

## Letters to the editor

### Kindergarten Welcome Day

The Warm Springs Academy is hosting the Kindergarten Welcome Day on Wednesday, May 18. Families will need to bring birth certificates and immunization records.

For information contact **Heilan Gonzalez** at [hgonzalez@509j.net](mailto:hgonzalez@509j.net)

Or call 541 553-1128 ext. 6001.

### April at Council Monday, April 25

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update.

11: Covid-19 update with the Team.

**Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26-27:** Open agendas.

Draft resolutions and ordinances, including attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. Email [gsmith@wstribes.org](mailto:gsmith@wstribes.org)

### For youth

Applications are open for 2022 Heart of Oregon Corps. This is for youth 16- to 24-year-olds in Warm Springs and Central Oregon.

After two years of reduced capacity in their programs due to Covid-19, Heart of Oregon Corps is resuming operating at full, offering 200 job opportunities for local teens and young adults this summer.

Opportunities are offered in the following locations throughout Central Oregon:

Warm Springs, Madras, Bend, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville, and Crescent.

Youth in all programs will gain work experience, leadership skills, and guided professional development, all while earning money and making friends.

Heart of Corps six programs include Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, Stewardship, Camp Lead, the Heart of Oregon Thrift Store, and YouthBuild.

Collectively, these programs are hiring for 150 positions, and the Corps currently has 50 program participants who will continue in their current roles throughout the summer.

Job opportunities and national service experience includes the following:

Working on public lands conservation projects, reducing wildfire fuels, building affordable housing, serv-

ing in childcare and youth programs, litter and recycling crew, and running a thrift store.

See the website: [heartoforegon.org](http://heartoforegon.org)

And if you are not sure what program is best suited for you give the Corps a call at 541-633-7834.

### Senior lunches

The following are the menu items for the Senior Lunches for the rest of April. This Friday, **April 22:** Creamy vegetable soup and a dinner role.

**April 25:** Bacon jack chicken sandwich, vegetable chips and canned fruit. Wednesday, **April 27:** Salisbury steaks, mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables. Friday, **April 29:** Grilled chicken, pasta salad, cauliflower and broccoli.

### Power Lunch

The Fitness Class for this Thursday, April 21 is the Power Lunch Hour. It's strength training, high-intensity interval training and cardio. Class is at the old elementary school gym. Power lunch is also offered on Mondays.

### Scheduling at the IHS clinic

At the Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic there are two ways to schedule a medical visit.

You can call first thing in the morning for a same day appointment.

Or you can schedule a future appointment up to two weeks in advance. Call 541-553-2610 to schedule. Both telephone and in-person visits are available.

### Rezfest 2022

Rezfest 2022 is coming up in Warm Springs on Saturday, May 7. The show will feature Damage Overdose, of Warm Springs; Guardians from Arizona; and Bad Omen of Seattle.

More performances will be by Blue Flamez of Warm Springs; and Eagle Thunder, also of Warm Springs. More will be announced.

Damage Overdose is celebrating its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

All ages are welcome. The doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available through: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

Or through Damage Overdose, or Chuck

## Warm Springs 1910 Shaker Church update

To the Community,

I am the Minister of the Warm Springs 1910 Shaker Church. I am here to inform the community of the Shaker Church.

One. The 1910 Church is not a condemned building, or abandoned.

Two. Like many other buildings, the 1910 has asbestos on the ceiling.

Three. Also like other buildings, there is lead in the paint.

Four. Back in 2019 the Shaker Church had no electricity.

In 2020, tribal Utilities, certified electricians and Pacific Power all came together and restored all the wiring and all electrical circuits, the power transformer outside, and power boxes.

Then in 2020-21, Emergency Management and Utilities said we



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The Warm Springs 1910 Shaker Church, awaiting repairs.

have asbestos on the ceilings in the kitchen, pantry room, and in the main church area; and we closed the church.

Now everyone knows why the 1910 Shaker Church is closed. I was at a business meeting with the 1910 State Board and the Bishop.

They wanted to know what was happening with the Warm Springs 1910 Shaker Church.

The 1910 State Board said to go and close up the Shaker Church until we could find the funding and programs to fix and remodel all of the 1910 Shaker Church.

Now, I will share when I get more information on when the repairs start, and we will need help with prayers for our church. I thank you all for your time and prayers.

Sincerely, **The Warm Springs 1910 Minister Josie Williams.**

Hudson. Concessions will be available, and donations are welcome. *Come celebrate with meal, hip hop and pow-wow drum.*

### Madras High scholarships

The Jefferson County School District board of directors will award a scholarship, or a variety of scholarships, up to the total of \$3,000 for Madras High School graduates of the Class of 2022.

Two board members were appointed to the Promise Scholarship Committee to review applications, select the top candidates, and award the finalists on behalf of the collective board of directors. A report of the application process and the scholarship winners will be presented at a future board meeting.

Applications are open to 509-J students graduating with the Class of 2022. The deadline is May 13.

The awards will be announced in June at the high school scholarship ceremony.

The scholarships are paid directly to the institution of higher learning at the begin-

ning of the second semester, once the official transcripts of the first semester are submitted to the board

secretary. It is the winner's responsibility to notify 509-J when second semester fees are due.

### Name Givings

*Name Givings will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the Simnasho Longhouse.*

*The morning begins with one Seven of Washut, Name Givings to follow. Receiving names:*

*Joletta Begay.*

*Atcity Begay.*

*Rowena Begay, daughter of Atcity.*

*Lunch to follow. All are welcome. More information contact the Family at 541-460-0512.*

You can get a Covid-19 home test kit, if needed, at Emergency Management on workdays, and at Fire Safety on campus and at Simnasho at the fire hall, after hours and on the weekend.

## From VOCS during Awareness Month

*April 2022 is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.*

*In honor and recognition, Tanya and Michele at Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services would like to share these statistics regarding the crime and incidence of sexual assault.*

One in five women in the U.S. experienced completed or attempted rape during their lifetime.

Nationwide, 81 percent of women and 43 percent of men reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment or assault in their lifetime.

About one in four male victims of completed or attempted rape first experienced it between the ages of 11 and 17.

Forty percent of rapes and sexual assaults were reported to police in a recent year for which statistics are available. However, only

about 25 percent were reported to police.

Almost one in four undergraduate women experienced sexual assault or misconduct at 33 of the nation's major universities.

Over half—52.4 percent—of male victims report being raped by an acquaintance and 15.1 percent by a stranger.

Nearly a quarter—24.8—percent of men in the U.S. experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime.

One in three female victims of completed or attempted rape experienced it for the first time between the ages of 11 and 17.

The prevalence of false reporting for sexual assault crimes is low—between 2 percent and 10 percent.

About half—51.1 percent—of female victims of rape reported being raped by an intimate partner and



40.8 percent by an acquaintance.

### Incidence in Indian Country

The average annual rate of rape and sexual assault among American Indians is 3.5 times higher than for all races.

At least 70 percent of the violent victimization experienced by American Indians is committed by persons not of the same race.

*If you or anyone you know has or is experiencing any type of sexual assault or abuse—whether it be on line or in person—please call the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-553-1171, and make a report or ask for them to call the on call advocate.*

*You can reach the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Office at 541-553-2293.*

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