

Letters to the editor

24th Member Art Show

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit is coming up soon. The opening is October 19.

Tribal adult artists are invited to submit their work in the traditional or contemporary categories. The last day to submit is this Friday, September 29. Talk with Natalie Kirk, museum curator, for more information, 541-553-3331.

Meanwhile, there is still some time to check out the Celestial Visions exhibit. This runs through September 9.

Quilt Time

Learn how to make a quilt, or finish one of your projects: Quilting Time with Sheilah begins on Monday, October 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Quilting Time—continuing Mondays, same time and place—is limited to five participants. To sign up call Carol at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center office, 541-553-3243. Quilting Time with Sheilah is hosted by Warm Springs Recreation.

For Buffs

Enjoy and support the Madras Football & Abby's Pizza Monday Night Football Dinner, from 5 to 8 p.m., October 2. Enjoy the legendary pizza, salad and breadsticks while watching the Monday Night Football game, Washington at Kansas City.

A portion of proceeds collected during that time will go toward the Madras High School football program. A big thank you goes to Abby's Legendary Pizza.

N7 Fund

I wanted to share with you all the N7 Fund grant cycle announcement:

The N7 Fund is Nike's long-term commitment to bring sport and all its benefits to Native American and Aboriginal communities in North America, with a focus on youth.

We believe that kids are made to play, and through sport, Native youth can unleash the power of their generation. We believe in the unifying power of sport to empower communities to take on some of the greatest challenges that Native American and Aboriginal

youth face, such as diabetes, obesity, suicide, and low graduation rates.

N7 embraces the Native philosophy: "In every deliberation we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

Through N7, Nike provides opportunities for Native American and Aboriginal youth to play, get active, and become forces for positive change in their communities for generations to come.

To date, the N7 Fund has awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants to 185 communities, schools and nonprofit organizations across the U.S. and Canada, reaching more than 350,000 youth as part of Nike's Global Community Impact work. The N7 Fund partners with CAF America to provide due diligence and grant disbursement for its annual funding cycle.

The N7 Fund grant cycle will open 2017-2018 N7 Fund grant cycle will open Monday, October 2. The grant cycle will be available for six weeks, closing November 13.

If you have any additional question you may reach out to:

JackieBlackbird@jackie.blackbird@nike.com

Kindly,
Trish Chee, N7 Project Specialist, 1-503-532-1375

In the fall

The fall weather reminds us that the holiday season is just around the corner. Recreation is getting ready, planning for the Happy Halloween Spooktacular, Tuesday, October 31.

The Trunk-o-Treat, Carnival, costume contest and vendor booths will be at the community center. If you're already thinking of a costume idea, here are the categories in the contest:

Best Loony Tune squad member. Meanest monster. Silliest Granny. Best Michael Jordan. Cutest Baby Tune. You can sign up for a booth at Recreation, or call 541-553-3243.

At Recreation

The Warm Springs Community Center hours are now as follows:

Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On no school days, the hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Recreation at 541-553-3243.

Warm Springs Recreation.

Museum Harvest

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the annual fund-raiser Huckleberry Harvest on Saturday, October 7.

The Huckleberry Harvest will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the museum.

Guests will be immersed in the beauty of the culture and traditions of our Tribes.

You will experience a traditional salmon bake, cooked over smokey alder wood, accompanied by delicious fluffy fry bread and huckleberry jam.

We will have drumming and singing, tribal art demonstrations and story telling.

You can work on a traditional art project which you can take with you.

The Huckleberry Harvest is a benefit dinner. To our supporters, your contributions and attendance are vital. You help us raise funds so we may continue to share our culture and history, teach traditional arts, and preserve our artifact and archival collections.

The Museum At Warm Springs is dedicated to the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, whose vision, generosity and wisdom have created a legacy for our grandchildren's grandchildren.

The Museum at Warm

This Thursday, September 28 is the last day students can register for fall term Basic Math **GED classes** in Warm Springs and Madras. For Warm Springs, go to top floor training room at the Education Building from 1-4 p.m. In Madras, from 5:45-8:45 at the Madras COCC campus.

The weather

I now live in another nursing home. The one I'm now in is also in Eugene. A few of us who are here listen to the activity director read the Eugene Register Guard daily if she has it with her.

We all like to know if there's anything of importance happening in Eugene at that moment.

Right now Hurricanes are

The Reservation Walkers



2017 Portland to Coast — Team Reservation Walkers: Saphronia Coochise, Norene Sampson, Susan Jim, Karla Hawes, Val Squiemphen, Mary Iwamoto, Kecia Florendo, Julia Culpus, Victoria Katchia, Samantha Gomez, Melissa Benson and Marceline Smith (from left). Official time: 36 hours, 11 minutes, 17 seconds.

It is with great pleasure that I submit this picture of our 2017 Portland to Coast team, Reservation Walkers. These ladies did an awesome job!

My teammates were Mary Iwamoto, Melissa Benson, Susan Jim, Kecia Florendo, Norene Sampson, Saphronia Coochise, Victoria Katchia, Julia Culpus, Marci Smith and Samantha Gomez.

Our official time was 36 hours, 11 minutes 17 seconds—well under the

estimated time that Hood to Coast figured out for us.

This year we had some challenges, but we overcame and still finished ahead of our anticipated time. I've got these wonderful gals to thank for that!

The Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast was held last month. There were at least six teams from Warm Springs that participated in Portland to Coast, and one in the Hood to Coast.

Congratulations, teams! We would like to thank our sponsors:

Warm Springs Composite Products, Brunoe Logging, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises, and Indian Head Casino. We couldn't have done it without them.

As always, thank you to the families and friends of each of our walkers—Without your support we couldn't have done it without each you.

Looking forward to next year!

Val Squiemphen

in the Atlantic. We don't know when, or if, Oregon will have a hurricane or not, but in case we do, we all will

know when and where. Always be aware of the outside weather. Have a safe and happy fall season, Warm

Springs.
Evette Patt, RHCC, 1075 Irvington Dr., Eugene, OR 97404

New board members



Urbana Ross, acting BIA superintendent, reads the Oath of Office to new board members Todd Stum (Telecom board), Gerald Danzuka (Ventures), Lonny Macy (Telecom), and Douglas Williams (Ventures). Other new board members, who were sworn in later, are Don Sohapp (Composite Products), and James Halliday and Sue Matters (Telecom). Gerald Hendrickson is also joining the Water Board.

Employee benefits fair, open enrollment in October

Mandatory attendance

The Employee Benefits Fair will be on Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center gym.

The event offers the opportunity for all permanent full-time employees to learn more about benefit options, meet vendors face to face, and listen to benefits presentations.

This is also the start of the open enrollment period, which means that all permanent full-time employees who qualify for benefits effective January 1, 2018 can sign up for coverage, if they missed their opportunity during the new hire season.

If you already have coverage, this is also your opportunity to make any changes or renew your flexible spending pledge for 2018.

All changes and new enrollments will be effective January 1, 2018.

During the Benefits Fair and Open Enrollment, presentations will be made throughout the day.

Attendance is mandatory for tribal government employees. Contact the Compensation and Benefits with any questions about the fair at 541-553-3327.

Personnel Policy update

Tribal Council adopted the revised Personnel Policy

Manual this summer, following more than a year's worth of work by tribal management and staff.

The purpose of the manual is to be used as an outline of the basic personnel policies, practices, and procedures for the organization.

The intent is to assist management to manage, and for employees to understand their rights and responsibilities.

To ensure that all employees have received and read the updated policy, all employees are required to sign the acknowledgment form at the end of the policy and submit the completed form to Human Resources.

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