

Letters to the editor

Head Start Graduation

The Warm Springs Head Start and families are having a 2024 Graduation fundraiser from now through the spring.

Head Start parents are funding-raising to cover costs of the June 2024 Head Start Graduation.

The fundraiser is accepting bottles and cans with the drop-off location at the Early Childhood Education Center front office.

Please pre-bag all donated cans and bottles. Drop-off times are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please, be considerate of the ECE staff and their time.

Wasco Co. Fair Royalty

The 2024 Wasco County Fair and Rodeo Queen try-outs are coming up at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 at the Wasco County Fairgrounds. The winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 20 years; and live within the boundaries of Wasco County, or within the boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation.

To sign-up or for more information, contact the Queen Team, **Deanne DePaepe** at 541-980-1197.

Youth dental clinics at IHS

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is hosting the Sealant Clinic for young people on Friday, March 22. This is for students of the Warm Springs Academy.

The clinic will include dental screenings, sealant applications, fluoride and SDF application, and oral health education. For more information call 541-553-2468.

Spring Carnival

The Springs Kids Carnival is coming up on soon. The carnival is hosted by Warm Springs Prevention, and will be the evening of Tuesday, March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the gymnasium of the former gymnasium.

The carnival is for the whole family, with games, prizes and tickets (one ticket per game, 15 tickets prize raffle).

Elders movies

The Warm Springs Seniors program is hosting the Elders Movie Night on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The Seniors program provides the transportation.

The movie will depend on what is coming out. So we will work on getting the information out as soon as we have a solid confirmation on what movies we will be showing during that week.

Academy career day

The Warm Springs Academy Career Day for the middle school students is coming up on March 21. Career Day this year focuses on careers in the sciences. The day's events will place during the week of the Academy middle school Science Fair and Family Science Night.

Guest professionals who work in science-based careers are invited to come and speak to students.

If you are interested, contact **Gena Bennett**, assistant principal, Warm Springs Academy: gbbennett@509j.net

4-H Clubs

The Warm Springs OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program is looking for volunteers for the 4-H clubs. If you are interested in becoming a leader for one of these programs, please contact Tracy Wilson or Sara Olson with OSU Extension 4-H.

You can also volunteer to be one of the guest speakers, or help out one of the other leaders. Call 541-553-3238.

Helping Hand

The Presbyterian Church of Warm Springs will host the Grand Opening and Blessing of the Helping Hand Food Pantry on Monday, March 11. The church is located at 1141 Warm Springs Street.



HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY
Blessing and Grand opening
March 11th 12:30
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1141 WARM SPRINGS ST.

Iron Chefs at Nutrition Kitchen Regional Cook-Off

Representing the Warm Springs Academy at the annual Iron Chef Kick-Off in February were Cherish Parra and JoeRay Stwyer.

They worked with Tracy Wilson of the Warm Springs OSU Extension Office on preparing and cooking for the competition.

This year the challenge called for the students to make a Mix and Match Stir Fry; so the teams could choose ingredients from different categories to make their own unique dishes.

“They were a little nervous at first,” Ms. Wilson said. In the end, though, “They did have a very fun time.”

Tracy focuses on Youth Development and Community Food Systems at the Extension office. “The judges were impressed by their positive attitudes,” Tracy says of Cherish and JoeRay. “And overall it went well!”

All of the teams made delicious dishes, demonstrating excellent teamwork and kitchen safety



Cherish Parra and JoeRay Stwyer at the Iron Chefs Regional Cook-Off.

skills. This year's first-place team was the Jefferson County Middle School Iron Chefs, their first win in the cook-off. Representing the Jefferson County Middle School were Mayreli Mata, Malinah Cahoon and Abbie

Macur. The other team in the competition was Culver Middle School, with team members Mia Moreno, Izzy Stancin, and Adrian Chicuellar-Ham.

Tracy at Extension shares the link to the recipe:

foodhero.org/recipes/mix-and-match-stir-fry
She can be reached at Warm Springs OSU Extension: tracy.wilson@oregonstate.edu
Her phone number 541-553-3238.

