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Auto school idea for former vehicle pool

The tribal vehicle closed some time ago, due to various factors, and the building now stands empty at the industrial park. The vehicle pool and its equipment could be put to use as an automotive school, said Valerie Switzler, general manager of the tribal Education Branch.

Ms. Switzler reviewed the progress of this project last week at Tribal Council. A funding source for an automotive school is Career Technical Education, CTE; in partnership with the

Warm Springs office of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WOIA—Workforce Development.

The automotive school is a cooperative effort, bringing in the Jefferson County School District 509-J, Central Oregon Community College, the Oregon Department of Education, and Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation, Ms. Switzler said. She explains how this fast-developing project has come about so far:

A friend at the Oregon De-

partment of Education suggested tribal Education apply for CTE funding, "and I said we would love to," Val says.

The initial idea was for a construction program. At the same time, though, Education employee Wayne Miller, who has an automotive mechanic background, and Melinda Poitra of WEDD were talking about how items at the former vehicle pool were going to be sold off.

Val, Melinda and Wayne then got together, reaching out to part-



ners at 509-J, COCC and Warm Springs Utilities. Gordon Scott, now with OHSU who also has experience as an auto mechanic, also gave input.

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Lincoln's turning 43

The Forty-Third Annual Lincoln's Powwow is coming up Friday through Sunday, February 7-9 at Simnasho.

The opening Grand Entry will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 7; followed by the Saturday Grand Entry at 1 p.m., and the Sunday Entry at 1:30.

Some other events at this year's Lincoln's:

Added: Men's Chicken/Round Bustle category, 18 years and up. Other competition categories include:

Tiny Tots, paid daily. Junior Boys, 7-12 years old. Junior Girls, 7-12 years. Teen Boys, 13-17. Teen Girls, 13-17. Adult Men, 18-59 years. Adult Women, 18-59. Golden Age Men and Women, 60 and up. Other events:

Outgoing Queen Special, Old Style Jingle, 16-21 years old. Round Dance on the evening of Thursday, February 6. Items in the Lincoln's Powwow Raffle:

Otter pelt. Shell dress. Hand drum. Fire Kindle. Wapas. Shawl. Wing dress. Pendleton blanket. Native print chair. Pendleton towel. Native print jacket, and many more items. There will also be:

The Drumming Contest, and the Hand Drum Contest. Lincoln's Powwow is a drug and alcohol free event. Dry camping welcomed with your travel trailer.

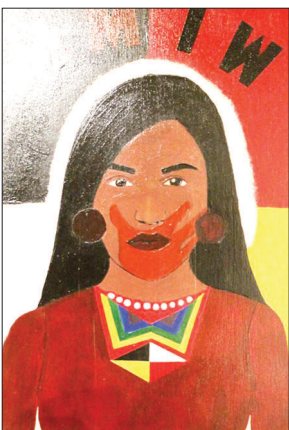
At this year's Lincoln's Powwow the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Census Complete Count Committee will have an information table.

The powwow is a free event. For vendor information contact Sandra at 541-325-1839.

In the region the Lincoln's Powwow of Simnasho is followed by the Washington's Birthday Celebration at the Toppenish Longhouse, Friday through Sunday, February 14-16.

James Edmund Greeley admires the hand drums created by Ms. Bennett's Warm Springs Academy students.

The Museum at Warm Springs Youth Art Show will run through March, closing with the with the Young At Art Fair. Stop by the museum and check out the show!



MMIW by Anona Francis



Jayson Smith photos/Spilyay



Tribes' count committee readying for 2020 census

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Complete Count Committee is meeting in advance of the 2020 Census.

The official start of the census will be on April 1, though Warm Springs residents should be able to begin submitting their census survey information sometime in March, said Cheryl Tom, the tribes' census liaison.

The census will collect information at least through June, with some follow-up before a final data submission in September.

The Confederated Tribes Complete Count Committee is coordinating the count for the reservation, and for Celilo Village.

The Celilo residents will receive mail-out census forms. The Warm

Springs residents will be working with the enumerators, or census takers, to submit the household data.

This will be done on computers. A person can print the form from the computer, or submit directly online.

The Complete Count Committee is working on how best to make computers easily accessible to residents of the reservation.

A kick-off idea is to have a family community night at the Warm Springs Academy, where the computer lab would be open to families wishing to submit their census information. The library at the Family Resource Center also has computers, as examples.

This information will be updated



as the census approaches.

The Complete Count Committee was scheduled to hold their weekly meeting this Thursday at the resource center. Caroline Cruz, general manager of Health and Human Services, is the committee chairwoman.

The importance of a com-

plete count of the reservation and Celilo households cannot be overstated: The information helps dictate the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding for housing, infrastructure, health and other services.

Native Americans were the most under-counted group in the 2010 census, jeopardizing funding for communities that are among the most in need. Some other things to keep in mind with the 2020 census:

The Complete Count Committee is working on how households and residents should specify ethnicity. A person can list up to nine tribes in describing his or her heritage.

However, in order to indicate

the reservation as home, the person should specify membership in the Confederated Tribes. The designation may be something like 'CTWSO,' for instance; standing for 'Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon.'

This will help ensure that the data best describes the membership makeup of the Confederated Tribes, for purposes of funding allocation and services planning.

According to one estimate: For each person not counted who should be counted, some \$3,000 in federal support for services is lost. Regarding your census information: Confidentiality is strictly ensured. Federal law does not allow the Census Bureau or anyone to share this private information.



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