

Letters to the editor

The Pageant

The Miss Warm Springs Pageant is coming up on Thursday, March 26 at the Agency Longhouse.

Current Miss Warm Springs Charisse Heath, her family and the Pageant Committee extend a warm welcome to all community members to attend the event. Former Miss Warm Springs title holders are encouraged to attend in regalia and crown.

For questions contact Norene Sampson: norsampson@yahoo.com

Art contest for Health Fair

Warm Springs Community Health is looking for your art for the Twentieth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Community Health Fair.

The art will be featured on the Health Fair flyers, passports and on the annual Health Fair t-shirt.

Submissions must be turned in at Warm Springs Community Health reception window no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

There will then be a vote by the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair Planning Committee on Tuesday, March 24. The winner will be announced on April 8.

The winner will receive a Health Fair shirt with their art, a Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair travel mug, and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

All submissions must be your own original art, and be single color graphics.

This year's theme is *Big Steps Toward Legendary Health!*

You must incorporate Bigfoot in some way; plus the Warm Springs Reservation Boundary shape, and the three tipis in your image.

Submission forms will be available at Community Health for you to provide your full name and current contact information (phone number, email, etc.) so that the winner can be reached.

For any questions, please call Community Health at 541-553-2460.

Good luck, and let's see what you can do!

Warm Springs Community Health

Tribal Council

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the remainder of March, 2020:

Thursday, March 12: First 2020 Census Count for the State of Oregon, Warm Springs.

Monday, March 16

9 a.m.: Board and committee appointments with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer.

10: Appeals Court update with Thor Hoyte and Marielle Florendo.

11: OSU Extension regional director meet and creek with Nicole Strong.

1:30 p.m.: Warm Springs Veterans Memorial update with Tamera Coffee and Dan Martinez.

2:30: Family First Act update with Cecelia Collins.

3:30: Indian Managed Care Entity with Mike Collins.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17-18: Northwest Power Council meeting.

Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission meeting.

Monday, March 23

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update.

10: April agenda.

11: Draft resolutions.

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

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

3: Development update with Bruce Irwin.

3:30 p.m.: Tribal Employment Rights Office commission update.

Tuesday, March 24

9 a.m.: Human Resources update with Cheryl Tom.

9:30: Finance update with Alfred Estimo.

10: Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.

10:30: Managed Care program update with Michael Collins.

11: Administrative Services update with the S-T.

1:30 p.m.: Procurement update with Libby Chase.

2: Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.

2:30: Public Safety update with Carmen Smith.

3:30: Natural Resources update with Robert Brunoc.

Wednesday, March 25

9 a.m.: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.

10: Educate update with Val Switzler.

11: Public Utilities update with Travis Wells.

1:30 p.m.: TERO update with Wendell Jim.

2:30: Gaming Commis-

sion/Surveillance update with Josephine Johnson.

Items for further consideration: Opportunity zones. Blue Stone economic strategies. Environmental Justice Pathways Summit. Portland Harbor tour. Blue Mountain update with the U.S. Forest Service. Community meeting follow-up response. January 2020 financials.

Almost spring

The first day of spring—the vernal equinox, also called the March equinox—is coming up on Thursday, March 19.

This will be the earlier date of spring in more than a century.

Bike Rodeo

The Spring Break Community Bike Rodeo in Warm Springs is coming up on Thursday, March 26. The ride will be at community center parking lot around 2:30 p.m., lasting till around 4:45.

Learn about bike and road safety—First 60 youth will get an ice cream cup (6 and under please bring a guardian). All are welcome.

The Spring Break Bike Rodeo is hosted by Warm Springs Recreation, the Warm Springs Police Department, the Papalaxsimisha Program, Family Preservation and OEI.

For more information contact Carol at Recreation, 541-553-3243. Or Jaylyn at 553-0497.

GED classes

The Warm Springs classes of the spring term of Central Oregon Community College begin in March. The term will be from March 30 through June 11.

GED classes orientation will be during the week of March 30 through April 2, required for registering. It is mandatory to attend one orientation in march, and one orientation in communication to register. If you have questions about orientation call 541-504-2950.

The classes in Warm Springs are held at 1110 Wasco Street, the Education building. Orientation in-

cludes information about COCC and Adult Basic Skills classes, skills assessment and registration.

The classes are Essentials of Communication, and Essentials of Math.

The Communication classes will be on Monday and Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m., with orientation on either March 30 or April 1 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Essentials of Match will be on Tuesday and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Orientation is either March 31 or April 2, at 1 p.m. Cost is \$30.

