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Native Market at St. Charles on Thursday

The St. Charles Health Health System Native Market is this Thursday, May 15 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

The market this year will include the dedication of the new new Land Acknowledgement at the Bend hospital.

The St. Charles Native Market last year featured the Land Acknowledgement dedication at St. Charles-Madras. This year's market is part of St. Charles' commemorations of Healthcare Week.

This will be the Third Annual St. Charles Native Market. The previous two were at the St. Charles- Madras campus.

Over 400 people have been in attendance at the psat markets, featuring vendors, speakers, lunch and Native presentations.

The market this Thursday will be will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With the markets, St. Charles Health System showcases and celebrates the local Native American artists and culture.

For information, please contact Dr. Shilo Shaw Tippett, email: srtippett@stcharleshealthcare. org

For Lincoln's Powwow Queen candidates

The Lincoln's Powwow Committee is seeking candidates for 2026-2027 Powwow Queen.

Queen candidates must be 14 to 19 years old, have no dependents, and be unmarried.

Interested canidates can contact Thyreicia Simtustus at 541-460-2586; or Joie Simtustus at 541-460-0021.

Or by email: joie.simtustus@wstribes.org Or at: creicie12@gmail.com

Thirtieth Tribal Council begins term

The Thirtieth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes took office earlier this month, during the swearing-in ceremonies held in front of the administration building. Hundreds of members and guests gathered for the swearing-in, introductions, and traditional songs and prayers. The incoming Council then convened for its first meeting, and voted newly-elected Councilman Dennis White III as Chariman, and Carlos Calica as Vice Chairman.

Meanwhile, here are more of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of the month of May (subject to change at Council discretion):



The Council members at the swearing-in celebration, May 5.

Wednesday, May 14

9 a.m.: Early Childhood Education compliance discussion.

10: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) discussion with the office director and TERO commissioners.

11: Kah-Nee-Ta update with Jim Souers.

1:30: Indian Head Casino update with Shawn McDaniel.

Monday, May 19

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe.

10: June agenda.

11: Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

2:30: Indian Health Service update with Tammy Wilson, acting CEO.

3:30: Health and Human Services update with Taw Foltz.

4:30: Managed care update with Michael Collins.

Children's books project with Culture and Heritage

The Culture and Heritage Department has published three children's book, with five more on the way. This original project was possible with the help of the Oregon Community Foundation, who provided the grant.

The books are free for families, teachers and children to pick up at the tribal Education Building.

The books published so far are an original story about Rez dogs; a workbook from a story told about wild horses; and *Coyote and Rabbit,* a Wasq'u story.

The most exciting part of this project is the books contain all three languages of the Confederated Tribes. Kids can read an English version, and also the Ichishkin, Numu or Sahaptin versions. The books are specific to the Warm Springs Reservation with recognizable landmarks.

The book *How to Capture Wild Horses* is in workbook form, so teachers and students can use them at home or in the classroom.

Valerie Switzler, Education

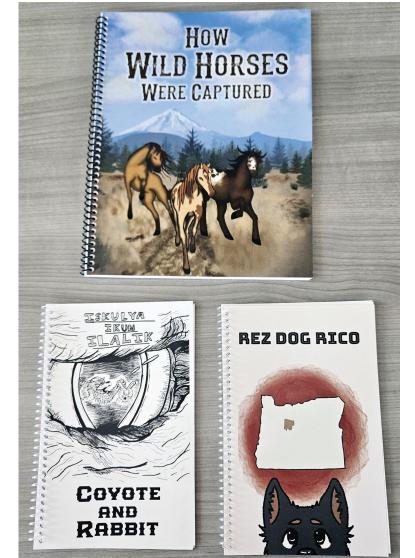
general manager, says the books are meant, in part, to help the tribal community work better together, as the traditions and culture of the tribes are shared values. "Instead of making a way to work together for the betterment of our people, we have drifted from our way of life—of culture, tradition, respect and lack of the knowledge of a common history that kept our sovereignty strong for many generations," Ms. Switzler explains.

With these books and the books to come, Radine Johnson, Language teacher, hopes they will give the children a sense of feeling and connection, and belonging to a tribe. Elders and teachers who work for Culture and Heritage collaborated on the languages to make sure they are correct.

"It was scary to wonder if we are putting the language together right," Ms. Johnson said, "but it was a great way to work together and learn the language even more."

If you'd like a book or books, please come by Culture and Heritage to pick or more up.

If you have any questions call 541-553-3290 or email regina. Her emeail is ricketts@wstribes.org



The three new Culture and Heritage publications so far.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Honor Seniors Day





The Confederated Tribes and Senior program hosted the 25th Honor Seniors Day last Friday, with many prizes, guests on hand, honors like King and Queen for the Day, Youth Powwow and more.

Kiandra Smith photos







Community meetings for transmission line upgrade

By Cathy Ehli, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises

In June, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises and Portland General Electric will begin a series of meetings to start dialogue with communities across all 100 miles of the Bethel-Round Butte transmission line, including the portion located on the Reservation.

This is part of how we are continuing to explore the line upgrade, which is now named the 'Warm Springs Power Pathway' project.

We want everyone who has an interest in the project—which also includes U.S. Forest Service and private lands—to be informed and offer feedback.

Tribal members' input will be gathered according to the tribes' Integrated Resource Management Plan, which guides the stewardship of all natural resources and serves as the basis for making resource management decisions.

The IRMP was adopted by Tribal Council in 1992 as Ordinance No. 74.

Just as this process will inform an eventual presentation to Tribal Council for their consideration of the project, we must also follow state and federal guidelines to navigate community input and approval processes on all the lands that the line crosses.

