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Vital Stats closing on Wednesdays

The Warm Springs Vital Statistics Department will be closed all day each Wednesday starting this Wednesday, April 15, allowing the staff to address a backlog of work.

This schedule will remain in effect for the next 90 days.

Due to temporary phone issues, all requests to Vital Statistics should be submitted via email to: vitalstats@wstribes.org

You may also walk in during business hours. Vital Stats is located in the tribal Administration building.

Coming up at Tribal Council

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council during April (subject to change at Council discretion):

Wednesday, April 15

9 a.m.: Timber Committee with Yvette Picard.
10: Health and Welfare with Eugene Greene Jr.
11: Water Board with Ryan Smith Sr.
1:30 p.m.: Land Use Planning Committee with Martha Winishut.
2:30: Education with Deanie Smith.
3:30: Early Childhood Education Center Compliance and Policy Council with Cheryl tom and Arlene Danzuka.

Monday, April 20

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Ed Henderson.
10: May agenda and review mintues.
11: Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m.: Indian Health Services update with Tammy Wilson.
2:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.
3:30: Tribal Managed Care program with Mike Collins.

Tuesday, April 21

9 a.m.: Western Justice wolf depredation discussion with Glendon Smith and Cy Jim.
10: U.S. Attorney—District of Oregon Scott Bradford.
11: Oregon Department of Transportation with Doug Decker.
1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.
2:30: Papalaxsimisha with Jaylyn Suppah.
3:30: Telecom with Tim York.

Wednesday, April 22

9 a.m.: Credit with Lori Fuentes.
10: Oregon state senator discussion with Sen. Todd Nash.

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Nike All Star Series featuring tribal talent ~

When the 2026 Native American All Star Series takes center stage at the Nike World Headquarters, youth basketball players of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will have a strong presence.

There will be seven players from Warm Springs, plus coaches and fans, at the three-day event: The All Stars Series is coming Friday through Sunday, May 1-3 in Beaverton.

On Nike All Stars team Nii-li~ ("River") are Kiellan Allen, Angelo Perez-Perez and Matthew

Suppah-Scott. On team Nn-'ee (Land), coached by Mariah Stacona-Alexander, is player Yadira Stacona. On team Yaa-me (Sky) are Alisha Yallup and LaRhia Stevens. Team Yaa-me coaches also include Lynden Harry and June Smith.

Among the players the seniors are Angelo Perez-Perez, Matthew Suppah-Scott and LaRhia Stevens.

The Friday of the All Star Series will include the students taking part in a career panel with Portland Trail Blazers, Nike personnel and college athletes. That evening will be the Dinner and



Blanket Ceremony.

Saturday activities include team practices for boys and girls teams with Blazer trainers at the Nike World Headquarters Coach Krzyzewski building; and dinner

that evening features the Seniors Recognition Ceremony. Sunday, May 3 is All Stars Game Day, also at the Nike Coach K building. That day's Opening Ceremony starts at 7:40 a.m., warm-ups at 8 and the games start at 8:30 lasting through the closing ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

Nike has long supported Native American youth sports. The company launched Nike N7 in 2007 to support Native youth sports programs. The company continues the tradition this year with the 2026 All Star Series.

800 pets served and counting...

A gray tabby kitten named Pip Squeak may not have known he was making history. But when the seven-month-old was carried through the doors of the clinic on Sunday afternoon, he became the 800th animal to receive a free spay or neuter surgery from First Nations Veterinary on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation.

Pip Squeak arrived accompanied by his sibling cats Cedar and Juniper, and his family from Looksh Street. By the end of the weekend, the total had climbed to 811.

The back-to-back days on April 11 and 12 marked the seventh clinic First Nations Veterinary has held on the Warm Springs Reservation since launching there in 2023—three clinics that first year alone, two in 2024, and one each year since.

The numbers tell a striking story of cumulative impact. Across those seven clinics, the organization has performed 811 successful spay and neuter surgeries, a milestone that researchers estimate has prevented ap-



G. Climmer/First Nations Veterinary

One of the pets served this past weekend in Warm Springs.

proximately 2,500 births of dogs and cats within the reservation boundaries. Every animal that came through also received core vaccinations, a microchip, and a 12-

month supply of flea and tick prevention medication.

None of it would have been possible, organizers say, without partners who believed in the mis-

sion from the very beginning. Fences for Fido, the 15/10 Foundation, and an angel donor have provided unwavering financial support for all seven Warm Springs clinics, forming the kind of long-term philanthropic backbone that allows a young nonprofit to plant roots and grow.

