

Rewarding fire training experience

Yvette Lecy just returned from the Fire Leadership for Women program at the National Prescribed Fire Training Center in Tallahassee, Florida. Yvette works with the Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources Department of Forestry.

The goal of the Leadership program is to provide training, encourage female firefighters to gain confidence, enhance strengths, improve upon limitations and challenge the trainees in leadership positions.

The module was comprised of six women trainees, including three from the U.S. Forest Service, one from the Gila River Indian Community and Kimberley, one woman from British Columbia, and Yvette from Warm Springs.

The modules quickly molded into a group of loyal fire practitioners from individuals that were unfamiliar with one another. They were able to safely conduct 11 prescribed burns with four different sites totaling 2,507 acres.

Attendees were able to work on seven different task books.

The ability to work within



Fire Leadership for Women participants: Lisa, Cheryl, coordinator, Ashton, Jaisy, Yvette, Estella, coordinator, Stacey and Anne.

a group of women dedicated to the same purpose—and compare their experiences coming in, with the knowledge they took home—was a great benefit, Ms. Lecy said.

The participants feel they have a better understanding of prescribed fire, as well as connections with other women working in the field, she said.

The program pushed all

six women out of their comfort zones, with support and guidance making the experience memorable and educational as well.

“I had the opportunity to prosper in areas with constant and positive back,” Yvette said. “I am encouraging any women interested in this program to apply. We are women of all diversities and care takers of the land.” She added:

“I am grateful to have had this opportunity for training. It would not have been possible without a lot of support and encouragement from several people in our Branch of Natural Resources, including my supervisors and colleagues.

“If I can be of any help to anyone interested in this training please let me know.”

Learn tule mat technique

Tule Mat class—Q'xli—starts with coaster and necklace size pieces. The classes will be on Thursday, February 21 and 28, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Wellness Center.

The classes are brought to you by Warm Springs Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health, Opioid Mental Health Initiative, Family Preservation, the Prevention Team, and Native Arts and Culture Foundation.

Learn more from

Jefferson Greene, Health and Human Services, 541-460-3004.

Language

Ichishkín Language Class will then be at the tribal administration conference room 3, during the noon hour on Monday, February 25.

Ichishkín class will then be at the Credit enterprise conference room during the noon hour on Wednesday, February 27.

Updates to all Classes will be released for March later in February.

Birth

Serlissa Simtustus

Stanley Simtustus Jr. and Lianna Jim of Simnasho are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Serlissa Simtustus, born on February 5, 2019.

Serlissa joins brother Stanley III, 10; and sisters

Suella, 6, and Shanice, 2. Grandparents on the father's side are Stanley Simtustus Sr. of Simnasho, and Wanda Suppah-VanPelt of Schoolie Flat.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Shawn Jim of Pine Cree, Washington, and Christina Culps of Warm Springs.

Dance for good cause

Join the Jefferson County Dance Party: A Night of Dancing and Fun, Supporting the Disability Community.

The dance will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. this Friday, February 15, at the Jefferson County Senior

Center, 860 SW Madison St. in Madras.

There is a contribution asked of \$3. For enquiries or comments, call 503-990-1325; or email: sam.robinson@advisorycomm itteejco.org

Tribal Council agenda

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

Monday, February 18:

No Council meeting as the tribal organization is closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, February 19

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

3:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Statistics.

10: March Agenda/review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions.

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

2:30: Fishing code update.

Monday, February 25
9 a.m.: Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) III discussion with all committees.

10: Census 2020 discussion with Asa Washines.

Items for further consideration: Inter-Tribal Timber Commission meeting. Government to government meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Four Chairs meeting at Umatilla.

Note: All draft resolutions and ordinances, with any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. You may send by email to: michele.stacona@wstribes.org