In partnership with PGE, stakeholder meetings will begin with elected officials from tribal, national, state, and local jurisdictions.



The current Bethel-Round Butte transmission line poles are made of wood, while the new ones will be metal, carrying lines with much greater transmission capacity.

We will continue to host meetings with approximately 100 stakeholder groups associated with lands beyond the reservation, such as workforce and agricultural groups, environmental organizations, neighborhood associations and more

Each meeting begins by introducing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Power and Water Enterprises. We describe how Power and Water secured the \$250 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to upgrade the line, and our partnership with PGE.

We explain the scope of the project; its multi-year schedule; and most importantly, how the project will meet the critical needs of the

Warm Springs tribes, while also contributing to the United States' prosperity, technological leadership and energy security.

Participants may share comments about the project during each meeting, and they can submit comments online or via email, too. We log and respond to all feedback.

The entire permitting timeline, including these community meetings, will span multiple years. As we reach the end, we will combine what we heard into a report that is prepared by the Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources, then submitted to Tribal Council for their review, input and consideration.

This will happen as state and

federal agencies conduct their own similar reviews and approval processes of impacts to land off the reservation.

Permitting processes normally take multiple years. We need plenty of time to establish adequate, thoughtful communication about the proposal to upgrade the Bethel-Round Butte transmission line, and gather enough information that will inform Tribal Council's decision on whether to move the project forward considering all the potential benefits and impacts.

The schedule for meetings is still coming together, and it will evolve during this multi-year process.

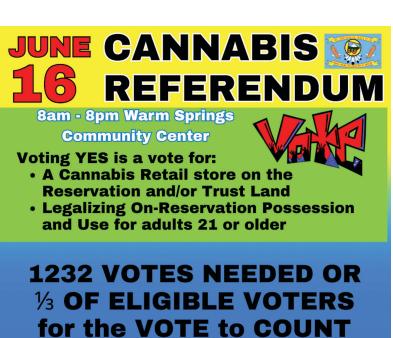
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Museum staff profile: Sunmiet Maben ~

Sunmiet Maben is the Facility and Operations Director at the Museum at Warm Springs. Sunmiet holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance from the University of Washington.

She has been on staff at the museum since 2010, and was recently promoted from her longtime position of Operations Manager to Facility and Operations Director.

Question: What initially drew you to the Museum at Warm Springs?

Answer: I have always loved museums, so when I was ready for a change in careers, I decided to look at the museum. It has been a great fit and I have been with the museum ever since.

How did you land in operations as a career path at the museum?

I have always been good with numbers and been able to work on multiple projects at one time, so the position was a good fit, and having experience as a manager and supervisor was a big help.

What are the most important aspects of your

The most important aspect is management. I have to be able to manage time, budgets and people.

What does a normal workday look like for you?

I first sit down see if I have any messages and check emails and prioritize responses, because some are better off in the hands of someone else. I then make a list of everything that I need to work on. I many have meetings that I need to participate in and whenever one of the employees needs something, we try to take care of it right away.

I make sure payments are taken care of and place any orders that may need to be done. I do a lot of checking in with the gift shop and maintenance to make sure everything with the building is okay and they are doing



Sunmiet Maben is also a former Miss Warm Springs.

needed to, as well as work

together. It was more than

just purchasing 16 new heat

What do you enjoy the most about your work at the Museum at Warm Springs?

I love the variety of what I work on, and the people I get to work with. I don't just work with those in the museum, I also get to work with others from different museums. My days are busy and always go by really fast.

What do you find special about the Museum at Warm Springs, in general?

I love the museum. First, it is such an amazing building. It is definitely a museum that the people of Warm Springs can be proud of.

I love the sense of peace when you walk in the doors and you are just able to enjoy the space. There was so much thought that was put into the museum that it still speaks to people today, the way it did over 30 years ago. It is hard to express exactly how special the museum is.

What has been your most challenging project

My most challenging project to date, has been the replacement of the HVAC system in the museum. There were several layers to it and we had to make sure everything would fit where it

We had to upgrade and make sure the control panel would work with the new heat pumps and upgrade all of the electrical so it was also compatible. That meant working with several different companies and getting them to work together.

pumps and installing them.

What's your newest

I am currently working on the upgrade to the Permanent Exhibit. We will upgrade the technology in the exhibit and look and see what changes may need to be made. We do want it to feel fresh and new in the Permanent Exhibit but still have the same experience.

What do you feel most proud of when you think about all of the special projects, exhibitions and programs that you've been

involved in over the years? Does any moment (or moments) stand out for you in your memory?

For the size of the museum, we have been able to do some great things. We have held some great fundraising events and brought in special guests, such as Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills and Captain and former NASA astronaut John Herrington, the first enrolled citizen of a Native tribe to fly in space. The most special may have been the Treaty Conference in 2018. It was a lot of hard work but turned out great. There were many great speakers and brought many wonderful people together.

I love the feeling of accomplishment when something has been completed. It can be hard to get through projects, especially when we have not really had the staff, but we manage to pull it off.

Roof project

This spring it became apparent that the museum desperately needs a new roof. The roof has not been replaced since the museum was constructed more than 30 years ago.

Longtime Board of Directors member and current Vice President Bill Nicholsoncame forward with a \$10,000 challenge donation, followed by other contributors.

