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Ballfield project funding in place for 2019

Nearly all of the funding—close to \$900,000—is in place for the Warm Springs Ballfields project, scheduled for construction in early 2019. A final piece could be some additional funding for a second smaller restroom near the future multi-purpose fields.

Tribal executive management and Bruce Irwin, the tribe's devel-

opment director, have been working on this project for the past year. For the overall project, Oregon Parks and Recreation has provided part of the money, with the tribes providing the match.

Warm Springs Construction-Ventures will do some of the construction. The plan is for the Construction crews to work with the

Idaho National Guard in 2019 to build the new ball fields and adjacent amenities.

Warm Springs Recreation-Health and Human Services, Tribal Council and others have advocated for this great addition to the tribal sports facilities.

The new fields, food concession and restrooms will be on 17 acres

by the powwow field and Community Center.

There will be re-orientation and spacing of six ballfields, including junior and adult fields, and the Warm Springs Little League fields. Soccer fields will be incorporated into the softball outfields.

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Council nominations

The districts have made their nominations for the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes. The elections will be on April 4.

The Agency District nominees at this time are (the order given here alphabetically): Mike Clements. Austin Greene Jr. Leona Ike. Anita Jackson. Jeremiah Johnson. Cassie Katchia. Dan Martinez. Carina Miller. Jeff Sanders Jr. Wilfred Sando. Dustin Seyler. Glendon Smith. Randy Smith. Lola Sohappy. Valerie Switzler.

Note: Motion was made and seconded at the Agency District meeting to hold a preliminary vote, in advance of the general election, limiting the number of candidates to eight. The motion passed 29-18. There are presently 15 candidates. Details of conducting the primary are being worked out.

Meanwhile on Monday of this week, the Simnasho and Seekseequa districts made their Tribal Council nominations.

Those who were nominated and accepted for Simnasho are:

Levi Van Pelt, Raymond Tsumpti, Charles Calica, Ron Suppah, Sal Sahme, JP Patt, Jaylynn Suppah, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond Moody, Harold Pennington, Emerson Squiemphen, T.J. Foltz, Evaline Patt, Aurolyn Stwyer, and Pricilla Frank.

Seekseequa nominees are:

Reuben Henry, Lee Tom, Martha Winishut, Wilson Wewa, Gerald Tufti, and Brigitte McConville.

Candidates who were nominated must complete background checks and their eligibility to serve will be reviewed by Tribal Council for approval. (*Summaries of Agency and Simnasho are on pages 6 and 8. The Seekseequa summary was not yet available at print time.*)

A Home for the Holidays

At the dedication of the new home, Dahl'ana Antunez shared this sentiment: "I hope the family who lives here loves it as much as I loved building it."

Dahl'ana was speaking at the ribbon cutting of the new Dream Home in Madras. This year Dahl'ana and 30 other youth—many from Warm Springs—have been working with Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild.

Their latest Dream Home was the fourth and final YouthBuild addition to this particular neighborhood.

Dahl'ana's friend Selena Suppah was on hand for the dedication. Selena graduated from YouthBuild in October, and now lives in Bend, taking classes at Central Oregon Community College.

"It was fun for me," Selena says of the time she spent working on the house. "I found a passion for carpentry."

The girls first learned of YouthBuild through Bridges at the high school, when Heart of Oregon gave a presentation:



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Dahl'ana Smith, with baby Alessandro, and Selena Suppah at the new Youth-Built Dream Home.

They learned that through YouthBuild they can earn a high school diploma or GED, college credits plus and stipend. And YouthBuild provides the valuable

job skills in the construction field.

With the construction manager the students build houses from the foundation through the finish and detail work.

"It's was great," Dahl'ana says. There were hot days during summer, she says, and cold ones in the winter.

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Plateau, KNT the stories of 2018

There were rare occurrences for the tribes during 2018. One of the more interesting: Natural Resources-Wildlife discovered a pair of breeding wolves living in a remote area of the reservation.

The wildlife team first spotted the adult pair in January. Then in the summer their wildlife cameras caught images of the adult pair plus two wolf pups.

Wolves had been gone from the region for decades. The ones on the reservation are thought to have traveled here from Idaho.

Meanwhile: The Museum at Warm Springs in 2018 hosted the Treaty Conference, featuring pages of the actual Treaty of 1855, stored in temperature- and humidity-controlled casing, under 24-hour security.

