

Letters to the editor

Seniors prom

Elders of the community are welcome to the Senior Citizen Prom Night, "Strolling Down Memory Lane."

The Senior Prom will happen on Valentine's Day, February 14, at the Community Center Social Hall.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Dinner will include meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, some type of vegetable, dessert and juice.

Picture taking will be from 5-10 p.m. From 6-11 p.m. will be dancing. Crowning of the prom king and queen will be at 8 p.m.

A dance contest, and balloon dance is at 9 p.m. Dancing from 9:30-11 p.m.; cleanup from 11 to midnight.

If you would like more information, call **Rosemary "Mushy" Alarcon** at the Health Resource Center and Library, 541-553-1078.

From JCMS

Dear community businesses and organizations,

Greetings from Jefferson County Middle School.

As a new year begins, people often take the opportunity to change. Maybe someone changes a job, or an organization decides to change their direction. Whatever it is, the focus is change.

At Jefferson County Middle School we believe in change, and one of our focuses of change has been searching for ways to bring parents into the school and provide a positive experience for them with their student.

One of the methods we have used to get parents into our building is Family Nights.

We have used Bingo, art, sports and technology for our Family Nights, and have seen and heard such positive responses from the community.

Coming up this month is our annual Staff v. Student basketball game, which we have used as a venue for

Family Night the last couple years. This year we will be using the event as a fundraiser to replace outdated materials in our Physical Education department.

Our hope is that you would be willing to partner with us in support of our mission to involve the community here at JCMS. We will be raffling prizes throughout the evening as part of the fundraiser, and if you are willing to donate raffle items we would greatly appreciate it.

Also, we would love to see you at the Family Night on February 27, starting at 5:30. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either of us. Thank you so much for considering partnering with us and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Sincerely,

Brian Stenberg and Denise Horton, 541-475-7253 ext. 545 or 546.

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Fundraiser

Madras High School student Devynn Rodriguez-Medina is planning for a career in medicine. This summer she will attend *Careers in Medicine*, a National Youth Leadership forum.

The forum is held at a medical school in Florida. Devynn's family is helping her raise the needed funds for her to attend.

To help Devynn make it to the *Careers in Medicine* forum, Bob Medina is raffling his 1975 Chevrolet Nova. The vehicle is in good running condition, with 350 engine, automatic transmission, bucket seats, good tires and a new stereo.

Tickets are \$10. The drawing will be held in the spring. All proceeds from the raffle will be used for Devynn to attend the forum.

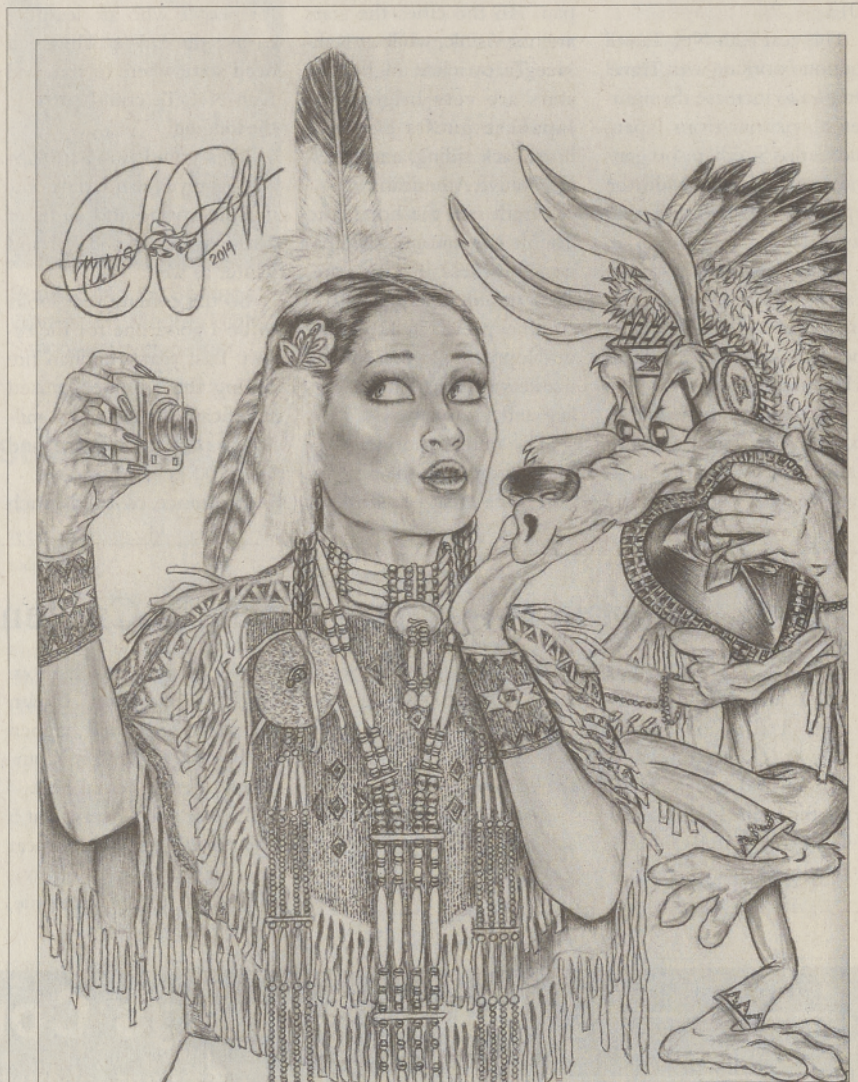
If you are interested in helping, or to purchase a ticket, contact Devynn, Bob Medina, who works at Fire Management; or Kim Medina, who works at the Warm Springs Market. Or contact Thomas or Margaret Medina, or Phoebe Gray.

