

Letters to the editor

Lil' Pumpkins

The Early Childhood Education Center will host the Annual Lil' Pumpkins Parade on Friday, October 28, starting at 10 a.m. This is a fun time for the ECE classrooms to go trick-or-treating through the hallways at ECE, and then parade across to the Warm Springs clinic.

We are extending an invite to all Warm Springs departments and enterprises to donate and participate in a variety of ways:

Donations: Pre-packaged healthy snacks—nothing homemade. Prevention or promotional items appropriate for pre-school age children. And decorations for tables.

Participation: Photo area—some to create and decorate a background, hand out candy, and take photos.

Costumes—If you have any used costumes in good condition to donate for a child who doesn't have one, these would be greatly appreciated.

Candy, materials, costumes or any time you spend can be counted as in-kind donations. Forms will be provided—you will just need to put down the amount of time, or the price of the donated item. There is a limited amount of table space, so reserve your place today. Set-up will begin at 9 a.m.

Please respond by October 24 by calling **Jodi or Cheyenne** at 541-553-3242.

Youth workers

I would like to thank Heart of Oregon Corps for giving me another opportunity to be in the program.

These were the heartfelt words of a crew member completing a second summer with Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Eighty-eight teens—including several from Warm Springs—spent eight weeks completing trail work, constructing fences, improving campgrounds, reducing hazardous fuels, eradicating invasive species, and restoring watersheds.

The young people learned to care deeply about local public lands as they performed natural resources projects under the guidance of 14 Heart of Oregon Corps and three COIC crew leaders and U.S. Forest Service specialists.

COYCC's 17 crews were based in Warm Springs, Madras, Redmond, Prineville, Sisters, Bend, LaPine and Crescent. Young people earned minimum wage and

had the option to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award to pursue higher education at college or trade school.

These Central Oregon youth gained more than an impressive tan this summer. COYCC engages youth in what is often their first job experience and provides them an important tool—an AmeriCorps scholarship—to engage with college or vocational options. Youth learned the responsibilities required to maintain a job such as following instructions, interacting with fellow employees, and showing up on time.

With the support of the Forest Service, youth were connected with in-demand career fields in natural resources. Our young people worked alongside USFS natural resource specialists and explored this career pathway with them. Youth also explored next steps during College Day, where they toured the local community college, spoke with students, and learned about financial aid.

Maddie, one of our returning young people, spoke at Heart of Oregon Corps' Achievement Celebration in front of over 100 people. She said, "This job has given me self-confidence. If I had been asked to speak last year, I probably would have said no. Now, I am proud to represent my community."

To the tribes

Heart of Oregon Corps would like to thank funders and partners who supported Maddie and other local youth through this experience, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Autzen Foundation, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, the Collins Foundation, the Corps Network, the Gordon Elwood Foundation, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, the Forest Service, and United Way of Deschutes County.

Heart of Oregon Corps is a nonprofit organization invested in inspiring and empowering positive change in the lives of Central Oregon youth through jobs, education, and stewardship. HOC applies a "work-earn-learn" model that invests in local young people, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds, to prepare them for the workforce and to encourage their self-sufficiency. HOC is a partner of the Children's Forest of Central Oregon, Better Together, and an official Twenty-First Century Ser-

vice Conservation Corps site.

Laura Handy, Heart of Oregon Corps executive director

Aftercare

The Aftercare continuing care meetings at the Behavioral Health Center are now on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m.

For inquiries call the center for **Mona or Floyd** at 541-553-3205.

Births

Thomas Anthony Reese

Austin Reese and Alexis Bevercombe of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Thomas Anthony Reese, born on September 9, 2016.

Grandparents on the father's side are Gina Bluebird of Warm Springs, and Jeff Reese of Baker City.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Peggy Jones of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jon Damian of Boise, Idaho.

Yaslynn Azavia Scott

Antoine Xavier Scott and Shining Starr Tail of Madras and Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Yaslynn Azavia Scott, born on October 1, 2016.

Yaslynn joins sister Yoliana, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are Vanessa Lynn Walker-Stwyer of Warm Springs, and Raymond Antoine Scott.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Toni Elaine Tail and Robert Charley Sr., of Warm Springs.

Spiritual Marathon



Native inmates at the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution held the 500 Mile American Indian Spiritual Marathon in September.



Owen Wallulatum, Rosanna Sanders, and Deer Ridge Pastor Tim Woods organized the event.



The Spiritual Marathon began at a correctional facility in California, and then was taken up by Native inmates at facilities in Oregon.

The Native inmates spent most of the day running the track, and at the tribal drum. The day began with a pipe ceremony. The events this

The Deer Ridge drum includes different kinds of wood on four sides, representing the Four Directions. At top, the opening walk of the Spiritual Marathon; and above, the beginning lap of the Marathon.

A women's facility in Oregon is now planning to host a Spiritual Marathon, Owen said.

Pumpkin Party

The Recreation Department will host the Great Pumpkin Party on Thursday, October 20 in the Community Center Social hall. Carving will begin at 5:30 p.m., judging at 7:30.

Categories include Most Original, Spookiest Alien Creature, Best Jedi or Princess, Silliest Pumpkin, Best NDN Pumpkin.

The theme this year is Star Wars. At the pumpkin party, there food items for sale, including NDN Burgers with fries, Mummy Dogs, and homemade chili.

Bring your carving tools, pumpkin, smiles and the whole family. Any questions, call Carol at Recreation, 541-553-3243.

Fall burning

Warm Springs Fire Management began our fall burning earlier this month. If you have any questions concerning burning, please contact Brad Donahue at Fire Management, 541-553-8301.

Handyman Service & More
Call 541-460-1664.

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

The American Red Cross Warm Springs Charter will meet this Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 12. The meeting is from 1 to 5 p.m. at 1116 Wasco St., the trailer that houses the emergency preparedness team. The Warm Springs Red Cross meets every second Wednesday. Call 541-553-1078 for more information.

CRITFC grant to enhance tribal fishing business

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission received a USDA grant recently, for the benefit of tribal fishers.

The grant will allow CRITFC to provide training and assistance, helping tribes and tribal fishers learn about the Food Safety Modernization Act.

These extra steps—to document that tribally caught fish are handled and processed at the highest safety and quality standards—will increase fish value on the market.

The increased revenue will help tribal members support

their families while continuing their traditional fishing practices sustainably and profitably.

Tribal fishing also supports tribal and local economies throughout the region, as the fishers re-invest their revenue in fuel, food, boat supplies, and other commodities.

The USDA funds will also help CRITFC identify community-based commercial food kitchens that meet federal food safety regulations.

These facilities can fishers can then be used to develop specialized products year-round. Points of focus

will be recipe development, packaging, labeling, and other product development techniques.

This effort will open new opportunities to tribal fishers, increase options for business start-up and expansion, and improve job opportunities.

This USDA award is part of a nationwide announcement of \$3.8 million in grants for 28 projects that will help tribal communities and businesses in 15 states, including two additional grants that will benefit Oregon tribes.

This project builds on the

previous partnership among CRITFC, the USDA, Ecotrust, and Oregon State University's Food Innovation Center.

Since 2009, USDA has significantly expanded its support for tribes and tribal communities, providing \$553.5 million nationwide to build or upgrade more than 300 tribal facilities, as well as \$55 million in loans to Native-owned businesses to promote economic development in tribal areas.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Remembering when...



An old sawmill in the HeHe area. This is a photograph in the National Archives, depicting the 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program on the Warm Springs Reservation.

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