

Letters to the editor

Awareness in October

Warm Springs will commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month with special events in October.

We're planning activities to engage the community, raise awareness, recognize the prevalence of domestic violence, and prevent abuse.

The mission at Victims of Crime Services is to promote healthy, safe homes and relationships. And toward this goal we have these activities in mind for October:

• **Darkness to Light** training will be on October 3. Anyone wanting to participate contact Victims of Crime Services at 541-553-2293

• **Strong Girls:** An activity for girls ages 12-18 years of age who are survivors of sexual assault.

Please contact Vera Thomas at 541-553-2293 for further information on this activity

• **Purple Thursday** is on October 20. Wear purple all day to show your support in bringing forth domestic violence awareness

Wear a purple ribbon, and look for our silent witness 'Red People' in the community. These will be displayed in various places throughout the community, sharing information about people crimes

• **The Clothesline Project** was created to bring awareness of violence against women.

For women who have been affected by violence, this is a means of expressing their emotions by decorating a t-shirt. After the shirts

have been decorated, they are hung on a clothesline display.

The intention of the display is to honor survivors and act as a memorial for victims. It is also intended to aid in the healing process for those who were directly affected, and those who have lost someone special to violence.

Lastly, the clothesline display is to educate society and promote awareness, as well as to document violent crimes against women

• The **Human Ribbon** will be out in the community with one of VOCS advocates throughout the month of October. Stop and ask an advocate any question you may have about our Victims of Crime Services program

• The Women's Support Group will be held every Monday afternoon from 3-5 at the VOCS office.

For additional information about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please contact Victims of Crime Services at 541-553-2293, or visit us at 1108 Wasco Street.

We are available 24 hours a day: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at VOCS office 541-553-2293. From 5 p.m.-8 a.m. via Warm Springs Police Dispatch, 541-553-1171. Ask for an on-call advocate.

Join us in creating a world in which safe and loving homes are the norm!

Dorothy Kalama, Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services.

or revenue. This vanquishment etc. is going in the wrong direction. We need to close all loop holes. The leadership of the landlord tribal members is the Tribal Council. The "subordinates" are the CEO, GM, consultants and tribal attorneys, committees, board members etc. Whose watch is it and who has been on watch the last few years?

We need to end exploitation and replicate the successful companies and other tribes, whatever it takes. On the outside these successful corporations require the CEO and GMs to make revenue for the owners or hit the road. Many tribal members are coming away empty. That's the way I see it. We need to step it up. No more smoke screens, playing games or trickery. Hopefully we're not an easy mark and can end any future schemes. Awe-na.

Anthony Littleleaf

Pet clinics

The next Bend Spay and Neuter pet clinic will be in Warm Springs on Tuesday, October 5.

These free clinics are held at the Warm Springs Housing-Community Building, 2776 Quail Trail-Greeley Heights.

The first Bend Spay and Neuter clinic in Warm Springs, held in September, was very popular with dog owners: The mobile veterinary clinic was at capacity, and some owners who showed up later in the morning had to be turned away.

Check-ins will start at 7:30. Appointments are first-come first-serve, with up to 30 appointments available.

Your dog's free appointment will include:

Spay and neuter surgery, pain injection, anesthesia, monitoring post surgery, pre-surgical exam, and rabies vaccination if needed.

The clinic will continue at least through this year on the first Tuesday of each month. These are free to people who live on the reservation, thanks to the Daisy Fund.

A few of the benefits to having your pet spayed or neutered:

Prevention of accidental litters of puppies. Your dog will be healthier, and this will help him or her to live longer.

The procedure will make your dog easier to train, and help avoid unwanted behaviors; and your dog will stop running away from home. For more information visit the website: bendsnip.org. Or call 541-617-1010.

More for pets

There is a Pet Clinic on October 1st from 2-4 p.m. in the old ambulance bay across from the post office in Warm Springs. You can purchase shots and licenses for your pets, and get spay/neuter vouchers. They can accept cash only.

Food drive

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Employee Appreciation Committee is hosting a community food drive. The food drive will last through December 21.

Please bring in non-perishable food items such as canned foods, dried food, etc., to the clinic.

Items will be picked up by Pastor Rick Ribiero from the Presbyterian Church. If you have questions call Sam Heath, committee chair, or Marella Sam, vice chair. You can reach them at 541-553-1196.

Good News Club

Warm Springs Academy students are invited to attend the Good News Club, beginning on October 5. The club will be held every Wednesday during the school year.

Kindergarten thru third grade attend from 1:40-2:40 p.m. Fourth thru eighth grades go from 2:40 to 3:40.

Registration forms are available at the school office, Warm Springs Market and Warm Springs Library. For more information contact **Gladys Grant** at 541-325-2650.

