

# At the Academy

The Warm Springs Academy hosted the Summer Slam Powwow in May. Next week will be the sixth- through eighth-grade band and music concert, at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 30; and the fifth-grade music concert, Thursday, May 31 at the Academy gym. Then next Friday, June 1, will be the school assemblies.



Jayson Smith photos



## Community notes

Wednesday, May 30 is the deadline to sign up to attend the Central Oregon Community College sponsored production of the courtroom drama *Twelve Angry Men*, put on by inmates at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution. The play will be put on July 14 and 15. To attend, contact Lani Sykes at 541-504-2901.

Motivational speaker Ron L. James, author of the book *Choices*, will give a presentation in Warm Springs on June 11 at 5:30 at the Community Center social hall. A new free legal clinic will be taking intakes on June 11 at the Warm Springs Community Action Team Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eligible clients will receive a free 45-60 minute consultation with an attorney to discuss any legal issues.

## Resolution: needs some clarification

(Continued from page 1) Methamphetamine contamination is a health hazard, especially to children and elders. The draft resolution suggests some actions to contend with the problem, calling for a "tribal-wide meth prevention and treatment strategy, coordinated delivery of services and development of grants." The point is "to ensure that tribal programs, Indian Health Services, and quasi-enterprises such as the Warm Springs Housing Authority, are working together on a tribal-wide meth prevention and treatment strategy..."

The action plan would implement a program of "meth prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare initiatives..." The draft resolution calls for "financial support" in the implementation of the plan. This point in particular is among those that need to be given greater specificity, as Tribal Council, management and Finance are looking toward the 2019 tribal budget. For this reason Council tabled the resolution, asking for more specificity in, for instance, the financing component of the resolution.

## Regarding health care, Gov. affirms tribal sovereignty

Gov. Kate Brown this week affirmed the sovereignty of Oregon's nine federally-recognized Indian tribes, and their right to healthcare. Gov. Brown's statement came in the face of suggestions from the federal government that tribes be considered racial groups instead of sovereign nations. More specifically, her statement comes as a reaction to the possibility raised by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that the federal government may not be obligated to require states to exempt federally-

recognized Indian tribes from Medicaid work requirements. "Now more than ever, states must take the lead when it comes to standing up for people and the care they rely on," Gov. Brown said. "Undercutting access to health care only increases costs and creates barriers to care. This does not just hurt individuals, but all Oregonians." She added, "The federal government's recent stance towards our tribal nations disregards and disrespects the unique and longstanding legal status of Oregon's nine federally-recognized

tribes as sovereign governments. "This is legally unsound and flatly against the government-to-government relationships that we have developed and cherish here in Oregon."

