

Letters to the editor

Operation Warm Up... More than just coats

Operation Warm Up is chance for Warm Springs community members to find a warm coat for this winter. The focus is on coats, but Operation Warm Up offers much more.

Stop by the Family Resource Center Social Services Office this Wednesday or Thursday, January 4 and 5, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (open during lunch hour).

This is a program, first come first serve, of the Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch and Social Services Department.

On hand are gently used coats from Columbia, gently used snow boots from Columbia, limited new coats and sweatshirts, window insulation kits, small space heaters, a limited number of hats and gloves, and a limited number of wool socks.

Partnering with Health and Human Services and Social Services are the Columbia Sportswear Company, Indian Head Casino, KWSO 91.9 FM, and the Confederated Tribes.

Our people

Our people are still suffering. Ethics is at an all time low for our tribal government. Our own people traveling at the memberships expense—boards, committees and employees. Money being paid out of Natural Resources to family members. One day, indictments will approach those of you who abuse our people, then all of a sudden, we will be more important than your wallet.

What will it take for our people to wake up? What will it take for us as a Tribe to repair our tribal government? Those of you that travel, knock it off, make a choice for your people. Many of our relatives, including children and elders, live without electricity and food. Think of that next time you cash a check or post a picture on Facebook enjoying yourself at the expense of your own people, your Tribe. Your own individual greed is hurting your people.

Our Creator needs to live in your hearts and spirit. Every day. One day you will face Him, your choices yesterday, today and tomorrow will determine your fate. Our tribal jail is a fate for many who suffer addiction. There will be a day, all of you who

take advantage of your own people, will face the same fate if you do not correct yourselves. I can say this about our incarcerated relatives, at least they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs while committing acts against their community. All of you abusing the people are of sound mind and body and do these acts against our community. You all know who you are and so do we. We are watching.

Leadership, do your job. You turning your eyes away from this type of activity is condoning this activity. Love your people enough to correct those who abuse us, even if they are your relatives or projected voters in your district. In our Creators eyes, you are just as accountable as those you condone. See the love in these words, see the love for our people, see the love for our history and most importantly, see our Creator. Until then, our tribal government will continue to spiral, our businesses will continue to fail and our people will continue to suffer.

Nye, **Leona A. Ike-Smith**, Tribal Member.

School superintendent meetings

The Jefferson County School District 509-J has scheduled meetings in Warm Springs in order to receive input on the search for a new district superintendent.

The meeting had been scheduled for December, but the weather conditions forced a delay until January.

The current schedule calls for two meetings this Wednesday, January 4.

Weather permitting this week, the first meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, January 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greeley Heights Community Center, 2776 Quail Trail.

A second meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of January 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy Community Room, 50 Chukar Road.

Drop in at one of these meeting sites if you would like to comment about the desired qualities and qualifications desired in the next Jefferson County school district superintendent.

Oregon School Boards Association consultant Steve Kelley will be on hand to answer questions.

If you cannot attend,

your comments can be made through the on-line survey available at: jcsd.k12.or.us

Births

Fabian Sage Wallulatum

Fredrick Wallulatum Jr. and Macheu Macy of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Fabian Sage Wallulatum, born on December 17, 2016.

Fabian joins brothers Evan, AJ, and Wade; and sisters Maxine, Priscilla, Aiyana and Jade.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Judith Kalama and Craig Tailfeathers Sr.

DeShaun Alray Palmer

Darreck Palmer Sr. and Ikie Marie Heath are pleased to announce the birth of their son DeShaun Alray Palmer, born on December 20, 2016.

DeShaun joins brothers Kain, 14, Junior 10, and Roy 2; and sisters Ciara, 17, Moneikah, 12, Cassandra, 11, and Pearl, 5.

Grandparents on the father's side are Andy Leonard of Warm Springs, and Raynele Palmer of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are the late Packy Heath of Warm Springs, and Alice Wyena of Priest Rapids, Washington.

Austen Miller

Arthur Miller and Reggie Clements of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Austen Miller, born on December 19, 2016.

