

Letters to the editor

Summer workers



Julian Rosales

The Cobalt crew of the Heart of Oregon Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps worked this summer for eight weeks, with five of the crew members from Warm Springs.

The crew worked in the Crooked River Grasslands, Ochocos, Clarno and the Maury units. Some of the jobs that the crew did over the summer: fixing fence enclosures, caging around aspen trees, pulling knapp weed, replacing water troughs and lopping juniper trees.

It was a fun and great summer. The crew did a lot of traveling to get to some of our jobs, and they finished all of them. A unique thing with this job: The crew got to work in tribes' Ceded Lands, with a chance to see a lot of the country.

Julian Rosales this summer is one of the winners of the Heart of Oregon 2021 Summit Award. Julian has worked with the Heath of Oregon Corps Cobalt crew for three summers now.

He won the award because he is a very hard worker, dedicated and consistent. He is also very fun to be around, cracking jokes and teasing everyone, and he can take jokes as well. Julian plans on going to the Job Corp next month to become a welder. **Butch David**, Corps crew leader.

Museum has to cancel Harvest

The Museum at Warm Springs has postponed its annual Huckleberry Harvest events in Portland until further notice.

Health and safety concerns for event guests due to the renewed spread of Covid-19 in Oregon were major factors contributing to the museum's decision to postpone the late-August events.

"The decision to postpone

our events was both difficult and responsible," said museum board of directors president Donald J. Stastny.

"We treasure our friends and members and, while we love to celebrate the museum and its successes, we do not want to put either our friends or tribal members in a compromised situation.

"The current situation with covid has led the museum administration and the board of directors to a decision to postpone our events until the spring. We trust and hope that we will all gather to celebrate then."

County Fair

The Jefferson County Fair Board and county commissioners wish to thank everyone who visited and participated in the 2021 County Fair.

The fair board and county commissioners are asking you to help them improve your County Fair experience.

The fair is a collaboration of partners, including the fair board, Jefferson County staff, 4-H and FFA, and others.

They are asking you to participate in a survey regarding your fair experience. See the website:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCfairFUNsurvey

Or send your thoughts to the email: bcrow@jeffco.net2021 Fair Survey

Survey questions include items such as:

Are you a resident of Jefferson County? Your age group?

Please rate on a scale of 1-5 what motivates you to participate in the Jefferson County Fair? Rodeo, exhibits, food, live music, etc.

Compared to prior years, please rate this year's food vendors.

And other questions. Please take a few minutes. Your participation is greatly appreciated—Thank you! **The County Fair.**

Wyden visit

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden stopped in Central Oregon last week to visit a Heart of Oregon Corps project site at Bend Park and Recreation District's Pine Nursery Park.

There, local young people from the Heart of Oregon's summer and year-round conservation programs demonstrated the skills they are developing while they improve local public lands.

The Senator has long been a champion of the establishment of a new Civilian Climate Corps. There is momentum to relaunch a CCC to engage young Americans in conservation work, and it was recently included in the federal Budget Reconciliation process in Washington, D.C.

The Heart of Oregon is currently accepting applications from 16-24 year olds for fall programming. See the site: heartoforegon.org

Apply by September 3 for the AmeriCorps public lands program, and by October 5 for the YouthBuild pre-apprenticeship program, geared towards non-traditional students seeking to complete their high school diploma or GED and learn skills in the construction trades.

Nene Springs

The Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources has issued a public notice that Nene Springs water is unsafe for drinking at this time.

Natural Resources will continue to test the spring regularly and notify the public when the water is safe to drink again.

Covid shots

There is an upswing in Covid-19 cases among the tribal community. The main thing you can do to protect from getting covid is to be vaccinated.

The covid delta variant is proving to be even more contagious than the initial covid strain; and the vaccines are effective against delta.

You should also continue to take all precautions: Wear a face mask in public spaces; maintain distance from unvaccinated people, and wash and disinfect your hands frequently.

If you would like to be tested for covid, check in at the front gate at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, and they will direct you where to go.

IHS has conducted 12,599 tests among the reservation community. More than 900 people have tested positive, and there have been 25 deaths among the tribes.

Close to 3,000 people among the tribal community have received at least the primary vaccine dose. More

To the Tribes from the Governor

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown could not make it to the Confederated Tribes' event celebrating the official nullification of the Huntington document of 1865.

