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The federal lands conveyed to the tribes are within the 10 million acres of the tribes’ Ceded Lands. The exchange shows the coordinated effort by the tribes, BLM and BPA to work together toward the common goal of providing for more efficient land management for all agencies and the public.
The Confederated Tribes are a natural resource trustees of the bison site. Council adopted a resolution designating a creek and meadow on the reservation at Toto Creek and Toto Meadow. The resolution, no. 12,812, reads in part: ‘High on the slope of Mount Jefferson in the southeast corner of the Warm Springs Reservation lies a small creek and a small meadow that are currently without official geographic names. The small creek flows down from Whisner Glacier in an easterly direction into a pine and fir forest at 6,000 feet elevation. The creek passes through a small, gravel meadow, then proceeds easterly and northeasterly to a small pond, where it meets Parker Creek.”

The Warm Springs Tribal Branch of Natural Resources Geographical Information Systems Center will identify the precise locations of each of the geographic features. Council agreed to an updated charter for the Museum at Warm Springs. Council adopted the original charter in 1975, with updates in 1987 and 1992. Following the update, this spring provided an updated draft charter, and Council adopted the updated version.

The following are positions posted by the Confederated Tribes Personnel Department. You can reach the department at 541-553-3262.

Wildlife technician. Fisheries tech. Branch of Natural Resources. Summer youth jobs (eight positions).

Public Safety general manager. Medical social worker.

Community health nurse. Corrections officer (five positions).


Here is a recent list of positions open at Indian Head Casino.

Improvments for the museum.

Whereas the preservation and perpetuation of the history of the Confederated Tribes is of central importance to the tribe, and

Whereas the Confederated Tribes originally charted the Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society in 1974 by Resolution no. 4084 to plan for and develop a tribal museum and oversee the collection of tribal artifacts; and

Whereas the charter was subsequently amended by the Council on January 7, 1974, Resolution no. 4422 in 1974, Resolution 7441 in 1978, and Resolution 8476 in 1992; and

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Whereas the museum was established by the Tribes in the spring of 1987, and

Whereas the Tribal Council continues to support the museum in order to preserve Tribal history; and

Whereas the museum is currently housing 30 years of operation and the museum’s Archives and Collections contain the most important and valuable improvements to better serve the community of Warm Springs and the ears of the collections and archives; and

Whereas such needed improve-ments would be in the form of new, larger storage capacity; to place conservation equipment, such freezers, which meet Smithsonian Museum standards, as the original museum was in need of such equipment and provide for the historical preservation and display of Native American artifacts, and

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Seniors Lunch is also for

Seniors Lunch this Wednesday, July

Pick up your Seniors Lunch this Wednesday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greely Heights community building.

On the menu: salmon loaf, wild rice, asparagus and cranberry sauce.
Great quality drinking water on Mondays

The Warm Springs Economic Development Source Global water center is open Mondays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by to pick up some free jugs of source water, or get your refill, both are free of charge.

The water comes from the Warm Springs Irrigation District water to the center water building, located at the industrial park on Holiday Street, past the Warm Springs Ventures-Economic Development offices.

Source Global is based in Arizona. It’s a public benefit corporation, creating sustainable drinking water infrastructures for communities in the U.S. and around the world.

Their technology involves the break-up of solar hydroparals: The panels harness solar power to condense water from the air.

Their technology provides drinking water solutions to communities and the Warm Springs Economic Development and Source Global. The two companies are owned by the same group of shareholders.