This past weekend, the Bureau of Indian Affairs contributed in a tangible way as well, opening their Roads Building on the reservation as the clinic's home base—providing a safe, accessible, and familiar space for families to bring their pets.

"Four years ago we showed up with a handful of volunteers and a dream," said Gina Clemmer, founder of First Nations Veterinary.

"Now we're standing in Warm Springs having helped over 800 animals—and what moves me most is knowing that behind every one of those animals is a family who loves them. What we've consistently proven year after year is that when you remove the barrier of astronomical veterinary cost—Warm Springs shows up in force.

Vet Clinic continues on 6

Plateau Plaza work looking great

Construction crews continue the work on a major expansion and renovation of the Plateau Travel Plaza. A grand re-opening will be coming up in the near future when all is complete.

As just mentioned, the expansion-remodel is significant: Most all the public areas of the Travel Plaza—the convenience store, the Three Teepees Café, the gaming area, for instance—will be bigger and better for the customers.

The gaming room in particular will be twice the size of the original slot machines space, plus there will be all-new state-of-the-art machines.



D. McMechan/Spilyay

Kirby Nagelhout construction crew at the Plateau Travel Plaza.

As the work continues through the coming several weeks, the fuel stations remain open, as do the

showers and restroom facilities.

The Plateau renovation work started in late August. The travel

plaza expansion in time, when in full operation, will also bring many new permanent job opportunities.

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See Players' Club for details.

St. Charles celebrates Cancer Center opening April 16

Tribal community members are invited to a special ribbon-cutting celebration for the opening of the new St. Charles Cancer Center in Redmond on April 16 at 4 p.m. The new Cancer Center, which will open for patients April 20, expands access to nationally-recognized cancer care for residents of Warm Springs, Madras, Redmond, Prineville, Sisters, Culver and beyond.

“After years of planning and construction, we are thrilled to celebrate the open-

ing of this state-of-the-art Cancer Center,” said Dr. Steve Gordon, St. Charles Health System president-CEO.

“The center will be a place of hope and healing for patients, loved ones and caregivers alike. This major expansion brings care closer to home for many of our cancer patients, some of whom are traveling 50 miles a day for treatment at our Cancer Center in Bend.”

The 53,000 square-foot facility in Redmond will serve up to 300 patients a

day and includes clinical space for radiation oncology, surgical oncology, medical oncology and integrative therapies.

The Cancer Center in Redmond houses top tier technology including a brand-new True Beam Linear Accelerator to provide targeted radiation, as well as a CT Simulation and brachytherapy suite. One highlight of the center is a second story infusion room, with large picture windows featuring views of the Cascade Range.

“The Cancer Center is designed to house advanced technologies while incorporating designs that emphasize patient comfort and healing, like natural light and the use of natural materials,” said Mari Shay, service line administrator for Cancer Services at St. Charles.

The event will include the ribbon cutting ceremony, and the chance for attendees to tour the new facility. The event begins at 4 p.m. at 180 NW Kingwood Ave., Redmond.

Coming up on the Tribal Concil agenda

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Wednesday, April 22

11: Warm Springs Composite with Jake Coochise.

Monday, April 27

9 a.m.: Cultural Geographics Constulting (all morning).

Items for consideration: U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers. Energy and Water workshop. Attorney General Dan Rayfield. Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Reed.

Eastwood Development with Lucas Eastwood. Lumen Tech mediation. Wana Pa Koot Koot Elder. Health Summit in Pendleton.

Free legal help for members

The Native American Program Legal Aid Services of Oregon will be back in Warm Springs providing legal assistance for qualifying tribal members at monthly clinics.

They will be here from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, May 4 and June 1 at the Warm Springs Community Action Team office, 1136

Paiute Avenue.

They can help with will drafting and estate planning, expungement of a conviction, tenant rights, employee rights, protection from domestic violence and public benefits.

To make an appointment call 541-668-8352. Walk-ins are also welcome but you may need to wait.

Community notes...

Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center is every Monday and Thursday morning at 10:45 with a lunch for participants after.

Mondays at the **Behavioral Health Center** there is a Women’s Talking Circle at 11 a.m. The Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Education Court program meets from 4-5 p.m. Contact Be-

havioral Health for more information, 541-553-3205.

The Warm Springs **Helping Hand Food Pantry** is open Mondays 12:30-4 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

Food is available first come first serve. This is drug and alcohol-free zone.

The Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center do **intakes** weekdays except for the lunch hour. Learn more by calling 541-553-3205 or call or text 541-675-5481.

