

Letters to the editor

Vote Danzuka for Commission

Warm Springs and people of color need more representation and to be included as citizens of the county. Laurie Danzuka is a great choice to represent Jefferson County and indigenous people. In the past, commissioners have not reached out to us consistently, to get our opinions and views.

Commissioners are the direct line between citizens and our county government: About money, operational standards, ordinances and laws; setting standards for property, appointing non-elected officials, committees and boards, and overseeing county department heads.

With Laurie's background and experience of being a parent, citizen, tribal member, serving on the Jefferson County 509-J school board and engaging in community activities, she has demonstrated leadership, objectivity, tenacity, and looking for solutions and following through.

She is honest and listens, and is genuinely interested. Laurie deals with budgets, staff, policy and procedures, and adherence. She has dealt with staff, parents, youngsters, committees and legislative bodies.

She testifies at local, state and national levels. She involved with Jefferson County and our Warm Springs Reservation. Tribal members need more representation and inclusion as we are part of Jefferson County. Do your part and vote. Once she's in office, do what you can to support her and our needs.

Let's get representation and inclusion of color for our community and projects. Vote Laurie Danzuka as County Commissioner.

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Thank you for being a supporter, collaborator, and partner of the Warm Springs tribe.

Take care,
Scott Turo.

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

Or call 541 553-1128 ext. 6001.

Lifeguard opportunities

The Madras Aquatic Center is holding a lifeguard certification class for potential new hires. We have full-time and part-time positions available.

Job applicants have a chance to interview, pass the swimming pre-requisites for the lifeguard certification, and receive an employment offer conditional upon passing a background check, drug-screening, and successful completion of the lifeguard certification course.

If all conditions are met, the successful applicant will receive back pay for the 30 hours lifeguard certification course!

You must be at least 15 years old. We do our best to be flexible with scheduling of student athletes, academics, and other extra curriculars that compete for their time. We also need adults who can work during the day.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We appreciate your help! For more details see page 8 of this publication.

Thank you,

Courtney Sneed, executive director, The Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District, 1195 SE Kemper Way, Madras.

Warm Springs community assessment

During the 2022 Tribal Council elections, voter outreach tables were set up outside the Community Center: Over 250 voters participated in a community poll, selecting the top four out of ten priority issues, for both Warm Springs and Jefferson County.

The results are combined with two previous events held in Warm Springs. So far, 416 tribal community members have participated.

The top four areas to date are:

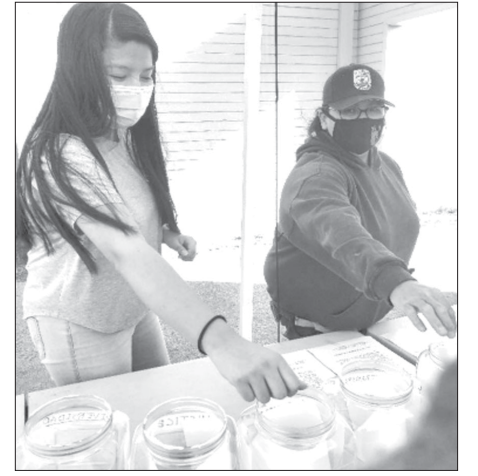
One: Affordable housing. Two: Schools. Three: The environment, including water. And four: Health care, including, medical, mental health, alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Other categories, included jobs and job training; justice; diverse representation, including diverse representation in Warm Spring and Jefferson County, such as the school board and



Photos by WeX Voter Outreach

Warm Springs Earth Day Clean-Up on April 22 (above); and after casting Tribal Council election ballots on March 30, young tribal member citizens (right) participate in the Warm Springs-



Jefferson County Assessment, identifying priority issues they believe are most important at this time.

county commission; healthy foods, transportation and 'other' issues. Some of the 'other' issues identified included:

Addressing pay increases, Kah-Nee-Ta, personnel issues; hiring qualified people, infrastructure, healthy foods, including traditional foods and unity.

Another non-partisan community service offered was voter registration. Twenty-five people registered to vote. Those individuals will be eligible to vote in the May 17 Primary election.

Any U.S. citizen age 18 and over can register by picking up a voter registration card at the Jefferson County

Clerk's office in Madras, or go online to the Oregon Secretary of State website: sos.oregon.gov

Use an Oregon State issued drivers license or identification card.

WeX Voter Outreach is a community group doing community building and outreach to "underrepresented communities, including Native and LatinX. Papalaxsimisha is a Warm Springs organization serving youth and families.

We are seeking volunteers to help reach new and inactive voters for the May 17 election.

It is important to note that we have a candidate,

Laurie Danzuka, from Warm Springs on the ballot for one of the Jefferson County Commissioner positions.

If you would like to help get the word out, or if you are interested in participating in the Community Assessment, please contact:

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Jillisa is with Papalaxsimisha. We will publish the Community Assessment final results in the Spilyay by the end of June 2022.

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Free day at Gorge

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum will celebrate its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary with an all-day event on Saturday, May 21. All are welcome to join the free festivities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One of the ceremony speakers will be Jefferson Green of the Confederated Tribes.

A ticketed salmon bake lunch will be offered from

Warm Springs-owned Salmon King Fisheries and The Dalles' Cobblestone Catering. Museum admission will be free for the day.

Family-friendly activities planned throughout the day include native plant and wildflower walks, pine needle basket weaving demonstrations, raptor presentations, and a large cooperative art project.

Go to gorgediscovery.org or call 541-296-8600 ext. 201 for more information or to purchase salmon bake tickets.

Principal leaving

Brain Crook has served the Jefferson County 509-J School District in a variety of capacities since 2016. He is leaving his positions as principal of the high school at the end of the school year.

Mr. Crook began with the district as principal of Bridges High School. Two years later, he became the assistant principal of Madras High School; and became principal in 2019.

Crook is leaving his position to be with his daughter, who lives in Arizona. She is currently pregnant, and Crook and his wife are moving to care for the baby, who is expected to need extra care.

Crook and his wife plan to continue visiting Central Oregon, as their grandchildren live in Redmond.

They will move to Arizona in July, where Crook has accepted a position as assistant principal at Deer Valley High School in Glendale.



Courtesy Confluence

The Confluence project was honored to support the Twenty-Fourth Annual Redheart Memorial. The memorial happens every April in Vancouver, Washington by the Nez Perce Tribe and the City of Vancouver. The ceremony honors the Redheart Band of Nimiipuu, who were unjustly imprisoned by

the U.S Military at Fort Vancouver in 1877-78. During their incarceration a little boy died. Confluence is building an archive of oral history interviews about the Redheart Band and the annual memorial thanks to support from the Nez Perce National Historic Trail.

Celilo—Never Silenced

Confluence is partnering with the Reser Center for the Arts for an artist talk in support of the exhibit *Celilo—Never Silenced*.

Artists Lillian Pitt, Greg Archuleta, Greg Robinson and Sara Siestrem create art inspired by the stories of their people, the land they originally lived on, and the cultures that sustain them.

From original artforms to contemporary renditions, personal expressions honor and respect ancestral pasts.

In an intimate talk amongst friends, guests glean insights to the inspirations of these unique artists as they carry forward



the richness of the Indigenous people of Oregon. The exhibit will be at noon on May 22 at the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton.

To register see the website: confluenceproject.org

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