A new beginning at the Village

The Kab-Nee-Ta Resort enterprise is partnering with Mt. Hood Skibowl to bring back the popular Kab-Nee-Ta Village designation and to expand the natural hot springs and recreational experiences for healing the body and soul.

Tribal Council approved funding of $4.58 million to bring back the popular Kab-Nee-Ta Village. The renovation work will include greatly expanding the authentic hot springs soaking experiences in the residential pool area and adding a spa and RV lodging area.

The council also approved $1.5 million in infrastructure funding to support the water system that serves Kab-Nee-Ta and local community. The tribe is using funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

Like many others, Charles Jackson, elder, former tribal executive and former Kab-Nee-Ta resort’s executive vice president, was pleased to see the Village reopen.

“In the early 1970s our vision was to develop the opportunity to develop a unique resort attraction in the Kab-Nee-Ta Village, and to bring the Warm Springs Reservation on the map as a major destination,” Mr. Jackson said.

“My first real wage-earning job as a youth was at the maintenance kid and lifeguard at Kab-Nee-Ta. I remember visitors eagerly waiting to be served at the weekly traditional salmon bake and essaying about the River Room Restaurant’s famous huckleberry cheesecake,” Jackson said.

“Credit goes to current Tribal Council and other members of the local community for their support and decision to revitalize this Oregon landmark, create local jobs for our tribal youth and begin to rebuild the Reservation’s economy devastated by the Covid pandemic."

The Kab-Nee-Ta Resort enterprise is partnering with Mt. Hood Skibowl to develop and manage the Kab-Nee-Ta Village with the opening planned for 2023.

Project employment opportunities are estimated at over 30 full-time and over 80 part-time positions during the six-month busy season, said Jim Scaife, chief executive officer of the Warm Springs Economic Development Corp. The rest of the year the new Village is expected to support over 35 full-time and more than 20 part-time employees.

Mt. Hood Skibowl, working with Warm Springs Economic Development, created a multi-phase plan for the Kab-Nee-Ta property.

“Tribal Council directed us to focus on the first phase of the plan—to reopen and breathe new life into the Kab-Nee-Ta Village,” Mr. Scaife said.

“This phase brings the family style Village back to life while returning us to what it always was, a place that contributes to the wellness of those who experience it’s natural mineral hot springs water. Added to that are the great recreational activities the property supports."

The natural mineral water hot springs along the Warm Springs River have drawn visitors to the Kab-Nee-Ta Village for decades, until it had to close in 2018.

The Confederated Tribes developed the Village in the early 1960s as a day-use area with an Olympic-size swimming pool and spring walking.

The Village will once again offer visitors the opportunity to interact with the Reservation community’s natural attributes, experience the hot springs, take in the sun filled days, and enjoy a variety of recreational activities.

For more information on the project go to kabneeta.com.

Commissary to be new business incubator

A construction crew is working in the campus area, preparing the site for the Community Action Team Small Business Incubator project.

The construction contractor is Kathy Nagelhout, based in Bend. Coming up this spring, a sub-contractor will move the Commodities building to the new site.

The building is currently located by the Port Office and the Police Department.

The new location will be at the corner of Highway 26 and Pamo Street.

The Commodities building is thought to be the oldest existing structure on the reservation, dating back to the mid 19th century.

As the name suggests, the building many years ago was used for BIA Commodities.

More recently, Natural Resources used the structure for offices.

Adhesive and lead paint repairs happened a few weeks ago.

The Community Action Team small business incubator plan calls for the complete renovation of the two-story Commodities building over the next year.

There will be a cafe and office space, including for the Action Team small business coaches.

The Tanimowii artists co-op will have a shop in the building this month.

The building will have more retail space, and outdoor food service.

You can learn more about the initial planning that went into this project by checking out KWSO’s YouTube Channel in a video titled WSCMT Commissary Project.

Commissary construction site by the highway, and conceptual sketch (below) of the future incubator building with outdoor additions.

Two years after covid first showed up in region

The first cases of Covid-19 were found in the state of Oregon two years ago this month. In the early part of March 2020, there were healthy five known cases, with none in Jefferson County. By the end of that month the Warm Springs Academy, the Community Action Team, the Warm Springs School, and several restaurants were closed to the public.

And the Tribal Council, state of Oregon and other jurisdictions across the world declared states of emergency because of the virus.

By April of 2020 the tribal organization was closed except for essential employees.

The first month of the pandemic were the most complicated, because no tests were yet available. Then by the end of 2020, the tests were widely available, with the Warm Springs Clinic running one of the better testing programs.

And just as 2020 was ending, the vaccines began available.

The tribes now have an employee vaccine mandate, with mandatory and religious exemptions.