Individuals are invited to add to the contributions for the new roof. A donation box will be at the museum. Donations can also be mailed to The Museum at PO Box 909, Warm Springs OR 97761 (please note that the donation is for the roof) or made online at: museum atwarmsprings.org



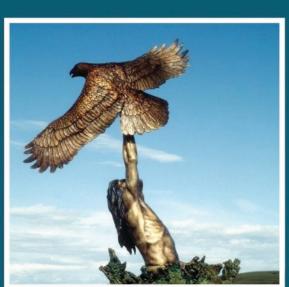


- Outdoor permanent sculptured display
- Native American artist
- Related to Commissary project or **CTWS**

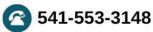


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On MMIR Day in Oregon

The crowds gathered throughout the day at the Oregon Convention Center Plaza in Portland, an event to bring attention to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. It was earlier this month, and the people were there to create space for remembering those who have been impacted.

Red shirts, ribbon skirts and red handprints filled the plaza square, as people were making signs with phrases like 'We are their voices,' 'Honor their spirit,' and 'Justice for MMIR.'

Early in the day, a bald eagle flew overhead, a rare sighting in the middle of the city. As people paused to point it out, a hawk joined it, to many, like a blessing from the two birds.

Across the country on that day, May 5, people were honoring a National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and People.

American Indian women are murdered at a rate of 10 times higher than the national average, and more than four in five American Indian women experience violence in their lifetime. This is according to the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

MMIR Day of Awareness and Action is a day to raise awareness, demand justice, take action and create space for healing.

"I think that the MMIR Day of Awareness and Action that we're having today has two parts to it. I think there's the external, bringing awareness," Joshevama said, mentioning the importance of wearing red and holding signs out in pub-

"And secondly just a space to be able to come together and hold space for those memories and the thoughts and the prayers that we

have for all those people," she added.

Together in ceremony

Creating a space for both education and healing during a particularly intense day, organizers of the MMIR Day of Awareness and Action grounded the occasion with opportunities for ceremony.

After a free lunch provided by Sisters Fry Bread, Shalaya Williams, Cayuse from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, asked those gathered to come together in a

Williams led more than 50 people in a breathing exercise, acknowledging that MMIR Day of Awareness brings up trauma for many people. Williams talked about how their grandmother taught them how to release that stored, intergenerational trauma and called on those in need of healing to step forward.

"Whoever has a heavy heart today, who needs extra prayer, come join me in the middle," Williams said.

People stepped forward to form a smaller circle in the center around an abalone shell filled with burning sage. The smaller group held hands while Williams offered a song and prayer, encouraging those in the larger circle to do the

Later in the day, community members marched to the Willamette River to take part in another ceremony, joined from the water by the 7 Waters Canoe Family at the Duckworth Memorial Dock.

Around 50 people walked the three-quarters of a mile to the dock, including women pushing strollers, and elders pushing walk-

MMIR continues on page 7

Angela Polk (at right), a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and a Yakama Nation descendent, spent the walk to the river reflecting on her sister, Tina Spino, who was reported missing in the summer of 2020. Ms. Spino was 58 years old at the time of her disappearance. Her remains were discovered in 2021 in a remote location on the Warm Springs Reservation.



The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs of Oregon

Voting is 8am - 8pm at the **Warm Springs Community Center**



BE IT RESOLVED, By the (29th) Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article III, Section 3, as amended, of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, and Section 120.800 of Ordinance No. 94, that this Resolution is hereby approved as eligible to be submitted to the tribal membership for a vote in an adoption election conducted as a Tribal election under Ordinance No. 44, for the purpose of voting to determine whether any of the persons, whose names that will be posted 90 days prior to referendum, the individual must receive a majority vote of the qualified voters in such election.



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Community Wellness Center Front Lawn

Letters to the editor and opion

Aquatic Center Recreation

As a local school board member and a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, I am strongly urging everyone to support the Madras Aquatic Center and Recreation District, the MACRD, ballot measure in the upcoming election on May 20.

This measure is essential to maintaining and improving the facilities and programs that serve all our families, both on and off the reservation.

Water safety is a critical life skill, and the Madras Aquatic Center plays a key role in ensuring our children learn to swim. This year, as in the past seven years, every secondgrade student in our district, including those from the Warm Springs Academy, received swimming lessons at the MAC. There were 190 second-graders participating this year alone. These lessons are not just about recreation—they save lives. In our region with so many rivers, lakes and streams, ensuring our youth know how to swim is vital to preventing accidents and provides members with the tools to ensure water safety.

Warm Springs is a part of Jefferson County and needs to be included in this important matter. Our kids matter so we must place our vote so they can continue to be included in this conversation. My kids and myself have benefited from the swim lessons, water classes, and the community programs that are provided year round.

I have family members who have participated in soccer, flag football, and many other events throughout the year that are sponsored by the Madras Aquatic Center.

Beyond water safety, IACRD provides a place for our youth, elders, and families to stay active and connected. Over spring break, 155 people from

Warm Springs were at the MAC for a day of fun and celebration. The lifeguards at Kah-Nee-Ta were trained and certified at the MAC and this partnership is beneficial to both our communities.

Investing in this facility means investing in the wellbeing of our Tribal members and the greater community. I encourage my fellow Tribal members, and the entire community to vote Yes to dissolve the current district, and also Yes to form a new district. These Yes/ Yes votes will allow for the MACRD to increase staffing, hours of operation, take care of its maintenance needs, and increase sports and recreation programs that benefit us all. Sincerely,

Laurie Danzuka, 509-J School Board Member Position 1. Tribal member, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Vote yes, more recreation hours

The Madras Aquatic Center and Recreation District (MACRD) is a phenomenal community resource—one of the few places that truly serves all ages. Toddlers attend swim lessons, school-age kids from across Central Oregon participate in field trips and sports, and adults of all abilities enjoy independent workouts or fitness classes led by certified instructors and master trainers.