The museum also welcomed the new executive director, author Elizabeth Woody, who started this month after the retirement of Carol Leone.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team saw the successful funding for the Small Business Incubator project. This will involve restoring and moving the old commissary historic structure.

The two-story structure, once relocated to a vacant spot by the highway, will house a cafe and Tananawit artists shop, business support services, and more businesses yet to be determined.

In tribal enterprise news, the Confederated Tribes opened the Plateau Travel Plaza on trust land at the Madras Industrial Park.

The Travel Plaza is a project of Indian Head Casino as approved by Tribal Council. The plaza creates dozens of new jobs, and an exciting expansion opportunity for the tribes.

This is a positive development for the tribes; and in most any other year would easily be the most memorable and important event

for the tribes.

Yet 2018 also saw a memorable development that was not good.

Kah-Nee-Ta had been open since the 1960s. But for the past several years the resort was relying on a subsidy from the tribes in order to remain open.

This had become untenable with no clear path as to how the operation might turn around.

Outside investors have shown an interest in joining the tribes in renovating the resort, in order to compete with the many other resorts in the region.

This has so far proven difficult, as the agreement would have to benefit both to the tribes and the investor.

The Council and management continue weighing the options, with the hope of better times for Kah-Nee-Ta in 2019.

— Dave McMechan



Wishing Warm Springs Merry Christmas ~ from the artist Travis Bobb, Santa and the Spilyay!



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Letters to the editor

NDN Nite Out

The Recreation Department will host the Christmas NDN Nite Out on Thursday evening, December 20 at the Community Center. Christmas dinner is at 5:15 p.m. in the Social Hall, and the Social Powwow will be at 6 in the gym.

All drummers and dancers are welcome. Master of Ceremonies is Ray ‘Captain’ Moody. There will be raffle prizes and gifts. Bring your hand drum for one set. You can reach Recreation at 541-553-3243.

Births

Allalena Veraeha Smith

Clinton Smith Sr. and Martika Saludo-Kelly of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Allalena Veraeha Smith, born on December 4, 2018.

Allalena joins brothers Clinton Jr., 9, Kishwakai, 7, and Jerald Smith, 5; and sister Maria Jane, 7.

Grandparent on the father’s side is Veronica Goveia-Smith of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Arnetta Saludo of Warm Springs, and Al Kelly of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Aldric Ronee Ike

Marvin J. Ike Jr. and Myrtle L. Suppah of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Aldric Ronee Ike, born on November 28, 2018.

Aldric joins brothers Aaron Jr., 15, Andrew, 11, and Jacob, 7; and sisters Vanessa 17, and Addilyn, 23

months.

Grandparent on the father’s side is Marvin Ike Sr.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Lilly Bill and Ron Suppah.

Jaycelynn Allen

Jayce Allen and Renee Miller of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jaycelynn, born on December 5, 2018.

Jaycelynn joins brother Onel, 10; and sisters Amilia, 8, Jayda, 11, and Jenasis, 7.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Sheila and Leroy.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Michele and Emerson.

Around the rez for the holidays

This week and next week the tribes are celebrating the holidays with, among things, a toy giveaway, and concerts at the Warm Springs Academy. Here is the schedule:

This Wednesday, December 19: Warm Springs Toy Drive distribution at the Youth Center.

Also this Wednesday: *The Last-Minute Christmas Bazaar* from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

And this Wednesday evening: The Warm Springs Academy Middle School Band Concert at 6 p.m.

Then on **Friday, December 21:** Warm Springs Academy Third-Fifth Grade Music Concert, 2:30 p.m.

Organization schedule

Monday, December 24: Early shutdown at 12 noon.

Tuesday, December 25: Tribal organization closed in

observation of Christmas Day. Monday, January 31: Tribe early shutdown at 12 noon. Tuesday, January 1 - New Year’s day: Tribal organization closed.

Financial skills

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is offering their Financial Skills for Families Course this Saturday, December 22.

The one-day class will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Action Team office on campus. To register call 541-553-3148. This course is a requirement for IDA program participants.

Winter shelter

The Jefferson County winter shelter provides a safe cold weather shelter this winter in Madras.

The shelter will be open at the First Baptist Church, located on Sixth Street during December. Hours are from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. on especially cold nights. Call 541-325-2478 to find out if the shelter will be open.

New Year’s Eve

The Simnasho community will host the New Year’s Eve Celebration and Powwow at the longhouse. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by Washut.