Two years into covid, cases are now on the decline among the tribal community (see below).
Dedication of homeless shelter

As gatherings may resume, food handlers needed

Warm Springs Environmental Health does not currently have an instructor for food handlers classes. With community festivities potentially beginning to resume for the first time since the COVID shut-down, people’s food handler’s cards need to be renewed.

Anyone interested in food handlers training with certificates can go to the Indian Health Service website. The training and certificate are free:

ihs.gov/foodhandler/

Or go to the Oregon state website link. There is a $10 fee:

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Coming up on Tribal Council agenda

**Friday, March 11**
9 a.m.: Human Resources update with acting director Carol Funk.
9:30 Finance update with Joe George.
10: Government Affairs update with the OTC.
10:30: Managed Care update with Libby Chase.
11: Administration Services update with the OTC.
11:30: Procurement update with Libby Chase.
2: Tribal Court update with Gordon and Fahl.
2:30 Public Safety update with acting general manager Nancy Seyler.
3:30: Natural Resources update branch general manager Robert Bruno.

**Wednesday, March 16**
9 a.m. Health and Human Services update with general manager Caroline Cone.
9:30 Education update with Val-beata, branch general manager.
10: Public Utilities update with general manager Cathy Holliday.
10:30: Tribal Employment Rights update with Wendell Jim.
2: Gaming Commission/Surveillance update with Josephine Spillius.
3:30: Administration Services update with Doris Miller.
Friday, March 18
10:30 a.m.: Weekly check-in with Blue Stone.

**Monday, March 21**
9 a.m.: Credit Enterprise update with Lori Farno.
10:30: IT/Accounting, 3: continuing discussion with Tom Friend.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, March 22 and 23**
Open agendas.

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2022 Primary Election ballots mailing next month

Ballots are going out next month for the May 17 Primary Election. Regarding the vote, the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office would like to share this important voting information:

According to the same Vote by Mail Manual, misprints or ab- breviations of write-in names are disregarded by the Election Board if the board cannot determine who the vote is intended for. For ex- ample: a first initial is not sufficient to determine who the vote is intended for, but a common ab- breviation of a first name is allowed (such as Bob for Rob- ert). In Jefferson County, there are 14,360 registered voters. The regis- tration numbers by party are Republican, 5,464; Democrat, 5,170; Independent, 825; Non-affiliated, 4,511. Other minor party: 361.

There are presently, 1,443 registered voters in the Warm Springs area precinct. Here is a timeline for the up- coming Primary Election:

April 1: Military and overseas ballots go out.
April 8: Out of state ballots mailed.
April 26: Last day to register to vote, change your political party or register as nonaffiliated.
April 27: Ballots mailed out.
May 17: Ballots must be in an official drop box or received by the Jefferson County Elections Office by 8 p.m.
June 7: Election Day or postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service to be counted. No postage is needed on the mail-in ballots.

If you have not received your ballot by some days after April 27, you can call the clerk’s office at 541-475-4451.

There will be a 24-hour drop site in Warm Springs, on Wasco Street by Fire and Safety. Other drop- boxes are at the County Clerk’s Office, the Senior Citizens Center, and at Crooked River Ranch. Public certification of the county’s ballot tally will begin on Thursday, May 5 at 11 a.m. at the Jefferson County Annex conference room. The public is wel- come.

Remember to sign your return envelope. A ballot will not be counted unless the return envelope is signed and the signature matches the signature on the voter registration record. Some other infor- mation from the clerk’s office:

Voters who change affiliation or register close to the real-estate date may receive two ballots. Only the ballot issued to that individual that influences the most recent voter regis- tration information will be counted.

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State of Oregon covid, mandates update

Two years into the Covid-19 pandemic, Oregonians want a review of how the Or- egon Health Authority handled it.

As case counts on the de- cline, and state mandates are set to be rolled back soon, some law- makers think it’s a good time for a thorough look back at how the state and federal mandates are set.

For Jefferson County, in- cluding Warm Springs, the unemploy- ment rate for the first part of this year fell to 5.1 percent, down from down from 5.3 percent at the end of last year. The unemployment rate is far above national levels.

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Community notes...

The Young Life Club meets Thursday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 in the Roosler room next to the old Warm Springs Elementary School. The club is for youth in grades through ninth grade, you can contact Earl Summ at 541-815-0922 to learn more.

The Madras Aquatic Center is taking registrations for its Spring Break Day Camp. The camp is for ages 4 to 12, and will be Monday through Friday, March 22-25. Sign up for either the 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. or the 1-6 p.m. session. Reg- ister online at macrecdistrict.com.

Friday, March 11 is Senior Breakfast instead of Lunch for delivery or pick up at the Grouse Heights Community Building.
$600 for low income workers

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Tribes’ water panels a model project

The Confederated Tribes' solar water panel field, a project of Warm Springs Economic Development, is serving as a model for other communities facing water shortages.

