

## Letters to the editor

### Tribal Youth Art show

The Museum at Warm Springs is getting ready for the Tribal Youth Art Exhibit. There is still some time for young, including classrooms, to submit artwork.

The museum will accept art submissions through this Friday, February 1.

There will be an opening reception for the Youth Art Show next Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For additional information talk to museum curator Natalie Kirk, 541-553-3331 ext. 412.



### False calls

Two Warm Springs elders earlier this month reported that they received phone calls from someone stating they were calling from Social Security.

The supposed reason for the call was that the elders were being charged with Social Security fraud, and they were to call 800-500-5700.

We contacted the Bend Social Security Office, and the case manager who took our call said the phone calls sounded fraudulent, and would be reported as such.

The case manager explained that Social Security does not make house calls, unless an appointment or a letter is mailed out letting the client know in advance. And Social Security does not call at 6 a.m. in the morning, which was when the elders had received their calls.

**Rosemary 'Mushy' Alarcon**, Warm Springs, 541-553-4955.

### YouthBuild extension

The Heart of Oregon YouthBuild has not gotten our grant announcement yet, and were not able to start Mental Toughness earlier this month. We have had to push it back to start on February 4.

The advantage of this is we can still take applications for this cohort, and have added another information session date on Thursday, February 24 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Cloverdale.

If you know any youth

who are interested in joining YouthBuild but missed our information session dates, they still have a chance!

**Katie Bauer**, program assistant, 541-526-1380. heartoforegon.org

### Native team at Global Cup

The Professional Bull Riding Global Cup features teams representing their respective countries.

Five nations this year will compete in the tournament, coming up in February in Texas, at AT&T Stadium, the NFL's largest venue. Cowboys will be competing for a record purse.

Professional Bull Riding will make modern sports history with this year's Global Cup: Team USA will field two teams—Eagles and Wolves, the latter squad comprised exclusively of Native American riders.

The historic all-Native American team will include: Ryan Dirteater (Cherokee); Stetson Lawrence (Chippewa and Sioux); Keyshawn Whitehorse (Navajo); Cody Jesus (Navajo); Cannon Cravens (Cherokee); Justin Granger (Navajo); Colten Jesse (Potawatomi); and alternate Dakota Louis (Northern Cheyenne and Black Feet).

The team will be coached by 2007 PBR World Finals event winner Wiley Petersen (Shoshone Bannock). Two of the athletes selected to the Eagles bring past Global Cup experience, including reigning Rookie of the Year Keyshawn Whitehorse, who recently dazzled audiences around the country when he appeared on Good Morning America.

The Navajo bull rider capped his first year on the elite tour with the high-marked ride of his career, 89.5 points on Wicked Dreams during round five of the PBR World Finals. He began the 2019 season strong in New York City, going 2-for-4 inside Madison Square Garden, followed by an eighth-place effort the next weekend in Chicago.

### Casino, Plateau hiring program

All applicants that submit an application online will now receive an invitation to a preliminary interview class. The website is: indianheadgaming.com

The casino and Travel Plaza will conduct the preliminary interview class each Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the In-

dian Head Casino Human Resources training room.

After attending the class, applicants will be invited to come to an open interview, held each Thursday of the week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you do not have access to a computer, stop by the casino human resources office. They can help.

For any other questions, please call at 541-460-7714.

### For your Sweetheart

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Sweetheart Sale on Friday, February 1.

The sale

will be at the Community Center. Recreation will accept the first 20 vendors who sign up.

You can reach the office at 541-553-3243. Or stop by the center.



### The Alpha Male

One time up at our high lakes a huge Bull Elk roamed with six cows wandering around him. One day a huge young bull appeared ready to challenge.

Over the years he had been tested before and won. Today, this young giant was too big! He had to run, three of the oldest ran after him, others stopped in a panic.

The oldest cow turned sideways and took the charging bull's rack in the side. She laid down, let out of howl!

Half a mile away Black Wolf put his head back and returned the call, and they came running. Two lakes away a yearling bull was preparing for the same destiny! Old Bull ran and ran, his two companions following!

