

Lifetime, Twanat awards at museum Honor Dinner

The Museum at Warm Springs on Saturday will host the Sixteenth Annual Honor Dinner. The evening will include the presentation of the Twanat Award, and two Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The Twanat Award recipient this year is Michael Hammond. Mr. Hammond was the executive director of the museum at the time of its opening in 1993.

During his eight year tenure, programs began that still continue today. These include the Annual Tribal Youth Art Exhibit, the Seeds of Discovery science field day, the Tribal Member Art Exhibit, and special arts and crafts programs for youth.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipients this year are the Hon. Edward J. Leavy and Louie Pitt Jr.

Judge Leavy is a distinguished Senior Circuit Court Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and one of Oregon's most admired jurists. Judge Leavy has assisted the tribes and the U.S. to resolve long-standing issues in a joint, cooperative and amicable manner.

Louie Pitt Jr. is the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He is responsible for maintaining relationships with off-reservation governmental entities, looking out for tribal interests, and ensuring open communications.

This year's award recipients join this list of distinguished individuals, former honorees of the Museum at Warm Springs:

- Twanat Award**
- 2003—Governor Victor Atiyeh.
 - 2004—Sen. Daniel Inouye.
 - 2005—The Honorable Owen Panner.
 - 2006—Kenneth Smith.
 - 2007—Richard West.
 - 2008—Sherman Alexie.
 - 2009—Gordon Smith.
 - 2010—Elizabeth Furse.
 - 2011—Commander John Herrington.
 - 2012—Lillian Pitt.
 - 2013—Professor Charles Wilkinson.
 - 2014—Billy Mills
 - 2015—Spencer Beebe
 - 2016—Governor Ted Kulongoski.
 - 2017—Elizabeth Woody.

- Lifetime Achievement Award**
- 2006—Richard L. Kohnstamm.

- 2007—Chief Nelson Wallulatam and Warren Rudy Clements.
 - 2008—Olney Patt Sr. and Stanley Speaks.
 - 2009—Chief Delvis Heath Sr.
 - 2010—James D. Noteboom.
 - 2011—The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
 - 2012—Broughton Bishop and Adeline Miller
 - 2013—Stephen Wright.
 - 2014—Dennis Karnopp.
 - 2015—Tina Kuckkahn-Miller.
 - 2016—Dr. Thomas Creelman and the late Jeanie Thompson-Smith.
 - 2017—Donald J. Stastny and Steven Andersen.
- The 2018 Museum at Warm Springs Honor Dinner will be at the World Forestry Center in Portland.

Great cause at Black Bear Diner

Over the past years, the Jefferson County Relay for Life Teams and the Madras Black Bear Diner have partnered to help fight the fight against cancer.

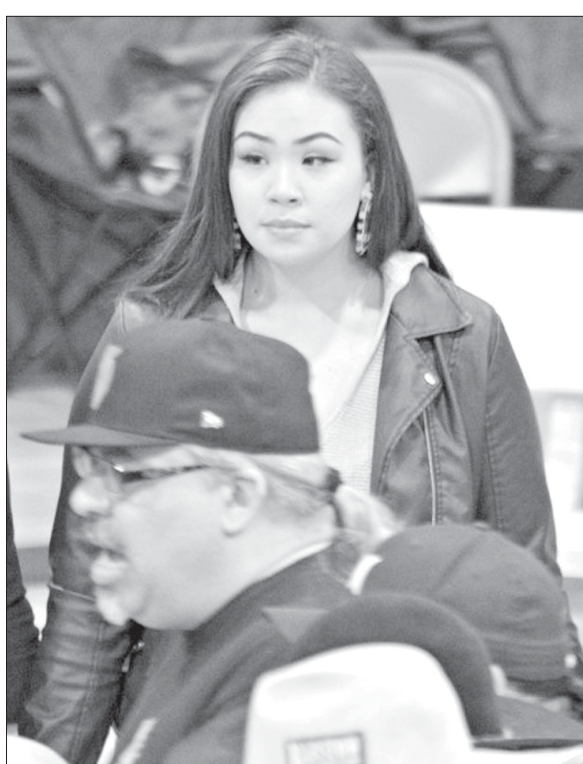
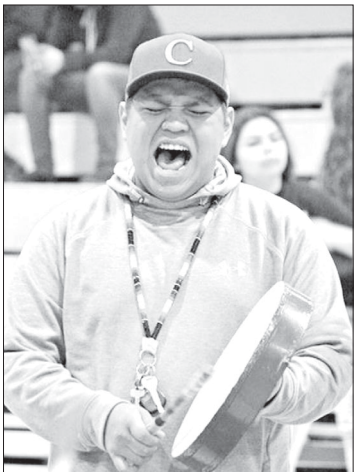
Black Bear Madras owner Joe Davis will have the Relay Teams assisting in bussing tables and collecting tips on the evenings of May 11 and 18.

So please bring your family and friends out to the Black Bear Diner on May 11 and 25.

The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life is committed to saving lives from cancer. Your donations help us fight all types of cancer, for all types of people, in all types of communities around the globe.

Spirits & Lands

The tribes celebrated the Second Annual Warm Springs Healing our Spirits & Lands Round Dance in late March at the Community Center.



Jayson Smith photos



Buy Back: question of 'fair market value'

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Having a consolidated land interest would allow the tribes to determine, and then potentially implement, the best use of the land.

Best use is precluded when multiple people—heirs of the original allottee—own fractions of an interest in the particular parcel.

After the April 24 deadline passes, it is possible this year that the Buy Back program will have a second series of offers. This could help address the low response to the first wave of offers, Mr. Jackson said.

Councilman Jody Calica raised the issue of the Buy Back program assessment of 'fair market value' of the allotments in questions.

Tribal Council had raised the fair market value issue in February, when Council met with appraisers from the Office of Appraisal Services, an office of the Department of the Interior. Ap-

praisers from this office have worked with tribes and the BIA to implement the Buy-Back component of the Cobell settlement.

The Office of Appraisal Services last year used a process called 'mass appraisal' to come up with fair market value calculations for more than 340 tracts on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Mass appraisal is used to calculate fair market values for large numbers of parcels. This is a less expensive alternative to site specific appraisals.

The mass appraisal value of a parcel can be quite different from the site specific value, in some cases a much lower value. In these instances, the appraisers evaluate the information in order to reconcile the figures, with the hope of achieving a fair market value.

Willing sellers

Land Buy Back purchases are made only from willing sellers at

fair market value, as set by the Office of Appraisal Services.

Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members. Benefits of the program, as described in the Buy Back literature:

Returning fractionated lands to tribes in trust has potential to improve tribal community resources by increasing home site locations, improving transportation routes, spurring economic development, easing approval for infrastructure and community projects, and preserving traditional cultural or ceremonial sites.

Fractionated interests in property make good use difficult, because of the number of people—hundreds, even thousands—with an interest. The land buy-back program would give fair market value to each individual who has an interest in an allotment, plus \$75.

Native poet Laura Da' at Madras COCC



Laura will be presenting on the Madras Campus in the Community Room on Wednesday, April 25.

At 12 a light lunch will be provided

Then at 12:30-1:30 Laura will read selections of her poetry and facilitate a discussion with questions and answers.

Laura will also be selling some of her books. Free and open to all.

Laura Da' is an award winning poet and proud member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Da's poetry weaves rich images to create a shifting vision of the past and present.

Coming up on Wednesday, April 18 with Warm Springs Recreation:

There will be a Penny Carnival at the Community Center 5-7:30.

There is a family movie night on Wednesday at 5:30 at the former elementary school gym. They will show *Moana*. Don't forget to bring your own seating.