Salmon Bake in Madras on COCC Campus

Hello & Good Day from Indigenous Country in the Pacific Northwest. We have another ‘Salmon Bake’ on May 16, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new Central Oregon Community College Campus at 1170 E. Ashwood Road in Madras with the Native American #centraloregoncommunity college Students and Native American Student Program Director Jeremiah Rector from Navajo Country. This is the first Salmon Bake for the Madras COCC Campus and is open for Higher Education opportunities concurrently.

In the past these Salmon Bakes have been at the COCC Campus in Bend, so please don’t go to the COCC Bend Campus for this once a year Salmon

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Salmon Bake / May 16, 2026

11am to 3pm / Free Event

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James Edmund Greeley & Nammys 2017

Hopi - Nez Perce

COCC Madras Campus Salmon Bake: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, May 16.

Bake. The day will consist of Indigenous Culture, Song, Dance & Vendors with their merchandise. A day for all ages at no cost/ no RSVP at best.

Please share and we hope to you see there Body, Heart and Spirit on May 16, 2026 at 1170 E. Ashwood Road in Madras from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m./COCC Salmon Bake.

To All My Relations & Safe Travels Near & Far.

Attowiishummush. Sincerely, National recording artist **James Edmund Greeley**, of Hopi, Nez Perce, Wasco, and Warm Springs Oregon tribal member.

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New Redmond Cancer Center opens April 20, 2026

Archaeology Field School for students this summer

Applications due May 5 for this immersive and unforgettable summer field school.

A new collaborative archaeology field school is now accepting applications for Summer 2026, offering hands-on training in archaeological methods while centering tribal knowledge, community collaboration, and learning directly on the land.

The Northern Great Basin Collaborative Archaeology Field School is a partnership between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Historic Preservation Office, GeoVisions, the University of Oregon, and the University of Nevada, Reno.

The program is designed to provide participants with practical experience in archaeology while supporting pathways for tribal members and community-based practitioners to engage in cultural resource work.

“This field school reflects a shared commitment to building capacity within tribal communities and creating more accessible pathways into archaeology and cultural resource management,” said Brandon Gilliland, director of GeoVisions.

“Participants will be learning not just technical skills, but how to approach this work in a way that is grounded in respect, relationships, and responsibility to place.”

The field school will take place June 22 through July 17 in the Fort Rock Basin of Central Oregon, a landscape known for its deep cultural history and archaeological significance.

Participants will work along ancient shorelines of a large Ice Age lake, revisiting known sites, surveying new areas, and exploring long-term relationships between people and the environment.

Training will include archaeologi-

Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are strongly encouraged to apply...

cal survey, site recording, excavation, lithic analysis, geoarchaeology, paleoethnobotany, oral history, and mapping. Participants will work alongside professional archaeologists, tribal staff, and Indigenous practitioners, gaining experience in collaborative and community-centered approaches to cultural heritage work.

The program is open to individuals with a strong interest in cultural resources, and applicants do not need to be current university students to participate.

Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are strongly encouraged to apply, with dedicated funding



available to support participation.

Fieldwork will take place Monday through Friday, with weekends off. Participants will camp together and share meals throughout the program.

Several funding opportunities are available. Scholarships will be offered through the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and full scholarships and stipends are available for tribal members through GeoVisions.

Applications are due by May 5. More information and application details are available at: mnch.uoregon.edu/northern-great-basin-collaborative-archaeology-field-school

Register to vote by April 29

The 2026 Oregon Primary is May 19. The last day to register to vote in the election is April 29. The May ballot will include these local elected positions:

Jefferson County Commissioners, positions 1 and 2; the Jefferson County Treasurer, Sheriff, County Clerk and Assessor. All positions are for four year terms.

To register to vote online you will need to provide an Oregon driver's license number, permit or identification card number issued by Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

You can also register in person at the Jefferson County County Clerk's Office, or Wasco County if your residence is in that area of the reservation.

Or you can also download the forms from the clerk's website:

Vote by mail ballots will go out on April 29.

For the May Primary, ballots need to be returned to a county clerk's office or official ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on election day.

Ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before election day, and received by mail within seven days of election day.

The Jefferson County 24-hour dropbox sites are located at:

In Warm Springs on Wasco Street by the Agency fire hall; and outside the county clerk's office in Madras. There are also dropboxes for the county in the Metolius City Hall, Culver City Hall, Crooked River Ranch, and Camp Sherman at the Black Butte School.

In Wasco County 24-hour drop sites are located in Simnasho at the Three Warriors Market; at Wasco County Third Street building, the Wasco County Courthouse, Dufur City Hall, Maupin Civic Center, Mosier City Hall.