On the Tribal Council agenda during July

- 9 a.m.: Tribe update with Michele Sohappy
- 9:30 a.m.: Tribal Court update with Chief Judge Liza Lomato
- 9:45 a.m.: High Lookout Lodge update
- 10:30 a.m.: Public Safety update with Nancy Seyler
- 10:45 a.m.: Natural Resources update with Robert Bruneau
- 11 a.m.: Administrative Services update with the Secretary-Treasurer
- 11:30 a.m.: Procurement update with Libby Chase
- 1:30 p.m.: Tribal Court update with Judge Liza Lomato
- 3:30 p.m.: High Lookout Lodge update
- 4:30 p.m.: Historic Fish Commission meeting
- 4:45 p.m.: Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO update with Wendell Jim
- 5:30 p.m.: Graduation from Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO update

Tribes set zone 6 July fisheries

- The four Columbia River tribes have set the following fishery plan, and the Columbia River Compact concurred. The plan applies to the Zone 6 commercial gillnet fisheries. The initial fishery is from the present through 6 p.m. this Thursday, July 15. The second fishery will be from 6 a.m. on Monday, July 19 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 22.

- The goal is to set and shift gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction. Allowable sales are as follows:
  - Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, white bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allotted to be sold after the period closes.
  - Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool, and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence.

- Closed areas: River mouth and closed areas applicable to gillnets in effect. The Sprout Creek hatchery closed area is not in effect in the summer management period.

- Subsistence fisheries and fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam consult the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources Fisheries for current regulations in these areas.

- If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance on fishing regulations, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 541-386-6363, or toll free 800-487-4334 (T4H4). Carry your tribal identification.

Summons: Jury Duty

Notiﬁcation to serve on the following individuals listed below:

- You are hereby notiﬁed to appear before the Tribal Court of the Warm Springs Tribe on a jury on each Thursday during the months of July and August, 2021.

- You will be summoned to appear at 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 30.

- Jury duty will: Be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during your assigned hours each day.

Water systems report

The most recent Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Annual Consumer Confidence Report for their respective water plants, and their respective water systems, is now available. This is the annual required report of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The reports are posted publicly at the Warm Springs Utilities, 1000 Jones Lane, and at the Warm Springs Utilities office.

- At the Ventures-Source station, Michelle Lira fits a jug for the Media Center office.

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The program has led to a 98-percent high school graduation rate for participating students, a rate that surpasses the state’s graduation rate for Native American students. Additionally, approximately 94 percent of the students in the program go on to college.

Child tax credit

The Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan provides the largest child tax credit and refundable tax relief to the most working families ever. Most families will receive the emergency all months by having payments within months. All working families below specific income limits will get their tax credits paid out automatically. You do not need to sign up or take any action. Beginning this month, people will receive the child tax credit in monthly payments.

For SNAP

Most people who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—SNAP—benefits will receive emergency allotments this month. The federal government has approved emergency allotments for every month since March 2022, to give SNAP recipients additional support during the Covid-19 pandemic. Emergency allotments became available on this week, July 13 and SNAP households.

New SNAP households will receive the emergency allotments July 30 or Aug. 2. New SNAP households may not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards.

Scholarships

The American Indian College Fund provides scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year, ONAC Student Academic Award will range from $2,500 to $5,000. For additional details, and to apply, please visit onac.org/resources/scholarships.

ONAC will accept applications until the August 31. To apply, the applicant must complete the application of scholarship award and must be issued by August 31.

Birth

Cody Switzer and Hillary Camas of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Adria Switzler on July 2, 2021, to parents, Audri joins brothers J.J., 10, and JoJo, 7; and sister Jeba, 2.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Danielle Wood of Warm Springs, and Victor Switzler Sr. of Warm Springs. Grandparents on the mother’s side are Eugina Camas of Warm Springs and Victor Switzler Sr. of Warm Springs.

Native program

Central Oregon Commu- nity College received a grant that will help fund the college’s Native American college program, Pac- cOOC wishes to thank the Native American students.

The chosen artist will help create a court mural. Submit your ideas to Mallory at cmoenke@co.cc.ou.edu.

Basketball court mural

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Agent Orange exposure and Veterans Affairs disability compensation

Agent Orange was a rac- ional herbicide the U.S. mili- tary used to clear leaves and vegetation for military opera- tions during the Vietnam War. Veterans who were ex- posed to Agent Orange may have certain related illnesses. Veterans Affairs has added three more presumptive con- ditions related to Agent Orange: Bladder cancer. Hypothyroidism. Parkinson disease.

