In 1981 at the age of 24, Jim Mansio took his first job with the tribal enterprise now called Warm Springs Power and Water. Jim worked as an inspection trainee in the Engineering Division at the tribe’s hydro plant. This was the before the actual construction of the plant. Then, as the construction process went forward, he became more involved in the Assembly Division, assisting the engineers in assembling the turbines, quality control, wiring and piping, and finally the placement of the turbines. “I was very fortunate to come into the position with engineers who were more than willing to teach me,” Jim says.

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Employment with the Confederated Tribes

The following is a position list of job openings with Indian Tribes in Oregon. For more information and details see the website: indianheadcasino.com

Cage cashier. Cage main bank cashier. Cage supervisor.


Artspace by Tananáwit Grand Opening in May

Artspace by Tananáwit is hosting its Grand Opening Art and Craft Show with live art and vendors Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Indian Head Casino Plaza, 3240 Walsky Lane, suite 5. This is a celebration of a landmark hat in the Confederated Tribes’ strategic plan and tenets, providing arts opportunities, programming and other endeavors for arts representation of the Columbia River Tribes, specifically the community of Warm Springs, as well as an opportunity for tribal members to come together.

For more information on the event, please visit www.pionear.com/artspace.
Vietnam Vets planning journey to Memorial Wall

Randy Boise Sr. and Gerald Sampson Sr. plan to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

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Letters to the editor

Kindergarten Welcome Day

The Warm Springs Academy is holding the Kindergarten Welcome Day on Thursday, May 18. Families will need to bring birth certificates and immunization records. For more information contact Heilani Gonzales at hgonzales@wstribes.org or call 541-553-1128 ext. 6001.

April at Council

Monday, April 25
9 a.m. Water treatment plant meeting at 11 a.m. Covid-19 update with the Team.

Tuesday and Wednesdays

April 26-27: Open agenda.

Draft resolutions and/or documents for joining attachments or exhibits, are due by the 15th of each month by 5 p.m. Email gmabee@wstribes.org.

for youth

Applications are open for 2022 Heart of Oregon Corps. This is for youth 16-24-year-olds in Warm Springs and Central Oregon. After two of re- duced capacity in their pro- gram due to Covid-19, Heart of Oregon Corps is returning to full capacity, offering 200 job opportunities and during the past fall to adults this summer.

Opportunities are offered in the following locations throughout Central Oregon: Warm Springs, Madras, Bend, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville, and Crescent. Youth in all programs will be based on age, gender, and sex identity.

Scheduling at the IHS clinic

At the Warm Springs In- dian Health Service clinic there are two ways to schedule an appointment. You can call first thing in the morning for a same day appointment.

Or you can schedule a fu- ture appointment up to two weeks in advance. Call 541-553-3010 to schedule.

Power the Lunches

Friday for the Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic. It’s strength training, high-inten- sity interval training and cardio. Class is at the old el- ementary school gym. Power lunch is also offered only on Wednesdays.

Rezfest 2022

Rezfest 2022 is coming up on Warm Springs on Sat, May 7. There will be damage Overdue, of Warm Springs Guard- ians, and Bad Oman of Seattle. More performances will be by Blue Flames of Warm Springs, and Eagle Thunder, about the Warm Springs. More will be announced. Damage Overdue is cel- erating in Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

All ages are welcome. The doors open at 6 p.m. Tick- ets are $10, available through bnsopaperwork@icloud.com. About 25 percent were re- ported to police. Almost one in four un- dergraduates had experi- enced sexual assault or mis- treatment at one of the nation’s major universities. Overall, 25.4 per- cent—of male victims re- ported being raped by an ac- quaintance and 15.1 per- cent by a stranger.

Nearly a quarter— 24.8—percent of men in the U.S. experienced some form of sexual violence over the past year. Nearly one in three victim- es of completed or at- tented rape reported experiencing it for the first time between the ages of 11 and 17.

The prevalence of false reports was very low— 2 percent. About 51 percent—of female victims of rape reported being raped by an intimate partner and 48.8 percent by an acquain- tance.

Incidence in Indian Country

The average annual rate of rape and sexual vi- olence among American In- dians is 3.5 times higher than for all races. At least 70 percent of the violent victimization experienced by American Indians is committed by persons not of the same race.
The Central Oregon Community College First Nations Student Union will host the 2022 Salmon Bake in May at the COCC Madras Campus. This is part of the Ten Year Anniversary of the campus opening.

The salmon bake will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 14 at the Madras Campus, free and open to the public. For more information contact Michelle Cary at mcary@cocc.edu or call her at 541-318-3782. Michelle is the director of the COCC Native American Program.

The doors to COCC’s Madras campus opened in fall term of 2011, with construction supported by a voter-backed bond, together with generous land donations from the Madras-based Bean Foundation. The Prineville Campus opened at the same time as the Madras COCC Campus.

They have grown into essential learning hubs in the region, providing access, enrichment and a range of offerings and resources, with hometown class options, computer labs, meeting spaces and an adult basic skills program.

In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability should contact Caitlyn Gardner at 541-383-7237. For accommodation because of other disability, such as hearing impairment, contact disability services at 541-383-7583.
Tribal consultation bill hits snag in Congress

A bill to strengthen the policy of tribal consultation bill was noticeably absent from the schedule. At a press conference on April 6 it was announced that the bill would be introduced to Congress. The bill was an effort to improve and modernize the tribal consultation process.

The Klamath Water Users Association estimated the cost of the dams to be $2 billion. But the agency has not yet released figures for the estimated cost to operate the dams.