Youth paid internships

The Warm Springs Community Action Team invites young people to take part in the internship opportunities through the Workforce Development, Technology and Manufacturing program.

Four positions are open, including Grow with Google with a learning stipend. The youth must be between 14 and 18; and must complete the program before the end of June.

The program includes remote learning from home at your own pace, with a strong suggestion of 16 hours per week. This is an opportunity for those who have not been previously paid to learn Grow with Google pro-

grams.

Contact **Sara Dowty** at the Community Action Team, 541-553-3148. Or email: sara@wscat.org

Board, committee positions

Tribal Council seeks to fill the following board of director and committee positions:

The **Warm Springs Telco**, one position, non-member. Letters of interest and resume of applicants interested in serving on the Telco board can submit no later than 5 p.m. on April 5. Drop off at the tribal administration build-

ing, addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Or by email to: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be mailed or email to you. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

The **Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office**, TERO: One position. The application process is the same as above.

The Education Committee: One tribal member position, and one tribal member alternate. This is the advisory body to the Tribal Council in the development of educational programs and opportunities for tribal members. The application process is the same as above.

Social Security

In the past, the Social Security Administration gave notice to claimants when we receive disability internet claims submitted by a third-party stated that claimants would receive a disability determination within 90-120 days. However, due to the backlog of initial disability claims, it has been taking an average of 200-230 days for claimants to receive a disability determination. We understand this may be confusing to claimants and can result in unnecessary calls to our offices. To provide better expectations for when a claimant should expect to receive a decision, we have this update to reflect the current timeframe of 200-230 days.

Rose Alarcon.

For sale at Fire and Safety: Fire truck and ambulance



The 2005 Ford ambulance (left), and the 1989 Marion-Spartan pumper fire truck.



Fire and Safety is accepting bids on two vehicles. The bidding process:

Please stop by the Fire and Safety office in Warm Springs between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to fill out a form, including your name, address, bid amount and phone number. Then place the form in a sealed envelope signed by the bidder. The winning bid will be selected on Thursday, March 1 at the end of the day. The winning bid will need to pick up the truck and title from Fire and Safety no later than March 29.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Fire and Safety will not be responsible for the vehicle once the winning bid is notified.

1989 Marion-Spartan pumper class one fire truck

The vehicle has a 500 gallon water tank, Detroit diesel engine, and Allison transmission. The truck does not run, and has issues within the engine. The ladders, radio, cones, and any other fire equipment are not included.

Please contact the office at 541-553-1634 or stop by 2112 Wasco Street, Warm Springs. If you would like to see the truck, or if you have

any other questions, the vehicle is located at the Sidwalter Fire Station.

The truck is no longer suitable for the fire service. In order to purchase new trucks, Fire and Safety needs to let the trucks go that can no longer keep up with fighting fires. This truck would make a great farm truck, or could be put some similar use, once repaired.

2005 Ford ambulance

The ambulance does not run. The vehicle has a diesel engine. Unknown mileage due to dead batteries. The ambulance has been setting outside for approximately three years with a blown en-

gine. Built by Braun Northwest. All ambulance and Fire and Safety stickers will be removed. The bid includes the ambulance only, and no medical supplies.

Please contact our office at 541-553-1634 or stop by 2112 Wasco Street. If you would like to schedule a time to see the vehicle, or if you have any questions, the ambulance is located at the Sidwalter Station. The vehicle is no longer suitable for the medical service. Fire and Safety has purchased new ambulances, and are replacing the older models.

Community notes...

Flag football registration is open for youth until mid March with the Madras

Aquatic Center program. The divisions are pre-k and k; first- and second grades; third- and

fourth; fifth- and sixth; and seventh- and eighth grades. Learn more to register at macrecdistrict.com

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on 1141 Warm Springs Street will host a grand opening of the **Helping Hand Food Pantry** on Monday, March 11.

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