

Letters to the editor

Toy Drive

Tribal Social Services is hosting the 2017 Christmas Toy Drive. The annual toy drive benefits children and youth ages 2-17 in Warm Springs.

Social Services, a department Health and Human Services, is collecting new, unwrapped toys, as well as coats, hats, mittens and socks for local families through December 18.

Gifts can be dropped off at the Warm Springs Media Center, 4174 Highway 3; at Social Services in the Family Resource Center, 1144 Warm Springs Street; or at the tribal management office in the administration building, 1233 Veterans Way.

For more information, to receive an application for assistance, or to volunteer, call Social Services at 541-553-3415. Or email: fay.hurtado@wstribes.org

Tribes' appreciation



Mr. Speaks has been with the Northwest Regional Office of the BIA for more than 32 years.

He has served as director for director of the office, working closely with and in support of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the other 44 tribes in the region.

This year Mr. Speaks will be leaving the Northwest office.

Tribes will honor him this Sunday, December 10 with an appreciation dinner, hosted by the Siletz Tribes.

From KWSO

The Warm Springs Community Calendar is read throughout the day everyday on KWSO. You can also find it online at kwsos.org

While at the website, you may click on the 'contribute now' button to learn about how you can become a KWSO sustaining member. You can be a sustaining member for as little as \$10 a month.

Our end of the year sus-

taining member pledge drive and runs through December 31.

For anyone who becomes a sustaining member during this time, your name will go into a drawing on New Year's Eve for prizes. Plus you get a KWSO t-shirt.

Sustaining memberships are either \$10 or \$20 a month.

Church Bazaar

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church is hosting a Christmas Bazaar this Friday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will have baked goodies, handmade items and gifts. An Indian Taco Sale will begin at 11.

Holiday market

The Madras Saturday Market is holding a Holiday Market this Friday, December 8, from noon to 7 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 9 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Veterans' names

The Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park will honor all tribal member veterans, from the Indian Wars to present day. Each veterans will have his or her name engraved in stone at the memorial.

The Veterans Memorial Park Committee is putting together a list of all veterans who lived or worked in Warm Springs. They are asking for the help of community members to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to fill out a form, or need more information, you can stop by any of the 5 drop box locations: the Media Center, Warm Springs Market, Mail and Reception desk at Administration, Indian Head Casino Guest Services, or front desk at IHS. You can also call 541-771-2564 if you have questions.

Diversity training

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition is one of six regional Health Equity Coalitions in Oregon. Their mission is to create inclusive conversations and empower communities. The coalition offers a four-part Cultural Awareness Training. The next training is Going Deeper: Poverty and its Effect on Health on Thursday, December 14, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. To learn more about registering: letstalkdiversity.net

Health survey

A tribal member health survey is under way. The survey results will help guide tribal health care priorities in the coming years.

The survey takes about an hour to 70 minutes, and survey responders and their answers remain strictly confidential. In appreciation, participants receive a \$30 gift card.

The information is vital for tribal grant writing efforts, in order for the tribes to secure funding for current and future tribal programs.

The tribes are partnering with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board on this project. The tribal Health and Welfare Committee approved the questions, and the project has been reviewed by the Portland Area Office Indian Health Service Institutional Review Board.

Warm Springs Community Health, and the Prevention program are coordinating the health interviews. For more information please call 541-615-0036.

Howlak Tichum

Laurence 'Larry' Talifson ~ 1940-2017

Laurence 'Larry' Talifson passed away peacefully at his home in Warm Springs on November 22, 2017. He was 77.

Mr. Talifson is survived by his daughters Christina Talifson of Warm Springs, Cathrine Walther of Castaic California, and Haley Talifson of Redmond.

He is also survived by his five grandchildren Cameron, Alexis, Keegan, Rylee and Alduous.

Mr. Talifson is preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Linda Talifson.

One of his favorite things in life was spending time outdoors with his family.

Warm Springs Social Services can help folks with **low-income energy assistance**. You can get application and get details at the Social Service office located in the Family Resource Center.

Summary of Tribal Council

(Recent summary of Tribal Council proceeding.)
November 27

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, Lee tom and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Committee/board appointments:

- Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,400 appointing Evaline Patt and Roscoe Thompson



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb says it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Howlak Tichum

Ralph Queahpama ~ February 7, 1946 – October 26, 2017

Ralph was born at Warm Springs to Oscar and Irene Queahpama. He attended school in Warm Springs and Madras, where he graduated in 1964.

After high school he went into the U.S. Army and spent time at Colorado with an artillery unit. While there he started boxing.

He then attended Haskell Institute in Kansas and Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. Upon graduating from Blue Mountain with an Associate of Science Degree in Electronics, he found employment at Pacific Northwest Bell in Portland, where he worked until he retired in 2012.

He married Charlyne Reicke in 1970, and then Beverly Brumm in 1978. Both marriages ended in divorce. He leaves children Shannon Schulte, Dave and Joe Flood.

On November 15, 1997 he married his wife Michelle Bucknum of

nearly 20 years, and passed away at their residence at West Linn. He leaves children Anna and Breah Canales, and grandchildren Mariah, Ayla, Makenzie, Ashley and Jackson.

Ralph enjoyed running, and encouraged family members and friends to run with him.

He ran many marathons and other events including the Hood to Coast Relay with teammates from Pacific Northwest Bell a number of times. He kept in touch with his friends from there until his death.

For a time he was a ski instructor at Timberline Lodge, and encouraged family members to learn how to ski. He will always be remembered for trying to involve family and friends to join him in running and skiing activities with his sense of humor and stories.

His parents preceded him in death; brothers Ernest, Ira and Duane Queahpama, also brother Freddy Blodgett; and sisters Antoinette and Madeline Queahpama.

His brother Rafael survives him as well as sister Kathleen of Madras.

He has nieces Rena and Michelle of Warm Springs, and niece Deirdre of Reno, Nevada. He has a nephew Oscar of Warm Springs. He also has nieces Nicole of Madras, and Collette of Lynnwood, Washing.

There are nephews Joel of Portland, and Eric of Simnasho. His niece Shauna lives in Warm Springs. He leaves numerous grandchildren at all these same locations.

Ralph was buried at the cemetery in Simnasho after services at the Simnasho Longhouse. Later there was a Memorial Mass held in Oregon City at St. Johns Catholic Church, with many of his friends from work and from his time spent in Portland.

Ralph will be missed at many places where he left his tracks and by many people.

advertise for more applicants. Second by Carina. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Charles to advertise vacancies on committees/boards. Second by Joseph. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Resolutions appointing delegates to the Chemawa School Board, Celilo Wyam Board and Tribal FishCo Board of Advisors to be presented during the next Resolutions discussion.

3. Other business:

- Discussed concerns regarding the Public Safety General Manager position.

- Discussed enforcing

8363 and 8363A - Timber Company LLC.

- Culture & Heritage Language Teachers will be recognized by 509-J School Board tonight at Madras.

- Motion by Joseph for Tribal Council delegates to attend an honor dinner hosted by Siletz for Mr. Stanley Speaks. Second by Carina. Question; 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Discussed Kah-Nee-Ta/AV NorthWest. Board of Directors will report on Monday, December 4, 2017.

4. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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