The traditional powwow, social dancing and games start at 7:30. The specials are: Mother & Baby in Board Recognition, Men’s Round Bustle and the Musical Bench Championship of the World.

They will welcome the New Year with a song and new footprints around the longhouse. Everyone is welcome.

YouthBuild: recruiting for 2019 session

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“I worked for eight months while I was pregnant,” Dahl’ana says. It was not easy and yet, “This was just what I needed for my future.”

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is a yearlong program, requiring a serious commitment. While difficult, the challenge can be inspiring. At the ribbon-cutting last week, construction manager James Collins recalled 2017 YouthBuild graduate Rodger Jack.

Mr. Jack would drive to the construction site in Madras from his home in Simnasho. “He had a 95 percent attendance rate,” Collins said.

Rodger earned national recognition, earning the Heart of Oregon Spirit of Service of Award. He received the award at the ceremony in Rhode Island. “He was very proud of that award, as well he should be,” Mr. Collins said.

YouthBuild graduates often go on to successful careers in construction, he said.

The 2018 YouthBuild students are Dahl’ana and Selena, Elysebeth Scott-Boise, Kristan Smith, Chance Stwyer, Devon Suppah, Ulyssa Suppah and Trinite Tall. The Pre-YouthBuild students are



Dahl’ana and Selena with the YouthBuild team at the ribbon cutting.

Nakota Gray and Tyrone Medrano.

Partners working with Heart of Oregon YouthBuild are Simplicity by Hayden Homes, NeighborImpact and Housing Works.

Now recruiting

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is recruiting youth ages 16-24 years for the winter 2019 cohort, starting January 21.

Through the AmeriCorps service at YouthBuild the student can earn the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award worth \$1,566 towards post-secondary goals.

There is a 12-month commitment to the program, followed by a year of follow-up services.

You must attend one of these information sessions

to be considered for the YouthBuild Program. (Please bring a government issued photo ID, birth certificate, and Social Security card to the information session.)

- YouthBuild program, **Tuesday, January 8**, 5-6:30 p.m., 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.
- **Thursday, January 10**, 5-6:30 p.m., Prineville.
- **Tuesday, January 15**, 5-6:30 p.m., YouthBuild in Sisters.

Please reach out to YouthBuild at 541-526-1380. Or email: katie.bauer@heartoforegon.org

For information contact **Katie**, program assistant, by email, or call 541-526-1380.

Energy help

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds are available in Warm Springs.

Go by the Social Services the Commodity Warehouse for an application.

Apologies

To the community of Warm Springs,

I take this opportunity to say I am sorry for the bad choices I made October 12. I used bad judgment, leading to my driving after drinking in bars in Madras. This

is not acceptable behavior for anyone at any time. I know now that I put many people in danger.

To my family and friends, I’m sorry for my actions that put me in jail. I am taking steps now to change my life for the better, for myself and my kids. I would love to be in their lives more often. To the community and family, I am sorry and pray to improve my life from here on out. **Aaron James Strong.**

I send my apologies to the Eagle Crossing and the workers who served me. My ac-

tions were wrong. I apologize, and hope you forgive me. Thank you.

Jessica Polk

Tip line

The Warm Springs Police Department has an anonymous crime tip line. Call 541-553-2202.

Call this number if you have information about criminal activity, and wish to report without identifying yourself. Please leave a message.

There is no caller ID used on this line. You can remain completely anonymous.

A note to Tribal Council candidates

Dear Tribal Council candidates:

Congratulations on your nomination. April 4 is election day for the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will be providing information about the candidates to membership, with a special edition of the newspaper and candidate interviews on KWSO.

You can submit a written statement and a photo to the Spilyay by Thursday, February 28. If you don’t have a photo to submit, we can take the picture. You can also email the statement and photo to: david.mcmechan@wstribes.org

Or stop by the Media Center at 4174 Highway 3 in Warm Springs.

You can schedule an interview with KWSO in January or February 2019. Please call 541-553-1968 to schedule a time. The interview will take 15-20 minutes.

At the end of each week we will post interviews to kwsos.org

And in March 2019 we will broadcast edited versions of all candidate interviews on our Warm Springs Program.

We are asking each candidate the following questions:

- Do you support the implementation of a water fee for Warm Springs residents to help fund infrastructure needs, and why or why

not?

- Describe the need for tribal enterprise revenue growth.
- In 20 years, What quote would you like attributed to you about the immediate challenges facing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs?
- How would you describe what healthy families and flourishing youth should look like?
- What is your understanding of valuing our resources—Natural, Cultural and Human?

