Parents, school board meet on Impact Aid

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Some important changes are coming up in the area of healthcare coverage for tribal employees. The Confederated Tribes are a self-governing organization, and for the past several years have used Shasta Administrative Services as the third party administrator in billing matters. The decision to change third-party administrators came after a lengthy and detailed evaluation process, said Elizabeth Asahi Sato, director of tribal Human Resources.

The Confederated Tribes has decided to conduct its own customer service, the guiding principal at Human Resources, Asahi Sato said.

Enrollment deadline

Another important change coming up at the end of the open enrollment policy. The Confederated Tribes have allowed employees to enroll for health coverage at any time of the year. They could also disenroll at any time.

This is inefficient, and not the usual practice among tribes or organizations said Asahi Sato.

For tribal employees, the last day this year to enroll for coverage will be December 17. After that, the next enrollment time will be in June. There will be two enrollment times in 2015, in June and then again later in the year.

With 40+ almost in the books, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises continues to search for viable renewable energy projects. One of the difficulties for tribes across the country is utilizing the incentives that are available, said Jim Manion, general manager of Power and Water Enterprises.

The current structure does not favor tribes when it comes to ad-

vancing projects on their lands, he said.

The federal and state tax credits are not useful to tribes. “Tribes don’t have property taxes, therefore a credit would not work,” Manion said.

So the Power and Water has been working with developers who can utilize the incentives.

“Ideally, we propose to structure the lease for the developer to build, and once the project is up and running, the tribe would buy the project,” Manion said.

Most utilities in the region have satisfied their renewable energy re-

quirements, as required by state laws. So the Power and Water is looking at the next cycle of require-

ments that will bring back the in-

centives.

“In Oregon the governor has made it clear he wants to see 20 percent of generating supply come from renewable sources by 2025,” he said. “We think utilities will be looking for renewables to fill that need.”

Merlin at the match against OIT (top); and the team after taking the win (left).
Casino food drive

Indian Head Casino col-
lected over 3,000 food
items, mostly good qual-
ity, from local merchants.

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Award for culture, arts dedication

Museum at Warm Springs, executive director Carol Leoni received the Ben Westlund Memorial Award from the Deschutes Cultural Coalition.

The award recognizes Carol’s advocacy of arts and culture.

Gary O’Hagan, executive director of Arts Central, the Arts and Cultural Council for Central Oregon, developed the Award in 2012.

The award is a way to acknowledge Ben Westlund’s contributions to Oregonian Westlund, who passed in 2010, served in the Oregon House and Senate, for a time, as a Republican, and then as a Democrat.

The award was created in his memory, and in honor of the spirit of his intention.

Museum at Warm Springs director Carol Leoni receives the award from Deschutes Cultural Coalition board member Robin Goyginson” (left), and executive director of Arts Central and Deschutes Coalition board chair Cate O’Hagan.

O’Hagan said, “Ben was deeply committed to insisting that all corners of the room, and all the people in those corners have access to quality art and culture experiences,” she said. The Deschutes Cultural Coalition is a program of the Oregon-Cultural Trust, (Custody the Museum at Warm Springs).

Washankshala cultural grant applications due Friday

Washankshala grant applications are now available, with a due date of this Friday, Dec. 12.

Applications are available at the Museum at Warm Springs, the tribal administrative building, the DDD, Washankshala Market, and on the KWSO website.

Grant funding is sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust, providing funding to Oregon groups and tribes to support the arts and heritage.

Fiscal sponsor in the Museum at Warm Springs. Grants are provided to applicants who show how their project will promote tribal members’ understanding of and involvement in cultural activities, traditions, arts, language, dance, history, music, etc.

Pass on tribal knowledge and promote to our youth and help them feel connected to their cultures.

Preserve, practice and teach our tribal languages, Ichishkiin, Numu and Ichishkiin.

Support the work of our artists and traditional teachers, including their ability to earn a living from their work.

