

Letters to the editor

Maupin powwow

The Maupin community and South Wasco High School will host the Redsides Powwow on Wednesday, April 19. Host drum is the Black Lodge Singers.

Dinner will begin at 5 p.m. at the Maupin Elementary School gym. Please bring a side dish, main dish provided.

Social dancing and games will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Welcoming all singers and dancers to join.

Relay for Life team registering

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Jefferson County gives everyone in the community a chance to help the organization save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Register your team or join a team online today by visiting relayforlife.org/madras or

Or call Shari Durgan, online chair, at 541-475-6665.

Team captain meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Jefferson County Senior Center at 6:45 p.m.

Former and current cancer patients, those who have lost a loved one to cancer, families, businesses, faith-based and civic organizations—and anyone wanting to make a difference in the fight against cancer—are invited to take part in this exciting team event.

Indian Head Casino is a great supporter of the Relay for Life, for mid July at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Relay For Life events are held overnight, as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening.

Teams and participants do most of their fundraising prior to the event. This year our theme is *Give Cancer the Boot*, and each team campsite can be decorated to reflect the theme in some way.

Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups: People from all walks of life—all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by

finding cures and by fighting back.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay for Life is available at jeffersoncountyrelay.com

Or by calling Bonnie Grote at 541-646-1073 or Alice Satterlee at 541-419-7335.

Shaker Church

On behalf of the Warm Springs Shaker members, we invite you to join us for an old fashioned Community Easter this Easter Weekend April 14-16 at the Warm Springs Shaker Church.

Friday, April 14: Dinner served at 6 p.m. Shaker Services immediately following.

Saturday, April 15: Dinner served at 6 p.m. Shaker Services immediately following.

Easter Sunday, April 16: 10 a.m. Sunday Service. Baptism's immediately following Sunday Service in the Church.

Easter Dinner will be served in the dining hall once everything is finished in the church. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be held during dinner.

Thank you. **Frank P. Charley, Minister.**

Tribal Council

The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of April (agenda subject to change at Council discretion):

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11-12
Fishing access meeting.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 12-13
Meeting on US v. Oregon.

Monday, April 17
9 a.m. - Multi-Disciplinary Team report with the juvenile prosecutor.

10-11 - Committee and board appointments with Emily Yazzie and Lynn Davis.

1:30 p.m. - March 2017 Finance update with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

2:30 - Cannabis Commission annual report.

3:30 p.m. - Needs and savings/capital with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

Tuesday through Thursday, April 18-20
Inter-tribal Timber Council, board and commit-

tee meetings.

Wednesday, April 19

Fish tower tour with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises.

Monday, April 24

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10 - May agenda/review minutes with the S-T.

11 - Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update calls, federal and state.

2:30 - Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

Tuesday, April 25

Land Buy Back listening session.

Thursday and Friday, April 27-28.

CRITFC meeting.

Note: ALL draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. No exceptions. Send to: michele.stacona@wstribes.org lynn.davis@wstribes.org

Further items for consideration:

- Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure working group meetings.
- Warm Springs Ventures board update.
- Railroad, and fishing and hunting access issues.
- Personnel Policy update.

- TeleCom update. Verizon lease. Northwest Power Planning Council.
- Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance. Natural gas line discussion. Enterprise updates to the community. BIA budget report with Stan Speaks.

Poets

Oregon's poet laureate Elizabeth Woody, and local slam poet MOSley Wotta, highlight the offerings for Central Oregon Community College's recognition of National Poetry Month.

Ms. Woody will lead a poetry workshop, and then present a poetry reading on Friday, April 28. The workshop will be from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Coats Campus Center, room 116. Reservations are required; call 541-318-3782.

Her reading and talk will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Barber Library Rotunda. Both locations are on the COCC Bend Campus. Woody, an enrolled member of the Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs, has published poetry, short fiction and essays, and is also a visual artist. Her first book of poetry, *Hand Into Stone*, received a 1990 American Book Award.

Wotta, Bend resident Jason Graham, will present a poetry slam writing workshop, from 4 to 6 p.m. this Wednesday, April 12 in the Multicultural Center at the Coats Campus Center at COCC. Reservations are required, 541-383-7559.

On Thursday, April 13, Wotta will host a poetry slam event, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the same location.

Little League ump excels at training school

Warm Springs Nation Little League umpire-in-chief Allen 'Stretch' Jones participated in the Western Region Little League Umpire School, held in San Bernardino, Calif.

At the end of the week long training, Mr. Jones was recognized with the 2017 Bob Thornton Outstanding Student Award by the Western Region Little League teaching staff.

Stretch is the third person from Oregon to win the award, and the first from Oregon Little League District 5.

He has umpired seven years for Warm Springs Nation Little League, ever since the league was formed.