Thank you for considering this request. Please contact us if you have any questions.

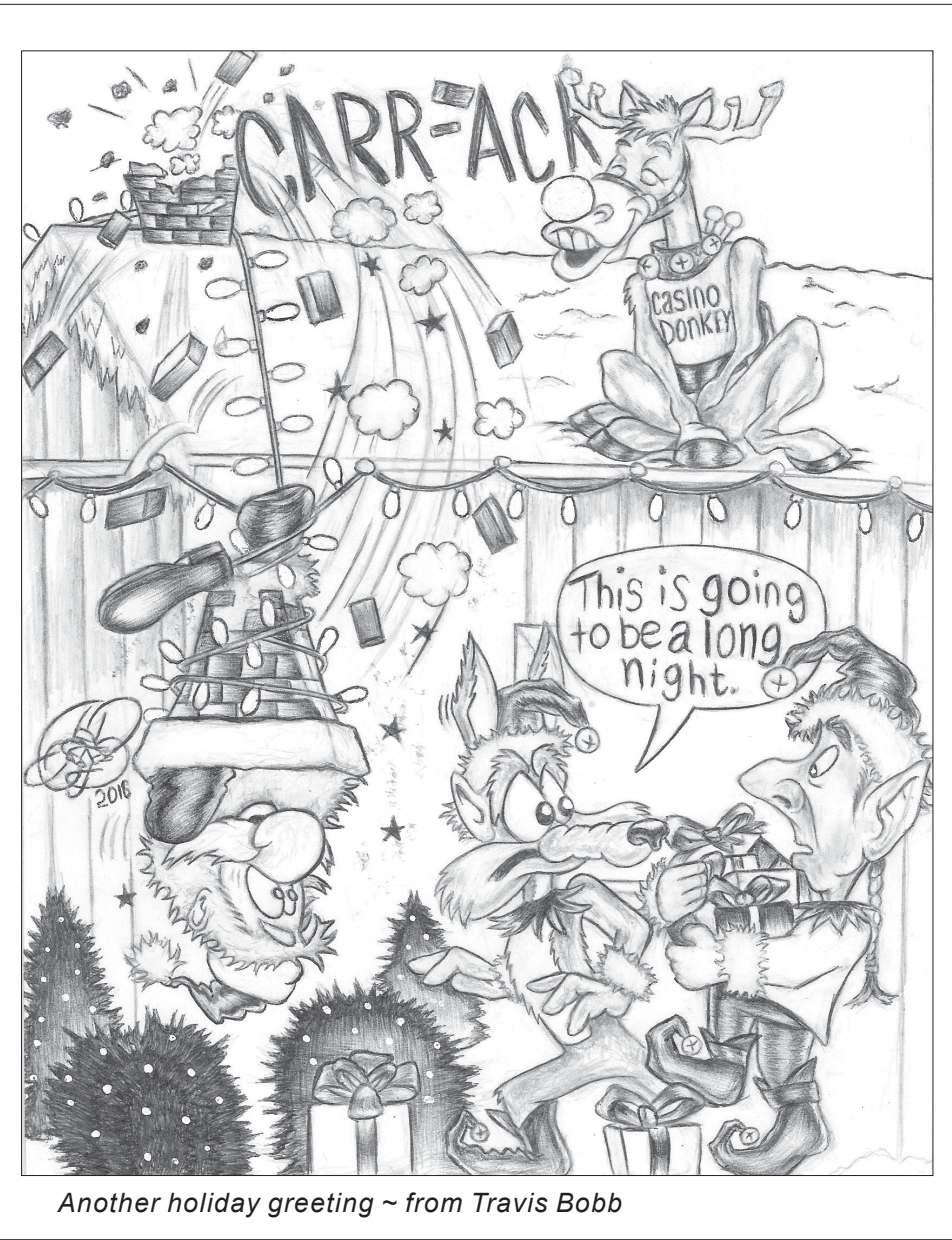
Dave McMechan, Spilyay editor, and Sue Matters, KWSO station manager.

To students

All students can start applying for 2019-20 FAFSA with your 2017 tax return.

Contact Carroll Dick at Higher Education if you have any questions or need any assistance. Apply now through March 1 to earn more grants for school.

Tribal scholarship recipients are required to apply for at least five other scholarships in addition to the FAFSA. Higher Education has a list you may qualify for.



Another holiday greeting ~ from Travis Bobb

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