

Letters to the editor

Culture & Heritage

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes is seeking to fill one position on the Culture and Heritage Committee--Warm Springs.

The person should be community oriented, and possess positive rapport with the community. The candidate should have an interest in the tribal culture and heritage, and understanding and appreciation of, and the capability to interpret the traditional activities of the tribal community. Some understanding of the tribal organization structure and functions is also preferred.

Letter of interest and resume should be submitted no later than Thursday, February 18. Drop off at the administration building, addressed to Michele Stacona, S-T/CEO. Or mail to:

Michele Stacona, S-T/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, 97761. You may also send by email to: michele.stacona@wstribes.org

Please sign a criminal background check: forms can be emailed or mailed to you. If you mail in application, the forms will be mailed to you. Information is confidential to the S-T/CEO

Your input

Papalaxsimisha—"Unity" in the Ichishkin language—focuses on supporting indigenous students and their families on their educational journey.

Papalaxsimisha uses culturally based educational practices and grounded in the acknowledgement and awareness of historical trauma and healing.

The goals of the program is the support students and their families in high

school completion and career/college readiness.

Our goal is to provide relevant services in the areas of drop-out prevention, health, wellness and healing all through an indigenous lens and practice.

To help our programing adapt to meet the needs of the community, many events are going virtual.

Papalxsamisha and Warm Springs Health and Human Services is conducting a survey to help guide virtual programing to the community.

And if you have children, please help them fill out the survey, as this will help guide programing for them as well.

This survey is anonymous, and is available online. Contact: charlene.dimnick@wstribes.org

Jaylyn Suppah, program manager; Jillisa Suppah, prevention coordinator; and Charlene Dimmick, prevention coordinator.

Community notes...

The 2021 **Lincoln's Powwow** at the Simnasho Longhouse is not happening this month due to the coronavirus pandemic.

KWSO 91.9 will broadcast recordings from previous years' powwows, this weekend February 12-14, as a way to offer the sounds of the Simnasho Longhouse.

Due to the pandemic, the Warm Springs Community Action Team will not be hosting their **AARP Tax Aide Site** this year.

You may be able to get an appointment for tax preparation and filing with

NeighborImpact. Their offices in Bend can be reached at 541-318-7506 and in Redmond at 541-548-2380.

To learn more about how to complete and file your income taxes yourself, online - check out the IRS website: irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free

The Warm Springs Credit Enterprise has their **drive-up window** open weekdays 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

They are closed for lunch in the noon hour. The window can be used for payments, check cashing, picking up and dropping off loan applications. The ATM lobby is open Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MHS hoops

Hello everyone,

The Madras High School basketball program is moving forward, and treating our upcoming season this May and June with the hope and expectation that it will happen.

With that being said, We are starting to fundraise again. We have opened up our Fan Cloth Store for fans and players to get new gear as well as support our program.

Every time a player sells an item, we get a certain percentage back in money from that sale. There is an option to add a name and/or number as well on the back of some items. A total of 40 different items to choose from!

Our store will stay open for a month. All orders will be delivered to the address you provide. All items will be delivered before the season starts. If you have any questions please contact Jerin Say

At the B&G Youth of Year event

Rebecca Francis is an eighth-grader at the Warm Springs Academy.

The Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club chose Rebecca to represent the club at the Snohomish County Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year event.

The competition is for Club teen members ages 14 and older. This year the competition was held on zoom.

Each year Boys & Girls Clubs select a teen to represent their club in the competition.

The teens complete an interview process, and write a short speech about their club experience.

Rebecca did a great job representing the club. In



her speech she talked about overcoming obstacles in her life, the importance of family and her future goals after high school.

The Youth of the Year is a National Boys & Girls Club of America competition.

The winner of this event will move on to compete

in a state competition. Rebecca said the experience was a great one. Her advice for future teens:

“Always work hard and never give up on anything, especially your dreams.”

Great job and Congratulations, Rebecca!

at jsay@509j.net or 541-777-7904. Thank you for your support!

Here is the website for our store: fancloth.shop/SQQLS

From NAICCO

After closing the books for 2020 we are pleased to announce that the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio—NAICCO—is now valued just above \$400,000. This is a huge step forward for all of us here at NAICCO.