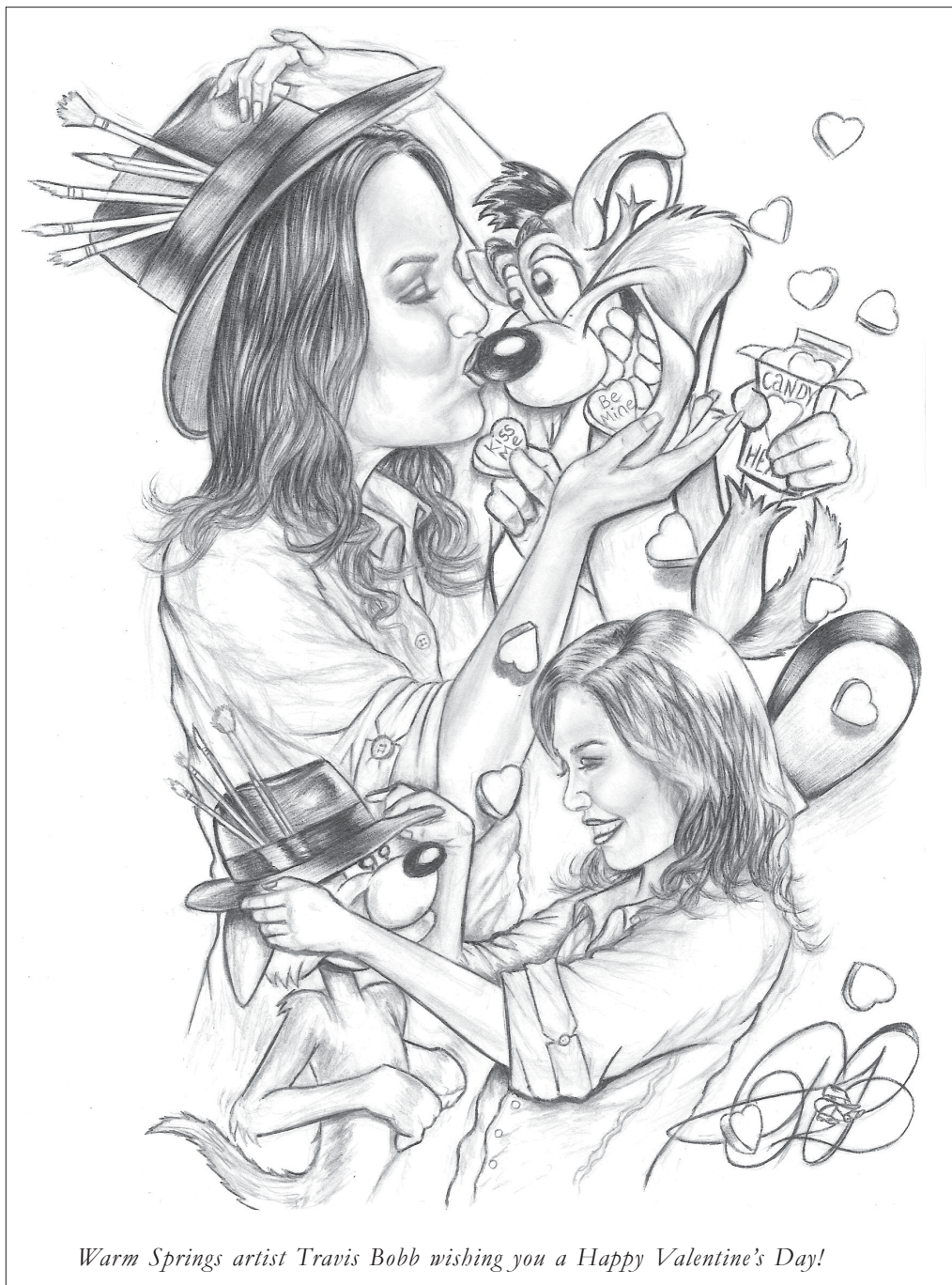
Call to Artists

The month of April at Art Adventure Gallery will feature the many talented artists who live in and around Jefferson County. Artists may submit up to four pieces in any medium. Two dimensional work should be framed, wired and ready to hang. Application forms will be available at the gallery or may be downloaded from the website:

artadventuregallery.com

Work can be dropped off any time during business hours the last week of March. We look forward to the show each year, celebrating the creativity in our community, and to the festive gathering of friends at the opening reception.

The reception will be at the gallery on Thursday, April 4 from 5:30-7 p.m.



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Metro seeks Indigenous Community Liaison

Portland Metro Parks and Nature is recruiting for an indigenous community liaison. Position overview:

Coordinate indigenous communities' engagement on Parks and Nature policy, and project development and implementation.

Coordinate the Parks and Nature use permit policy and process to ensure culturally appropriate access to the parks and natural ar-

reas that Metro manages.

Develop and maintain relationships with the Native American and Alaska Native communities in greater Portland. Salary range is \$68,000 to \$91,644.

See oregonmetro.gov/jobs Or call 503-797-1570. The contact person is Amanda Lopez. Email: Human.Resources@oregonmetro.gov

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