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Housing matter at Tribal Council

Housing on the Warm Springs Reservation, as in many areas of Indian Country, is an essential need in short supply. An important first step in addressing the need is engagement of the community in finding a solution.

Marissa Ahern is a recent graduate of the University of Colorado, where she studied Environmental Design in the Architecture program. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors. Her thesis paper was *Tribal Housing on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation*.

In a class of 175, her thesis was

one of only five successfully defended, earning the Magna Cum Laude honor. Next year she begins the Penn State University Master's Degree program in Community and Economic Development.

Working on her thesis, Ms. Ahern spent time with the Warm Springs Housing Authority, studying the state of housing on the reservation. In a thesis summary she says:

"The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is at a crucial point in its history, where critical plan-

ning must take place to address the tribe's current housing conditions. There is a large shortage of housing on the reservation, with a current waitlist of over 300 families."

The demographics of the tribe are adding to the situation: "Of the 3,175 people living on the reservation, 40 percent of the population is 19 years old or younger, and 62 percent of the population is 34 years or younger.

"This means the tribe can expect an increased demand for housing in the coming years, due to the high percentage of young

tribal members who will be coming to the age of needing a home at the same time. The demand will be arguably impossible to meet without a serious commitment from the tribe to start addressing housing issues now."

Ms. Ahern discussed this last week with the Tribal Council. Housing for Indians living at the Columbia River was another point of discussion, as BIA deputy regional director Bodie Shaw was also at the Council meeting.

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General Council

A General Council meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, November 13 at the Agency Longhouse.

The agenda is the proposed 2018 tribal budget. Dinner is at 6 and the meeting at 7.

Powwow, Parade and fly-over on Veterans Day

Veterans Day is this Saturday, November 11. Warm Springs will host the Veterans Day Parade beginning at old elementary school at 1 p.m.

The Civil Air Patrol will fly over the parade and ceremonies at the community center in honor of veterans, at 1:45 p.m. The flyover then proceeds to Sahalee Park in Madras for their Veterans Day ceremonies.

This year Veterans Day will feature the Athmaisha Sulcisma Powwow at the Agency Longhouse. The powwow is Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11.

Rejoiners is Friday at 6 p.m. Grand Entries are Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. Master of Ceremonies will be Fred Hill; arena directors are Carlos Calica and Captain Moody.

The Veterans Special is sponsored by the Richard Tohet family, and the MorningOwl Family. The Confederated Tribes also helped in sponsorship.

Information contacts are powwow organizers Preston Meanus, 503-997-9577; Andrea Sohapp, 541-777-7238, and Tamara Calhoun, 541-588-0169. Competition categories include:

Golden Age Men; and Gold Age Women. For both in all categories, 55 years and up.

Adult Men Fancy and Grass.
Adult Men Traditional.
Adult Women Fancy and Jingle.
Adult Women Traditional.
For all adult categories, 18-54 years.

Teen Boys Fancy and Grass.
Teen Boys Traditional.
Teen Girls Fancy and Jingle.
Teen Girls Traditional.
For all Teen categories, 13-17 years.

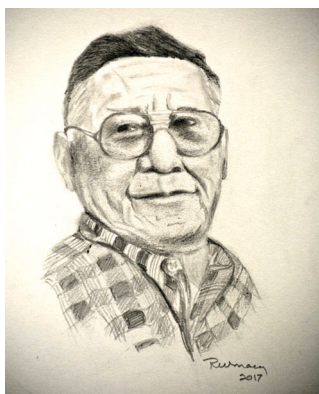
Junior Boys Fancy and Grass.
Junior Girls Fancy and Jingle.
Junior Girls Traditional.
For all junior categories, 7-12 years.

Tiny Tots paid daily, ages 0 to 6.
Veterans Day will observance is this Friday, November 10, and the tribal organization will be closed.



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Museum at Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Show winners Travis Bobb, Roberta Kirk, Charlotte Herkshan, Reva Johnson, Scott Kalama, Laronne Katchia and Isaac Trimble.



Richard Macy drawing, Delbert Frank Sr.



Charlene Dimmick, Blackbird.



Reva Johnson, Beaded Eagle



Bernyce Courtney, Midnight Positive and Negative woven basket

Policy changes after artifacts case

A case involving disturbance of possible tribal archaeological items at an island in the Columbia raised concern with the Confederated Tribes, especially when the tribes learned the U.S. Attorney could not pursue criminal charges in the case.

Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. wrote to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Oregon District, and to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The letter made clear the tribes' concern, and asked the Attorney's Office to reconsider filing charges.

The Corps of Engineers and U.S. Attorneys met with Tribal Council last week to discuss the issues.

The case involved one to three apparently homeless people who were camping on federal property, more specifically an island in the Columbia River.

One or more of them dug a pit near their tent. The island was known to have tribal artifacts, including possible funerary items.

Law enforcement, including a patrol by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement, discovered the situation, and removed the people from the island.

The Corps of Engineers archaeologist said the digging appears to have disturbed only flakes, and no actual formed artifacts or funerary objects.

Still, the case was disturbing, and the U.S. Attorney weighed the possibility of bringing federal criminal charges. A review of the evidence, and the guiding case law in the district, however, precluded pursuing the case.

In the district, a violation of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act requires criminal intent. This appeared impossible to prove under the circumstances, the deputy U.S. Attorney said.

The possibility of a civil case by the U.S. Attorney is another avenue they discussed with Council. This may be a new avenue they could pursue in these cases.

Another change: there will be

clear postings indicating what property is federal at the Columbia, making a trespass case more obvious.

Stepped up patrol around islands in the river by CRITFE and other law enforcement is another policy change, as a result of the case, the Corps, U.S. Attorney and CRITFE reported to Council.

And there will be better communication with the tribes when these cases come up, U.S. Attorney Bill Simmons said.

The tribes are planning a ceremony where the digging happened, as the site is restored.



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