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27th Member Art Show at Museum



Courtesy the Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the always popular Tribal Member Art Show, with the opening reception set for this Thursday, October 27 starting at 5:30 p.m. The show features beadwork and basketry, paintings, jewelry, sculpture and more, showcasing the unique artistic talents that help to beautify the reservation.



Council appoints judges

Tribal Council appointed three judges to the Court of the Confederated Tribes.

Judge Lisa Lomas was named the new Chief Judge. Judge Lomas has been on the court for a number of years now, and is an expert in the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), among other legal fields.

For the two associate judgeships, the Tribal Council appointed Wilma Smith and Elizabeth Woody.

Judge Smith served previously on the court, and has a professional background in accounting.

Elizabeth Woody is an award winning poet and teacher. This year Judge Woody was named Poet Laureate of Oregon, the first Native American to receive the honor.

Judge Lola Sohappy will stay on part-time at the court to help with the transition, and to serve as mentor to the new judges.

The Tribal Council action to appoint the judges came after a presentation by former Judge Walter Langnese, who retired last year.

The full recommending committee was Judge Langnese, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge Dan Ahern, and Arlene Boileau.

The committee looked at various factors in making their recommendation. An important point, for instance, was whether the applicant seemed truly committed to the tribes and the court.

In another court related matter, Tribal Council met with judges Lomas and Sohappy regarding an issue of tribal-state jurisdiction.

The hope is to resolve a matter affecting restraining orders and support orders.

When the Tribal Court issues these orders, they are enforceable on the reservation. Off the reservation, though, they are not enforced by non-tribal law enforcement. The tribal judges are working on a way to resolve the matter.

Tribal Council backs Telecom proposal

Tribal Council endorsed a proposal by the Warm Springs Telecom to become the designated Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, or ILEC, for the entire reservation.

Tribal planner Lonny Macy and Adam Haas of Converge Communications, who helped establish the Warm Springs Telecom, gave the presentation at Tribal Council. Telecom general manager Jose Mantanane would have been hand as well, but was at a telecommunication conference at the time.

The Telecom team summarized the situation for Tribal Council: "From the beginning it has al-

ways been the intention of the Telecom to become an ILEC, like most tribally owned telecoms in Indian Country serving tribal lands. A big advantage to becoming the ILEC is the ability to get federal support funding and low cost loans through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

"These funds will allow the Warm Springs Telecom to upgrade and expand its network, and improve the quality of the services and generally stay up to date with the latest technical advances."

The Telecom has so far been self-funding the improvements to its network. This effort would be

greatly enhanced if the Telecom were the designated ILEC. Other RUS funding could also become available, such as for improvements at the water treatment plant.

The Telecom application to become the reservation ILEC has met with opposition from CenturyLink.

The Telecom was seeking Council support for its application to the FCC, and Council passed a resolution in support.

"The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is a sovereign nation that has the right to choose the companies that come on the reservation and provide services to

the members and the tribal government, and as a sovereign nation, the Confederated Tribes wants the Warm Springs Telecom to be designated as the Incumbent Provider on its reservation," the resolution reads in part.

Meanwhile, the tribes are negotiating with CenturyLink about a right-of-way on the reservation.

The right-of-way, for fiber optic cable, was executed in 1993, and expired in 2013. The cable is on at least 18.5 miles of the reservation land, and perhaps as many as 30 miles.

Recreation Pumpkin Party



Dave McMechan photos

Riley shows here pumpkin at Recreations' Great Pumpkin Party, last week at the community center. Recreation gave prizes for the best pumpkins in a variety of categories. Meanwhile the Early Childhood Education Center Lil' Pumpkins Parade is coming up soon; and there will be a Haunted House on Halloween night at Fire Management. Recreation will also host the Employee Costume Party on Halloween afternoon at the community center (see pages 3 and 10 for details on Halloween activities around the reservation).

Boxing at KNT

Warm Springs Nation Boxing will present Rez Boxing on Saturday, October 29 in the Wasco Paiute Room at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

There will be eight-plus bouts, with local and out-of-state boxers. This is a pro/am event, open to all ages. The main event title fight will be between Juan 'Bad Boy' Esquivel and Daniel 'Outlaw' Gilbert.

Doors open at 6, fights start at 7. General admission and ringside tickets can be purchased at the door. General admission is \$10, and ringside \$25.

See page 8 for more on boxing at Kah-Nee-Ta.



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