

Member Art Show



Doll by Sandra Danzuka, Honorable Mention Award.



Quilt by Mane Knight ~ Judges Choice Award - Contemporary.

2018 Tribal Member Art Show Grand Opening is at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday, December 6 at the Museum at Warm Springs.

Photos courtesy the Museum at Warm Springs

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February

In a disturbing development, the Agency Longhouse has been contaminated by methamphetamine. As a result, the longhouse will be closed at least into March.

Executive Management closed the longhouse after at least two areas inside the building tested positive for the presence of meth residue. Additional areas were tested, including kitchen area, and results were positive.

The level of contamination indicates that the person or people had been using the drug in the longhouse for some time. Cost of clean-up is expected to exceed \$100,000. Elsewhere this month:

Tribal Council and the Branch of Natural Resources met for a two-day summit with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, discussing the

condition and future of the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery.

There are fundamental questions facing the hatchery, as well as significant recent improvements to the facility.

The facility is on the Warm Springs River a few miles from Kah-Nee-Ta. Because of the location, water temperature at the hatchery is an ongoing issue.

The temperature issue has come to the forefront in recent years: In 2014 the summer heat required emergency removal of fish to a cooler facility, as the water temperature in the Warm Springs River at the hatchery site reached the mid 70s.

The following year the fish were moved in order to allow workers to upgrade and expand the cooling system at the hatchery.

Then last year the work involved a major electrical system expansion. Another recent improvement at the facility is the development of lam-

prey passage. In other news from February:

Both the Madras White Buffalos varsity boys and girls basketball teams have post-season games in the next few days.

March

These are busy days at the Plateau Travel Plaza—busy and exciting as the 70 employees are getting ready for the opening.

The employees are running through all facets of the operation—from the kitchen and dining area, to the convenience store, fuel stations, gaming area, security, maintenance and more. Grand Opening is set for March. Elsewhere:

The Warm Springs baseball fields are in need of extensive renovation. And once this work is done, the new fields will need ongoing maintenance. Young players,

and adult softball teams, require this amenity here in Warm Springs.

Tribal executive management and community development announced a detailed plan that would accomplish the goal, bringing the fields up to a highest quality standard.

As the health of tribal youth is a community priority, the Tribal Council by resolution this month endorsed the plan.

The endorsement allows management and community development—with Warm Springs Recreation as project sponsor—to pursue the necessary funding for the work, which will be extensive.

One immediate source of funding—one prompting the recent Council resolution—could be the Oregon Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation grant would be in addition to the tribal match, and other potential sources.

The Council resolution states the need for action to restore the fields, noting: “The existing 41-year-old ball fields complex is due for extensive renovation and re-development...” In other March

2018 news:

Twenty-five years ago this month the tribes celebrated the opening of the Museum at Warm Springs. That spring saw the realization of a vision—a museum preserving and honoring the tribal history, culture and traditions—first conceived in the 1960s.

Some ensuing milestones were Tribal Council approval of the charter, and membership approval of the referendum.

To celebrate these first 25 years—the Silver Anniversary—the Museum at Warm Springs is hosting a powwow, and the opening of a new exhibit.

The new exhibit is *Twanat—Celebrate Our Legacy*.

There are commemorative gifts, door prizes and refreshments. Miss Warm Springs was be on hand.

The new exhibit is a celebration of the tribal culture and the museum. Items on display are rarely seen items from the Museum at Warm Springs Permanent Collection.

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