

Letters to the editor

Supplemental budget

Dear Tribal Member,
On June 12, 2017 the Tribal Council authorized by motion the posting of a proposed supplemental budget in the amount of \$3 million. The purpose of the proposed supplemental budget is to transfer \$3 million to the Warm Springs Financial Strategies LLC for membership approved capital improvements and economic development.

Warm Springs Financial Strategies LLC was formed pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, authorized by Tribal Council Resolution 12,351 on July 10, 2017.

The source of funds used for this proposed supplemental budget is a dividend from Warm Springs Geo Visions resulting from a portion of the proceeds of the carbon sequestration project.

The proposed supplemental budget has been posted at the Tribal Administration Building, Warm Springs Market, Post Office, Indian Health Services, Agency Longhouse, Three Warriors Market, Simnasho Longhouse and Seekseequa Fire Hall. Also available online: WarmSprings-nsn.gov/

When the Tribal Council takes action to finalize this supplemental budget, total expenditures will not be increased beyond this proposal.

The proposed supplemental budget will not be finalized until we have completed a General Council meeting with the tribal membership. We welcome your input before the Tribal Council makes final decisions and takes action to approve a final supplemental budget.

Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer.

Healing gathering

The annual conference on Trauma and Grief—Healing for Men, Women, Family and Our Community—is coming up at the Agency Longhouse on Wednesday, July 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Agenda items include:

Breakfast and Washut services starting at 8 a.m.; Full Gospel at 10; speakers at 11 and lunch at noon. Grief circles at 1 p.m.; speakers at 3; Shaker Church at 4 p.m., and dinner at 5.

Sign-up at the conference.

For more information contact Alice Sampson at the Behavioral Health Center, 541-553-3205.

Bough cutters

The Timber Committee will host a bough cutters public meeting on Thursday, August 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. The subjects include cutting locations and boughing regulations.

Anyone interested in obtaining a permit for the 2017 season is encouraged to attend. For the 2017 bough program you must submit your request form to the Timber Committee secretary by the close of business on August 1.

Request forms are available with the Timber Committee secretary. The secretary is Carla Gilbert, 541-553-3257.

If you have questions please contact Talya Holliday at 541-553-8210, or Claude Smith III at 541-553-8213.

Tribal Council

Here are some items scheduled on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of July (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, July 24

- 9 a.m.: Bond legislation update with Jim Manion.
- 9:30: Self-governance compact with Forestry and Natural Resources.
- 11: 2017 personnel policy resolution with Human Resources.
- 1:30 p.m.: Timber LLC, update with Forestry, BIA, Cal Mukumoto, Orvie Danzuka and Ken Borchert.
- 3: Timber LLC workshop with Clyde Hamstreet.
- 4: Update on water quality with Roy Spino.

Monday, July 24: General Council meeting regarding supplemental budget. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 at the Agency Longhouse.

Tuesday, July 25

- 9 a.m.: August agenda with Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona.
- 10: Draft resolutions with the S-T.
- 11: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach Samson of Vital Stats.
- 1:30 p.m.: Attorney report with John Ogan.
- 2:30: Amend state gas tax rebate agreement.
- 3:30: Warrants issue with Judge Lisa Lomas and Public Safety general manager Stan Suenaga.

Monday, July 24: Fish Accord meeting with CRITFC.

Wednesday-Thursday, July 26-27: CRITFC meeting and Fishers Expo.

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. Copy to: michele.stacona@wstribes.org lynn.davis@wstribes.org

Items for future consideration: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Children's Protective Services. Hunting. National Guard opportunity, help with Veterans Memorial.

Metal show

The local band Damage Overdose and guests will perform at the Warm Springs Community Center on Sunday, August 6.

Damage Overdose is celebrating its Twenty Year anniversary, and the release of a new album.

The evening will also feature Hemlock and the Moshers of the Universe, now on tour; and Extinction Threshold from Bend.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. on August 6, and is open to all ages. There is a \$10 entry. Merchandise raffle for all who purchase a ticket.

Legal help

The Central Oregon Council on Aging and Legal Aid Services of Oregon are working together to offer legal services to low-income older adults living in Central Oregon including the reservation.

The services are provided to adults 60 years and older with preference to those in greatest social and economic need, with particular attention to low income, minority and frail individuals.