Prefer all to drop off your applications to The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Washankshala Board, c/o the Museum at Warm Springs, PO Box 909, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

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Committee fair next Monday

A Joint Executive Committee Public Winter Washanaksha Cultural Grant Fair will be held on Monday, Dec. 15 from 9 am-3 pm at the Agency.

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Ugly sweater walk at Diabetes Prevention

The Diabetes Prevention Program will be having an Ugly Christmas Sweater Walk on Wednesday Dec 17th at 2pm and 4pm.

Every lap around the Indian Health Service Walking path will be entered into raffle.

Museum director looks back on 2014, to 2015

The Museum at Warm Springs is open and a bit quiet as we wrap up 2014 and look forward to 2015.

We had a great time this year anticipating the opening of the new Warm Springs I-5 Academy.

The new school is a wonderful addition to Warm Springs. It is a beautiful facility, replete with the newest technology and designed inside and out to honor the community and its culture.

To celebrate the new school, the Museum’s 2014 theme was Celebrating Native American Youth.

Young at Art Fair

We began the year with our annual Warm Springs Youth Art Exhibit followed by a Young At Art Fair during spring break.

Students attending the fair enjoyed the experience, and were enthusiastic about trying both traditional and contemporary arts techniques.

We held a second fair in the summer. And we are planning another one for the spring break.

Natalie and Fati are working with the Academy on arts and culture related after school and classroom projects.

Film festival

We took the opportunity to partner with the Band Filmmaker to bring Native American-themed or produced independent films to Warm Springs.

We showed the films in the new Eagle Academy gymnasium.

The film was “Revolvin the River”, a documentary about the removal of the Elam Dam in Washington state.

“Angakngiy by Warm Springs filmmaker La’Ron Kanishi preceded the feature film.

Another film was “Winter in the Blvd”, produced by Sherman Ace and based on the James Welch novel of the same name.

There was no admission charge for these film showings.

In addition to giving the Warm Springs and neighboring communities an opportunity to see innovative Native American films, we hope that the partnership with the Band Filmmaker Festival will encourage local young film makers.

HVC

The museum’s past issues with its heating, ventilating and air condition system are being addressed and will be resolved in 2015.

This is a project that is crucial to our mission to preserve artifacts for future generations.

A previous grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund is supporting the project.

DDD Architects is managing the project. They are proceeding with the attention to detail that made the upgrade of the Changing Exhibit such a success.

The view from the window remains beautiful and engaging.

The coming year will have surprises, opportunities and great times. I wish all of you a wonderful winter season, with family, friends, warmth and joy.

Carol Leoni, executive director, Museum at Warm Springs.

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Grant helps tribes’ Dream Catcher education program

Better tomorrow

The winds of time have been taking away our old ways and traditions. Our culture is rapidly disappearing.

Soun, our native tribes will be as naked as a tree that has lost all of its leaves. No longer are we guided by the old ones but, instead, ruled by policies.

It’s a darn shame that Christmas isn’t about an economic event. I don’t remember it that way as a child.

But, then, what do kids know?

How many are you taking something about talking business into this so here it is.

Payday loans, cash title loans, and money-order credit card debt would qualify as seven debts. The interest rates for the first two can exceed 400 percent.

I suggest that any debt

The Oregon Community Foundation board decided to invest $10,000 annually for five years to support small community-driven arts and culture organizations.

The Oregon Community Foundation’s Central Oregon regional team serves the counties of Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler, and the Warm Springs Reservation.

Their main office is located in Bend.

In Central Oregon

For the 2014 Small Arts and Culture grants totaling close to $17,000 were awarded to:

- The Archaeological Society of Central Oregon in Bend

And the K-12 Student Success grants, the Oregon Community Foundation awarded more than $466,000 in noncapital to nonprofits in Central Oregon during the recent fall grant cycle.

In addition to Small Arts and Culture, and the K-12 Student Success grants, the Oregon Community Foundation awarded more than $708 for protection of endangered archaeological sites.