Energy survey shows support for solar projects

The 2026 Warm Springs Energy Fair is coming up this June

Last summer, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprise, in partnership with 7Skyline, hosted the first-ever Tribal Community Energy Fair.

Over 150 participants came out to learn more about current and upcoming renewable energy projects on the reservation.

And over 130 tribal members took a survey about what they saw as the most important energy needs for the community.

By and large, the data showed: The community wants to see more renewable energy projects on the reservation, specifically solar energy projects.

- 72-percent surveyed at the energy fair would like the tribes to bring more renewable energy to the reservation.



Raffle winners at last year Warm Springs Energy Fair.

- Participants surveyed at the energy fair recommend the tribe to prioritize solar energy (30.1-percent), with wind (19.4-percent) and hydropower (14.2-percent) following close behind.
 - 90-percent of attendees are in favor of having a solar power facility on the reservation.
 - Over 82-percent of attendees were interested in solar and battery installations that could help provide power to the tribes during emergencies
- Many of the attendees we surveyed were excited about the potential for renewable energy to

help protect the earth, our natural resources and traditional foods while others looked forward to the possibility of job and training opportunities for tribal members.

All in all, we were grateful to connect with all of you and share more about potential energy projects on the horizon.

Power & Water Enterprises will continue to keep our community updated as we explore future energy projects, including the potential SalmonFly solar energy project in partnership with BrightNight.

The tribes' Natural Resources Department is assessing cultural and environmental impacts of the SalmonFly project.

And if you missed last year's Energy Fair or would like to come again and learn more about new and ongoing work, save the date for this year's Energy Fair on **June 23** at the Campus Pavilion. More information incoming. **Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises.**

Summaries of Tribal Council

February 25, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chairman Dennis White III, Brigitte McConville, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Chief Jefferson Greene, Alvis Smith III, Jonathan Smith Sr., Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- High Lookee Lodge update with Fay Hurtado.
- Warm Springs Ventures update with Jim Souers.
- Excused at 11:00 for the Chairman-Governor call.
- Application for FY 2026 grant (hardware upgrade) discussion with Pamela Keo-Douglas:
- Approval for the Chairman to sign the letter: Rosie/yes, Jay/yes, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes.
- Range & Ag Committee update with Joel Florendo and Gordon Scott Jr.
- Fish & Wildlife Off-Reservation Committee update with Bruce Jim and Ryan Smith Sr.
- Fish & Wildlife On-Reservation Committee update with Cy Jim, Owen Danzuka and Kevin Blueback.
- Motion to adjourn at 4:50.

February 26

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll Call: Chief Jefferson Greene, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Brigitte McConville, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Alvis Smith III. Minnie Yahtin and Sandra Danzuka, Records.

Invocation given by Chief Greene.

- Planning Department update with Lonny Macy.
- Bear Springs update with Natural Resources, Austin Smith Jr. and Larry Squiemphen III.
- Early Childhood Education compliance update with Cheryl Tom and Reona Trimble:
- Alliant Systems oroposal: Rosie/yes, Jay/yes, Alvis/I agree as long as the Parent Policy agrees and will wait for their feedback. Jefferson/yes, Brigitte/yes, as long as the Parent Policy is aware.
- Culture & Heritage Committee update with Starla Green and Wilson Wewa Jr.
- Timber Committee update with Yvette Picard.
- Education Committee update with Gordon Scott Jr. and Rosetta Martinez.
- Motion by Jay to adjourn at 5:03, second by Brigitte.

Warm Springs Senior Program

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Letters to the editor

Lessons learned at Simnasho

When I was 4 years old staying at the ranch at the island of Simnasho my late puusha (grandpa) Herb Stwyer Sr. gave me and my uncle (now atwai) Herb Jr. BB guns. My uncle was 5 years old.

We needed the little guns because we only had an out-house toilet. We had to be safe from the porcupines.

We did target practice and and we were terrible at it.

I'm infatuated with the atch'ai (magpie) brilliant tail feathers. We laid in the hay field to shoot an atch'ai. Some days passed. WTH I shot one. OMG.

We went to the barn to find a pole to tie the atch'ai at the top. So proud to walk 3 miles with my beautiful catch on the pole—to the main Simnasho area.

Along the way, we recruited other kids to join us. When we got to my kuthla and tilla (grandparents on mom's side) house, we decided to walk in a big made up Circle.

Kuthla came out of the house with her big fake paddle to spank us. I saw Tilla standing around the corner, laughing in amusement.

Uncle Herb ran up the hill because he knew that was going to be our punishment. He also escaped the spanking.

Geez. Aurolyn was given a lesson about not killing animals of any kind.

