

Letters to the editor

Meeting on eclipse

Interested in learning about activities on the reservation that are planned for the historic solar eclipse in August?

Join us this Wednesday, evening, May 10, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall.

This is a chance to learn more about planned local activities, and to get information on what you need to know if you are thinking about holding any events around that time.

Light refreshments will be served. Here are some agenda items:

- Update on planned activities.
- Plans for keeping our community safe.
- What you should be doing to prepare for the influx of visitors to the region.
- What you need to know if you are planning on holding an event.

For more information, contact **Alyssa Macy** at 541-553-3212. Or email: alyssa.macy@wstribes.org

Elect Matters

This letter is in support of Sue Matters, candidate for Position #2 on the Jefferson County 509-J School District Board of Directors.

I strongly believe she has what it takes to help our school district to improve. I know that Sue will assure that we have engaged teachers and students, competent administrators and well-informed parents.

Sue Matters has been living and working in Warm Springs for decades. She raised her two adult children in the community and was present in the schools throughout their education in the 509-J district.

She sat on Site Councils for the schools her kids attended to help provide parent perspective to the school district.

She is currently the station manager at KWSO, and through that work (which is nationally recognized) and her previous work at the Early Childhood Education center in Warm Springs, she has acquired many of the skills we need on our school board.

These skills—including leadership, an understanding of the challenges our local kids and families face, consensus building, teamwork, and budget/finance skills—

are all essential. And in my opinion she is better prepared for this challenging work than her opponents.

On a more personal note, I have worked with Sue to coordinate many community events in Warm Springs, most notably the Back to School Barbecue, held annually to give out school supplies and backpacks to our students.

Sue works tirelessly to help create a family friendly event that is a huge benefit to our children.

Our children have attended school together; she has always been a huge supporter of all students. Sue is always encouraging students to do all they can to be successful in their educational pursuits as well as their sports endeavors.

I appreciate all she does in her role as KWSO station manager. She has assisted me with numerous Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to get important information out to the community. She has an amazing work ethic that I truly admire.

Sue loves to track data and use it to improve how she does business, and to the benefit of the community she serves.

It is for these and many other reasons that I am voting for Sue Matters for the Jefferson County 509-J school board, and I encourage you to do the same! A vote for Sue is a vote for our children. Please be sure to get your ballots to a drop off box as soon as possible, but before May 16!

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Prevention partnership

BestCare Treatment Services joined Warm Springs Prevention in April to host the statewide Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success spring meeting.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration developed the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) to support effective action to promote mental health and the prevention of substance use among people under age 21.

The spring meeting focused on:

- Meeting with the representative from Health Promotion Chronic Disease Prevention (HP-CDP).

- SPF-PFS year 2 implementation experiences and lessons learned.

- Review best practices for selected strategies.

- Review, assess and update strategic and action plans.

On the evening of April 26, the conference hosted a cultural celebration with Warm Springs tribal youth.

This was facilitated by the Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirit dance groups, guided by Deanie Johnson. The tribal youth presentation was directed by Jefferson Greene.

We held the conference at the Inn at Cross Keys in Madras. Amazing authentic Mexican food was catered by Mi Casa.

Representatives from across the state were impressed by Jefferson County's close-knit and diverse environment, and our local youth who promote wellness and alcohol- and drug-free events.

Special thanks to the Inn at Cross Keys, Mi Casa Restaurant, Deanie Johnson, Jefferson Greene, Warm Springs Prevention, BestCare and Soaring Butterflies/Warrior Spirit Dance Groups.

Johnathan W. Courtney, SPF-PFS Prevention Coordinator, BestCare Treatment Services.

Parade, Expo

Thank you to the Warm Springs tribes and American Legion Post/Auxiliary 48 for putting on the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade & Expo 2017.

I am the District Captain for the Patriot Guard Riders of Central Oregon. Our group is comprised of mostly veterans from all walks of life and from all branches of service. We prefer to show our respects to our veterans and first responders and their families, when the duty is called, by escorting them from wherever to their final resting place. Flags a flying as we lead the way. I can tell you that the veterans in our group, who normally don't like the limelight, were proud to be a part of the parade, what it stood for, and of course the recognition during the ceremony.