To Native American students: A grant is available to students who are 18 or older, and want to work on their GED. The grant is provided through a partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Higher Education, East Cascade Works, and COCC.

For more information please call Deanna at 541-777-0286 or email: dfender@coic.org

Or Melinda at 541-553-3324 for more information about grant eligibility requirements, participant expectations, and resources available.

Her email is: melinda.poitra@wstribes.org

Kick Butts

Warm Springs Prevention is hosting Kick Butts Day, bringing awareness to the dangers of cigarettes, on the Saturday morning of March 21.

The activities will be at Elmer Quinn Park. There will be a skateboarding competition, and 3-on-3 tournament for students in grades k-12. Vendors are welcome.

If you have any questions, call **Prevention** at 541-615-0036.

Lil' Miss classes

Warm Springs Recreation is now hosting classes for the 2020 Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant. The classes are Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center Social Hall.

There are three divisions for the Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant—not to be confused with the Miss Warm Springs Pageant, which is for girls 18 to 24. The Lil' Miss divisions are:

Senior Miss Warm Springs, ages 15-17. Junior Miss Warm Springs, 12-14 years. And Lil' Miss Warm

Springs, ages 9 to 11.

All ages are welcome to participate in the Tuesday classes with Recreation (*parents need to be present*). The goal of the classes and Lil' Miss Pageant are:

To support traditional values and teachings of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and to provide an opportunity to all people to participate and learn. For more information call 5143-553-3243.

Eagle Watch

The Eagle Watch celebration at the Round Butte Overlook Park this year is celebrating its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. The Confederated Tribes are among the co-sponsors, with the tribal dance and drum performance each year closing out the event.

Eagle Watch this year is a little later than usual, in hopes of better weather. And is also the final Eagle Watch in its current format.

In 2021 the event will be expanded, while still focusing on wildlife; yet also include fire in the ecosystem, local history and geology." Eagle Watch 2020 will be Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29.

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Dennis Charles Karnopp ~ July 9, 1942-March 9, 2020

Mr. Dennis C. Karnopp passed away on Monday, March 9, 2020. He was 77.

Mr. Karnopp was born in 1942 in Lincoln, Nebraska to parents Merle and Gertrude Karnopp.

He attended the University of Nebraska, receiving a B.A. in Education in 1965. He then attended the University of Nebraska College of Law, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 1967.

The same year he joined the Central Oregon law firm of McKay, Panner, Johnson & Marceau.

And almost as soon as he arrived at the firm, Mr. Karnopp began working as attorney for the Confederated of Tribes of Warm Springs, carrying on the firm's work with the tribes that began in 1955.

During his career, Mr. Karnopp focused a sig-



nificant part of his practice in the area of Indian Law, and specifically with the Confederated Tribes, dealing with a broad range of complex legal and legislative issues.

He served nearly half a century as the tribal attorney of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The tribal flag is flown at half-mast this week, a testimony to the standing of Mr. Karnopp among the tribal organization. In recent memory this honor has

been given only once to a non-member, for the late Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Besides his work with the tribes, was a Fellow of the American Bar Association. He was a member of the House of Delegates of the Oregon State Bar, and has also chaired several committees, including the General Practice Section, Unauthorized Practice Committee and Task Force on the Disciplinary System.

He served as a Lawyer Representative, Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and was Co-Chair of the Campaign for Equal Justice.

He was recognized by his peers for his leadership abilities, and served as President of the Oregon State Bar, the Western States Bar Conference, and the Central Oregon Bar. And he served as co-chair of the Campaign for Equal Justice.

High honor for Warm Springs artist Lillian Pitt

Warm Springs artist Lillian Pitt is among the 2020 recipients of the Oregon History Makers Medal from the Oregon Historical Society. The History Markers Medal is one of Oregon's most prestigious honors. The Historical Society presents the award to individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture and landscape of Oregon.

In announcing this year's honors, the Historical Society notes that Ms. Pitt has created a lifetime of works in various media, including bronze, clay, prints, glass and jewelry and wearable art.

Lillian was born in Warm Springs. The emphasis in her art is on creating contempo-



Lillian Pitt; and example of her work. Courtesy

rary fine art pieces that honor the history and legends of the Plateau Native

people. Her work has been regularly displayed nationally and internationally.



"Oregon would not be where it is today without the individuals and organizations that continue to innovate and push boundaries across every industry," said Kerry Tymchuk, executive director of the Oregon History Society.

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