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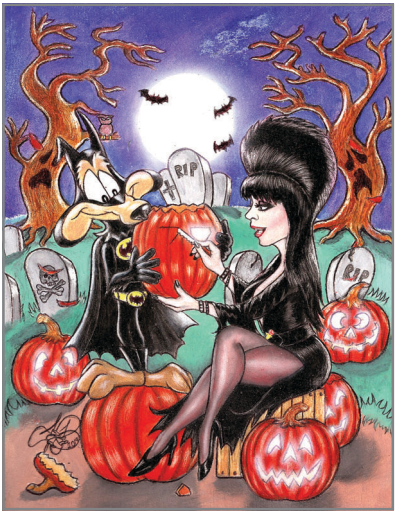
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## Halloween in Warm Springs



Looking forward to a Warm Springs Halloween with artist Travis Bobb.

The Trick or Treat 'Mask-Erade' Parade is coming up on Saturday, October 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy. Social distancing and mask wearing—not just a Halloween mask—will be enforced. Hosted by the Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Health and Wellness.

There are vendor spaces still available. For information contact reina.estimo@wstribes.org

The October 30 event will also be a chance to give feedback on the Confederated Tribes' proposed 2022 budget. There will also be a chance to enter into a raffle drawing.

Then on Halloween day there will be live music, concessions and candy at the Campus basketball area. Vendor set-up will be at 9:30 a.m. onwards. Presented by the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

Covid safety precautions are required (see page 2). For vendor information contact Mallory Smith: mallory@wscat.org

## Covid-19 update

Recent health data, as of earlier this week, shows there were 19 people with active covid on the reservation; and 15 close contacts receiving daily monitoring. This was an improvement from the previous week, when there were 45 people on the reservation with the active covid.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has conducted 14,803 covid tests, with 967 positive tests since the pandemic and testing began.

Another 142 people of the tribal community tested positive through outside facilities, for a total of 1,109 positive tests. Twenty-six people of the tribal community have died from the illness.

As of late last week, there were no hospitalizations from covid, and no recent deaths. Close to 3,000 people of the community have received at least one vaccine shot; and 2,507 have received their second dose.

## Water funding talk with U.S. Senators

Infrastructure legislation currently before the U.S. Congress includes funding that would go a long way toward addressing the domestic water system of the Warm Springs Reservation.

A federal delegation visited Warm Springs last week, touring the Dry Creek water treatment plant, with Utilities general manager Chico Holliday, then meeting tribal officials and the public.

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley were joined by Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs—Department of the Interior for the water treatment plant tour.

"It was exactly what we needed," Mr. Holliday said. "A chance to show the deficiencies we have to deal with every day.

Slowly but surely, we're making progress toward being able to provide a better quality of life."

As is well documented, the tribal domestic water system is old and in need of improvement, and in some places replacement. Some necessary parts of the treatment plant, built in the 1980s, are no longer available. Utilities had to have one part re-made, for instance, because it is no longer sold.

This is expensive and time-consuming, Mr. Holliday said.

Both of Oregon's U.S. Senators have been among the strongest advocates for help to the tribes in developing a modern style domestic water system, from the treatment plant to the piping that delivers the water.

"The people who have been on this land since time immemorial de-



Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, and U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley at the Warm Springs water press conference last week.

serve more than boil water notices," Sen. Wyden said. "We all know wealthy neighborhoods in this country would not have to live with that."

Infrastructure legislation currently before Congress would address the problem.

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## In honor of dedication to students, schools

The school district has seen a number of changes this year. The 509-J district has a new superintendent and a new Academy principal, plus new board members. The district finished the previous school year with its first-ever all-distance learning; then started this year in-person while still dealing with the pandemic. And there was a teachers' union agreement to work out.

With these and other challenges a good thing to have is experience and perspective at the policy making level. District board chairwoman Laurie Danzuka was re-elected this year to her fourth term on the school board. "There was a lot happening," Laurie says of her decision to serve again.

The new district principal this year is Jay Mathisen. He would agree it's a good idea to have Laurie for another term. Since he became superintendent over the summer, Mathisen has talked often with Laurie for her perspective on the issues that have come up



A congratulations to Laurie Danzuka from tribal Education general manager Val Switzler.

over these months so far. "And I'm always impressed with her ability to listen, think, problem solve and act," Mr. Mathisen said.

Her fellow board member Jamie Hurd said after a recent district meeting, "Laurie is one of the most humble servant-

leaders I know. She's a servant to the children and the greater community."

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## School district outreach at the Academy

A public meeting for the Jefferson County School District 509-J, to discuss the evaluation of current programs and plans for future educational programs, is set for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 27 at the Warm Springs Academy.

Another meeting for the same purpose is the following day, October 28, at 5:30 at Madras High School.

The district annually affords its patrons, specifically Native American parents and guardians, the opportunity to offer comments and make recommendations relative to the district programs, district outcomes, and offer feedback for all programs.



The Warm Springs Academy, built in 2012-13

If anybody wishing to attend the meeting has a disability requiring assistance, please advise Tessa

Bailey at 541-475-6192 about specific arrangements that may accommodate your participation in this

meeting.

The October 27 meeting will be in the Academy cafeteria area.

### Academy classrooms

Voters of the School District 509-J are encouraged to mail in your county Special Election ballot by October 28, to ensure receipt at the County Clerk's Office by November 2.

On the ballot is a \$24 million bond measure for the Jefferson County School District 509-J; and a ballot measure that would fund operation of the Jefferson County Jail for five years.

Regarding the school district bond proposal:

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