Conserve Parks and Recreation Foundation in Prineville. It’s prior to receiving $3,000 so to offer a safe environment for adults and children to celebrate Christmas in the Pine Festi-

Food programs. Of Fossil

They received $500 per par-

ning, on facts (not personalities) and choosing to do a part of change-making that works within the framework of our Constitution and laws.

You can’t demand that if you refuse to engage in the democratic process.

This is the true and proactive step for- ward.

Let’s celebrate this and work together to increase the cooperation between our communities with our people. It will have a positive impact.

It is helpful for information in accessible. It is helpful for in-

One of the key aspects of good governance and democ- racy in general is communi- cation. It is important to exci- tency and access to information.

Our tribal government is working hard to improve the awareness of our community members of the issues that directly affect government, community support must build awareness of the people. This re-

quires effective communication mechanisms that take the shape of meetings, we often hear the many divergent views, some of which are not based on facts. Transparent and timely information sharing on tribal issues is important as it

will have a positive impact on our efforts to build confidence and trust in public service.

The way it is

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Any written materials submitted to Spilway Tyroo must exceed 400 percent.

They received $5,000 to offer a general operating support of High Desert Chamber of Commerce’s small business center.

Scape House of Bend, re-

For food and assistance programs for homeless and hungry persons in Deschutes County.

The Landing Youth & Teen Centers, Prineville, $10,000 for off-school programming for middle and high school students.

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Sage School Foundation, Bend, $17,000 for the Seed To Table project, providing nu-

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Early spring eel Dance at Willamette Falls ceremony for lamprey.

Dawn Smith speaks at the assembly held for her in May 2014.

Mariah Stacona is crowned 2014 Homecoming Queen at Madras High School.

The Confederated Tribes and the Jefferson County School District 509-J opened the Warm Springs Academy in September of 2014. Here, Principal Glenna DeSouza and students cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony.

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Michael “Big Bird” Massad — April 27, 1951 — October 10, 2014

Michael “Big Bird” Massad passed away on Friday, October 10, 2014, at 11:45 a.m. surrounded by his loving family.

Michael was born on April 27, 1951 in Colville, Washington. That same year, he and his sister Patty were adopted by parents Paul and Alma Massad. The family relocated to Riverside, California where Paul worked as a Civil Engineer at March Air Force Base.

Mike grew up and enjoyed spending his free time shooting pool, socializing with friends and his favorite pastime, fishing. Many will remember his sense of humor and easy smile. He also enjoyed working with his hands doing beadwork and drawing. He was proud of his Native American roots, had many friends in Indian country and he considered Warm Springs his second home.

Before his passing, Michael was enrolled at Portland Community College-Cascade, where he was pursuing a degree in Marine Biology. He was also an active member at the Community Church of God, where he was an usher, sang in the choir, and assisted with other duties.

He will be missed by his wife Helen Sloan-Massad; his daughters Zanetta Massad, Ebony Sloan-Clark, Simone and Lynessa Massad; sons Alexander Massad, Jerome and Rahsaan Sloan and Christopher Sloan-Washington; sisters Patty Smith, Jean Aldridge and Joyce Massad; and 14 grandchildren who called him “Pa Pa” and many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and other Family Members and Friends.
Impact Aid: parents discuss district matters

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Title VII information is available at the district website, www.s.MMPS.org. For more information contact Captain, 541-355-4200 for details.

Cougars youth tourney coming up


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2014 ~ A Year in Review

January

Tribal Council has been reviewing the possibility of the tribes entering the carbon sequestration market. The hope is that this could provide a new source of revenue—possibly a very good source—to the tribes.

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Certain forestry practices can be a method of carbon removal, thus storing carbon dioxide, and the disposal includes extensive forest land.

The Natural Resources Branch and legal staff have been studying the carbon sequestration market. “I think this could be a very good project for the tribes,” said Bobby Bruns, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch.

February

The Warm Springs Academy construction crews worked through a severe February.

Painters were at work inside the new 1300 B.C. classroom that is hosting the upcoming for the open house in March.