Agent Orange exposure is a presumptive condition for VA disability compensation, but it was caused by Agent Orange exposure, you can still file a claim for VA disability benefits. But you’ll need to submit more evidence: Keep reading to learn about service requirements and supporting evi- dence.

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You have a presumption of exposure if you meet at least one of the service re- quirements listed below:

- Between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1973, you must have served for any length of time at least one of these locations:
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Fire under investigation

The Confederated Tribes and PGE, as the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project, announce the opening of a solicitation process for their 2023 Fisherman Workshop. The workshop will be at 9 am on Thursday, July 22, virtually via Portland General Electric’s Zoom. This annual workshop is an opportunity to hear the latest updates on the tribal fisheries restoration project managers and other experts in the Deschutes Basin. Presentations will cover the implementation of lamprey to the rivers, water quality studies, smolt survival, our new stress relief treatment facility, and more. For more information, visit the website: portlandgeneral.com/zoom.

Job openings as marina business has new owners

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, Oregon, is now also operating the Lake Simnasho Resort and the Marina on behalf of Mr. Hoody Ski Resort Development, LLC. Mr. Hoody Ski Resort Development, LLC is also the owner of the Simnasho Wastewater Treatment Facility with Chico Springs, Oregon. The Tribal Council has hired Mr. Hoody Ski Resort Development, LLC, to manage and operate the Lake Simnasho Resort and Marina.

Fire in the region brings smokey air quality

The smoke air above the reservation and the region has moved faster than a fire burning in Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

The Grandfries broke out early this week south of Tumalo. The fire, west of Crooked River Ranch, east of Black Butte and North of Sisters, was finally spread through grass and juniper.

Pelton-Round Butte fisheries 2021 workshop

Resolution No. 12,823 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO or their designee to sign and execute the BIRF loan interest suspension and authorization of the BIRF loan interest suspension and authorization to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12,824 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO or their designee to sign and execute the BIRF loan interest suspension and authorization to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12,825 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12,826 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO or their designee to sign and execute the BIRF loan interest suspension and authorization to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

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Resolution No. 12,828 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12,829 that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to execute the necessary documents for and on behalf of the Tribes. Signed by Wilson, Discussion, Glendon/yes, Jos/yes, Captain/yes, Briggs/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
Alterating water spill at dams to cool water for fish

Water and salmon managers opted this month to halt normal summer spill operations at two dams on the Lower Snake in a desperate attempt to ease water temperatures in deepening gravel beds in the miles of a blistering heat wave. If the strategy works, temperatures at Hell’s Canyon and Little Goose dams will be incrementally cooled in the short term, and the fish and water managers will extend their cool the Lower Snake for as long as possible.

But the operation that could help adult sockeye over the next few weeks has one critical and possibly fatal flaw. The strategy is complicated: Preventing high temperatures from reaching the coldest to the new world in the sixteenth century. Native peoples have known the intimates of racial discrimination, social class and race. Those who were not 'chief' seen as dirty, savage and unimportant. This bias and misconceptions permeate the legal system and when it comes to perceptions of innocence and guilt—prosecutors use a filtration of the media, seemingly directed by the media. The myth of the perfect victim

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As the reservation fire season is well underway, we’ll hear about one or more nearby wildfires—and that can be frightening. Understanding what to do to increase your safety can help address that fear.

At some point you may be put on evacuation alert, or ordered by fire officials to evacuate. Their advice on how to prepare:

- Upon evacuation, bring emergency food and water; and an emergency medicine supply.
- Beforehand, make a plan to keep medications that need refrigeration cold.
- Emergency power sources for medical devices and flashlights can be essential. If you’re unvaccinated against covid, bring your face covering and hand sanitizer. Remember, though, face coverings do not protect against wildfire smoke.
- Bring important documents, including medical documents, proof of vaccination, wills, passports and personal identification.
- Are you traveling by car? Reduce smoke in your vehicle by closing your windows and vents and running your car’s air conditioner in recirculate mode.

