

## Letters to the editor

### Vets' housing

The Warm Springs Housing Authority invites any veteran who is homeless, or facing homelessness, to participate in a new veterans housing assistance program.

This program is open to any veteran who qualifies for services from the Veterans Administration.

You can reach the Housing Authority office by the administration building. Or call 541-553-3250.

This program is made possible by a Housing and Urban Development grant.

**Jonathan Smith**, the Residency Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Coordinator at Housing.

*Happy Winter Solstice ~ The first day of Winter, December 21, 2016.*

### LIHEAP assistance

Warm Springs Social Services has received the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grant for the 2016-17 season.

We will be processing applications for winter energy assistance as applications are received. However, we will be prioritizing by senior citizens and disabled persons first.

Applications must be complete before being processed.

You will need date of births, and Social Security numbers of all adult persons residing in your household.

The amount of assistance you will receive will be determined by a matrix used based on income and the number of people residing in your home.

Feel free to call me if you need assistance with your application, 541-553-3415.

**Ramona Lopez**, Social Services secretary/LIHEAP coordinator.

*The tribal organization will be closed on Monday, December 26. Closures do not apply to tribal Police, Corrections and Dispatch, Fire & Safety EMTs, the tribal group home and Utilities.*

### Volleyball

A volleyball clinic and open gym volleyball are held every Tuesday and Thursday through December at the Youth Center. The youth

clinic is from 5:15-6:00, and open gym from 6-7 p.m. Boys and girls ages 7-17 are invited to participate in the clinic, people 14 to adults can take part in the open gym volleyball. All skill levels are welcome.

### GED classes

Warm Springs winter term GED Class registrations begin the week of January 9.

Attend a class the first week for orientation and to register. Registration closes January 13.

Orientation for Basic Reading and Writing is Monday or Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., and Basic Math on Tuesday or Thursday at 9:30 in room 302 at the Education building.

Classes will begin the following week.

### Homeownership

*Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership* course will begin on January 10.

The classes are designed to teach you how to become a successful homeowner.

Participants will learn how to find, finance, purchase and maintain a home.

Classes will meet Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 at the tribal Credit building beginning January 10. Call 541-553-3148 to sign up.

### Student Eagle Watch contest

The Third Annual Eagle Watch Art Contest is open.

The contest is for all Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook county students in grades 4 through 12.

Students can enter all artwork, including traditional types of work such as weaving and beading.

Winners will be announced at the Eagle Watch Event at the Round Butte Overlook Park in February.

Here are the contest rules:

All artwork must be the student's original artwork.

All art must include the student's name, school, grade, email and phone number on the back or attached.

Artwork can be dropped off at your school office or at the Cove Palisades State Park or .

The deadline is Friday, February 17, at 3 p.m.

Winners will be chosen

based on creativity and originality.

All judging decisions are final. For information call 541-546-3412 ext. 229. Or see the Cove Palisades website.

### District superintendent

The Jefferson County School District 509-J is seeking input to utilize in the search for a new superintendent.

Current superintendent Rick Molitor has given notice that he will step down at the end of June 2017.

There is an opportunity to give feedback online. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

You can go to the school district website: [jcsd.k12.or.us](http://jcsd.k12.or.us)

Scroll down to the box that says 'Community, Students, Staff'

The survey is designed to identify:

Things that will encourage good candidates to apply for the position; issues to be discussed during the interview process; and the qualities and qualifications desired in a new superintendent. All responses are anonymous.

### Miss Warm Springs Pageant



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Some of the crowns of former Miss Warm Springs.

The Miss Warm Springs 2017 Pageant is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 at the Agency Longhouse.

The evening will start with a dinner, followed by the pageant starting at 7 p.m.

Former Miss Warm

Springs are encouraged to attend in regalia and your crown.

Individuals interested in running for the Miss Warm Springs title must submit completed applications by this Friday at 5 p.m. to be eligible.

Questions regarding the

application process should be directed to Starla Green, Pageant coordinator, at:

[starla.green@wstribes.org](mailto:starla.green@wstribes.org)

Applications and letters of recommendation can be downloaded on the tribal website.

### Holiday items

Some holiday activities coming up this week:

**December 21:** Need drivers to delivery presents not picked up by families on Dec. 20, to delivery to families.

**December 22:** Senior Christmas luncheon at Longhouse. Provide Christmas food bags to those seniors that are present.

**December 23:** Need drivers to delivery seniors' food baskets to those who were not at senior luncheon.

**Vets Handyman Service & More is available to hire for odd jobs around your home, or any project you may have. For information contact Anthony Davis at 541-460-1664.**

### At W.S. Dentistry



Courtesy photo

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Dental staff:  
Dental assistant Nachele Kalama, Pediatric Dentist Dr. Mendoza, dental assistant Sam Heath, Chief Dentist Dr. Damon Pope, contract Dentist Dr. Abraham, and dental assistant Whitedove Cooper (back rom from left); and dental hygienist LCDR

Juanita Sampson, dental assistant April Lenoir, dental assistant Farrell Lucei, dental receptionist Debra Garfield, and dental assistant Ida Frank (seated from left).

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Wednesday morning; and closed at the noon hour each day.

### From inmates

I am writing to tell all my family and all my friends, as well as those who misunderstand me, to have a very safe and very Happy Holiday. May you all be blessed with your needs. I love you all very much. Please feel free to write me at:

**Steven N. Anderson**, no. 19520459, Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, 2500 Westage, Pendleton OR 97801.

You are all in my thoughts

and prayers.

To Myra Johnson and family. I want to send my love and condolences to you all, and you are in my prayers. I'm very sorry I couldn't be at the funeral, and it breaks my heart because she (Sandy) was a very good friend, and you all were like family. Please, if any of you can, will you please send me a Memory Card for her, when you get the chance. I will be getting out of CCCF in March

2017. My info is at the end of this letter, because yes I'm out of sight of everyone. I just pray I'm not forgotten. So yes, once again I send my love and respect, and all family and friends are always in my prayers. Always,  
**Lorna Arthur**, no. 10035801; 24499 SW Grahams Ferry Rd., Wilsonville OR 97020.

Dear Warm Springs, I would like to send all my prayers and blessings to everyone on the reservation

who has lost loved one this year.

I pray for strength, hope and understanding for each and every one of you.

I also would like to wish everyone on the res a safe and Happy Holiday.

If anyone wants to be a pen pal, you can write me at this address. Thanks for your time. Sincerely,

**Michael Ton Meanus** no. 6170683, 3920 E. Ashwood Rd., Madras OR 97441

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