MACRD is more than a fitness facility—it's a safety asset. In a region filled with canals and water recreation, water safety is essential. The pool staff stay current on training and offer CPR classes to the public. Former MAC lifeguards and athletes have gone on to become doctors, nurses, Nurses, paramedics, and EMTsmany now serving our local community. These are lifechanging opportunities for youth that are worth preserving.

Thank you for kind deeds

I want to take this time to thank a kind-hearted and loving young lady. My sister and I attended the Senior-Elder Health Fair held recently at the former Warm Springs elementary school gymnasium. We then enjoyed the barbecue ribs lunch at the old cafeteria. On our way back to my sister's vehicle, I was carrying BBQ ribs and some salad in a bowl and somehow tripped when I got to the blacktop and fell pretty hard, with my sister right behind me. She too almost landed on me, but caught herself. This happened so fast and the food scattered all over the road and my sunglasses flew the other way. Then out of nowhere a young lady was right there to help me get up and asked me if I was okay.

She was picking up my things for me and asked if she could get me some more lunch. By then my sister went to get her vehicle to come back and pick me up. At this point, I just wanted to go home, but the young lady was genuinely concerned and showed compassion that day. I reached over and touched her arm and asked her, "I would like to know the name of the person helping me?" And then she said, "I'm Heaven." I was so moved in this moment, God had once again shown me and reminded that He would never leave me nor forsake me. Many blessings to Heaven and may God continue to grow you and prosper your way. Thank you again. Kim L. Wheeler.

This is a long time coming. I would like to thank Andrea Cook for being there for my grandson, Julius Anderson, when my car went on the blink and I couldn't get Julius to the Warm Springs Academy on Sundays to ride the van back to Salem to attend the OSD. And Andrea being the good parent that she is, went the extra mile picking up Lupah on Fridays when the students come home for the weekends and bringing him home, right to the front porch. God Bless you and keep you Ms. Andrea Cook. Remember, You are appreciated. Kim L. Wheeler.

We cannot afford to lose this amenity. We need the MACRD for community health, wellness, and safety.

Personally, I have benefited from the MACRD. As a high school student, I played water polo. Most of my teammates didn't know how to swim when we started, as many families were unable to access lessons out of town before the pool opened.

Our coach reviewed the basics with the whole team, and we went on to compete at the state level against teams triple our size and experience. As an adult, I still enjoy going to the MAC for lap swims, Amanda's 'MisFit the Beast' land and water HITT classes, and family recreation. The friendships and connections I've made at the pool are priceless.

Our pool is struggling, and may not make it if we just standby. I understand the community's frustration with the current limited hours. Most of us are at work while the pool is open. We want the recreation district to be open during recreation hours! The are three simple steps to make that happen:

- **1.** Vote 'Yes' to dissolve the
- current district. 2. Vote 'Yes' to create a
- new district. 3. Elect committed board members.

Want to do more? Come to the board meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.!

Two poems

The following are two poems Emma Smith has submitted for publication:

River People

And the thunder words brought with it; Treaty of days when nature echoed beauty,

when the ripples of the Columbia River floated of Native Tracks, and whispered war-dance survival.

An unheard reflection struggle, mirrored melody prayers that drifted to nothings; history to be another unknown of path of closed sunsets.

The new growth strides in to bring back River Life that once matched Creation's love.

Did the thunder bring a roaring Treaty, or a Treaty that needs to roar!

Past Shadow

The big dumb Indian sang his pity song to others.

He told of the healing needed for killing his wife; he didn't mean to shoot her in the heart-

The heart that knew his hued, ugly childhood painthe heart that always forgave his tantrums-

the heart that outlined 'till death do us part'.

His unspeakable tears rolled down the red carpet; tired, worn out feet, traveling the Rez that turned

Into other worlds - Finally realizing - it's not plush or filled with cheer; but traced the unreached dreams, unlearned morals, that pounded a memory of a closed rose.

His path rounding another bewilderment of scars.

Emma Smith

I've been impressed with the transparency, creativity, and diligence of the board to keep the budget balanced and the pool open. I have also been shocked by the lack of community attendance, especially considering all those vocal on social media. Let's stop talking and start doing! Let's vote to keep the pool open and restore recreation

Jessica Stinson,

For MACRD

The MACRD is a 'Service District,' plain and simple. It provides organized sports and recreation opportunities for the community. Service districts are formed by the vote of the people to address a community need. The State of Oregon, under Measure 50 property tax laws, states that a Service district shall establish a Permanent Rate Levy for the operations and maintenance of the district. The Permanent Rate Levy cannot change once a district is formed. The MACRD board reached a decision over two years ago that the current district as it was formed with a Permanent rate levy of .25 per thousand is not sustainable. The option of going to the voters for .60 per thousand every four years in the form of a Local option levy is an added expense, inadequate, and does not allow for long term planning. The aquatic center in 2025 will now be paid for. A Yes vote will dissolve the current district.

The question now is does the community want to form a new Sports and Recreation district that includes a paid for Aquatic facility?

A yes vote does not Increase the current combined tax rates the old district has levied.

The current bond rate of .54 per thousand amounts to averaged tax account. Take a look at yours. The itemized levies and bonds are located in the top right hand area of your tax statement.

That .54 will allow the new district to increase operational hours and staffing to

teacher.

adequate levels, address much needed deferred maintenance of the facility, set aside funds for future maintenance and repairs, and allow the MACRD to

stand on its own without the

need of tax anticipation

loans from Jefferson

Your MACRD board has put a lot of time and research into this decision. The ongoing mechanical and structural failures have made the funding issue urgent. Visit the MACRD website and review the documents that are all available to the public. Meeting Minutes, Financial reports, Audits, Master Plan, Policies, Budget documents,

complete transparency and

accountability for our tax

macrecdistrict.com

dollars.

