

Letters to the editor

Pepper Fest

The Seventh Annual Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival is this Saturday, September 28 at Parkrose High School in Portland.

The event brings together Native music, arts, dance, food and community. This year's Jim Pepperfest 2019 theme is *Recovering the Sacred*.

To learn more about the event, and for vendor information, see: jimpepperfest.net

Jim Pepper was saxophonist, composer and singer of Muscogee Native American heritage. He came to prominence in the late 1960s as a member of The Free Spirits, an early jazz-rock fusion group who first recorded his best-known song, *Witchi Tai-To*.

Mr. Pepper went on to a lengthy career in jazz, recording almost a dozen albums as a bandleader and appearing as sideman with prominent jazz musicians, often incorporating elements of Native American music into his style. He died of lymphoma at age 50.

kicks off Friday, October 18 with a night of short films illustrating the *Indigenous Rising* theme. Russell Brooks—director, writer, producer, and Tacoma Film Festival judge—will moderate the film discussion. The visual art gallery will also open Friday evening and run through the festival's end, with pieces from prominent local artists and up-and-coming artists. R

Film screenings and workshop at the Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave., Spokane. Information: oneheartfestival.org

For 'Tracks'

There is a retirement dinner for Stanley 'Bear Tracks' Simtustus this Friday, September 27 at noon at the Simnasho Longhouse. *Everyone is welcome.*

Flu shots

The Warm Springs Community Health team now has available flu vaccinations for the coming season.

Community Health will begin on October 1 to bring the vaccinations around to the community; meanwhile you can visit the clinic Community Health to receive a vaccination.

For most people: During October or toward the end of October is the recommended time for vaccination, so that the treatment lasts through the season.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes the following recommendations:

Children aged 6 months through 8 years who require two doses should receive their first dose as soon as possible after the vaccine becomes available, to allow the second dose—which must be administered four weeks later—to be received by the end of October.

For those requiring only one dose for the season, early vaccination is associated with less immunity before the end of the influenza season, particularly among older adults.

For this reason the October-late October timeframe is recommended.

Voc Rehab

Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation assists under-represented or underemployed eligible

American Indian consumers become employed.

To learn more, attend a scheduled Orientation at Culture and Heritage (Education) building, or at the Behavioral Health Center:

Mondays at the Culture and Heritage building at 3 p.m.; or Tuesdays at the Behavioral Health Center at 3 p.m.

Voc Rehab also accepts 'walk-ins' between 8 and noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. each day except for scheduled Orientation times and Wednesday mornings.

You can call the Warm Springs Voc Rehab director 541-553-4952. Vocational Rehabilitation is located at the Culture and Heritage building, 1110 Wasco Street.

Fall activity allowance

The Johnson O'Malley Committee for Warm Springs Families is now accepting applications for the fall activity allowance.

This can be for activities such as rodeo, dance, sports and camps.

You can pick up an application at the Higher Education office upstairs at the Education building; or online packets can be downloaded at the Johnson O'Malley website, see 2019 packet.

The allowance for school district 509-J and South Wasco County students is:

- \$100 for grades 9 through 12.
- \$75 for grades 6 through 8.
- \$50 for pre-k through fifth grade.

The deadline to apply is Monday, September 30.

Yarn belt making class

The Yarn Belt Making Class with Neda Wesley continues this Wednesday afternoon, September 25 at the Community Center Social Hall. The class continues this Friday, same time and place. For more information call Carol Sahme at Recreation, 541-553-3243.

For sale

Bluegrass Straw, big bales 3-feet by 4-feet, approximately 1,000 pound bales. \$100 per ton. Please call ahead to arrange loading. 541-325-6316.

'In a Landscape' visits reservation



In a Landscape pianist Hunter Noack

Warm Springs community,

As many of you know we had the *In A Landscape* concert this month, featuring Hunter Noack and James Greeley, off County Line Road.

It was a huge success. We received a lot of positive feedback from many folks. I want to take this opportunity to thank those who made this successful event happen.

First off, a huge thank you to Lori Noack from *In a Landscape* for seeing her vision through and providing our community with this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to Hunter Noack, James Greeley and all those from *In a Landscape* for the beautiful music a lot of us will never forget.

I would like to thank the staff of the Warm Springs Community Ac-

tion Team for all their hard work and time invested into making this all possible.

Thank you to the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce for helping to plan and for volunteering time at the event.

Thank you Tananawit for organizing the local vendors and helping to set-up and clean up.

I would also like to thank the Land Use Committee for being supportive and helping navigate the process for complete approval. Thank you to all tribal committees involved in approving this event.

I would like to thank the Natural Resources staff for their contributions and support for this concert. Also, thank you to the Utilities Department for supplying the garbage cans and fencing.

I would like to thank Chilkat Logging Inc. for watering the road to keep the

dust down to ensure driver safety.

Thank you Warm Springs Public Safety for contributing the generator, cones, and overall support of the concert.

Finally, I would like to thank the Warm Springs Police Department, Warm Springs Fire & Safety, and Warm Springs Fire Management for ensuring the safety of all patrons.

I am so thankful this event was successful, and we had people attend the event from many different walks of life including our own Warm Springs tribal members. It was an honor to help coordinate the concert and help community members experience classical music in unique manner.

What a positive experience for all.

Dustin Seyler

Community notes...

In Warm Springs the **GROW** program is available to connect individuals to community resources. You can stop by the GROW program office to talk with Lorien or Isaac. They are located in the trailer on Wasco Street next to Warm Springs CPS.

The Warm Springs **Sanitation Landfill** hours are 7 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. After that the gates are locked. After 1:30 everyone is asked to use a transfer station.

Please do not do illegal dumping outside the landfill. Tires and batteries can no longer accepted. If you have questions, contact the tribal Sanitarian at 541-553-4943.

Three Warriors Market

in Simnasho has moved to their fall and winter hours:

Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on the weekend, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center offers intake sessions

weekly as a first step to identifying your needs. Intake orientations are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30-2:30 each week. To learn more you can call Behavioral Health at 541-553-3205.

Thrive services

Central Oregon Thrive executive director Sarah Kelley attended a recent Native Aspirations, giving a brief presentation on the Thrive services.

Ms. Kelley said there may be an opportunity to expand Thrive services to the Warm Springs community and tribal members.

Central Oregon Thrive connects individuals with community resources, such as housing, health care, employment, Social Security adn basic needs such as utility assistance, food and clothing.

Thrive has walk-in meetings in Central Oregon. They are at the Jefferson County Health Department on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 4 p.m. The location is 715 SW Fourth St., Madras. Other meetings are in Bend, Redmond and Prineville.

As Ms. Kelley explained, the future could bring the service to Warm Springs. You can learn more at: thrivcentraloregon.org

Walk for Awareness

Please come join us as we Walk For Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The walk will be on Wednesday, October 16 at noon.

Start at Victims of Crime Services office, 1108 Wasco Street.

We will have fruit and water. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call at Victims of Crime Services, 541-53-2293.

Hope to see you there!

Indigenous Rising

One Heart Native Arts and Film festival looks to the future for its Fourth Annual festival. The festival's theme, *Indigenous Rising*, calls Native youth to step into the arts while celebrating the resiliency of the Native people.

Focusing on the next generation of artists, the festival—October 18-20 at Spokane—will maintain a family-friendly feel throughout the visual, film, and performing arts.

The three-day festival

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Memorial and Stone Setting
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All are welcome as we come together to remember our loved ones.

Saturday September 28, 2019

10:00 AM Stone Setting at Simnasho Cemetery

Meal and giveaway to follow at Simnasho Longhouse

Drummers Requested