

Letters to the editor

To young artists

The museum at Warm Springs in February will host the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Youth Art Exhibit.

The museum is accepting artwork submissions through Friday, February 1.

Teachers are welcome to submit entire classroom projects. Individual art is also welcome.

The Youth Art Show is a chance for young people show their creativity.

There will be an opening reception for the Youth Art Show on Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

For additional information talk to museum curator Natalie Kirk, 541-553-3331 ext. 412.



Thank you

After six and a half years attempting to get this correction, I must thank Mr. Dan Martinez and Johnathan Courtney for their efforts.

Norman A. Nathan was the Nathan veteran honorably discharged by the Navy. This information was provided years ago to the VFW, but must have been lost.

So once again, Thank you to those who have helped correct this error.

Renee Hogan
Krstovich

Tribal Council

The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of January (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, January 21

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer update with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10: February agenda and review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

3: December 2018 financials with Dennis Johnson and Alfred Estimo, Finance.

Tuesday, January 22

9 a.m.: Culture and Heritage Committee update.

10 Education Committee.

11: December 2018 financials.

1:30 p.m.: Health and Welfare Committee.

2:30: Land Use Planning Committee.

3:30: Range and Ag Committee.

4:30: Timber Committee.

Tuesday, January 22:

Simnasho District meeting on Kah-Nee-Ta at the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner is at 6 and the meeting at 7.

Wednesday, January 23

9 a.m.: Water Board.

10: Fish and Wildlife Committee.

11: Cannabis tax rebate agreement with Howie Arnett and Ben Eckstein.

1:30 p.m.: IRMP III meeting with all committees and Natural Resources.

2:30: STIFIGA and by-laws.

3:30: Safety corridor agreement.

Thursday and Friday,

January 24-25: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission meeting.

Thursday, January 24

9 a.m.: Museum at Warm Springs.

10: Housing Authority.

11: Timber LLC.

1:30 p.m.: Cannabis.

2:30: Kah-Nee-Ta.

Monday-Thursday,

January 30-February 1: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians winter convention.

Voucher program

Housing Works announced that the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, formerly known as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 program, opened this week, and will remain open through this Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m.

This program is open to low-income qualified residents of Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties. Applicants must apply online at:

housing-works.org/apply/

The time you apply during the week does not impact your position on the list.

All applications taken during this time frame will be randomized by a computer and placed on the waiting list to give all applicants an equal chance.

It's important to note that anyone who is currently on the waiting list needs to reapply to the 2019 list. This is a yearly requirement.

Upon request, Housing Works staff will provide technical assistance to anyone needing help filling out the online application.

Lesly Gonzalez, HCV Director at Housing Works.

Healthy site

Jefferson County Public Health is pleased to announce the launch of a new community website.

The community website is intended to support nonprofits, service agencies, governments, faith organizations, and small businesses across the county, including the reservation, in promoting events, activities, awareness, and opportunities for community members.

The website is called JeffCoConnects, and is a Wordpress-based website with functions available to registered users, including a service and business directory, community calendar, events, projects, volunteer recruitment, and a press release function.

Spearheaded by Jefferson County Public Health and the Jefferson County Faith-Based Network, with support from the Ford Family Foundation, JeffCoConnects joins a number of other community websites, includes content in both Spanish and English, and is free of charge for Jefferson County organizations.

Courtney Barks, AmeriCorps volunteer, commented: I think that the JeffCoConnects website will be a great addition to the Jefferson County community. I wish it had been up and running when I first

Council candidate statements due soon

Absentee ballots are expected to be in the mail soon for the election of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes.

The election will be on April 4.

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will be providing information about the candidates to the membership, with a

special edition of the newspaper and candidate interviews on KWSO.

You can submit a written statement and a photo to the Spilyay. If you don't have a photo to submit, we can take the picture. You can also email the statement and photo to:

david.mcmechan@wstribes.org

Please submit your statement and photo by next Thursday, January 24.

Or stop by the Media Center at 4174 Highway 3 in Warm Springs.

Statements should be limited to 250 words or fewer; as there are a total of 36 candidates.

Candidates can also schedule an interview with KWSO in January or February. Please call 541-553-1968 to schedule a time. The interview will take 15-20 minutes.

moved here. It would have made it easier to get involved and find events going on in the community," said at Jefferson County Public Health.

For more information contact Courtney Barks at 541-325-5001 ext 4234

Email:

Contact@jeffcoconnects.org

To register as a community website user:

www.jeffcoconnects.org

Beth Ann Beamer, Public Health Nurse.