Preparing to evacuate during reservation wildfire season

Debby by the Museum at Warm Springs this summer and see Into the Fray: Native American Wildland Fire-fighters of Warm Springs and Beyond. The exhibit highlights the history and contemporary activities of the Native wildland firefighters. On this page are some of the logos of the Warm Springs fire teams, and those of tribal agencies; plus some of the equipment used by the firefighters.

Into the Fray includes personal narratives, and on-the-scene photographs of the crews as they work their trade. The exhibit will be on display through the fire season until late September.

Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo

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Music

Around Indian Country
Showing the resilience of language

Decades after saber-toothed cat bones were discovered in Oregon, two scientists realized they belonged to a previously unidentified species. Cayuse scholars helped name the felines, pointing out how their language—considered extinct—exists to this day.

There are no longer any fluent Cayuse speakers, and only a few records that document the language. But using Cayuse words to name the giant feline shows that the life of a language is not limited to its inclusion in a large dictionary or volume of text, said linguist Phillip Cash, Cayuse-Nez Perce.

The full name of the new cat, using Cayuse words, is Machairodus lahayishupup.

Mr. Cash took on the task of finding a Cayuse name for the cat, searching through documents of the original language, looking for “any correlation to cat or cat species.”

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Threatened by wildfire?

Local law enforcement orders evacuations, but there are steps you can take to prepare yourself and your family at each level of evacuation.

LEVEL 1: GET READY
Prepare yourself, monitor the situation, study important documents and valuables.

LEVEL 2: GET SET
Be set to evacuate at a moment’s notice.

LEVEL 3: GO!
Evacuate immediately.

‘Into the Fray’ at Museum
**Along the Safety Corridor**

View of the Highway 26 construction project from the area of the Museum at Warm Springs, looking toward Indian Head Casino.

**Columbia temperatures**

As a summer like no other pushes water temperatures to dangerous levels for salmon to the Columbia and Snake Rivers, Washington state announced it will uphold the Washington Department of Ecology’s authority to compel action at dams and reservoirs to combat hot water pollution. Ecology in May 2020 exercised its authority under the Clean Water Act to regulate temperature in the river according to standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Elsewhere:

**Klamath water crisis**

In a big step toward the removal of four PacifiCorp dams on the Klamath River, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, recently approved the transfer of the license for the Lower Klamath Hydroelectric Project from PacifiCorp to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, as well as the states of California and Oregon, who will be co-licenssees.

The approval of the transfer takes place at a critical year for imperiled salmon populations on the Klamath River, the second largest producer of salmon behind the Sacramento River in California. Biologists from the Yurok and Karuk Tribes have documented a massive fish kill of juvenile Chinook salmon on the Klamath since early May in this record drought year.

**IHS updates its covid vaccine distribution**

The national office of the Indian Health Service updated its coronavirus data as of early-mid July. As of that time, the IHS had distributed 1,759,715 covid vaccine doses across the eleven areas of Indian Country. The Oklahoma City Area continues to account for the most vaccines received (441,403) and administered (366,102). The Navajo Area comes in second (252,305 distributed, 232,644 administered), while the California Area comes in third (221,055 distributed, 153,713 administered).

Tribal health facilities in Alaska have chosen to receive their covid vaccine supplies from the state, so their region is not included in the data. The IHS was distributing vaccine allocations of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. The Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines were on backorder.

**Oregon**

Starting July 13, 2021, all Oregonians 12 years and older can receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Oregonians who are 16 and older can also get vaccinated at all mass vaccination locations.

**Oregon Night Out**

**Queens Night Out**

**Jacks Night Out**

**INDIAN HEAD CASINO**

**WEDNESDAYS**

4PM - 11PM

$10 in Slot Play, Match Play & 50 Bonus Entries into the Weekend Drawings!

Only Ladies Players’ Club card members are eligible for Queens Night Out

**THURSDAYS**

4PM - 11PM

$10 in Slot Play, Match Play & 50 Bonus Entries into the Weekend Drawings!

Only Gentlemen Players’ Club card members are eligible for Jacks Night Out.