Construction is scheduled for completion in August, in time for the start of the 2014-15 school year. More than 700 students will be attending the academy in the fall. Meanwhile, the students decided on the mascot for the academy. They chose a tiger, a design drawn by Taylor Arthur, who was an eighth-grader at the time. Also in February...

Several departments were shutting down in early February, as a major winter weather event passed over the region.

There were several minor motor vehicle accidents, but no serious injuries. In sporting news...

April

A proposal in coal and oil transportation by rail and barge through the Columbia Gorge is growing concern among tribal officials. Natural Resources Branch General Manager Bobby Brunoe updated Tribal Council on those matters in April.

A coal export facility proposed for the Port or Morrow at Kah-Nee-Ta. New towers are being completed due to the weather. Also in February...

May

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has joined the annual Honor Songers Day in May. Viola Kalamu was honored at Sacto’s of the Year for 2014.

Viola was born in early July of 1921, at the area that is now Elmer Quinn Park. The area was used for Fourth of July celebrations.

Viola’s mother was Ida Palmer, and her father was Camer Wallahum. Growing up Viola lived on the reservation and in the Columbia River, where she learned from her grandmother SoAnn Palmer, Indian name Youbal.

From her grandmother Viola learned the Wasco language, and traditional basketry skills.

Growing up at the Coloma the help with the fishing, and dried and canned the salmon.

Staff from Oregon State University and the company Virtual Dna Operations Support (VDO) operated the UAV flight, coordinated with the hospitals and radio stations.

In other May news...

VIOLANCE: Elder of the Year

Edna Sonnes and her mother Viola, 2014 Senator of the Year

The Confederated Tribes this month hosted the first unmanned aerial vehicle fly-overs on the reservation.
As I reflect on last month’s Thanksgiving holiday, I can’t help but be grateful to our local communities for their support of our students and schools. Beginning with the passage of the school bond in 2012, through the creation of our new Strategic Plan, community members have stood by our District as champions and advocates for the children of Jefferson County. As we enjoy the final month of 2018, please join me in celebrating the upgrades to all of our buildings, our new Warm Springs K-8 Academy, along with the Madras High School Performing Arts Center and Sports Complex. These new facilities send a clear and powerful message to our students, teachers and staff. They remind us that this community values education and a brighter future for all of us. If you want to think and execute our amazing District team for their incredible work and dedication as well as each and every one of our students and their families. On behalf of our school board, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. We’ll see you in 2019.

— Rick Mollitor


Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs. Alfred Switzer, Respondent; Case No. CR912-14; DCDTX; NEW CHARGES; CR202-14; UUPCS  DTX; SC/FTA-SP; CR638-14; PDC  DTX; SC/FTC-SP; CR970-14; DCDTX; CR564-14; A&BDTX; SC/FTC-REL. COND. 

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs. Charles Halliday-Sanders, Respondent; Case No. CR929-14 - TO: Paula Graham 

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs. Caleb Jim, Respondent; Case No. CR916-14; CR162-14; DCDTX; CR202-14; UUPCS  DTX; SC/FTC-REL. COND. 

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Miss Warm Springs Pageant coming up after Christmas

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The contestants receive prizes for taking part in the pageant. The new Miss Warm Springs will receive a full beaded crown and banner.

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The Tribal Council staff organizes the Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

Contestants are asked to perform two tribal dances. They are asked to type essays on “Why I want to be Miss Warm Springs,” and “What will be my civic project for the community during my reign?”

The judges also look for poise, personal beauty, speaking ability and appearance.

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The pageant is held at the Community Center Gym and Social Hall at the Reservation.

Invitation to MHS Connections

Madras High School Connections is a group that meets in the afternoon of third Monday of each month. You can reach the school at 541-475-7365.

Check out the Community Health Programs Cooking Class on Monday, Dec. 22 at the EHC clinic kitchen. Stop between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The class takes about 20 to 30 minutes per person. The recipe is “Skinny Spinach and Arugula Dip.”

MHS Connections is for students, parents and school administrators to talk about what’s working and what’s not working at the high school. Contact Principal Sarah Bruma-Smith to learn more, or stop by the school the third Monday of each month.

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