Contact numbers are 541-615-0666; or 541-325-1772.

You can check out the car at 4450 Upper Dry Creek Road in Warm Springs.

Careers in Medicine
The *Careers in Medicine* forum gives high school students a chance to meet with first-year medical school students.

The high school students will visit medical facilities, meet with physicians and



A Valentine's Day card from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

other medical professionals, and observe medical procedures.

Through the program students will also learn about the medical school application process, and learn about the many and varied career options available in the medical profession.

Invitation

The nine Oregon tribes are invited to have information tables in the Capitol Galleria on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be Tribal Legislative Day, an event organized by the Legislative

Commission on Indian Services.

Come chat with tribal leaders, and lawmakers from around the state.

Karen Quigley, executive director, Legislative Commission on Indian Services. karen.m.quigley@state.or.us

Wishes...

Happy birthday, family.

Happy Birthday to Tasina Jim ('12) and Chet VanPelt III ('89)—both of February 9.

Happy Birthday to Albert VanPelt ('11) and Isley Sam—both on the 3rd.

Happy Birthday ('12), Quinten Cook ('00) on the 17th, and RodRigo Madrano ('13) on the 24th.

Love all of you. G-ma and G-pa, Eliza and Harvey Jim.

Birth

Todd Ohngren and Natalie Owyhee of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Aiyanna Ohngren, born on January 14, 2014.

Aiyanna joins brother Brady, 5.

Grandparents on the father's side are Raymond Miller of Warm Springs, and Kimberly Boschee of Nampa, Idaho.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Carolyn Dick and Nathan Owyhee of Owyhee, Nevada.

Unwelcome text messages: Another type of stalking

By Mark Matthews
Victims of Crime Services

Your teenager just got another threatening text:

"Tomorrow we R goin 2 kil U"

This is the twelfth threatening text message she has received in the past week. What are you going to do?

Teens, their parents, and other victims of repeatedly harassing, annoying or threatening text messages often feel scared, or at least repeatedly annoyed.

However, the cell phone owners may not understand that threatening and annoying repeated unwanted text messaging is stalking, a tribal crime.

In recognition of National Stalking Awareness Month, the tribal Victims of Crime Services department, plus victim advocates across the country, are educating the public about stalking, the pervasive crime that affects nearly 1.4 million Americans each year.

Repeated, unwanted text messaging is a type of stalking.

Stalking and harassment are crimes on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. All 50 states have passed laws that make it illegal to engage in stalking—usually defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause "a reason-

able person" (in legal terms) to feel fear.

The Warm Springs tribal code for the crime of Stalking is WSTC 305.180, which states:

"Stalking: Any Indian who shall knowingly alarm or coerce another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated, unwanted contact with the other person where the repeated and unwanted contact causes the victim reasonable apprehension regarding the personal safety of the victim or a member of the victim's immediate family or household, shall be deemed guilty of stalking."

The maximum fine for a conviction of the tribal crime of stalking is either a \$5000 fine, one year in jail, or both. The tribal court has the power to exclude non-members if a person is convicted of Stalking or any other tribal crime.

According to Victims of Crime Services (VOCS), some of the past stalking cases on the reservation have involved multiple unwanted text messages and telephone calls to the stalking victims. Other stalking cases on the reservation include repeated, unwanted contact by a former significant other, boyfriend/girlfriend, or intimate partner. Victims should report the offending text message stalking to tribal police and carefully document evidence by

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writing down the times, dates, and places they are stalked.

They should keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, notes, and anything sent by the stalker. Victims should also alert friends, family members, roommates, and co-workers about the stalking and enlist their support and help.

Janell Wallulatum, the Acting VOCS Supervisor, reminds tribal members and cell phone owners to "save all your threatening text messages because they are evidence. Victims can either forward the offending text message to the tribal police as an email, or take the cell phone to the police so they can take a photograph or copy of the text message."

Victim cell phone owners may not understand that stalking is criminal. And what they don't know about stalking may jeopardize their lives.

Stalking behavior can range from annoying and intrusive to terrifying and dangerous. Stalking can escalate to violence and—in the

worst-case situations—murder.

To defeat text-messaging stalkers, the victims, police, and communities must take stalking seriously.

Victims of annoying or threatening text messages should call 541-553-1171 and have the Warm Springs Police Department take a report and do a follow-up investigation.

Text stalking victims can also receive support from VOCS, the tribal victim's assistance department. VOCS can help victims devise a safety plan, learn about the tribal laws, access other services, and take additional steps, such as seeking a tribal restraining order.

Family members, friends and the tribal community can support stalking victims by listening, showing support, and never blaming the victim for the crime. They can also discourage text message stalking and other stalking-type of behavior.

Victims need to know that help is available. They can call VOCS at 541-553-2293 during office hours, or Warm Springs Police Dispatch at 553-1171 on weeknights and weekends.

If you are being stalked or if you know of a stalking victim, remember, you are not alone, the Warm Springs Police and Victims of Crime Services Departments are here to help.

Memorial

A Memorial for Muriel Suppah and Jackie Simtustus, with namegiving, is set for April 19, 2014 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

9 a.m. Washat Service.

Noon - Lunch. Name-giving and give-away.

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