

Council updates juvenile, criminal codes

Tribal Council took two actions on Monday in regard to public safety on the reservation.

The first action was the adoption of an updated Juvenile Code, and the second deals with disorderly conduct in a private residence.

The disorderly conduct matter is stated in this brief addition to the tribal criminal code:

“Private Disorderly Conduct: Any person commits the crime of private disorderly conduct if the person appears in a private place in an intoxicated condition and causes inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another or recklessly creates a risk of harm.”

The crime of public intoxication has existed for years on the reservation. The new law makes it a crime to act disorderly in a private residence.

Tribal Judge Glendon Smith presented the private disorderly conduct proposal to Council, with additional information from Cecilia Collins and tribal attorney Lauren Lester, who are members of the tribal Justice Team.

The Justice Team was not unanimous in recommending the private disorderly conduct law. Some on the team felt the language needed more

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work in order to avoid the possibility of making some domestic situations worse, said Collins.

However, the Justice Team members are all in favor of the spirit of the new law, she said.

Judge Smith explained that the new law is intended to address some situations that arise out of the tribes’ detoxification rule.

If a person is intoxicated in public, then the person can be charged with a crime and subject to court sanctions and supervision, if found guilty.

On the other hand, when an intoxicated person is taken in to custody as a result of disorderly behavior in a private residence, then the person is detoxed and then released. Under the previous tribal law, no crime was involved and the person avoided any further consequences, including responsibility for any costs to Public Safety.

Under the new law, which takes effect in 58 days, the person can be charged with

a crime. The law could be useful in the protection of elders, said Councilwoman Lola Sohappay.

Warm Springs is supposed to be a dry reservation, said Councilman Scott Moses, “and I think the previous laws have been too lenient.”

The Justice Team will monitor how the new law is being enforced, and will report back to Tribal Council on whether any of the language of the law needs to be changed.

Juvenile Code

At the recommendation of the Justice Team, the Tribal Council on Monday also adopted an updated Juvenile Code. The Justice Team has been working on this project for about three years, through a Juvenile Code Working Group.

Some of significant changes in the new code include:

The Juvenile Court can maintain jurisdiction over a youth up to the age of 21. Before, the court lost jurisdiction when the person turned 18.

There have been cases when a person was cited in to juvenile court a short time before his or her eighteenth birthday. The court would then lose supervisory juris-

diction when the person turned 18. Now the court would have jurisdiction for a longer time.

Another important change: The new law gives juveniles who are subject to a delinquency petition the right to be represented by an appointed advocate.

The new code is easier to understand. As an example, the three types of juvenile cases are each dealt with separately in different sections of the code.

The three types of cases are: delinquency, juvenile in need of supervision, and neglected or abused juveniles (dependency cases).

Delinquency cases are those involving juveniles who have committed a crime.

Juvenile in need of supervision (JINS) cases are “status offenses,” meaning the conduct of the juvenile would not be a crime if he or she were an adult. These include curfew violation, juvenile in possession of alcohol, or firearms. Truancy is another JINS type of violation.

The curfew for juveniles is from 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on nights when there is school the next day; and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on nights when there is no school.

— Dave McMechan

Middle school hosting Cultural Night on Friday

The Jefferson County Middle School Family Cultural Night is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Friday, May 3.

This event is a celebration of diversity at the school and community. There will be Native and Folklorico dance performances and concerts by the school and choir.

Dinner will be available

from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Native Seniors Indian Tacos are \$6 and frybread, \$3. Beco’s tamales, rice and beans are \$5.

Guests can also walk through the seventh-grade Leadership Photo-Voice Gallery, and check out the N’Chi Wanapum Canoe Family presentation.

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Native Thunder motorcycle show coming to casino

The Native Thunder Motorcycle Show and Shine and Poker Run is Saturday, May 18 at Indian Head Casino.

Sign-ups start at 9:30 a.m. and the run begins at noon. Everyone is wel-

come to come check out the motorcycles.

There will be lunch for purchase plus and afternoon bike rodeo and events for kids. Proceeds benefit the Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club.

Swearing In and Greeting

Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council

~ **Monday, May 6** ~

at the Administration Building

Starting at 9 a.m.

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MHS teachers help students succeed

Since 2008-2009, math and reading scores at MHS have been improving in leaps and bounds. Passing OAKS scores have gone from 26% in 2008-2009 to 63% (math) and 75% (reading) in 2011-2012. Teachers are finding new ways to engage students and looking carefully at individual student performance and needs. In addition, a new proficiency-based teaching model has been in place at MHS to help students be better prepared for college and employment.

“Academic standards and state assessments in Oregon are historically lower than national standards. We want our students to have what they need to be successful once they graduate and move on, so we are raising the bar to meet national standards and working with individual students to achieve a higher level of thinking.”

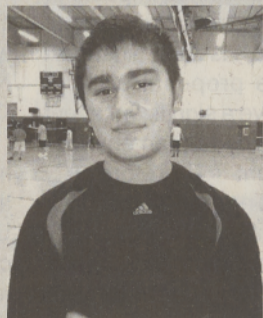
— Sarah Braman-Smith, MHS Principal

MHS students rock La Raza

MHS students from the Juntos Club recently became the first students ever to present at the La Raza Youth Leadership Conference. The annual conference exposes Latino youth to future opportunities by promoting the importance of higher education, career planning, self-esteem and leadership skills.

“We were the only student presenters,” said Juntos Club member Bryan Bueno, grade 10. “Everyone was very excited and happy to be part of our group.”

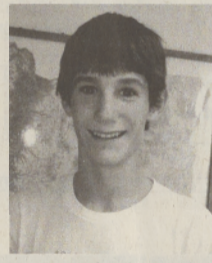
The Juntos Club was formed to help parents explore and understand the importance of education and college attendance.



Bryan Bueno, Grade 10, Juntos Club Member

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Hats off to Madras FFA!



Ian Oppenlander, Grade 11, FFA Event Leader

JCSD students participated in a highly successful Future Farmers of America (FFA) event this month. Our own MHS Junior, Ian Oppenlander, played a key role in organizing and hosting the evening’s activities. When asked what he likes most about FFA, Oppenlander was enthusiastic.

“The insane energy, leadership and public speaking skills,” said Oppenlander. “I have made so many good friends in FFA.”

Free Parent Workshop!

(English & Spanish)
Top 10 Tips for Communicating with Your Teen
May 15
5:30-7:00 p.m.
MHS Parent Center

The MHS Parent Center, in partnership with the Deschutes County Health Department, will host a parent communication workshop to focus on strategies for communicating with your teenager. Childcare will be provided.

Please take our survey! We need your input!

Our MHS team is looking for community feedback to help us in planning the future of our school. Please take a moment to complete the four question perception survey on our website.

Survey closes May 8, 2013!
www.jcsd.k12.or.us/schools/mhs

Parents & students needed!

Next Step to Being the Change
Community Workshop
May 3-5
Kah-Nee-Ta Resort
\$25 (scholarships available)
Sign up for Next Step, a program that explores powerful personal growth. Contact Sarah Braman-Smith at (541) 475-7265 or sbramansmith@509j.net

Calendar

- May**
- 5/3 JCMS Family Cultural Night - 5:30 p.m.
- 5/8 2-hour Early Release
- 5/10-11 Drama Presentation MHS
- 5/13 MHS Board Work Session on Educational Vision - Public welcome
- 5/27 Memorial Day
No school
- June
- 6/4 JCMS Spring Concert 7-10 p.m.
- 6/5 2-hour Early Release
- 4th quarter is upon us and school ends June 13!
- Check with your schools about other events.