

Letters to the editor

To cooks

Tribal administration is looking for cooks to help at upcoming Tribal Council meetings:

November 4: Simnasho District, regarding grants.

November 5: Seekseequa District, also regarding grants.

November 6: Agency District, grants.

November 12: General Council meeting at the Agency Longhouse, regarding the 2026 proposed budget.

Dinners are at 6 p.m. and the meetings are at 7. For information call Minnie at 541-553-3257. Or email: minnie.yahtin@wstribes.org

On Halloween

Events happening in Warm Springs on Halloween:

· The Warm Spring Recreation **Zombie Walk** is from noon to 1 p.m. at the Community Center.

· **Indian Head Casino** will have a Trunk-or-Treat from 3-5 p.m. in front of the HR Building.

· Recreation's Trunk-or-Treat event is from 4-6 p.m. at the Community Center parking lot. The theme this year is 'Jack, Sally & the Whole Crew.' Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated trunks.

· Warm Springs Health & Human Services programs will have trick-or-treating booths from 4-7 p.m. at the

Campus Pavilion.

· The **Recreation Halloween Carnival** will be from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Center.

· Warm Springs Fire Prevention's **Haunted House** is from 7 p.m. until midnight in the old school gym.

From ECE on Halloween

Dear Warm Springs Community,

We would like to invite you to our annual **Pumpkin Parade** here at Early Childhood Education and Daycare. We are requesting workers from each department or enterprise to bring lots of candy and to join us in setting up a table in our building to hand out to the kiddos of ECE and public participants who join us each year.

We ask that you bring your own table to set up as we are limited to tables right now.

Set up time will be between 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the latest. We expect early trick or treaters as soon as 9:45.

The Pumpkin Parade will start at 10 and go until about 11, or as soon as trick-or-treaters begin to cease.

Areas first come, first serve: There will be spots along the hallways from B pod up to F pod and around the entrance area of ECE.

Please park below A pod as we will be cutting off traffic coming into ECE and out due to trick-or-treaters hav-

ing to cross to Indian Health Services.

If you have any questions, please contact ECE at 541-553-3241; or Tiana Northrup at: tiana.northrup@wstribes.org

Daycare and Head Start.

More help with food needs

Federal SNAP benefits may be suspended for November, unless the federal government re-opens; and NeighborImpact is bracing for a hunger surge.

As the regional food bank for the Warm Springs Reservation, Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, NeighborImpact is taking action to ensure no one goes without food.

The pantries are in local communities. Many are in rural areas, like Jefferson County, where transportation and grocery access may limited and can be almost a lifeline for some households.

The Jefferson County pantry is a mobile unit available at the Jefferson County Veterans' Service Office in the Jefferson County Community Center, 860 SW Madison Street in Madras. They are available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for scheduled appointments.

The loss of the SNAP benefits is uncharted territory. Historically, SNAP payments have continued despite government shutdowns. As food is a basic need, not responding is out of the question.

The Oregon Department of Human Services an-

nounced that 757,000 Oregonians, including 23,405 Central Oregon households, could lose food assistance November 1. This would not only impact food security but also local economies, removing tens of millions of dollars in purchasing power, particularly in rural areas.

NeighborImpact's Food Program was already

strained, with food supply down 17-percent due to reduced USDA commodities and other factors like inflation, while services increased over 250-percent since 2020.

Food banks aren't equipped for this increased demand. NeighborImpact can offset about 10-percent of the anticipated shortfall, but we need community sup-

port.

NeighborImpact has launched a campaign to raise funds for food, with donations accepted at: neighborimpact.org

Every dollar donated is stretched through bulk purchasing and statewide partnerships. **Scott Cooper**, executive director, Neighbor-Impact.



Judging at 5:00pm

based On theme

Friday 31, 2025

Set up 3:00pm

Starts 4:00pm

Ends 6:00pm

Family Trunk or Treat

front parking lot @ the Community Wellness Center

The theme this year is

Jack, Sally & the whole crew

Best decorated trunk 1st 2nd 3rd place prizes

For More information & to sign up call Recreation@ 541.553.3243



When you need someone to listen,
988 is here.

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Call or text 988