The tribes' panel field, and those opening in places like South Arabia and Australia, are mentioned as the successful examples.

“Weto seeing 150 gallons a day on average,” Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation CEO Jim Soares said in a recent interview with Phoenix, Arizona, where a new Source panel field just went online.

Arizona, like Oregon, is experiencing a prolonged drought. This prompted Halsey to the installation of the new Source Global water panel field.

Warm Springs Economic Development has been operating the tribes’ Source field for many years. The field is located at the industrial park, near the Warm Springs tribe.

The tribes’ field is open by on Mondays and refill or pick up new bottles at the high-quality water.

Each of the water panels weighs about 150 pounds dry, but gets heavier as they slowly fill with water absorbed from the surrounding atmosphere. Interestingly, there is much room for improvement. You can stay on the field and refill it all day.

The panels use solar power to draw the water from the air.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team, and some residents also use the Source water panels. These help ease the demand on the tribal domestic water system, which can over-use, especially during the summer months.

Great teamwork at Equine event

It’s a big change, I would like the time to express my gratitude to the elders, Marcia Minthorn and Russell Jackson Sr., for their support, and the Natural Resources Range and Agriculture Department, Aaron Smith Jr., Reba Greenhal and Team, for setting up the livestock panels enabling the Health Harems with Good Medicine Equine event to take place.

I would like to express my appreciation to Winnie Hollen and her sons for cooking and preparing the meals, and Judy Charity’s support.

The Healing Harems with Good Medicine Equine event took place November 5-6, 2021 in front of the old elementary school cafeteria.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Lyndal Suppah and Brian Woore for the great team work and awesome jobs keeping up the positive teamwork and momentum with the participants and community members.

The event is possible through the generous help of the volunteers. Thank you all for implementing the wonderful teamwork and keeping the positive momentum flowing. This is what makes a

Great opportunities for students

Youth earn their high school diploma, GED or college credits while learning job and leadership skills and get paid.

Interested youth can apply by March 28, and attend a pre-enrollment info session offered from 5:30 p.m. on this Wednesday or next Wednesday, March 9 and 14. The location is 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

For more information, visit snyder.myschoolcdn.com.

YouthBuild students are also available. Call 1-541-526-1380 for more information.

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GeoVisions hiring field technicians

Warm Springs Geo-Vi- sions is currently looking for Part-Time Field Technicians to conduct archaeological fieldwork and surveys.

Part-Time Field Technicians

Job Responsibilities:

- Conduct archaeological surveys, monitoring, and excavation in support of tribal and natural resources management fieldwork.
- Use electronic and traditional navigational equipment (GPS, iPad, compass, transit, etc.) to orient yourself and perform fieldwork.
- Record and photograph cultural resources identified in the field including artifacts, ecofacts, geostructures, excavation units, land use, landscape, historic structures, unique environmental features, archaeological sites.
- Record accurate, organized, and clear field notes, maps, drawings, logs, forms, tables, and other project documentation.

Requirements:

- Must be a Warm Springs Tribal Member
- Must be willing to work outdoors and able to walk 5-10 miles regularly.
- Hunting, fishing, and gathering are all valid forms of experience

To Apply:
- Send contact information to hello@wsgeovisions.com
- Come to Warm Springs Ventures office (404 Holiday St) and leave contact information there.

More information: please contact us at: hello@wsgeovisions.com

Covid case demographics - late February

Late February and into early March the tribal community saw another decrease in the incidence of Covid-19. For example, Case demographics from Indian Health Service, Community Health and the Response Team listed 18 covid cases during the tribal community on February 23 (this was the most recent date for which data was available, as the internet situation temporarily interrupted access to the demographics). The 18 cases brought the overall number of cases, since the pandemic began two years ago, to 2,127 among the tribal community. On February 23, 2022, one person was hospitalized with complications from the virus, bringing the total number of hospitalizations, since the pandemic began, to 120 among the tribal community. There have been 31 covid deaths in the community since 2020.
Great hoops film at Academy

KNT Village: Reopening planned for next spring

Madras Possibilities Thrift Store

Yakama against nuke waste plan

The remote Southeast Alaska island of Metlakatla, the last remnant Native reserve and home of the Tsimshian natives, has been defined for over a century by two sacred traditions: fishing and basketball.

Witness the improbable journey of cousins Danny Marsden and DJ King, fishermen and stars of the high school basketball team, as they lead their team and town towards their first state championship in over 30 years—the only thing that will bring life back to an island that has undergone unimaginable tragedy...

The Warm Springs Academy next week will host a screening of the acclaimed Native youth basketball movie, Alaskan Nots. The show will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. Doors open at 5:30.

The following evening, Friday, March 18, will feature a screening of the film at the Madras High School Performing Arts Center, show at 7 p.m. For both events, admission is free though donations are gladly accepted. All proceeds go to the Madras High School Athletic Department. The screenings are presented by the Performing Arts Center.