We have lived and worked in this community for years, and see a great value in such a district for the health and well-being of all. Now is the time to restructure this district. Please join us in voting Yes, **Yes** on the ballot measures.

John and Jean

Change with **Social Security**

There are new and important rules regarding the Social Security Administration direct deposit with



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This ruling started in April nation-wide.

son only, no longer over the

phone nor on video with the

General Assistance depart-

ment; only at the Bend of-

Or you can change online with proper ID and old bank information: Bank routing number, checking or savings accuont, and the new information.

You can go to the Bend office. You do not need an appoinment.

This is only for changes with Direct Deposits.

All other SSA transactions business will require an appointment either by phone, office visit or by video with Ramona Baez, Veronica, Nicole or Toby.

Thank you. Rose Alarcon, 541-777-2785.

Recent pet clinic

The most recent First Nations Vet spay and neuter clinic in Warm Springs was another success. The clinic team and partners provided health services 123 animals, the most we have ever done during one

We are looking forward to coming back next year.

Ali Peterson, First Nations Vet.

For museum, please comment on House Bill 3962

Visit Central Oregon is requesting that stakeholders provide written testimony opposing Oregon House Bill 3962.

With its proposed amendment, this bill would divert funding from Destination Management Organizationprioritized tourism programs to non-tourism ser-

Here's some background information on HB 3962, and why we at Visit Central Oregon feel it's imperative that the industry comes together with a unified voice against it.

What: House Bill 3962 requires the Legislative Revenue Office to study local taxation.

With its proposed amendment, this bill will seek to expand the use of local Transient Room Tax revenue to fund public safety and certain costs related to community infrastructure.

While we fully understand the need for additional funding, this bill, as written, presents major risks to the tourism industry, Central Oregon's



largest economic engine, and all of our partners by allowing for the reallocation of Transient Room Tax dollars away from destination marketing and management initiatives.

How You Can Help:

Visit Central Oregon is requesting that partners and stakeholders submit written testimony.

To help make it easier, you can find a copy of a testimony template here from Mackenzie Ballard and the Oregon Destination Association, as well as a copy of the letter Visit Central Oregon's chief executive officer Scott

Why: The majority of the lodging tax generated in

Deschutes County already goes to the County's general fund, supporting many other services including public safety.

For the Confederated Tribges, Visit Central Oregon helps the Museum at Warm Springs through funding allocations.

With the passing of HB 3962, Central Oregon's largest economic driver would be at risk, impacting thousands of jobs and hundreds of businesses across the region and within our communities.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Scott: Larson, scott@visitcentraloregon.

Please don't hesitate to reach out.

In the Tribal Court of the **Confederated Tribes of** Warm Springs

(Note: All proceedings are held TAIL: at the Tribal Courthouse.)

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Gilbert R. Yazzie, Respondent; Case No. CR228-22. TO: Gilbert R. Yazzie:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that a SHOW CAUSE hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for June 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

CTWS, Petitioner, MELANIE POLK, Respondent; Case No. JV84-17. TO: MELANIE POLK, GLORIA **OROZCO:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 9th day of JUNE, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARION GRAYBAEL JR., Respondent; Case No. JVX2-16, JV59-14. TO: MARION GRAYBAEL JR., RON & **EUGENIA HAGER:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 3rd day of JUNE, 2025 @ 2:30

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV32,33-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, **ROBER** WARNER SR., BEVERLY

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 3RD day of JUNE 2025 @ 10:00 AM

RODNEY & RAMONA KENYON, Petitioner, vs SONJA BRYANT, Respondent; Case No. JV5-10. TO: FELIC-ITY VANPELT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an MODIFCATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 10th day of JUNE 2025 @ 3:00 PM

JAIME MARQUEZ, Petitioner, vs SHINING STAR TAIL, Respondent; Case No. DO4-15. TO: **JAIME**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 27TH day of MAY, 2025 @ 2:30 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MELANIE BOISE, Respondent; Case No. JV49-15. TO: MELANIE BOISE, BERNA GREENE-BOISE, RANDOLPH BOISE SR.:

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CTWS, Petitioner, KAYLYN WOLFE, Respondent; Case No JV145,146-16. TO: KIMBERLY STILL, KAYLYN **SALBADOR** WOLFE, **ROBINSON:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that a ASSISTED GUARD-IANSHIP REVEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 11TH day of JUNE, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, TERRINE RABBIE, JAYDEAN GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. JV2-11. TO: TERRINE RABBIE, JAYDEAN GILBERT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an CUSTODY RE-VIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12^{th} day of JUNE 2025 @ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JESSICA JIM, Respondent; Case No. JV110-16, JV108-15. TO: JESSICA JIM, LEVI JIM, KAITLIN **SPARKS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that a ASSISTED GUARD-IANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 17TH day of JUNE, 2025 @ 3:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, LOREEN STORMBRINGER, Respondent; Case No. JV89-16. LOREEN STORMBRINGER, DEMPSENA & ANGEL

ALANIS RUIZ: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19^{TH} day of JUNE, 2025 @ 3:30 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs FELIC-ITY VANPELT, Respondent; Case No. JV35-21. TO: FELIC-ITY VANPELT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of JUNE 2025 @ 9:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, JARREN DAVIS, Respondent; Case No. JV91-14, JV68-17. TO: **JARREN DAVIS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of JUNE 2025 @ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TALLULAH MCGILL, Respondent; Case No. JV83-17. TO: TALLULAH MCGILL, VALEDA **HERRERA**:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-FIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19TH day of JUNE, 2024 @

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME: IN THE MATTER OF: K.G.S, DOB: January 14, 2009. K.G.S., Petitioner; Case No. DO13-25.