The last four years he has been the league's umpire in chief. Prior to that he would help out informally to officiate, and also spent time coaching his own children.

Having grown up in The Dallas, Jones lived near the baseball field, playing Little League ball through the Babe Ruth level, before turning his energy toward rodeo.

What he likes about umpiring is being able to do something for the kids. Jones takes his role as umpire seriously, keeping up on rules changes every year and making sure he has the right safety gear and uniform.



Courtesy photos

Stretch with the 2017 Outstanding Student Award.



He got a lot out of the time he spent at the umpire school learning new techniques.

The school included classroom and on-the-field training that included rule knowledge, mechanics, umpiring philosophy and game management.

Jones said he was able to attend the Western Region Little League Umpire School thanks to a scholarship.

Participants were from

the 10 states in the Western Region and from two Canadian provinces.

Stretch has set a personal goal to return to San Bernardino to officiate at a Regional tournament.

"I want to give special thanks to the Oregon State Little League and District 5 Little League, Elizabeth Hisatake and Georgia Herr, from District 2, for helping me go to the umpire school," Jones said.

"Right now we could use a few more umpires. So if you like youth sports, being outside and can commit to a scheduled, come see me and I can explain what's involved, and I can work one on one with you."

A thank you

During spring break, young people with the Oregon City Evangelical Church visited Warm Springs.

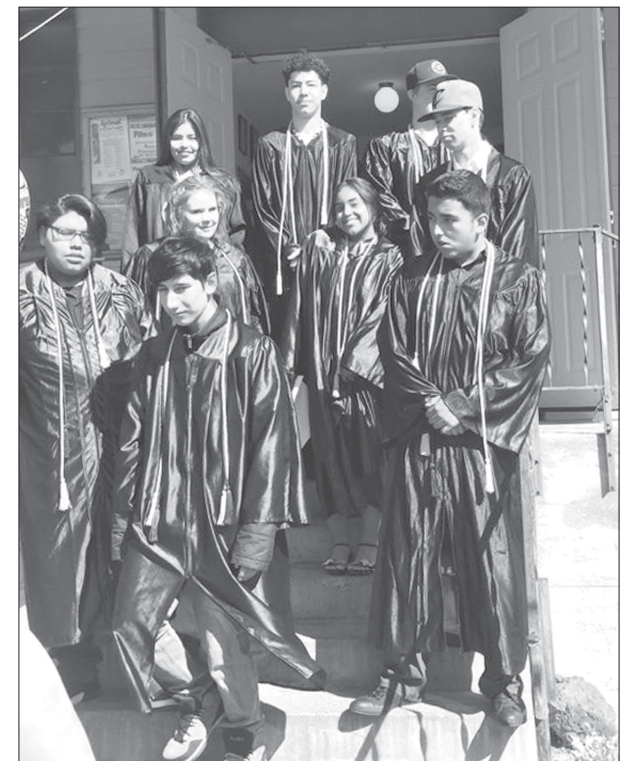
They spent five days cleaning up and fixing up different areas of the reservation.

This year they cleaned the Agency, Simnasho and HeHe longhouses. They cleaned up the skate park area, and painted the parsonage of the Warm Springs Baptist Church, among several other projects. The youth were middle school age, and stayed with chaperones at the Baptist Church. Close to 30 youth participated.

The church would like to say Thank you. The work by these young people is greatly appreciated by the Warm Springs community.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church.

Heart of Oregon graduates



Text and photo courtesy Val Sajuemphen

Arrita (in the middle, middle row), Shirleen (upper left), James (second row on left), and Jordan (top row, middle).

Heart of Oregon Job Corp students graduated recently.

The local students to graduate are Arrita Sampson, Shirleen Killsfirst, James Teeman and Jordan Scott.

The other graduates are Joseph Clark, Caleb Crotwell, Melissa Fridell, Marcelo Dionne and Miguel Martinez.

Congratulations, Graduates!

For business

The state Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Affirmative Action for Gov. Kate Brown is delighted to announce this edition of the Governor's Marketplace in Central Oregon to support small businesses.

The Marketplace event will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday, April 15 at the COCC Redmond Technology Education Center.

Family, friends

Hello family and friends. I hope all is well with all of you. I'm writing to let all of

you know my new address.

I was recently moved to Deer Ridge Correctional Institution. Please feel free to write me, even if it's just to say hello.

I would also like to say, Way to go little brother! I see you out there and I couldn't be more proud of you. You have come a long way. I see

all the newspapers and have seen you in a few.

Jose, your family and community have always believed in you. I'm happy to hear and see you achieving so much.

Sending my love and respect, **Tommy Joe Alvarez**, sid no. 17934065, DRCI, 3920 East Ashwood Rd., Madras 97741.

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