

## Expansion plan at Composite Products

New business opportunities at Warm Springs Composite Products require an expansion of their manufacturing plant.

"We're seeing growth in business domestically and internationally," said Jake Coochise, Composite general manager.

Some of the new opportunities are for the fire-resistant doors that are assembled, Mr. Coochise said.

This would be in addition to the work on the manufacture and shipping of door components not yet assembled, he said.

Now is the time to contract for these new opportunities, while the customers are shopping around for the service, Mr. Coochise said.

The expansion is part of long-term planning at Composite Products.

A few years ago, during the auction of Forest Products assets, Composite purchased the building to the north of the existing Composite Products plant.

This building has a new fire suppression system, but work will be needed for the electrical, water and air systems. Composite will need some new equipment, such as sanding equipment.

As time is of the essence for the expansion, Tribal Council, on recommenda-



Dave McMechan/Spilyay photos

A crew works Composite's current sander (above); and below, the new sander that arrived just this week. The new sander will be moved to the north building that is part of the Composite expansion. The plan is for the expansion to happen soon, within the next few months.



tion of the Business Investment Revolving Fund Committee, approved a BIRF loan for Composite to get started as soon as possible.

Warm Springs Composite

Products is the tribally-owned manufacturer and international supplier of Tectonite-based fire-rated architectural door components and doors, wood doorframes and spe-

cialized wood products.

Composite employs about 50 people, working in two shifts as the demand right now is high.

— Dave McMechan

## W.S. Area Chamber of Commerce first annual gathering

Are you interested in growing your own business and in strengthening the small business community of Warm Springs?

Get involved! Join the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce in exploring how we make our community a better place.

The Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its first annual gathering event to inform the community of the plans the current board of directors has to serve the Warm Springs community, and to open enrollment for all businesses that want to be 'associates' of the chamber.

The Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote the progress, growth, well-being and improvement of the business, professional, and civic community in the Warm Springs area.

The Chamber will accomplish this by marketing and advertising for its associates, promoting healthy business regulations, offering services for businesses and people wanting to go into business, conducting networking events, and speaking with federal, state, local, and tribal leaders to ensure associates of the Chamber are operating under the conditions they need to be successful.

We will have light snacks

The first annual gathering of the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 26 at the Warm Springs Community Center.**

and refreshments at the gathering.

The board of directors will introduce themselves, explain their roles, and discuss how they intend to carry out the mission of the organization to help Warm Springs businesses start and grow.

Applications will be available for those interested in becoming members

To become an associate or to learn more about the chamber, please contact me by phone at 541-553-3148 or by email at [dustin@wscat.org](mailto:dustin@wscat.org).

We look forward to meeting you and working together to develop and strengthen the Warm Springs business community.

**Dustin Seyler**, Community Action Team small business coach, and chairman, Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Community notes...

The Warm Springs Prevention program will host a **Penny Carnival** on the evening of Thursday, March 28 at the Warm Springs Youth Center Gym. There will be food, games, crafts and music.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth should call Prevention at 541-615-0112.

The University of Oregon is offering the **Indigenous Pre-College Academy** this summer.

The classes and workshops will cover college prep, the admissions process, financial aid, the unique challenges of being a Native scholar and various academic areas.

The academy will be held July 21-28 at the University

of Oregon in Eugene, and is open to students who will be in grades 9-12 in the coming school year.

It is free, with rooms and meals provided. Applications are due April 15.

Get all of the details and apply online at [admissions.uoregon.edu/ipca](http://admissions.uoregon.edu/ipca)

The Central Oregon **Photo Voice Project** is looking for Warm Springs youth to participate.

The Photo Voice Project

uses pictures to tell a story and communicate the impact of nicotine use in their community. For more information call or text Katie at 541-233-9177.

The Madras VFW Post 12141 and its Auxiliary invites all people, veterans and non-veterans, to a free **Welcome Home Veterans** spaghetti dinner and events on Saturday, March 30 from 4-8 p.m. at the Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras.

## Two positions open on the school district board

The Jefferson County School District 509-J has two positions opening on its board of directors.

Anyone interested in running for 509-J position No. 4 or No. 5 must file a declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination for office with the Elections Department of Jefferson County:

This must be done no

later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

The election will be on May 21, in a vote-by-mail special election.

The declaration of candidacy forms are available at the Jefferson County Clerk's office in Madras; and online on the Jefferson County website. Or the Oregon Secretary of State website.

## Summary of Tribal Council

The following is a summary of the Tribal Council meeting:

### March 1, 2019

Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Raymond Tsumpti, Ronald Suppah, Carina Miller, and Lee Tom. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

#### Enrollments:

• Motion by Raymond adopting Resolution No. 12,560 enrolling six individuals. Second by Lee. Question: 3/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

**March agenda/minutes.**

• Motion by Raymond approving the March business agenda, subject to change. Second by Carina. Question: 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Raymond approving the November and December 2018 Minutes. Second by Carina. Question: 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Payor of Last Resort status of Medicare Eligible

Warm Springs tribal member patients letter.

• Motion by Ronald approving the letter with edits, corrections and additions for Payor of Last Resort. Second by Raymond. Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Warm Springs Telecommunications Company Loan Extension Resolution:

Motion by Raymond adopting Resolution No. 12,561 approving the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to provide a 10-year loan extension to the Warm Springs Telecom in accordance with terms and conditions agreed to by the BIRF committee and directs that as provided in the funding terms and conditions any interest and earnings on such funding shall be reinvested in the BIRF fund. Second by Carina. Question: 4/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

## Madras Campus CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Poems to Honor Family and Place

Join us for Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford, Warm Springs Poet, past Oregon Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody and Madras Poet Jarold Ramsey

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**Wednesday, April 10**  
**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**COCC Madras Campus**  
**Community Room**

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