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from K.G.S. to K.G.G . A hearing on this matter has been set for 10:30 A.M. on the

1ST day of JULY, 2025, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Any person who may show cause why this Petition should not be granted must file such objection in writing on or before 17TH day of JUNE 2025. This shall be done in writing and filed with the Court.

INDIAN TRUST SETTLEMENT

Are you an Heir of an **Individual Indian Money Account Holder?**

\$38 MILLION IS AVAILABLE TO PAY HEIRS. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM IS JUNE 30, 2025.

A \$3.4 billion dollar settlement was approved in a class action lawsuit, called Cobell v. Salazar, that claimed individual Indian land, funds and other assets were mismanaged by the federal government. \$38 million is available to pay heirs and awards could be significant.



Who is eligible?

You are eligible for a money award if you are an heir of one or more of the over 17,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders whose Cobell settlement awards were not distributed. You must submit a claim form with proof that you are an heir. Claim forms can be submitted online or can be downloaded and mailed to the administrator by June 30, 2025. More details are available on the website.

Here's what you need.

Heir eligibility proof includes any of the following:

- A state or tribal probate order identifying estate heirs; or
- A last will and testament approved by a probate
- A small estate document from an approved state in accordance with small estate procedures; or
- Documentation showing the appointment of an estate Executor, Administrator, or Personal Representative; or

• A federal probate order that directs distribution of trust funds or trust lands.

A copy of a tribal, or state, or federal probate order is needed to establish whether the Settlement Administrator can pay the heir(s) directly for the estate's Settlement award.

If you do not have a tribal or state probate order but a personal representative or executor has been named for the estate, funds may be released to the representative or executor and they will be responsible for distributing the funds according to the wishes of the deceased Class Member.

You must act quickly.

The deadline to file is June 30, 2025.

After the deadline, all remaining funds will be distributed to the Cobell Scholarship Fund, which is managed by Indigenous Education, Inc.

LEARN MORE

CobellSettlement.com

800-961-6109

Indian Trust Settlement c/o Kroll Settlement Administration P.O. Box 5324 New York, NY 10150-5324





Several questions in May 20 special election

Ballots for the county Special District Election are due by May 20. In the election, there is one position up for election for the Jefferson County School District 509-J, with Laurie Danzuka running unopposed. Other items:

The future of the Madras Aquatic Center and Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District are on the ballot (see letters on page 5); and a bond measure proposal for improvements to the Jefferson County Library District services.

Madras Aquatic Center

There are two questions regarding the Aquatic Center. One of the questions asks whether the existing MAC recreation district should be

The current level of funding for the existing district is insuffi-

Cannabis referendum

Tribal members will decide the

Cannabis referendum on Monday,

June 16. There is a voter turnout

requirement for the referendum

vote to be valid: One-third of eli-

Community notes...

cient to sustain the operations, while state law does not permit the district electors to increase the current permanent tax rate. However, if the existing district is dissolved, a new district could be formed with a new funding structure.

And the second question regarding the MAC and recreation district is whether a new district should be formed, replacing the current one, if it is dissolved in the election. The ballot also includes positions on the Madras Aquatic Center Board of Districts. Other special district positions up for election: Central Oregon Community College, and the Jefferson County Education Service Dis-

Meanwhile, the Library District Measure asks whether the district

gible voters must cast ballots. With

3,696 voters, a minimum turnout

of 1,232 is needed for the referen-

dum to count one way or the other.

low the Warm Springs Cannabis En-

The questions are whether to al-

shall issue \$20.4 million in general obligation bonds. If the library bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property in the district. Tribal trust property is not subject to the property.

If approved, the library bonds would finance capital costs for conadults, work areas for staff, and an outdoor courtyard.

Two positions on the library dis-

struction, expansion, renovating, furnishing and equipping library facilities. Improvements and additions would be a new multipurpose room, meeting room, study spaces, spaces for children, teens and

trict board are also on the ballot.

In the Warm Springs precinct, no. 14, there are 1,508 registered voters, clearly enough to make a difference in the outcome of some

galization of marijuana on the reservation. Voting will take place at the Warm Springs Community Center

from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on June 16.

Head Start recruiting

Warm Springs Head Start is now recruiting children who will be ages 3 or 4 on September 1 for next school year. Head Start helps families with child development, nutrition and health, education and more. The Warm Springs Early Head Start program is also recruiting for children ages 0-3. Early Head Start offers child development, family support and pre-natal care. Learn more about signing up your child for Early Head Start or Head Start by calling the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center at 541-553-3241

Health and Wellness

Community Health and Wellness classes, facilitated by Frank Smith, are held weekly and open to all community members. Mondays is a Health Activities class from 1-2:30 p.m. They discuss issues that seniors and people with disabilities live with. Plus, there are library visits and social outings. Tuesdays the Tribal Best Practices class teaches traditional and cultural practices as an alternative to substance abuse. It's at 11 a.m. in the old cafeteria. Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. is Pencil Art

questions. terprise to open a cannabis retail store on the reservation, or on trust land; and whether or not to allow the le-

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People raised their signs high in the air with phrases such as 'No more stolen sisters,' 'Gone missing but still in our hearts,' and 'Search the landfills.' Cars honked their horns in support all along the way.

The MMIR walk for Awareness and Action.