### Important notice from Warm Springs Sanitation

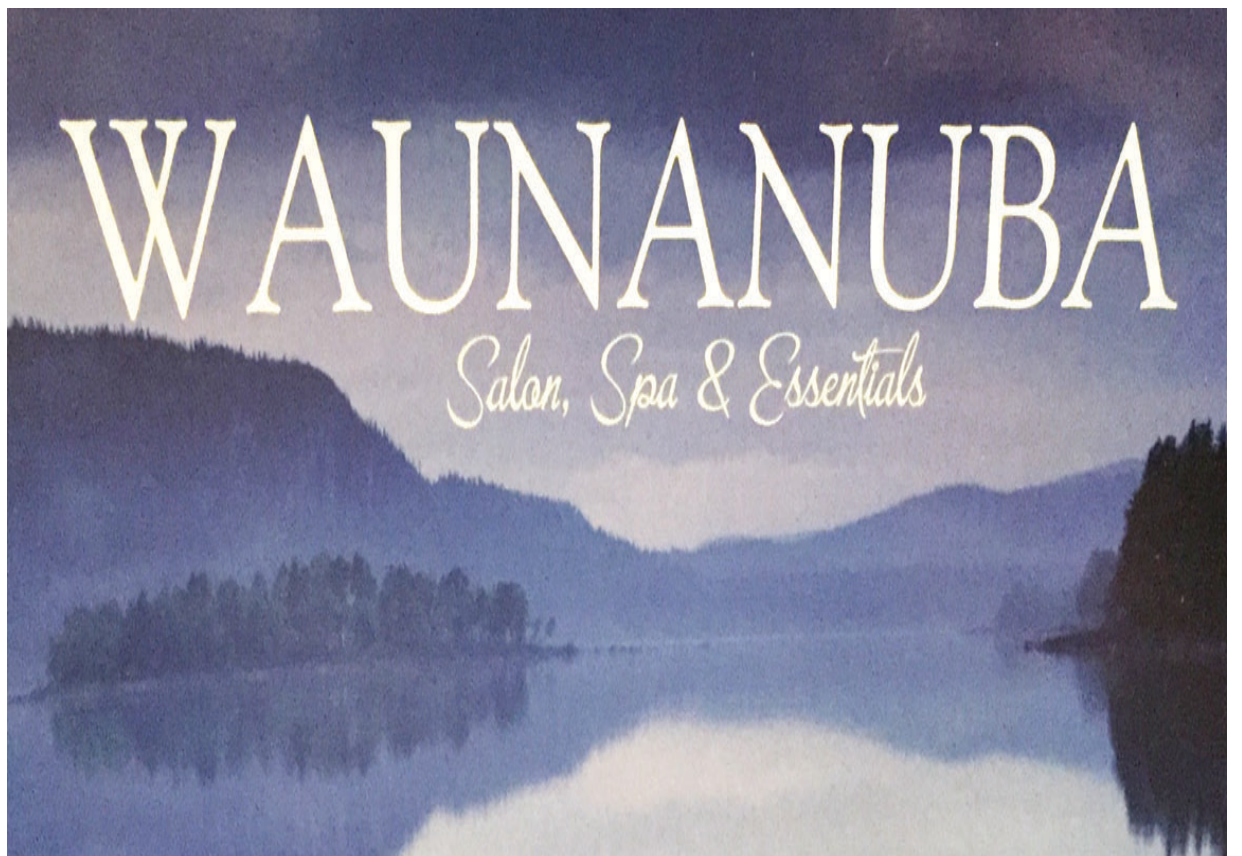
Due to contamination caused by illegal dumping in Warm Springs, oil and other hazardous materials will not be accepted at the Dry Creek Landfill, or any

transfer stations until further notice. Oil and other household hazardous waste will need to be taken to Madras Sanitary Service.

## This is American Indian Week

This is American Indian Week in Oregon, May 19-26, as Governor Brown designated by proclamation, which reads: Whereas the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon have had deep knowledge of and close ties to our landscapes, viewscapes and waterways since time immemorial; and Whereas the cultural items, cultural resources and meaningful places associated with these long-held connections still remain a critical part of Oregon tribal traditions, tribal lifeways and the strength of the tribal community today; and Whereas the state of Oregon seeks to encourage learning about these cultural items, resources and sites as a way to increase appreciation for the value all Oregonians

gain from this rich and enduring tribal heritage; and Whereas the state of Oregon also acknowledges the contributions of all Native peoples and Native communities to the arts, education, health, economic development and civic community that makes this a better place to life for all Oregonians; Now therefore, I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 19-26, 2018 to be American Indian Week in Oregon, and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.



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## Tribal committees

Upcoming tribal committee meetings include: Joint Committee meeting, Wednesday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fire Management conference room. Land Use Planning Committee, Wednesday, June 6, 9 a.m. to noon at administration building conference room 3. Fish and Wildlife Committee, Thursday, June 7, 3 to 5 p.m. at the administration building conference room 3. Range and Ag Committee, Tuesday, June 12, 9 a.m. to noon at the administration conference room 3. Fish and Wildlife Committee, Monday, June 18, 3 to 5 p.m., administration conference room 3. Land Use Planning Committee, Wednesday, June 20, 9 a.m. to noon, conference room 3 at administration.

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