To writers

The Spanish word *mustengo* means "ownerless beast" and aptly describes the free-roaming and iconic mustangs of the American West. Unharnessed and running wild, mustangs represent strength, freedom and endurance.

These attributes will serve as inspiration for writers to let their prose and poetry loose during a three-day Nature Writing Intensive workshop with local author and poet Ellen Waterston.

Writing Wild Horses is a collaboration between Waterston's Writing Ranch and the High Desert Museum, will be held October 17-19 at the museum.

To register and pre-pay for the workshop, visit: highdesertmuseum.org Or call Ann Arbow at 541-382-4754 ext. 241.

Happening at W.S. OSU Ext.

Fall—It is my favorite time of year, and not just because my birthday happens to occur then.

The cool, crisp days, the sky so blue it is nearly surreal, and the garden coming to fruition all signify welcome change after the long days of summer.

But most important to some of us in Extension: It is the beginning of a new 4-H Year!

Warm Springs 4-H

What is 4-H? 4-H is a youth development program which helps participants grow in mastery, belonging, responsibility and generosity through a variety of project areas.

While livestock and agriculture may come immediately to mind, there are a multitude of project areas a young person can delve into, including outdoor recreation, home arts and cooking, art and "maker" activities, STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—gardening and horticulture, shooting sports, leadership, horses...

A person is only limited by imagination and finding a volunteer adult leader!

The cornerstone

Caring adults from the community who choose to commit to the development of youth are the cornerstone of a thriving 4-H program.

My job as the 4-H coordinator is to help volunteer leaders with resources, training and support, so that they can lead the 4-H members.

At the moment, I am involved in most of the clubs our program sup-

ports, but for more opportunities to be available to the youth of Warm Springs, other adults will need to step up to the plate.

If this is you, and this is your year, please stop by the OSU Extension office in the Education building to begin the process.

New year at 4-H

October 1 is the beginning of a new 4-H year.

If a youth was in 4-H this last year, they must submit another registration form for the 2016-2017 4-H season.

Youth who have turned 9 by September 1 of a given year may sign up for regular 4-H clubs.

Cloverbuds is a pre-4-H program for youth 5-8 years of age, and allows them to learn about the various arms of 4-H before committing to more significant project.

Again, for Cloverbuds to happen here in Warm Springs, we need adult volunteer leaders!

The **Rez Riders Horse Club** will be hosting an informational meeting on October 6 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the year and take registrations. There will be chili.

The **Archery Club** will have a sign-up and shoot event at the outdoor range (at the Warm Springs Elementary track) on October 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Remember, you must have a registration formed signed by a parent in order to do anything involving bows and arrows.

(More on W.S. 4-H on 5)

No schemes

Dreams and schemes, are we destined for a dilemma every two or three years? This Rez cannot afford to take another hit and get the worst of it, snow job, whatever, like the Gorge casino while waiting for approval to start. It was ended before it ever really got started. The money that belonged to the tribal members appeared as if it was up for grabs by insiders. All of that revenue, unknown millions of dollars, property of the tribal members had all vanished. No indictments, no one accountable. I've never heard of an investigation. Someone

should be in federal prison. Nine-eleven and the Twin Towers and the Gorge swindle should never be forgotten.

Recently, the collapse of the sawmill and the mill liquidation: The tribes paid unknown many millions of dollars for the top of the line assets which will likely be sold for pennies on the dollar. It seemed like a done deal, we were outmaneuvered and undermined for too many years with virtually zero profits. Once again, is anybody accountable, liable? Is it recurring at this rate in a couple of years from now? It is inevitable we may be at risk to lose another enterprise, assets

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Blue Mustang



Bobby Smith came across this old photo of a Madras football squad, the Blue Mustang, from the year 1967. Can you recognize any of the players?

From W.S. VFW

The VFW is looking for students to apply for its *Voice of Democracy* competition.

The competition is open to students in grades 9-12 who are enrolled in high school.

First place is a \$30,000 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The Warm Springs VFW would like to encourage Warm Springs students to enter essays.

The theme is 'My Responsibility to America.' To learn more, visit VFW.org. The deadline for entries is November 1.

At Recreation

The Warm Springs Recreation Department Halloween activities this year will have a *Star Wars* theme.

On Halloween, trunk or

Handyman Service & More

Vets: If you can think of it, We can get it done. No job too big or too small.

Call 541-460-1664.

Celebrate local Archaeology

Smith Rock State Park is hosting its Fourteenth Annual Oregon Archaeology Celebration lecture series.

The series begins Saturday, October 1, from noon to 3 p.m.

Patrick O'Grady, an Archaeologist for the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, will display and discuss the Traveling Museum of Oregon Prehistory.

It is at the Smith Rock State Park Welcome Center in Terrebonne. It is free and open to the public. Day-use parking fees apply.