

Letters to the editor

Tribal artists

The Tananawit Warm Springs community of artists is seeking membership of all tribal member artists. Membership offers many benefits, and there are options to join:

The introductory membership, which is free, offers these benefits:

Access to some workshops and mentoring; communication about activities and the quarterly artists newsletters, plus:



Ability to serve as a non-voting member of the Tananawit committees; invitation to the annual meeting; and eligibility to turn in artwork for promotional contests.

One level up the Basic membership is \$25, and offers these benefits:

Access to more workshops and mentoring, and communication about activities and the quarterly artist newsletter. Plus:

Ability to serve as a voting member of the Tananawit committees; and an invitation to the annual meeting with voting rights. Also:

Eligibility to turn in artwork for promotional contests; your name and photo listed as an artist in the Tananawit newsletter, and on the website; and eligibility to be selected as a Spotlight Artist in the newsletter.

For answers to questions call **Emily Courtney**, Warm Springs Community Action Team Arts Business and Marketing Specialist. Her phone number is 541-553-3148. You can email to: warm Springsartists@gmail.com

Or stop by the Community Action Team office at 1136 Paiute Avenue. The mailing address is:

Tananawit – PO Box 1419 – Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Financial Education

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is hosting the Financial Education Fair:

The starting session is this Wednesday, November 20; and continues through this Friday, November 22. The Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The event will feature the Financial Skills for Families series with the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Vital Tribal

Economies staff, part of the Community Action Team.

Participants will receive raffle tickets for assorted gift cards, including a Thanksgiving meal for four from Safeway; or four meals from the Warm Springs Community Action Team food trailer.

All Oregon Individual Development Action clients should call Nettie for RSVP, and to sign up for modules you need to make up at 541-553-3148.

Holiday spirit

Let's make this a Happy Holiday for Warm Springs families in need.

The Warm Springs Health and Promotion Prevention Initiative—HAPPI—is coordinating items for distribution in December. There are two ways you can help:

You can contribute any gift item for youth ages 0 to 18. Unwrapped items may be dropped off at the tribal Administration building, the Health and Wellness Center, the Early Childhood Education Center, the Library at the Family Resource Center, or at KWSO at the Media Center. Another option:

You may make a cash contribution: \$25 sponsors an item for a child. During business hours, contributions may be made at the administration Cash Management window.

HAPPI is taking applications from families whose could use assistance for your child this Holiday Season. Visit the Library for an application. Gifts will be distributed Thursday and Friday, December 19 and 20 at the Warm Springs Youth Center gym, formerly the gym of the old elementary school.

Photo contest

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is now accepting submissions for its annual photo contest. The 2019 contest is entitled *Nature + Nurture*, featuring nature pictures at the Columbia. The deadline to submit is December 31. Grand prize is a \$300 Pro Photo Supply gift card, and a large print of the winning photo.

Seven other category winners will receive \$100 Pro Photo Supply gift cards, and large print of their photo. For the list of contest rules, or to submit photos: gorgefriends.org/photocontest

Evergreen Longhouse award for Plateau cape lessons

The Evergreen State College Longhouse advisory board chose Warm Springs traditional artist Aurolyn Stwyer as recent grant recipient. The award will allow Aurolyn to continue teaching the art of Plateau cape making.

Aurolyn is the owner of the Red Skye Trading Post. "The grant is great news," Aurolyn said, "as the holiday season brings an increase in gift buying."

She says, "Last year I taught eight tribal members to make a Plateau cape, and we had about two dozen on the waiting list."

Aurolyn is lead artist of the Native Artist Mentor Fellowship, 2018-2019.

She will be teaching the beadwork-Plateau cape lessons at the Museum at Warm Springs, and at the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts at Pendleton.

In announcing the \$5,000 grant award, Laura VerMeulen said to Aurolyn, "Your applications was so strong, and everyone recognized that right away. It is an honor to work with you."

Laura is the Evergreen State College Longhouse assistant di-



Aurolyn Stwyer shows regalia at traditional horse parade.

Courtesy photo

rector.

Aurolyn sets out some of the project standards:

This project has a requirement for at least two people to work on their capes, as family heirlooms. Also:

There will be monthly meetings for six months, including a meal, and local master beadwork artist as speakers.

The first assignment is to develop a goal sheet for the

project, and to interview the Elders in the family to determine the family designs, color schemes, and other information about their family traditions.

"It's been my experience that the local tribal families prefer the color blue," Aurolyn says, "because that is the color of N'Chi-wana, the Big River."

With the capes complete, "There will be fashion show in about a year,"

Aurolyn says.

Nearly all of the grant award is to budget for supplies, travel to gather the supplies, and the meals. If you would like information on the Plateau cape lessons, you can reach Aurolyn by stopping the Red Skye Trading Post at the Warm Springs Plaza. Or by phone at 541-615-0278. Email:

aurolynp@gmail.com

Honor Parade for Veterans



The Warm Springs community honored our Veterans this month with the traditional Veterans Day Parade and Honor gathering at the Community Center. The parade featured the Madras High School band (lower left), Veterans and their families.

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Community notes...

Become a **SMART** Reader. SMART—Start Making a Reader Today—is a volunteer program that pairs adult readers with first-grade students in Warm Springs. On Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. the readers and students get together at the Warm Springs Academy Afters-chool TwentyFirst Century Learning program.

If you are interested, call 541-797-7726.

Central Oregon **Thrive** connects individual needs to community resources: They can help with housing, health, employment, social security and more.

Thrive is in Madras on Tuesdays at the Jefferson County Health Department from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.; and again from 2 to 4 p.m. Thirty-minute walk-in meetings are available, first come first serve.

For your 23 years of service

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service and the tribes bid a fond farewell this fall to Samuel L. Heath, Dentist. Dr. Heath had worked in the Dental Department at the clinic for almost a quarter of a century.

The clinic staff and family of Dr. Heath hosted a retirement party for Dr. Heath, where he received the Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Seyler.



Samuel L. Heath