The ceremony that the Warm Springs tribes did was

Events for Relay for Life

A number of fund-raisers are coming up for the Jefferson County Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a fund-raising effort in the fight against cancer. From Warm Springs, Indian Head Casino has become one of the event's great regional sponsors.

The main annual Relay for Life fund-raiser is the 24-hour mid-July walking and running team event, held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Some events leading up to the Relay for Life include:

A spaghetti fundraiser, all you can eat for \$10, at the Big Dog Saloon at Crooked River Ranch: Monday, May 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

From the American Legion and Auxiliary #48



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

The American Legion Riders were guests at the Warm Springs American Legion and Auxiliary #48 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo.

Dear Vietnam Veterans and families,

The American Legion & Auxiliary #48 in Warm Springs is honored to have hosted the Second Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Parade & Expo.

Each year this event honors those who were in uniform from November 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975, and to those who stayed at home awaiting their safe return. As with every war, the Vietnam War impacted our nation in many ways.

39,996 were 22 years old or younger

8,283 were age 19

33,103 were age 18

12 were age 17

5 were age 16

3 sets of father & son

244 Medal of Honor recipients

POW/MIA - In 1986, a Pentagon Commission concluded that American prisoners are still being held and there is a large volume of evidence.

31 sets of parents lost 2 sons

997 were killed on their first day

1,448 were killed on their last day

8 women were killed

Draftees accounted for 30.4 percent (17,725) of

combat deaths in Vietnam

Reservists killed: 5,977

National Guard: 6,140 served: 101 died

Together, we devoted over 3,700 miles, 7500 volunteer hours, and upwards of \$6,000 to show you that the past is not the present. Welcome Home!

With Sincere respect and highest regards,

Eugene "Cougar" Greene, Sr. American Legion - Post #48

Eugene Greene, Sr. Auxiliary Legion Auxiliary - Unit #48

amazing. As a Patriot Guard Rider, we have been to one other ceremony to honor a fallen soldier. To watch how the tribes honor their fallen is something to behold.

Thank you again Warm Springs and American Legion Post 48, we look forward to being a part of the parade and ceremony again next year. Now that we are aware of it, maybe we can help make it bigger. Sincerely,

Rusty Mann, District Captain, Patriot Guard Riders of Central Oregon

Very honored

I would just like to thank everyone who helped with the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans festivities.

I had the pleasure of accompanying my Vietnam veteran to the event. We had a great time. He felt very honored and enjoyed all of the

events. The parade and ceremony were a great experience for us. What an amazing amount of work and effort went into this event and mission accomplished. He felt as if, for the first time, he was properly welcomed home. The compassion by Warm Springs and the American Legion family was felt. We just wanted to thank all of those who spent their time to honor our veterans.

Helen Hisaw, American Legion Auxiliary, District 5 president.

Thank you

I want to thank the American Legion and Auxiliary for giving us Viet Nam Vets a heartfelt and special welcome home. When I returned from the war in 1967, wounded badly, the people in the San Francisco Bay area did not embrace us like you and your people did.

Granted, it's been a long time. However, it's nice to feel the respect and warmth you gave to us. Thank you.

Joe Gallagher, USMC

On Mother's Day

I would like to wish Lois, Debbie and Leticia a Happy Mother's Day. I would like to send a special Mother's Day to Ruby. Thank you for being so strong in my absence. I would also like to thank you for all you do for our family, and I hope you know I appreciate everyday. Happy Mother's Day. I love you.

Tommy Joe Alvarez

Tribal Council is taking letters of interest and resumes for the Telecom board. Please submit by 5 p.m. this Friday, May 12 to Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona. Council is filling five to seven positions.

Inn, Metolius. Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-8 p.m.

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Everything for 25



Jefferson County Relay for Life Survivor Celebration—Celebrate the Survivors—is coming up on Sunday, May 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Madras Senior Center, 860 SW Madison Street.

Welcome all survivors and caregivers. All registered survivors will receive a free t-shirt, dinner, door prizes and music! The Survivor Honorees are Marilee and Robin Gerke.

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