To put this into perspective, going into 2020 NAICCO was valued under \$350,000. Together, in one year, we increased the value of NAICCO by more than \$50,000.

Needless to say, this is a significant achievement. We did this together through do-

nations, endowments, fundraisers, and honorariums. Together, we all helped move NAICCO that much closer to realizing the dream of a Bigger and Better NAICCO—new and improved NAICCO, inclusive of land and a larger community building. From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to take this time to send an enormous ‘Thank You’ out to all of you who helped move the needle as much as you did in 2020.

We are more than half way there now, yet we still have a ways to go before reaching the mark of \$700,000.

To continue helping us write this new, successful chapter in modern-day Native American history, continue to follow the Bigger and Better NAICCO campaign on NAICCO's social

media platforms throughout 2021.

There you will find campaign announcements and updates. As well, continue to share the Bigger and Better NAICCO campaign with your family and friends.

Again, thank you all for your love and support! See naicco.com for more information.

Masami and Ty Smith, Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio.

Apology

I apologize to Sam W. for the inconvenience I caused on January 2, 2021. And I would like to apologize to Jimmy S. for the inconvenience I caused on the same date. It will never happen again.

Wendell E. Greene.

From the desk of the W.S. Veterans Representative

Frankie Williams, the Confederated Tribes Veterans Representative, can be reached at 559-798-7102; or at his email: frankie.williams@wstribes.org His office is at the Warm Springs Forest Industries LLC building by the former mill.

Women Veterans

Women served in the United States Military as early as the Revolutionary War. Since then, women of all ages, ranks, and levels of authority have entered every branch of service, made significant contributions, and suffered the same sacrifices as men.

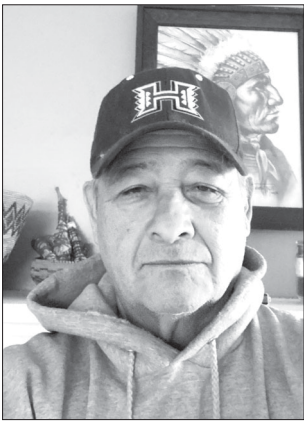
As a woman with military service, you may qualify for a wide range of benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA benefits

Women veterans may be eligible for a wide-variety of benefits available to all U.S. military veterans.

Veterans Administration benefits include disability compensation, pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial.

See our Veterans page for an overview of the benefits available to all Veterans.



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

Center for Women Veterans

The Veterans Administration Center for Women Veterans monitors and coordinates VA's administration of benefit services and programs for women Veterans.

The Center advocates for a cultural transformation that recognizes the service and contributions of women veterans and women in the military, and also raises awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect.

Women Veteran coordinators

There are Women Veteran Coordinator—WVCs—located in every regional office who function as the primary contact for women Veterans.

WVCs provide specific

information and comprehensive assistance to women Veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries concerning VA benefits and related non-VA benefits.

They may assist you in the claims intake, development, and processing of military sexual and personal trauma claims.

VA health care for women veterans

At each VA medical center nationwide, a Women Veterans Program Manager—WVPM—is designated to advise and advocate for women Veterans.

The WVPM can help coordinate all the services you may need, from primary care to specialized care for chronic conditions or reproductive health.

Woman Veterans who are interested in receiving care at VA should contact the nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the WVPM.

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VA benefits for survivors of military sexual trauma

VA has special services available to help women who

experienced military sexual trauma—MST—including free, confidential counseling and treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to MST.

You do not need to have a service-connected disability or injury, and may be able to receive this benefit even if you are not eligible for other VA care.

You do not need to have reported the incidents when they happened or have other documentation that they occurred in order to receive MST services.

Every VA facility has a designated MST coordinator who serves as a contact person for MST-related issues. This person is your advocate and can help you find and access VA services and programs, state and federal benefits, and community resources.

If any of our women veterans would like to get more information regarding any benefits that they have earned you can contact your Warm Springs Tribal Veterans Representative:

frankie.williams@wstribes.org
Or call me at 559-798-7192.

You may also contact Laura Moore in Madras: laura.moore@cojefferson.or.us
Her phone number is 541-475-5228.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Valentine's Day, this Sunday, February 14, from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

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