

# Council reviewing rights-of-way matter

There are many miles of rights-of-way on the Warm Springs Reservation—power and other utility lines, roads and railroads, for example.

A right-of-way gives the outside entity—BPA or CenturyLink, for instance—access across a specific, narrow path through tribal land. They pay for the right, which lasts for a term of years.

The BIA helps administer the process, and BIA Realty keeps a data base de-

scribing many of the reservation rights-of-way.

Tribal Council met last week with Randy Scott of tribal Land Services Office, and Jimmy Tohet Sr. of the Land Use Planning Committee, for discussion of the right-of-way issue. Wendell Jim and Mary Sando-Emhoolah of the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office were also hand-

There are aspects of the reservation right-of-way situ-

ation that should be reviewed, the parties agreed. For instance: Some of the rights-of-way were established decades ago, and may need to be renewed.

Jimmy Tohet said there may be revenue aspects as well: This could be in terms of renewal to a more current fair market value, and in regard to the possibility of a tribal taxation opportunity.

There are tribes in the Da-

kotas, he said, that generate revenue for tribal operations through a tax on rights-of-way.

Tribal Council wants to have a workshop on the matter with the Land Use committee, BIA and tribal Realty, and management. The information once compiled can then be shared with the membership at a community meeting.

— Dave McMechan

# Youth job fair on Monday

High school and college students are invited to a Job Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15 at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. Parents and guardians are also welcome.

On hand will be many local employers plus employment assistance agencies. These include:

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Spa; the Native Aspirations Soaring for the Future summer work program; the Northwest Youth Conservation Corps.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Higher Education; Heath of Oregon and Youth Build; the tribal Natural Resources

Branch; and Indian Head Casino.

The Warm Springs Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act office and youth programs; and the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Redmond office; and the Plumbers Steamfitters UA Local 290 of Central Oregon.

Opportunities for the youth participants include:

Gain work skills, earn high school credit, meet new people, build a resume, start a career, have fun, and learn teamwork and leadership skills.

For more information call 541-553-3324.

# Workshop on unique Wasco weaving technique

Bernyce Courtney will host a Wasco full-turn twined basketry workshop this Sunday, May 14. The workshop will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum in The Dalles.

Bernyce will teach students how to make baskets using the art of full-turn twining, a rare weaving method mastered by Native American basketmakers of the Mid-Columbia.

The full-turn twine basketry technique—unique to the Wasco people—also includes basic twining.

The result of the weaving is a soft cylinder-shaped bag/basket.

This type of basketry was used for root gathering, storing and trading. An ‘envelope’ or flat bag style can be woven with this weaving style as well.

Bernyce weaves using modern fibers including cotton yarns. Indian hemp was a traditional fiber used. This is a natural bug-repellant making it a perfect storage container.

Bernyce is a traditional weaver of Wasco and Tlingit heritage.

In her youth, she did



Bernyce Courtney

not know any Wasco weavers because most had passed away.

In 1990, however, she was able to participate in ‘waking up’ and revival of the traditional craft by studying with Mary Schlick, a non-Indian woman who lived for many years on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Since then, Bernyce’s artistic skills and dedication have been instrumental in reintegrating this traditional craft.

She starts her basket by cutting cotton string or yarn into strands. She lays out the strands in a weaver and spoke pattern to form what she calls the ‘belly button’—the knot-like center on what will become the basket bottom.

She weaves the strings round and round until the

bottom starts taking shape, eventually turning up.

Bernyce then adds a second color, and starts the full turn twining technique that brings the traditional designs to the foreground.

In recognition of her skill, Ms. Courtney was commissioned to make a beautiful flat woven piece that hangs in a central area of the Indian Health Services clinic on the reservation.

She was one of three women from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs who participated in the Oregon Folklife Program’s Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program.

She also expresses her traditions through quilting, and has had her quilts on exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. She now works to revive the art of twining within the Confederated Tribes.

Space for this workshop is limited to 10 people. Cost is \$60. This includes materials and lunch.

To reserve your place, call 541-296-8600 ext. 201. Visit [gorgediscovery.org](http://gorgediscovery.org) for more information.

**The center & museum**  
The Columbia Gorge

Discovery Center and Museum is the official interpretive center for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The center and museum are open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center and museum feature hands-on, multi-media exhibits that illuminate the cultural and natural history of the Gorge, including Ice Age geology, Native American culture, Lewis and Clark, the Oregon Trail, trade, transportation, renewable energy, ecology, live raptor presentations and more.

The latest exhibit is *A Community Forgotten: Uncovering the Story of The Dalles Chinatown*.

The museum is wheelchair accessible, and family friendly, with a Kids’ Explorer room.

The Riverfront Trail offers hiking and biking, and a native plant nature trail circles the pond next to the museum.

The Discovery Center is located off I-84 exit 82, at 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles.

Live raptor presentations are held daily, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. most days.

## Wellness lunch celebrates Mother’s Day

The Wellness of Warm Springs lunch will celebrate Mother’s Day this Thursday, May 11 at the Family Resource Center at noon. This

month’s topic is *Historical Trauma* with guest speaker Ervanna Little Eagle.

Lunch is provided to all participants.

## Learn about George Fox Education program

An informational meeting for the new George Fox Elementary Education Degree Completion program is this Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m.

at the Performing Arts Center in Madras. The program offers an opportunity to complete a 4-year degree in a 20 month, hybrid program.

# Warm Springs Ventures advertises for new CEO

Warm Springs Ventures is the economic development enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Ventures is now advertising for a new chief executive officer. Here is the position description provides by the enterprise:

The chief executive officer has full responsibility for the daily operations of Warm Springs Ventures corporate office and enterprises in accordance with the Warm Springs Ventures strategic plan, operating/business plans, and annual budgets as approved by the board.

The Ventures CEO is responsible for the day-to-day operations of six existing business divisions: Warm Springs GeoVisions, Warm Springs Construction, Warm Springs Property Management, EagleTech, NativeFax and Warm Springs Ventures.

**Qualifications:** Minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in business, public administration, planning, or related field; MBA is preferred.

A minimum of five years

demonstrated experience in a senior management role, preferably in business leadership and/or management of multi and diverse enterprise environments, and demonstrated experience with the successful development and management of new business enterprises.

Qualified American Indian preference applies. Must have a valid driver’s license and be insurable under the tribes’ insurance requirement; and successful completion of a criminal background check, credit check, and a pre-employment drug test will be required.

Application: A complete job description and application requirements can be found on the Ventures website: [warmspringsventures.com](http://warmspringsventures.com)

For more information or questions, please contact Laurie Danzuka at 541-553-3565 or at email: [Laurie.Danzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:Laurie.Danzuka@wstribes.org)

The Ventures CEO reports directly to the Ventures board. **Application deadline is June 6.**

## Commercial building at great location available for rent

The Warm Springs rafting shop—also known as the old gift shop—is a stand alone building situated in a great location: At 2197 Highway 26, next to the Eagle Crossing.

The building is available for rent. It’s approximately 1,300 square feet,

with two bathrooms, storage and a newer HVAC system. It’s \$500 per month plus utilities.

Call or email Sandra Danzuka at Warm Springs Ventures with any questions, 541-553-3565. Email: [sdanzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:sdanzuka@wstribes.org)

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The Warm Springs Full Gospel Church is having a **Mother’s Day Revival** this Friday through Sunday, May 12-14. The Revival will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The guest speaker is Pamela Ferguson.