To schedule an appointment and to get more information, call Louise Muir at 541-475-1148. The following list of priority services will be offered to seniors:

- Income maintenance, health care, food and nutrition, housing and utilities. Additional services may include correspondence, negotiations and preparation of legal documents. Appointments are scheduled for one-half an hour only. Criminal cases, simple wills, fee generating cases or conflicts of interest cannot be handled through this program.

Joining the Warm Springs Diabetes Program

Jo Wallis is the Family Nurse Practitioner with the Warm Springs Diabetes Program.

Ms. Wallis joined the program, housed at the Warm Springs Clinic, two months ago. Prior to that she was seeing patients in our medical clinic.

Jo likes working to encourage people with diabetes. She has worked in Native communities in Alaska and other areas.

Jo is able to be your Primary Care Provider, or she will be able to see you for diabetes management if your primary provider is not available.

You can call for an appointment at 541-553-2478. This is the direct line to the Diabetes Program, so patients with dia-



Courtesy Diabetes program
Diabetes program Family Nurse Practitioner Jo Wallis

your health. It is important to manage diabetes because damage can start early. High blood sugars can cause damage to your eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart.

Jo enjoys listening to the stories and traditions shared by patients, and she looks forward to seeing you.

In her time off, Jo spends her days gardening, horse riding, reading and cooking.

Jo Wallis and all of the Diabetes Program staff want to help you keep healthy.

A healthy you helps build a healthy community.

Warm Springs Diabetes Program.

betes can more easily call and make appointments.

Jo thinks it is important for people to be in charge of their own health, and her role is to help you manage

A wish...



Happy Birthday! Redsky is "2??"
Many more wishes to you on your **Fourth of July birthday. Love, Mom, Andrew and Tony, Steven and Rosey and Angeleah, Gigi and Abu.**

On your graduation



To the Happy Graduate, Rosey Begay—Graduate with three degrees from Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles.

A member of Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society with Highest Honors, nominated and honored by students and staff as Co-Outstanding Graduate 2017.

Congratulations, love, Mom, Andrew and Tony, Gigi and Abu.

Associate of General Studies Degree. Associate of Science Degree. Associate of Arts Transfer Degree. Rosey is onward bound, and accepted into the Columbia Gorge Community College Nursing program.

Smoke detectors

To our Warm Springs residents,

Fire season is upon us. A lot of you have cleaned around your homes by removing tall grass and brush to avoid fires leading to your home

However, being prepared inside is at least as important: Please make sure you have replaced old smoke detectors.

Or if you do not have a detector, now is the time to install one.

Some homes have the detectors that are electric: Note that when the power goes off, more than likely the detector will like function.

The detectors that we volunteers install are good for

10 years, and do not require a battery change: Instead, if the battery does go out, then we will replace it with a new one.

So if you feel your home needs a detector, our team will be available to install a detector for your home on July 22 starting in the morning.

Call to schedule an appointment, 541-749-4144. Or you can contact one of our Warm Springs Red Cross Volunteers: Don Courtney,

Becky Picard, Rose Mary 'Mushy' Alarcon, Vincent Simtustus or Dempsey Polk. We are happy to have Margie Kalama and Susan Guerin aboard as well. "Smoke Alarms Save Lives!"

More lives are lost every year to home fires than to all major disasters.

The Recreation Department is taking kids on a field trip to Oak's Park this Thursday, July 20. Stop by the Community Center office to sign kids up.

WSCAT reviews 2017 tax season in Warm Springs

By Leah Guliasi, W.S. Community Action Team

Since 2009 the Warm Springs Community Action Team has provided free tax services to community members. This service is part of the AARP Tax Aide program.

Between February and April of this year, five volunteers completed over 426 tax returns for community members.

This program has been

very successful over the years. In 2016, for 2015 tax returns, nearly 82 percent of tax returns completed received federal refunds. Of those receiving refunds, the average person received \$1,562.

Even if you are not required to file, there are many benefits to doing so. One of the biggest benefits is a tax credit, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides money to low-income working individuals.

EITC and many other credits are available, but you won't receive the credits unless you file your taxes.

Here are some logistics of our tax program:

- We are not a tax agency. In most cases we will file your return online, but the rest is up to you.

It is your responsibility to provide us with all your forms and submit any other paperwork required by the IRS, such as setting up a payment plan or paying if you owe money.

- We can only amend returns that were filed with us: You have to go back to the person who filed your taxes if you need to make changes.

- Due to the high demand, we are by appointment only. We usually begin scheduling appointments by the end of January.

This year's tax season was just as successful as previous years, and we will share those statistics when we receive them.

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