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For better broadband in Indian Country—

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration in Washington, D.C., has developed a Broadband Planning Grant to Jefferson County, Oregon, to support the development of a broadband plan. The Confederated Tribes are participating in this program, which may be the first time they have asked for it.

This program provides a strong roadmap in updating the broadband situation for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, which is critical to tribal fishing access.

The move, together with a notice of condemnation, could allow the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde to expand roughly five acres of land at the base of Willamette Falls. Such property, involving American, Canadian, and Russian salmon trying to return from sea become more noticeable. Why is this important? Eco- nomic barriers on tribal lands con- tinue to impede development and supress indigenous communities. Like other tribes across the U.S., the Confederated Tribes have had less access to telephone and broad- band service than other segments of the population. There are a number of reasons, such as the high build-out costs of the infrastructure necessary to pro- vide coverage to remote areas and broadband services to residents on tribal lands and tribal reservations.

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Students Flourish Here

JCMS [Above] - 6th grade students in Kyle Kust’s art class worked on making their very own pinch pots! They started with a piece of clay and molded it by pinching it until they had a pot. Then they got a chance to paint their pot and put their creative skills to the test!

Metolius Elementary [Below] - PE Teacher, Kermit Kumle, has 5th grade students work on a bit of an obstacle course in PE class. They get to work on balance and having fun!

Buff Elementary [Left] - Washington Commanders Tight End John Bates stopped by Buff Elementary in early April! John is going into his second year in the NFL after being drafted by the Commanders in the 2021 NFL Draft. He stopped by and signed autographs for the students and played a little football with them at recess. After that, he went to track practice at JCSD and spoke to students and signed more autographs.

We Care For Each Other

MHS [Below] - MHS Head Custodian, Vinny Rodriguez, was featured in 509J’s March Classified Employee Spotlight! Thank you Vinny for all that you do in keeping that school clean for faculty, staff and students!

WSK8 [Above] - 7th/8th grade math teacher Jasmine Ike-Lopez was highlighted in 509J’s March Certified Employee Spotlight. This is her first year with the district. She graduated from MHS in 2015 and is back teaching! Thank you Jasmine for your work every day!

Bridges High [Above] - Staff at Bridges High School celebrated Assistant Principal Katie Boyle! The first full week of April was Assistant Principal Appreciation week. The staff celebrated by wearing pink and getting Ms. Boyle plenty of pink flavored treats. Thank you Katie for all you do for Bridges and the district.

Better Every Day

Madras Elementary [Above] - Big thank you to the Portland Trailblazers for their support in educating and expanding opportunities for our students! They awarded a grant worth $10,000 to Madras Elementary. This will help fund the purchase of equipment that will transform the library into a maker space.

WSK8 [Above] - Students in grades 6-8 got a chance to see what is in store for their future when the school hosted a career day. Employers and colleges from Central Oregon showed what is possible and what opportunities are out there!
In the Tribal Court of the Confessed Tribes of War Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs. KELLY JACOBSON, Respondent; Case No. JV213-19. TO: KELLY JACOBSON. BY NOTICE you are HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENT has been scheduled with the War Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear at the hearing scheduled for the 15th day of JUNE, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

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Tribal Council established regulations regarding salmon, steelhead and eel harvest at Sherars Falls. For the 2022 fishing season fishing is open seven days per week, 24 hours per day. Marked spring chinook, marked and unmarked fall chinook, marked and unmarked coho and marked steelhead may be kept. All un-marked spring chinook and steelhead must be released all year. Sockeye must be released all year. The Off Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee will monitor the fishery weekly to see if modifications are necessary.

For the remainder of Deschutes River unmarked spring chinook may not be retained all year. Marked and unmarked fall chinook and marked and unmarked coho and marked steelhead may be kept. Sockeye may not be kept.

New this year is a resolution regulating eel harvest at Sherars Falls. Harvest is allowed when lamprey arrive in June through the end of August using hands or hand-power ed tools such as dip nets or gaffs. Harvest is open 24 hours per day Friday, Saturday and Sunday for general subsistence harvest; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for research tagging operations and Thursday for gathering for the freezer. Freezer harvest will end after 750 eels are caught and unmarked eels and marked steelhead may be kept. Fishers must share the falls with fellow tribal members. This is a subsistence fishery, no sales are allowed, enrollment cards must be on your person and you must allow BNR staff to examine your eels if asked.

Hood River

The Hood River sub-basin including all forks and tributaries is open seven days per week from dawn until dusk April 15 through July 15 for spring chinook salmon, with the exception of the following areas that are closed year round: 1. One-hundred feet up or downstream from the Deschutes River fish trap in the East Fork of the Hood River. 2. In the West Fork of the Hood River upstream of Green Point Creek; and, 3. In the entire length of Rogers Creek, a tributary to the Middle Fork of Hood River. Only marked hatchery chinook may be retained. Other salmon species may be retained during the spring chinook season. If 378 Hood River origin adults have not passed Bonneville Dam by May 15, an “emergency closure” may be implemented by the Fish and Wildlife Committee in consultation with the Branch of Natural Resources.

Gear must be removed on the last day of the season. Gear left over 24 hours after the end of the season will be considered abandoned and become the property of Branch of Natural Resources.

John Day River

The entire John Day River is open from April 1st through July 15 for spring chinook and eel harvest, with the exception of the John Day River upstream of the Sheep Rock National Monument and all tributaries. Both marked hatchery and unmarked spring chinook may be retained. Other salmon species may be retained during the spring chinook season. For more information or questions, contact Mark Manion, Harvest Manager, at: mark.manion@ctwsbnr.org

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