

Letters to the editor and opion

59 Annual
tourney results

The official results are in for the Fifty-Ninth Annual Warm Springs Indian Holiday Men’s Basketball Tournament.

The champions this year are the team Springs, followed by the runner-up team United Tribes.

Third-place goes to Cultural Blends of Portland; and fourth place, the Dream Team.

The **Most Valuable Player** award goes to Tyler Crowl of the team Springs. And the Mister Hustle is Marqui Scott of Cultural Blends.

The **High Scorer** award Tyler Crowl of Springs.

The **All Tourney Team** this year was Triston Smith of the Dream Team; Tru Gibbons of Maqlaqs, Chiloquin; Aaron Winishut, United Tribes.

Zach Aguilar, Springs; Byron Patt, United Tribes; and Marqui Scott, Cultural Blends.

Sky Waters, Cultural Blends; Mick Schimmel, Nüxyawai; Ellery LeClaire,

Dream Team.

Other Teams: Fast Break Fry Bread, Warm Springs; River Natives, The Dalles; I.G.L., Warm Springs; and the tournament director, Austin Greene.

Free tax help

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is now accepting appointments for tax preparation.

For people who would like to schedule, or get more information, please call the WSCAT office at 541-553-3148.

Vendors wanted
for May concert

Indian Head Casino is seeking food vendors for their Los Lonely Boys concert coming up in May.

You can find their vendor application on page 7 of this publication; or at the KWSO website in the ‘News and Information’ tab.

Choose ‘Events and Opportunities’ from the drop down menu.

New vending
machine for
health, safety

A new vending machine placed at Three Warriors Market in Simnasho is helping to promote health, safety and harm reduction. This is also the first machine of its kind in the community.

The new vending machine is stocked with Narcan, which is nasal naloxone (a life-saving resource that can revive a person who has overdosed on prescription pain medication or heroin, for instance);



J. Brisbois
Health and safety vending machine at 3 Warriors.

and Zimhi, injectable naloxone.

The machine also has feminine hygiene products, sexual health products, soap, toothbrushes, bandaids and Neosporin, and pregnancy tests.

This service is funded through the Tribal Opioid Response Grant. The drug and prevention team chose to place the first machine in Simnasho, where residents find a challenge to get to the Agency district for these kinds of products.

We will monitor the machines and fill them once a week. We do plan on getting more machines into the com-

munity for access and health promotion.

For more information or questions folks can call us at 541-615-0116.

Respectfully, **Jaycelene Brisbois**, Opioid Prevention Coordinator.

Tribal sturgeon
fishery open

A tribal sturgeon fishery is open from the present time through **6 p.m. on Saturday, February 15**, for setlines only. The fishery is open in the John Day reservoir area. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open period are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement office at 541-386-6363.

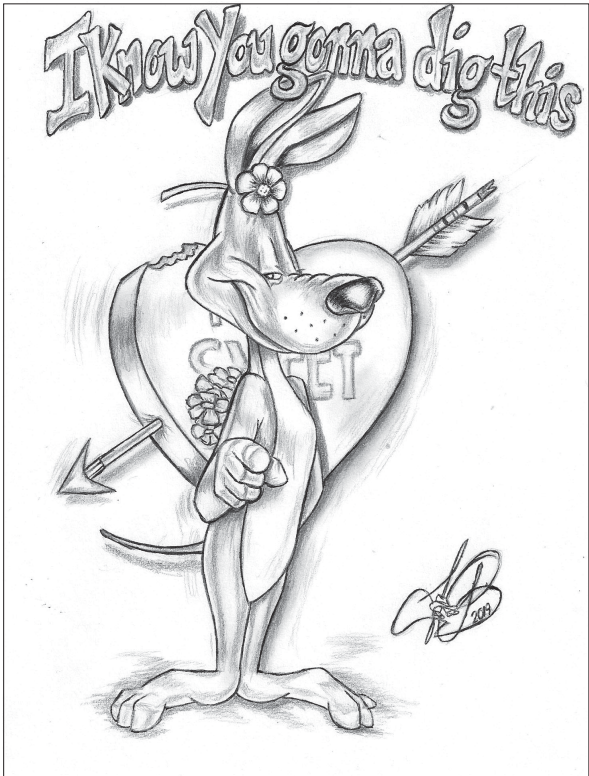
Notes...

The Madras VFW is planning a **Veterans Dinner** on Sunday, March 30. This will be a fundraiser and include an auction. Contributions are needed and welcome. To learn more and find out how you can help you can contact Leonard at 541-777-1453 or Jan at 541-815-1278.

Attention all Warm Springs **Academy** athletes, Please return your uniforms from past seasons. If you have any school athletic uniforms, be sure to get them back to the school. You can drop them by the office.

Warm Springs community members are welcome to fill containers with **free drinking water** every Monday at the hydro panel facility at the industrial park. Stop by Mondays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The **Recovery on the Rez** group meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30-7 at the new Park Place housing community building in the trailer court area. Food and drinks are provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.



A couple more Valentine’s Day wishes, coming up February 14, from Travis Bobb.



Courtesy Dorothea Thurby

A thank you to the Warm Springs Emergency Management water distribution team and to Public Utilities for cleaning up the fallen tree on campus. The tree had fallen during high winds, and was blocking the road until the team removed the branches. Helping take care of the fallen limbs (above), Feliciano Conner and Chester VanPelt III. A *Thank You to Feliciano and Chester, Adam Domingo, Jed Governor and Dot Thurby; and Chico Holiday, Jason Rabbie and Steven Tias.*

Howlak Tichum

Robert Davidson ~
1931-2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Robert A. Davidson, lovingly known as Bob, who left us peacefully on January 15, 2025, at 93. He is survived by his cherished wife Betty, who stood faithfully by his side for 72 wonderful years, along with their three beloved children-Norma, Melvin (Jeannie), and Valerie (Larry).

Bob also leaves two grandchildren, Elizabeth (Boone) Banducci and Ahren Clapsaddle, and three precious great-grandchildren, Dakota, Grace-lynn, and Robert, III Banducci. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Hattie, as well as his siblings, Hattie Marie, Stan, and Glen.



Bob was born on August 10, 1931, in Hood River. He graduated from Maupin High School in 1950. He joined the Oregon National Guard and while serving he attended engineering school at Fort Belvoir.

He married Betty Andrews on December 31, 1952, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Bob marched with the 41st Engineers in Dwight Eisenhower’s Inauguration

He was proud to bring the first power into the Warm Springs Indian Reservation...

Parade in Washington, D.C.

He returned to Oregon to find work with the Pocatello Power Company. He was proud to bring the first power into the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and later lines that crossed the John Day River into Central Oregon.

On February 10, 1955, Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force electronics school at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. In 1969, when Hurricane Camille, a Category 5 storm, wreaked havoc in Mississippi, Bob and his team worked tirelessly to clear roads and aid in search efforts.

In 1962 his work was pivotal in establishing a ra-

dar site at Point Cabrillo Coast Guard Lighthouse in Fort Bragg, California, and he played a key role in its decommissioning in 1974.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1974, Bob started his new career as a building contractor in Fort Bragg. Bob was a 4-H Leader for 10 years, where he taught youth about proper gun safety, and President at the Fort Bragg Gun Club for five years.

But above all, what truly defined Bob was his profound love for his family. Spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren brought him immeasurable joy. He was their steadfast hero, a source of wisdom and kindness who will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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