541-475-6448. Bring a friend and come and vote for new officers.

Fran Davis, outgoing chair, Jefferson County Democrats.

Education

Heart of Oregon Youth Build is recruiting youth ages 16-24 for its winter group.

Youth Build members can earn their GED, diploma, college credit and job skills.

YouthBuild will hold an information session in Warm Springs this Thursday, January 17 from 10:30 to noon at the Roots trailer.

To RSVP or get more info call 541-526-1380. In other education news: The Bend and Redmond campuses of Central Oregon Community College will host Scholarship Day from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23. The event is to help current and prospective students discover and maximize their financial aid options for the 2019-20 academic year.

The Bend campus event is at the Coats Campus Center; the Redmond campus event is held in Building 1, Room 128. Both are open to the general public. No registration is required. Workshops start each hour on the hour.

There is also an open house in Madras this Thursday, January 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Rodriguez Annex. Public comments can also be submitted online until February 3:

Both locations will offer valuable information on scholarship and grant opportunities, as well as specifics on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA) processes, including all deadlines. For more details call 541-383-7260.

Transit open house in W.S.

Cascades East Transit is developing a Transit Master Plan, and will hold open houses to collect input on the future of public transportation from the Central Oregon communities it serves.

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CETTransitPlan.com

Warm Springs Higher Education reminds students who plan to apply for the tribal scholarship that you should apply for FAFSA, the State Need Grant and Oregon Opportunity Grant before March 1. Talk to Carroll at the Higher Ed, 541-553-3311.

Democrats

Wednesday, January 23rd, the Jefferson County Democrats will hold their re-organizing election of officers. Those nominated are:

Kim Schmith, chair. Aurolyn Stwyer, vice chair. Stephen Hillis, secretary. Moira 'Scottie' Henry, treasurer.

We will be meeting downstairs at the Library Annex on E Street in Madras at 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Nominations will also be taken from the audience, so if you have someone else in mind for any of these positions, please come and let us know.

All are welcome. For further information, please call Fran Davis at 541-923-7403, or Stephen Hillis at

Sound advice during Stalker Awareness Month

by Nancy Seyler
W.S. Tribal Prosecutor

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affected 7.5 million victims in one year. Over 85 percent of stalking victims were stalked by someone they know.

Sixty-one percent of the victims were female, and 44 percent were male.

Many of the victims were stalked by a current or former intimate partner. Twenty-five percent of the females, and 32 percent of the male victims were stalked by an acquaintance.

About one in five of the victims were stalked by a stranger. Persons aged 18-24 years experienced the highest rate of stalking.

Eleven percent of stalking victims had been stalked for 5 years or more. And 46 percent of stalking victims experienced at least one unwanted contact per week.

What is stalking?

Legal definitions vary from one jurisdiction to another. A good working definition of stalking is: "A

course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear."

The Warm Springs Tribal Code on this crime is TC 305.180 - Stalking. This Code section reads as follows:

"Any person who shall knowingly alarm or coerce another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated, unwanted contact with the other person where the repeated and unwanted contact causes the victim reasonable apprehension regarding the personal safety of the victim or a member of the victim's immediate family or household, shall be deemed guilty of stalking"

Signs of what stalkers will do:

- Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards or emails.
- Damage your home, car or other property.
- Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
- Use technology like hid-

den cameras or GPS to track where you go.

- Drive by or hang out at your home, school or work.

- Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends or pets.

- Find out about you by using public records, online search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage or contacting family, friends, neighbors or coworkers.

- Posting information or spreading rumors about you in the Internet, Instagram, Youtube, in a public place or word of mouth.

- Other means that control, track or frighten you.

If you are being stalked, you may feel fear of what the stalker will do, feel vulnerable, unsafe, not know who to trust, feel anxious, irritable, impatient or on edge, feel depressed, hopeless, overwhelmed, tearful or angry, feel stressed including having trouble concentrating, sleeping or remembering things, have eating problems such as appetite loss, forgetting to eat or overeat, have flashbacks, disturbing thoughts, feeling or memories, and feel confused, frus-

trated or isolated because other people don't understand why you are afraid.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, the U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear.

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services has a Women's Support Group every Monday from 3-5 p.m. at their building to promote awareness and public education about stalking during the annual observance. For more information, please contact Victims of Crime Services @ 541-553-2293.

For additional resources to help promote National Stalking Awareness Month, please visit: stalkingawarenessmonth.org and ovw.usdoj.gov

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