Austen joins brothers Arthur Jr.; and sisters Adriana and Circe.

Grandparent on the father's side is the late Pamela Miller of White Swan, Washington.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Marcella Tish-Martinez of Warm Springs, and Ron Clements of Warm Springs.

Clive Tyler Trollope-Dixon

Vernon G. Dixon and Corrin N. Trollope are pleased to announce the birth of their son Clive Tyler Trollope-Dixon, born on December 22, 2016.

Clive joins sisters Corilyn, 7, and Laci, 5.

Grandparents on the father's side are Calvin Dixon, and Lori and Floyd Mergel.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Tyler and Maria Trollope.

Tygh Eligio Santos

Joel Aaren Santos Sr. and Karla Kim Kalama of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Tygh Eligio Santos, born on December 1, 2016.

Tygh joins brother Joel Jr., 5; and sister Kiara, 10.

Grandparents on the father's side are Alberto Eligio and Brenda Lee Santos of Parkdale.

Grandparents on the mother's side are atwai Roland Kalama and Verleen Kalama of Warm Springs.

Lincoln's Powwow turns 40 in February

The Simnasho community will host the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow in February. This the Fortieth Annual Lincoln's Powwow.

Jaihline "Cha Cha" Ramirez, Indian name Smalahne, is a candidate for this year's Lincoln's Powwow Queen. Jaihline says:

I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. My favorite things to do are play basketball and soccer, bake, bead and attend



as many powwows with my family as possible.

My parents are Joy and

Jose Ramirez. My grandmother is Yvonne Arthur. I come from the McKinley and Jessie Arthur Family.

I have one sister Soraya and three brothers, Carlos, Damian and Izaii.

I will be out and about in the community selling raffle tickets and introducing myself. Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement. Contact infor: 541-777-9220; or Joy Ramirez on Facebook.

Seniors lunch

At the Senior Lunch on Tuesday, January 10, there will be presentations on Medicare and Medicaid, and diabetic shoes, glasses and dentures.

The Senior Lunch is from noon to 1 at the Senior Center.

The IHS Diabetes program provides these educational presentations on the second Tuesday of each month.

from 2—4 p.m. in the Clinic Atrium.

Wednesday, January 11, February 13, March 15, April 10, May 3, May 15, June 5, June 14, June 19, July 12, August 14, September 13, October 16, November 8, and December 6.

Home ownership

Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership course will begin on Tuesday, 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 enterprise building, beginning January 10. Call 541-553-3148 to sign up.

Tune in

Tune in to KWSO Tuesday night, January 10, for Madras White Buffalo basketball.

The varsity girls will host Sisters. Listen live beginning just before the 7 p.m. tipoff.

At Behavioral Health Center

The Anger Management Group at the Behavioral Health Center this year will meet on Wednesdays, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The orientation begins this Wednesday, January 4. And groups meetings will happen on these Wednesdays: January 11, 18 and 25. February 1, 8, 15 and 22. March 1, and ending on March 8.

The facilitator is Alice Sampson, and the co-facilitator is Kelly Anthony.

For any inquiries about receiving a certificate, you may contact Alice at the Behavioral Health Center at 541-553-3205.

Winter term

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.

Food Handlers

Here are the dates for the Food Handlers classes in Warm Springs. All Classes are

Tribes, park, PGE to host 23rd Eagle Watch



Scenes from last year's Eagle Watch.



The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Cove Palisades State Park will host the Twenty-Third Annual Eagle Watch in February.

The event, held at Round Butte Overlook Park, is set for February 25-26.

There will be live birds of prey on hand, plus sighting opportunities of the birds in the wild. There are kids activities, a silent auction, and much more.

The tribal traditional dancers and drummers are a popular part of the

event. The tribes, the park and PGE have hosted Eagle Watch every February since 1993.

Art contest

This year the Eagle Watch partners are hosting the Third Annual Eagle Watch Art Contest.

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 an-

nounced 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.

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