School.

The district annually

affords its patrons, specifically Native American parents and guardians, the opportunity to offer comments and make recommendations relative to the application for and the use of Impact Aid funds.

If anybody who wishes to attend the meeting has a disability requiring assistance, please advise Cindy Stanfield at 541-475-6192 about specific arrangements that may accommodate your participation in this meeting.

Birth announcement

James Lee Wolfe IV

James Lee Wolfe III and Rosa Wolfe of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son James Lee Wolfe IV, born on October 19, 2012. James joins brother Damian, 3; and sisters

Jasslyn, 9, and Jade, 7.

Grandparents on the father's side are Flossie Wolfe of Warm Springs, and the late James Wolfe Sr.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Jorge E. Rios Sr. of Madras.

Wellness meeting next week

The Women of Wellness meeting is Thursday, Nov. 8 from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the large conference room at the Family Resource Center.

The topic of discussion will be: Celebrating National Native Heritage Month with Valerie Switzler of the Culture and Heritage Depart-

ment. There will be community artisans sharing and telling of community craft projects. Lunch is provided to participants at noon.

For more information, contact Judy at 541-553-2211. Special guest, the Immersion School, from 11:30-12.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Wednesday, Oct. 31

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

Today's **Culture Class** will teach the Wasco Language and include a lesson on "Name Giving." It's from 3:30 to 5 in the Education Building basement.

Thursday, Nov. 1

Warm Springs **Language Culture Class** is from 3:30 til 5 today in the basement of the Education Building. The last part of the class will focus on "Prayer." Everyone is welcome.

Central Oregon Basketball Organization girls' **team signups** will be taken at 6:30 at Madras High School.

Friday, Nov. 2

The Native Arts & Culture Foundation **Artist in Residence Program** at the Museum at Warm Springs will feature Wanda Van Pelt and Roy Heath this Friday from 1-5 p.m. in the Changing Exhibits Gallery.

Friday night at the Jefferson County Library **Film Center** they will show "Moonrise Kingdom," rated PG-13 at 7:30 at the Rodriguez Annex.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Water Polo 5A state **playoffs** are being played in Bend today.

There's a **Can and Bottle Drive** from 10 til 3 at Erickson's Thriftway in Madras. It's a fundraiser for the Madras High School Class of 2013 All-Night Drug & Alcohol Free Graduation Party.

Juniper Junction **Relief Nursery** invites you to join them today at the Big House. This is a chance to

spend an evening in the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution's Medium Security facility - before it actually houses inmates. There will be prison food, prison games, and prison tours. This is a fundraiser that will benefit the Juniper Junction Relief Nursery, a child abuse and neglect prevention program that serves Jefferson County. Tickets can be purchased at the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce office, Home Federal Bank, and the Juniper Junction Relief Nursery. Or contact Kelly at 541-475-2537 to have them reserved for you.

Monday, Nov. 5

There will be a Warm Springs **Community Advisory 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.

The "Talking for the Children" child sexual abuse center opens at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. A blessing ceremony and tours will be held today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at IHS.

"Celebrating Native American Voices: Our Health & Wellness" is a **panel presentation** today at OHSU in Portland. They will discuss successes, concerns and needs of Native people and how OHSU may become partners in raising the stand of health for all Native people. It's from noon til 1:30 in the OHSU auditorium.

A **Food Handler's Class** will be held November 5th 2 to 4pm in the I H S Atrium.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

At **Culture class** today they will teach Paiute Language and cover "the Sweat House." It's from 3:30 til 5 in the basement of the Education Building.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Wednesday is a 2-hour **early release day** for 509-J Schools.

Today's **Culture Class** will teach the Wasco Language and include a lesson on "Cleansing the Spirit." It's from 3:30 to 5 in the Education Building basement.

A **Community Grief Workshop** will be held at the Agency Longhouse. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. and the workshop starts at 9.

Victims of Crime Services has a monthly **Men's Support Group** from 6-8 p.m. This is a support group for men who are a victim of a crime, not a batterers program.

Thursday, Nov. 8

The **Diabetes Prevention Program** will be doing health screenings at the Housing Office. Stop by between 2 and 3 p.m. to have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked.

Warm Springs **Language Culture Class** is from 3:30 til 5 today in the basement of the Education Building. The last part of the class will focus on "Feasts." Everyone is welcome.

The next **Women of Wellness** event is today from 11:30 a.m. til 3 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. They will be celebrating National Native Heritage Month with Valerie Switzler of the Culture and Heritage Department. Community artisans will also be talking and sharing community craft projects. Lunch will be served at noon.

Friday, Nov. 9

The **Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club** will be closed for a furlough day on this day, and for Veterans Day on Monday, November 12. Regular club hours are weekdays afterschool from 3-5:30. The club is open during Spring, Summer and Winter breaks from 8-5. The club will be closed on designated holidays, tribal closure days and inclement weather days.

There is **no school** on Friday for 509-J students - it's the end of the first quarter. And, remember - Monday is Veteran's Day, so no school on Monday.

The **Water Polo State Tournament** is going on today and tomorrow in Corvallis.

Today is the **deadline** to submit items for the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo coming out Wednesday, No-

vember 14th.

Friday night at the Jefferson County Library **Film Center** they will show "King of Masks" at 7:30 at the Rodriguez Annex.

Monday, Nov. 12

Veteran's Day - No School.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Warm Springs Elementary **Parent Conferences** will be done November 13-15 from 4-7 p.m. and on Nov. 19 all day. Contact your child's teacher for details. Madras High School will have parent conferences from 5-7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center and also on Nov. 15 at the high school from 4:30-7:30.

At **Culture class** today they will teach Paiute Language and cover "Traditional Curfew." 3:30 til 5 at the Education Building.

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