Here is a link to the Alaskan Nots trailer, very powerful in its presentation.

Type in this link: youtube.com/watch?v=TsFX46Mtci8

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“We are excited to be part of the relaunch of the Kah-Nee-Ta Village, to promote the cultural heritage and bring visitors back to experience the natural healing powers of the hot springs, which date back 10,000 years,” said Kirk Hannah, owner and president of Mt. Hood Skibowl.

“In addition, the Village will provide employment opportunities to the community, contributing to the Warm Springs economy,” Mt. Hood Skibowl’s origin dates back to 1928, making it one of the oldest remaining ski resorts in the country.

Kirk Hannah purchased the area out of bankruptcy in 1987 and has become the longest and most successful operator of the resort in its history, developing Skibowl into a year-round, winter and summer resort; and developing a 28-acre parcel into Collins Lake Resort lodging property, featuring 200, two-and three-bedroom luxury vacation property rentals.

Additional companies in Government Camp, under their operational umbrella, include Mt. Hood Outfitters, the leading recreational outfitter guide service in the Mt. Hood National Forest, Ratskeller Bar & Pizzeria, and the High Mountain Café.

Nearby the reservation, the corporation also operates the Pelton Dam Marina and Lake Simtustus RV Park and Marina.

The Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation is a wholly owned enterprise of the tribes, with the purpose of creating sources of long-term revenue and employment opportunities for tribal members through enterprise business developments.

Warm Springs Women, Infants and Children—WIC—is now scheduling all monthly appointments in advance and sending out letters to clients with their appointment date and time. Appointments can be rescheduled by calling the WIC office. Same-day appointments can be requested as well, 541-553-2450.

The Boys & Girls Club of Warm Springs will be open for spring break. Please let them know if your club member will be attending, they need a headcount for the lunch that’ll be provided. The regular phone is still not working but you can call 541-953-9452.

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Yakama against nuke waste plan

The federal government’s move to expedite cleanup of the country’s biggest nuclear waste site has run into staunch opposition from Yakama tribal officials. The Energy Department and its supporters, which include some communities near the sites, say changes in cleanup strategy are needed to make progress amid decades of political gridlock and mounting costs surrounding waste sites.

Opponents fear the agency is looking for a legal avenue to eventually seal some radioactive waste tanks at the Hanford Site near Richland, Wash.—the ancestral land of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

The department’s recent reinterpretation of a 40-year-old waste disposal law is a “slap in the face,” said Tom Zeilman, counsel for the Yakama. “We expected this administration to take a different tack.”
Drought expected to worsen in region

There was some welcome rain in the region lately, though climate experts predict tough times ahead as drought conditions continue, especially in the Central Oregon region.

Most of the area is still in the ongoing drought with Central Oregon facing the most severe conditions.

Climate experts from Oregon, Washington and Idaho stated an update showing about 74 percent of the Pacific Northwest is seeing drought conditions, with 18 percent of the region experiencing exceptional drought.

They predict the drought conditions this summer will be even worse than they were the last two years, in which the Northwest saw withering crops, dying fish and empty water wells.

"Many of those areas impacted most by drought would need 150 to 200 percent or more of normal precipitation over the next two months to ameliorate drought conditions," said Bane Parker, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency.

The likelihood of that happening is very low.

Across the West, a 22-year mega-drought has brought the region to the driest conditions it's seen in at least 1,200 years, and a study published last month concluded 42 percent of the extensive drought conditions can be attributed to human-caused climate change.

Plan to remove dams on Klamath River

The Federal Energy Regulation Commission last week released the final draft of its Environmental Impact Statement on plans to remove four hydroelectric dams from the lower Klamath River, and proponents say the document confirms the long-stalled environmental benefits.

"Once again, a thorough analysis by experts reveals dam removal is key for restoring Klamath fisheries and improving water quality," said Yurok Vice Chair Frankie Myers.

"One culture and our fisheries are hanging in the balance. We are ready to start work on dam removal this year."

According to the joint statement from a group of dam removal stakeholders, FERC determined dam removal will have significant economic, environmental and cultural benefits to Northern California and Oregon, opening 400 miles of historic spawning habitat to salmon, while improving water quality along the impacted river.

"This is the biggest salmon restoration project in history," said Russell ‘Buster’ Attebery, chair of the Karuk Tribe.

"And it's desperately needed. Forest and fewer salmon return each year. If we don't act now, we may lose them all."

"Dam removal gives me hope that my grandchildren will be able to fish for the family dinner the way I did when I was a kid," Mr. Attebery said.

The DEIS is open for public comments until April 18 and FERC will need to issue a final EIS document before the project can move forward.

Dam removal proponents hope the agency will give the project its final approval this summer.