

Whitney Jackson (signing in) was among the Warm Springs people who arrived on Monday evening for the Cascade Locks City Council meeting. The matter at the city council was a Hood River County proposal, Measure 14-55, that would block water bottling operations in the county. The company Nestlé has proposed developing a water bottling plant at Cascade Locks, using water from Oxbow Springs, a publicly owned water source. Opponents say the water plant would harm natural resources such as fisheries, while opponents say the project would create jobs and not significantly impact the resources.



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Author in W.S. on Friday

The Thirteenth Annual Jefferson County Community Read is featuring the book *Shaped by the Land, Stories of the rural American West as told in the Dusty Dog Cafe*. The book is by local author, D. 'Bing' Bingham. The author will be giving presentations about his book around Central Or-

regon. This Friday, April 15, Bingham will be at the Warm Springs Library at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. He will also do a book signing on Saturday, April 16 at the Jefferson County Library Rodriguez Annex, and a presentation at 8 p.m.

Graduates banquet in June

The Warm Springs Graduation Banquet for the Class of 2016 is coming up in June. The banquet is set for Friday, June 10, at the Agency Longhouse. School district 509-J and Wasco High School diplomas go to Carroll Dick at the Higher Education building. For information call 541-553-3311. Or you can email her a copy: carroll.dick@wstribes.org Higher education, VOC tech, AA, certificates, BA, MA, boarding school and other high school diplomas go to Becky Picard at the Tribal Council office. Or email: beckypicard@wstribes.org

OHSU community health visit to Warm Springs

The Center for Healthy Communities at the Oregon Health Sciences University made a site visit to Warm Springs this week. The OHSU Center for Healthy Communities is committed to addressing the health promotion and chronic disease prevention needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other underserved communities. They accomplish this through community-based participatory research, and through training, dissemination and evaluation activities. They visited Warm Springs on Tuesday of this week, with the Center for Community Health project officer from the Atlanta-based Center for Disease Control. The OHSU Center for Healthy Communities has a research project, and training programs that includes the Warm Springs Reservation. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) representative

was interested in visiting with key tribal community representatives. The goal is to obtain a community perspective of the projects and training programs at Warm Springs. The Center for Health Communities delegation includes Dr. Bill Lambert, Dr. Stephanie Craig Rushing, and Michelle Singer. Ms. Singer (Navajo) is the project manager of Native STAND—Students Together Against Negative Decisions. Dr. Craig-Rushing is director of the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, and also project director of STAND. Also on hand was Tracey Hardy of the Center for Disease Control. During the visit to Warm Springs, the OHSU delegation were planning to visit Health and Human Services offices, the Community Counseling Center, Health and Wellness Center and Prevention.

The Warm Springs Eagle Academy, and Museum at Warm Springs were also on the list of sites. The Center for Health Communities is located within the OHSU-Portland State University School of Public Health at OHSU in Portland.

The center is supported by a cooperative agreement from the CDC and Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) program. Funded since 2004, the Center for Healthy Communities is one of 26 CDC-funded PRCs nationwide.

Play the Game: Intercultural Awareness

Central Oregon Community College ~ Madras Campus ~ Monday, May 2, 12-1:30, Room 116, Lunch will be served.

Enjoy a fun, interactive game that will help us think about cultural differences and how they influence our ability to be successful. Facilitated by Courtney Snead, Director of Let's Talk Diversity Coalition.

Controlled burn on rez to demonstrate UAS program

Eagle Tech Systems is planning a controlled burn on the reservation. This activity will be in conjunction with the tribes' Unmanned Aerial Systems program. An exact date for the controlled burn-UAS project is not yet set, and will be based on the prevailing weather conditions. But a target date will be set probably during the month of May. Eagle Tech Systems is a subsidiary of Warm Springs Ventures, the economic development enterprise of the Confederated Tribes. For the controlled burn, Warm Springs Fire Management will conduct training for "aerial ignition" with the fire crews. This will be followed by an unmanned aerial vehicle flight to demonstrate how unmanned aerial systems can help combat wildfires. Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) can provide the bird's-eye view firefighters need to make critical, real-time decisions, while also safely monitoring the fire overnight, said Aurolyn Stwyer, director of the Eagle Tech Systems program. She and Ventures have been working with federal agencies to explore UAS use in wildland fire-fight. The interested agencies include the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, FEMA, National Park Service, and the Bonneville Power Administration. If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming controlled burn project, you can reach Stwyer at 541-553-3565. Or email: aurolyn.stwyer@wstribes.org Other contacts are Trey Leonard at Fire Management. Email: trey.leonard@ctwsbnr.org Or Brad Donahue, Brad Donahue, Fuels Crew Manager. Email: brad.donahue@ctwsbnr.org

Rethinking Columbus: The Next 500 Years.

~ Central Oregon Community College ~ Madras Campus ~ Monday, April 25 12 noon-1 p.m. ~ Community Room ~ Lunch will be served ~

Join us in a presentation and discussion, as we re-evaluate the social consequences of the Europeans' arrival into North America, and whether or not we should honor Columbus with a national holiday. Facilitated by Gina Ricketts, Native American Program Coordinator at COCC. Questions? Please call 541-318-3782.

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