Gov. Brown did support the federal legislation to nullify the 1865 document. While not making it to the celebration last week, Gov. Brown did write to the tribes:

Dear Chair Tsumpti, friends and honored guests:

I wish I could be with you today to celebrate one of our governments' greatest achievements in recent years: The rescission and nullification of the fraudulent Huntington Treaty of 1865. As

the late Senator Hatfield pointed out 25 years ago, the 1865 Treaty was a "historic travesty." Its formal rescission was long overdue.

One of the highlights of my time as Governor occurred in January 2019, when I visited with Tribal Council at Warm Springs, so I could declare it the policy of the Office of the Governor that the fraudulent 1865 Treaty was a nullity, with no legal effect whatsoever.

And then, the following year, the moment happened that we all have been waiting for, for so long: Action by Congress to officially nullify the fraudulent Treaty. That was an incredible moment that I was excited to celebrate with all of you.

I am honored that I could play a part in these historic

efforts. I am so grateful to the many tribal leaders, staff, and attorneys, who passionately worked for decades to make this moment happen. And I am thankful for the tremendous work of Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, Congressman Walden, and Attorney General Rosenblum, who all played significant roles in getting this done.

These are challenging times. But this is a moment that should give us much joy and celebration.

Although I am away today, I am with you in spirit. Congratulations and best wishes to my friends at the Warm Springs Tribe.

Governor Kate Brown

than 2,400 second doses have gone into arms, providing excellent protection.

IHS has started giving the booster doses to those who are immuno-compromised.

Late September to early or mid October are target times for the third, booster shots to be available to a wider part of the community.

To Veterans

From the desk of the Tribal Veterans Services Officer:

In the past couple of months, I have had to redo and correct at least three applications for tribal veterans headstone applications that have been done by family members and have been returned for correction or signature.

While the family has the option to file for a deceased veteran's headstone, it would

To bough cutters

All interested bough cutters will need to submit a written request for review by the Timber Committee no later than August 31.

You can drop it off at the Forestry front office or with the Timber Committee secretary in the Tribal Council Office.

be more expedient to have the Veterans Service Officer file for this headstone. This will have two positive outcomes:

One, it will be done correctly the first time. And two, it will have the Veterans Service Officer's signature on the application, which is required.

There is a saying: 'We never have time to do it right the first time, but we have time to do it over again.'

Let's do it right the first time.

Frankie Williams, Warm Springs Tribal Veter-

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At Academy

Warm Springs Academy seventh- and eighth-grade football conditioning is this week daily from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the football field.

Students must have a physical on file with the front office, and students who need a physical can make a same day appointment. Remember to bring workout clothes and shoes.

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Keeping in mind as students go back to school

Education and health specialists have some suggestions as students prepare to go back to in-person learning.

Schools closed for regular semester classes in March of 2020. Since that time school for all grades has been at-home and virtual, on-line.

Going back to school can be difficult even during the best of times. With the current situation, students are facing a transition back to in-class learning that really has no precedent. Some of the education and health specialists' advice:

First, they say: Remember the fundamentals. A regular pattern of a good

night's sleep and eating nutritious meals and snacks goes a long way to fuel flexibility, engagement and problem-solving during the day.

Re-establish morning and afternoon routines. Involve your child in deciding the details. Having opportunities for choice and agency makes handling uncertainty easier for everyone.

Create a visual aid like a calendar to help them understand what to expect in their new routine.

Let them know what might be different at school this year.

Ask your child what they are feeling and how you can support them. Knowing you

recognize that this is an exciting and challenging time and you are open to listening is reassuring, regardless of whether they have something to share.

What your child is feeling may not be what you expect. Let them know that whatever they are feeling is okay.

You may not be able to offer answers or certainties. Like adults, kids find it helpful to have someone who will just listen.

If talking is not your child's thing, think about drawing with them, playing/listening to music, playing catch, swinging, going for a stroll. Doing something often inspires communication.

Encourage them to think of what will be good about returning to school.

Your child may be worried about bringing covid home. Reminding them of what your family and the school are doing to reduce the chances of infection can help them feel calmer.

Here is a site to learn more:

childmind.org/article/back-to-school-anxiety-during-covid/

If your children are 12 or older, they can get vaccinated against Covid-19.

If you have questions about the vaccine's safety or effectiveness, talk with your trusted health care provider.

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