He ran to where the old beaten bulls have been running forever. Within a stand of trees huge rocks like scattered, generations of them! I will not describe the place where he stands anymore. There he stands, one day all of the bulls were humbled by him! There he stands once beaten with his two cows, they followed!

Cooney Nye  
**Talks to Spirit on Mountain, LeRoy Bobb.**

### Culture grants

The Warm Springs Washanaksha Cultural Coalition is seeking applications for grants for the current

## ASIST training for a life saving cause



Participants at the recent ASIST training.

Courtesy Ron Hager/Prevention

Warm Springs Health and Human Services hosted the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training—ASIST—in January. Rosanna Jackson, Certified Prevention Specialist, conducted the training.

ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. Participants are shown how to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide, and how to work with the person to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

Since its development in 1983, ASIST has received regular up-

dates to reflect improvements in knowledge and practice. Since its inception, over one million people have taken the workshop.

Studies show that the ASIST method helps reduce suicidal feelings in those at risk, and is a cost-effective way to help address the problem of suicide.

Over the course of their two-day workshop, ASIST participants learned to:

- Understand the ways that personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and interventions.

- Provide guidance and suicide first aid to a person at risk in ways that meet their individual safety needs.

- Identify the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan and the actions required to implement it.

- Appreciate the value of improving and integrating suicide prevention resources in the community at large.

- Recognize other important aspects of suicide prevention including life-promotion and self-care.

For more information on ASIST, or other community suicide prevention activities, please contact **Rosanna** at 541-553-0121.

year. Applications are due by February 11.

The Washanaksha Cultural Coalition, sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Museum at Warm Springs, provides funding in support of tribal arts and heritage.

Applications will be accepted from members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; organizations, programs and committees of the tribes; and residents of the reservation.

Grants to tribal members who reside on the reservation are considered first. Any remaining funding will be awarded to applicants from the other eligible groups.

Prior grant recipients must submit all reports required by the Washanaksha Cultural Coalition before applying for this year's grant.

Projects must be completed in seven months:

Completion date is Friday, September 6, 2019.

For more information contact **Tamera Moody**, education coordinator at the Museum at Warm Springs, 541-553-3331 ext. 407. Email: tamera@museumatwarm springs.org

For further information see culturaltrust.org museumatwarmsprings.org

### Heart Literacy

The Warm Springs Academy will host the I Heart Literacy night this Thursday evening, January 31. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m. and the activities are from 5 to 7.

### Transportation

Cascades East Transit continues to seek input on public transportation in Central Oregon, including the

reservation.

Their online survey is open through Sunday, February 3. Go to: cetransitplan.com

### School budget

The Jefferson County School District board of directors is accepting applications for its budget committee. The term will be from March to June.

To be eligible, you must live in Jefferson County, not be an officer or employee of the school district, and must be a qualified voter of the district.

Applications are available at the school district office in Madras. Or online at: jcsd.k12.or.us

The Community Action Team **AARP Tax Aide** is taking appointments for free tax preparation and filing. Appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 12. Call 541-553-3148.

## Tribal board, commission applications deadline Friday

The Confederated Tribes are recruiting for positions on a number of boards and commissions. Letters of interest and application documents are due this Friday, February 1.

See the website: <https://warmspringsnnsn.gov/2018/12/announcement-recruitment-board-director-commission-vacancies/>

Positions on the following tribal organizations are being advertised:

**Warm Springs Credit.**  
**Indian Head Gaming Board.**

**Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Commission.**  
**Warm Springs Composite Products.**

**Warm Springs Housing Authority.**

**The Museum at Warm Springs.**

**Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise.**

**Warm Springs Telecommunications.**

**Warm Springs Ventures.**

**Water Control Board.**  
**Joint Health Commission.**

**Warm Springs Court of Appeals.**

**Tribal Elections Board.**

Notices for each board or commission can be downloaded at the link mentioned above.

Interested candidates must submit a letters of interest, resume, background check form, and credit check form.

Applicants can pick up the

credit and background check forms from the executive management office. Or download at:

<http://bit.ly/CTWSBoardCommitteeInfo>

All documents must be submitted to Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO; PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Or drop off at the executive management office at the administration building.

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