MMIR Day in May

Angela Polk, of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and a Yakama Nation descendent, spent the walk to the river reflecting on her sister, Tina Spino, who went missing two years ago. "My daughter has never been the same

since," Polk said.

Two weeks after Tina went missing, she was found dismembered, Ms. Polk said. She has lost other loved ones as well to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, including her nephew Casey Lillie.

"The importance for me is to release the pain we carry," Angela said, reflecting on MMIR Day of Awareness and Action. "I pray for the children and I pray for my family."

Around Indian Country

Judge to decide Willamette Falls access dispute in coming months

Pioneer Rock & Monument

GOLDENDALE, WA 98620

Sometime in the next few months a federal judge will decide whether Portland General Electric, Oregon's largest utility provider, is allowed to condemn 5 acres of land surrounding Willamette Falls that Indigenous people have treasured for centuries.

The motion for condemnation came after PGE and four regional tribes attempt to fight the state's granting permission for the Grand Ronde to build a fishing platform

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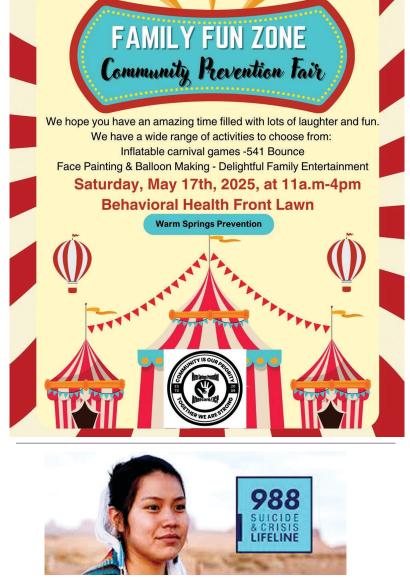
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at the base of the falls.

The four tribes—the Confederated Tribes Warm Springs, the Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians—have all supported PGE throughout the case, with the Siletz joining the case as an amicus party in December.

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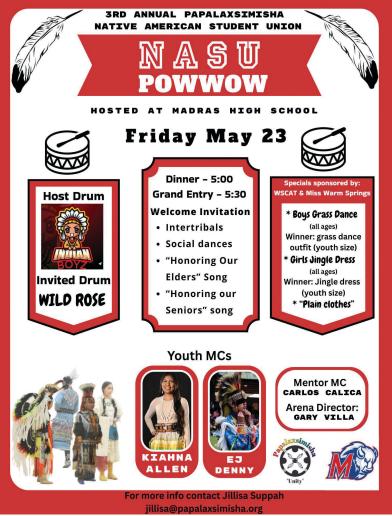






should contact Caitlyn Gardner at 541-383-7237. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment,

contact Disability Services at 541-383-7583



Culture & Heritage Language Lesson ~

Ichishkiin ~ Warm Springs

NIIX MAICQI XTWAI NIIX MAICQI XTWAI SHNAM WA CHI KUUK? MISHNAM WA CHI KUUK? NIIXNAM LKW'ITA MANXIIN CHIIKUUK

~ Student lessons for the classroom ~

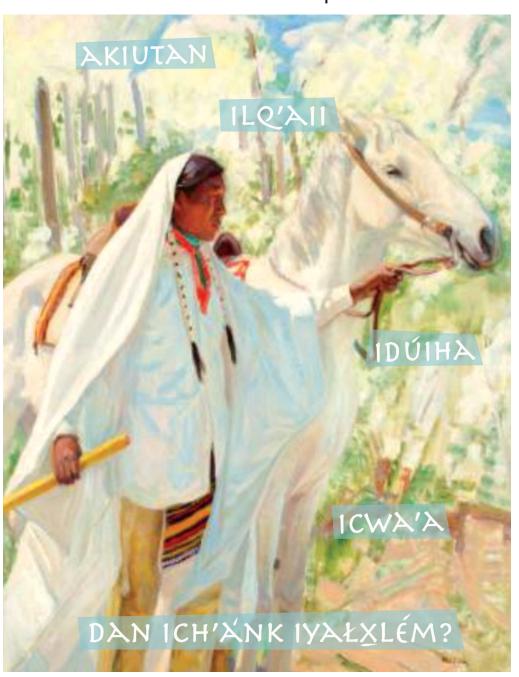


Kwikwikti you guys whistle Whistle the tune of "Are You Sleeping" to end the song.

the song is saying: Good morning my friend, good morning my friend, How are you today? how are you today? Have a good day, have a good day.



Kiksht ~ Wasq'u

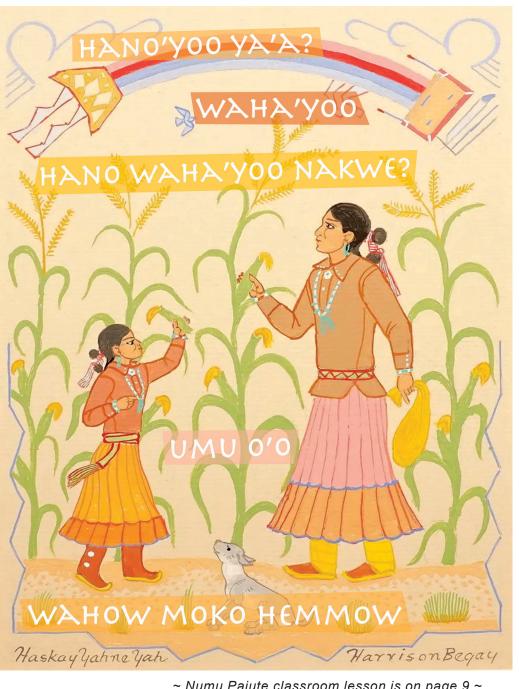


~ Student lessons for the classroom ~ Kiksht ~ Wasq'u

Wasco Talk 24, 4/20/95 **Animal names** iqwaqwa grizzly bear **iskintwa** black bear ikiutan horse, stallion akíutan horse, mare iłq'aii colt, calf akíutan kwadáu iłgaq'aii mare and her colt idúiha cattle, bull

