

Youth Council reports on Gathering

The Warm Springs Youth Council met with community members recently.

They reported on their July trip to the White House Tribal Youth Gathering in Washington D.C.

The trip also included their participation in the 2015 National United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference.

The Warm Springs Youth Council has developed a constitution and by-laws, and code of ethics. Young people are invited to join the council:

For more information see Facebook at: CTWSOYouthCouncil.



Jayson Smith photos.



Tribal Council talks with Sen. Ferrioli

Tribal Council met with Oregon Sen. Ted Ferrioli last week, discussing areas the tribes may be interested in during the 2016 Legislative session.

Environmental issues—the water resource, fisheries and coal transport, for instance—are among tribal priorities, said Councilman Reuben Henry. The local economy, new jobs especially, is another issue needing attention at all levels, he said. “Native Americans didn’t invent the welfare system,” Councilman Henry said.

He brought up the growing problem of sea lion predation on salmon in the Columbia River.

Sen. Ferrioli said in his opinion Native Americans

should have a right to hunt the sea lions, as this was a tradition.

Another topic was the reservation economy:

The tribes are trying to develop new businesses, such as with the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program, said Councilman Kahseuss Jackson. The state can play a part in the tribes’ development of infrastructure for these new businesses, he said.

The state is also a key player in the tribes’ new TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance) office, Councilman Jackson said. He noted the state has come through with funding for the UAV program, and ODOT is planning work along Highway 26 through the Warm Springs community, which could be a

good opportunity for the TERO program.

Sen. Ferrioli, R-John Day, said he would help in whatever way he can with the employment situation.

“I know unemployment in Indian Country can be as high as 50 percent,” he said. “The state (unemployment average, around 5.5 percent) does not reflect rural Oregon or the tribes.”

The manufacturing aspect of the UAV program has the best potential for good local jobs, he said. Partnerships could bring the jobs to the reservation, rather than to Redmond or Bend, he said.

Councilman Raymond Tsumpti brought up the issue of tribal member students from the Jefferson County 509-J School District

wishing to transfer elsewhere, such as to South Wasco.

The Wasco district does not receive the Impact Aid money, even though the students are attending the South Wasco district schools.

Sen. Ferrioli said the funding should follow the student to whichever district the student chooses to attend.

They also talked about the need for a juvenile facility that is closer to Warm Springs. Juveniles who are detained currently have to be transported to the facility in The Dalles. This is not a good situation for families or for the youth.

At Council they agreed this is really a question for the BIA, which has the approval authority for a youth detention facility.

Haskell secures ten-year accreditation

Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas secured accreditation for another 10 years, President Venida Chenault announced last week.

The Higher Learning Commission came to the campus in April for the university’s 10-year review. The visit resulted in accreditation until 2024-2025.

“When we bundle our commitment together, we can accomplish much for tribal students seeking to realize their dreams and potential through higher education,”

Chenault said.

According to the Higher Learning Commission, Haskell had 741 full-time and part-time students as of April.

The university awarded 160 associates and bachelors degrees in the prior year.

Community notes

The Warm Springs Library is encouraging youth to read this summer. Kids can stop by the library anytime to pick up a new book for summer reading.

If you read a book and fill out one of the Library’s book slips, you can turn it in

for a prize. The more books you read, the more slips you can fill out, and the more prizes you win.

A benefit for the Jefferson County Arts Association and the Art Adventure Gallery will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Erickson Aircraft Collection Museum.

For ticket information call Coralee Popp at 541-475-6317. Or visit: artadventuregallery.com

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will host the Warm Springs Market this Friday, August 21, at the campus area by the WSCAT office.

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue is coming up on Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Warm Springs Eagle Academy, from 4-6 p.m. This is a chance for students, the community and teaching staff to get together, get to know one another, and gear up for the new school year. There will be backpacks and school supplies for students, plus information, food and fun. Everyone is invited.



Pathways Home starts soon

Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Course is for September and October in Warm Springs.

The courses will be on Tuesdays evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Tribal Credit building. The classes start September 15, and lasting through October 27.

To sign up for the class, call 541-553-3148. The courses are hosted by the Warm Springs Housing Authority, Tribal Credit, and the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

In *Pathways Home*, you will learn how to become a successful homeowner: Learn everything

needed to find, finance, purchase and maintain a home. Learn the advantages and disadvantages of building a new home or buying an existing one.

Gain a greater understanding of the mortgage loan process; and learn how to prepare a family budget, improve your credit, and how to avoid the pitfalls of predatory lending.

The class will include hands-on mock-up training with appliances. This course is required for everyone in the Community Action Team’s IDA program for homeownership.

Small business course in Sept.

Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey into Business will start in September, lasting into November. There will be ten sessions of the course, meetings on Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Indianpreneurship will cover business concepts indispensable for anyone starting or running a small business. The training will provide comprehensive information on business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving and marketing small business.

The first class is on September 16. To sign up, please call 541-553-3148. Classes will be held in the Tribal Credit Enterprise conference room.

Instructors will be Aurolyn Stwyer, co-author of *Indianpreneurship*; Gerald Danzuka and Jaime Scott of the Warm Springs Community Action Team; and Bruce Engle of Warm Springs Credit.

Indianpreneurship is co-hosted by the Warm Springs Community Action Team and the Tribal Credit. Food and refreshments are provided.

Soup for the Soul at lodge

Saint Charles Hospice is offering a free monthly program for anyone who has lost a loved one and would like support in understanding their grief.

Soup for the Soul will be held once a month on a

Thursday at High Looker Lodge in Warm Springs. A free lunch is provided, and all who have experienced loss are welcome.

The next session is this Thursday, August 20, from noon to 1:30.

St. Charles scholarships

St. Charles Madras in partnership with the St Charles Foundation is offering scholarships to Jefferson County undergraduate students who

are studying for a career in the health care field. For more information stop by the hospital or contact Rebecca Keegan at 541-460-4200.

Reading workshop for kids

The Education Committee is hosting a mini-reading workshop on Tuesday evening, August 25, for families with 3-5 year olds. The workshop will be from 6-7 p.m. in the community center social hall.

Kids will get a book, and will do art activities related to the stories. Family members will learn literacy tips from kindergarten teachers, as well as what the kids will be learning and tested on in kindergarten.

Farm hay, barley for sale

The Warm Springs tribal farm has beardless barley hay and first cutting alfalfa for sale.

The alfalfa is \$180 per ton for non-tribal members; and \$160 per ton for members. Five-ton minimum or \$85 per bale.

The barley is \$160 per ton

for non-members; and \$140 per ton for members. Five ton minimum or \$70 per bale.

Purchases may be made at the Branch of Natural Resources main office. Please contact the Range and Ag Department for more information, 541-553-2001.

ONABEN award helps artists

The Oregon Native American Business Network—ONABEN—has won an award from the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 2015 Growth Accelerator Fund Competition.

ONABEN will use the award to support expanded entrepreneurial services for

the artists of the Qualla Boundary, home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

The award will also allow ONABEN to continue with its work on growing the *Authentically Cherokee*, a brand created to market these artists.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Pre-teens and teens need vaccines because they are at greater risk for certain diseases like meningitis, blood infection and the cancers caused by HPV infection.

Being vaccinated not only helps protect adolescents from disease but also helps stop the spread of disease to the family, classroom and community.

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