

Test range manager joins Ventures UAS

Liz Stalford has joined the Warm Springs unmanned aerial systems program. Ventures chose Ms. Stalford to serve as the Warm Springs UAS test range manager.

The tribes' UAS drone test range program, a branch of Warm Springs Ventures, is an Federal Aviation Administration approved testing range.

The tribes' program is also developing UAS training and manufacturing components that complement the designated test range sites.

As test range manager, Stalford intends to focus on emergency management



Liz Stalford

training, utility inspections, FAA commercial drone pilot training, and 'heavy drone' regulation compliance.

Ms. Stalford is a commercial multi-engine, seaplane and instructor pilot. She has extensive experience in both military and commercial unmanned aerial systems.

She comes to the Warm Springs Reservation following her career as general manager with Arrow-Data, LLC, an Alaska-Native owned business.

Stalford had worked on manned and unmanned aircraft. These were equipped with multispectral HD cameras for large scale wildland fire mapping, crowd control monitoring,

natural disaster response, accident investigation, hazardous materials operations, suspect and vehicle tracking, oil spill detection, Precision Agriculture, 3D mapping, wildlife monitoring, and search and rescue.

Don Sampson, Ventures chief executive officer, says, "The timing couldn't be better for Liz Stalford to bring her expertise to our range."

"The firefighting season is on the horizon, and a host of events and activities for 2017 will shift the unmanned systems as the cornerstone of a new economy".

Teacher education partnership at k-8 Academy

Grow Your Own is a partnership between the Jefferson County School District 509-J and George Fox University.

The partnership provides four local teacher candidates with a paid practicum, so they can obtain Bachelor's Degrees in Education through George Fox's Adult Degree Completion Elementary Education program.

The candidates have served the school district as educational assistants, and are interested in teaching careers.

These employee-

teacher candidates will remain employed by the district and retain their benefits during a year-long co-teaching placement at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

The community is invited to learn more about the program during an information session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., this Friday, April 14 at the Warm Springs Academy.

Other educators from Central Oregon will also be attending, and will participate in other activities and discussions in the afternoon.

Ventures to host drone public safety conference

The Warm Springs Ventures unmanned aerial systems program will host the first Drones and Public Safety Conference, May 24-25 at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Those who will attend are in the search and rescue, public safety, fire and safety, and wildland fire areas.

Drone suppliers will also be on hand, said Aurolyn Stwyer, Ventures business and marketing director. The May conference is the first of two UAS conferences scheduled for 2017 at Kah-Nee-Ta, the second one being in October.

The resort is also the home of the tribes' UAS Innovation Center, located on the ground floor at Kah-Nee-Ta. The Innovation Center offers professional training with FAA approved instructors. There is training for UAS commercial certifica-

tion, infrastructure inspection, wildland firefighting, and natural resources conservation.

At the Innovation Center, funded through a state grant, there will be 12 flight simulation stations; conference and classroom; and access to the amenities at the resort.

The Warm Springs UAS program has partnered with the Aerial Rigging Systems (ARS) company, a leader in using UAS to safely inspect and document elevated or hard to reach industrial sites. ARS will also providing training in the use of its product, the Ez Rig Drone, at the Innovation Center.

Coming soon to Warm Springs, at the industrial park, are the UAS manufacturing plant and retail store for the EZ.



Drone test flight by de-energized power line on the reservation.

The test range

The Warm Springs FAA UAS Test Range is part of the Pan-Pacific UAS Test Range Complex, one of six official FAA test sites in the United States.

The Warm Springs test range can focus on transmission line and linear infrastructure inspection, as the

reservation test areas include 10 miles of de-energized high-voltage transmission lines, and 150 circuit miles of high-voltage lines.

There can be a focus on natural resource conservation, as the Warm Springs test range has resident populations of a wide variety of wildlife, including watershed areas and native plant populations.

In regard to the wildland fire application of UAS: Testing can be conducted in conjunction with controlled burn operations by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources. For more information about the tribes' UAS program contact Aurolyn at Ventures, 541-469-3824. Or email: aurolyn.stwyer@wstribes.org

You can also visit the website: wsuas.com

Open Enrollment applications taken through this Friday

Open enrollment for Oregon public schools, including those of the Jefferson County School District 509-J, is now available. Applications will be accepted through this Friday, April 14.

In district transfer requests: If you wish to send your child or children to a different 509-J school, outside of your resident area, you must apply through the Open Enrollment procedures.

Current Open Enrollment students will stay enrolled at the current school, and do not need to re-apply.

A summary of the Open Enrollment conditions and procedures is included with

the Open Enrollment form, and is available at the school main office, or the district office.

The district is not responsible for any transportation or excess costs if a parent chooses the Open Enrollment option.

Out of district transfer requests: If you would like to send your child or children to a different school district, you must contact that district directly and follow that district's Open Enrollment procedures.

For further information please call the main office at 541-475-6192, or access the information online at: jcsd.k12.or.us

Enterprise meetings start this Thursday

Community meetings on the tribal enterprises are now scheduled for this month. These are re-scheduled from earlier meetings that were cancelled due to a death in the community.

The first meeting is this Thursday evening, April 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be at the Warm Springs Community Center social hall.

These enterprises will give updates:

Warm Springs Ventures, including the Cannabis project, the Telecom, UAS test range, tribal Construction, Carbon Sequestration, and GeoVisions. Also:

The Museum at Warm Springs; and the Warm Springs Credit Enterprise.

Tribal Members are encouraged to attend these meetings and learn more about the work of tribal enterprises.

Each enterprise will present for 30 minutes followed by time for questions and comments.

Enterprise accountability was listed as a priority in the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council Proclamation adopted last July 18.

The Proclamation states that each tribal enterprise will provide quarterly reports to the Tribal Council, and report at least semi-annually to the membership.

This is the first series of

enterprise meetings scheduled for 2017.

The next enterprise community meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17 starting at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center social hall.

Enterprises providing reports will be:

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Spa. Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises. Warm Springs Timber Company LLC.

Prevention conference in May at Agency Longhouse

The tribes and Health and Human Services are planning a two-day methamphetamine and suicide prevention conference in May, to be held at the Agency Longhouse.

The event is called the "Alone We Are Strong, Together We are Stronger" conference, set for May 17-18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

This is part of the tribes' Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative. There will also be a Suicide Prevention Walk to raise

awareness.

If you would like help in creating a sign in memory of a loved one lost by suicide to carry during the walk, or hang on the wall during the conference, please call Rosanna Jackson, Leighton Pennington or Michael Martinez to schedule a time.

For the conference space is limited, If you are interested or want more information, call Rosanna at 541-553-3205.

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