~ Kiksht classroom lesson continues on 9 ~

Numu ~ Paiute



~ Student lessons for the classroom ~

Numu ~ Paiute

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UNIT:	CLOTHES UNIT	BY:	Pat Miller, Shirley Tufti, Alice Harman
LEVEL:	Beginning	FOR:	Home-Based Learning
LESSON:	How Many Clothes?	TIME:	15 Minutes at a Time

GOAL:

For the students to learn about counting items of clothing in Paiute.

OBJECTIVES: The student will be able to:

- 1. Say the numbers from 1-10, for partial control.
- Count from 1-10 items of clothing, for partial control.
- Follow directions to pick up between 1-10 items of clothing and give them to another person, for full control.
- Ask and answer where certain numbers of clothing are, for partial control.

PROCEDURES:

Introduction:

The teacher will show several different hats to the students.

Implementation:

See, Listen and Say

The teacher will count the hats. The students can repeat the words for numbers.

Ya'a sumu'yoo tsotu'a.	This is one hat.	
Ya'a pahe'yoo tsotu'a.	These are three hats.	

Listen and Do

The teacher will give commands about different numbers of clothing to the students. The students will follow the commands.

Wahow moko hemmow.	Pick up two shoes.
Ooka hemmeoo.	Give them to him.

Ask and Answer

The teacher will ask students the following questions, and they will answer.

Hano'yoo ya'a?	How many are there?	
Manege'yoo.	There are five.	
Hano pahe'yoo nakwe?	Where are three dresses?	
Umu o'o.	They're over there.	

Numbers

Use the following numbers:

sumu'yoo	one
waha'yoo	two
pahe'yoo	three
watsukwe'yoo	four
manege'yoo	five
naapahe'yoo	six
natakwatsukwe'yoo	seven
namewatsukwe'yoo	eight
sumukadoo'oopu	nine
sumumano	ten

Closure:

Pass out items of clothing to students. Go around in a circle and have students say how many they have.

Follow-Up:

Grab Bag Lesson



Give Your Child an **EARLY HEAD START**

Warm Springs Early Head Start is NOW RECRUITING CHILDREN

AGES 0-3

Early Head Start Offers:

- Child Development
- Family Support
- **Prenatal Care**

Services Include:

- Home Visits Parenting Education
- Health Education
- Housing Assistance
- Job Training
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Domestic Violence Prevention

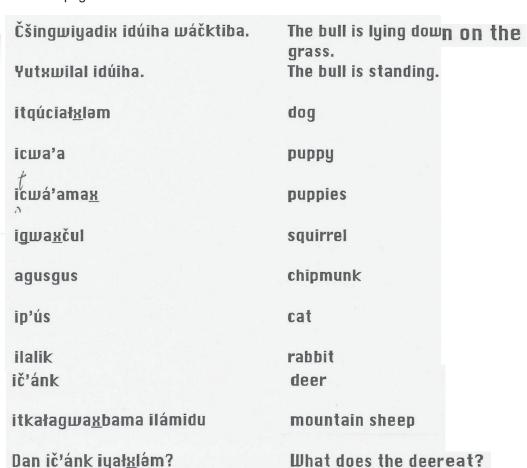
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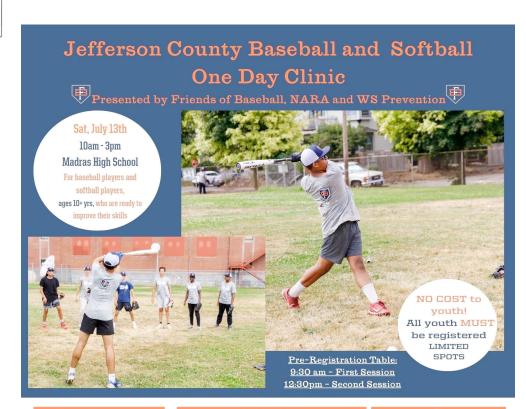
Confederated **Tribes of Warm** Springs Culture & Heritage Department ~



Lesson in the Classroom ~ Kiksht ~ Wasq'u

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- CLINIC FEATURES: · Baseball and Softball skills stations led by FOB Coaches
- MHS/LL Coaches and HS Players · 10 am - 12noon Boys and Girls Ages: 10
- 1pm 3pm Boys and Girls Ages: 13 & Up Bring: Cleats or gym shoes, glove, hat.





For more information: <u>GWestley@naranorthwest.org or andy.leonard@wstribes.org</u>

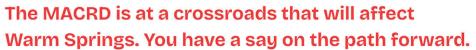


JOIN US WEEKLY **MONDAY'S 12:30-4PM**

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

WARM SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1141 WARM SPRINGS STREET





What's going on with the MACRD? Over the past six school years, 1,184 Jefferson County School District 2nd Graders from Warm Springs, Madras, and Metolius have learned water safety and swimming at the aquatic center.

A long-term problem paying for repair and maintenance issues at the aquatic center drains funds and stability away from programs and operating hours, and threatens the future of the recreation district.





In the upcoming May election, the MACRD will have 3 items on your ballot: Passage of the new recreation district will expand the operating hours and adds back weekend Open Swims at the pool.

- 2. Form a new district at the same tax rate.
- 3.