After the not real spanking, I had to run up the hill and yell as loud as possible "I'm sorry atch'ai!"

Lesson: Feathers are gifts. Do not shoot any animals. Additionally, we were taught to have a voice.

Na-k'ishayat ~ **Aurolyn Stwyer.**

'Building Belonging'

The Health and Human Services Branch in June will host *Building Belonging: The*

Science of Connecting in a Lonely World.

The presentation and discussion will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at the Campus Cafeteria, 1150 Warm Springs Street.

Seating will be limited to the first 50 individuals to sign-up. If you are working, please do not sign-up to participate until you have the approval of your supervisor. We look forward to your participation and a full class.

This opportunity is being provided by Scott Crabtree of *Building Belonging: The Science of Connecting in a Lonely World*. Some findings from *Building Belonging*:

- We are experiencing what the U.S. Surgeon General has called an 'epidemic of loneliness.' As many of us know firsthand, loneliness takes a serious toll on health, happiness, productivity, and overall well-being.

- Fortunately, science offers clear guidance for building belonging in ourselves, our teams, and our communities. In his interactive session, you'll learn research-based strategies to better understand and address loneliness and social isolation.

- Our facilitator Scott Crabtree holds a degree in Cognitive Science from Vassar College. He previously served as a leader in technology and video game development before founding Happy Brain Science in 2012.

- Through Happy Brain Science, Scott's repeat clients include Nike, Intel, Google, HP, the National Park Service, NBC/Universal, and DreamWorks.

I'm excited to see how each of us will apply what we're about to learn to strengthen connection and belonging in our work and lives.

Please join us in welcoming the founder and Chief Happiness Officer of Happy Brain Science, Scott Crabtree.

To sign-up, contact **LeMinnie Smith, Prevention team** office manager,

at: leminnie.s@wstribes.org

Please include your name and email address. A confirmation email will be sent back to you.

If your plans change, please let us know as soon as possible so the paid training slot can be given to another employee.

Any questions, contact Ron Hager, at 541-615-0038. Or email: ronald.hager@wstribes.org

2026 Salmon Camp at Kah-Nee-Ta

The 2026 Salmon Camp with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

this summer will be at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The week-long camp will be June 15-19, open to incoming sixth- and seventh-grade students of the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes.

The Salmon Camp is free, open to 20 students selected through an application process.

Please submit your application by **May 4**.

All meals and lodging are included, and a stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.

You can apply at the website: critfc.org/salmon-camp

For more information contact: salmoncamp@critfc.org



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Eligibility Requirements

1. Enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe
2. Veteran, eligible for VA health care
3. Homeless or at risk of homelessness
4. Income Eligible (80% or less Area Median Income)

If you meet the eligibility requirements and want more information, please contact WSHA at (541) 553-3250 or via email at info@wsaha.us.

One spot currently available in the program; apply soon!

Reawakening the museum Permanent Exhibition

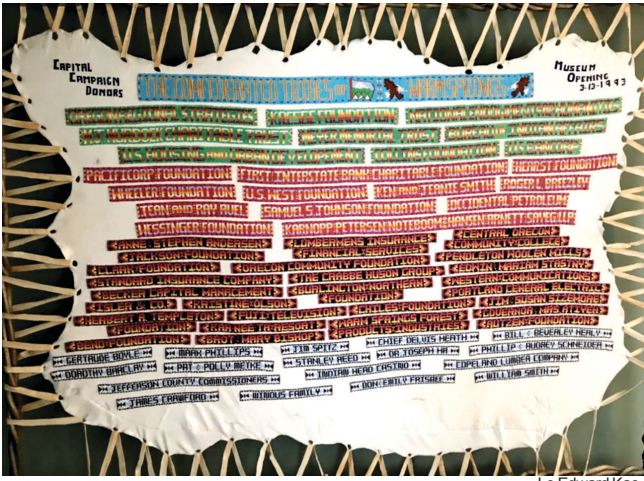
By Don Stastny, Museum Architect of Record

Thirty-three years ago, the Museum at Warm Springs opened its doors to the public. The mission of the museum at that time was to introduce the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to visitors as well as provide a focus for reservation life.

Over three decades, both the purpose as well as the physical facility have evolved—the role of the museum, technology upgrades, general facility improvements, etc.

From opening day, the Permanent Exhibit has served as the heart and soul of the museum—and a vehicle to educate and inform visitors as to the historic and cultural basis of the tribes. That role is evolving, as well.

The museum is not only a repository of cultural treasures but also a central meeting place with an educational mission. A new focus not only addresses the visitor but also the younger generations



Hide artwork honoring early museum members. The item is located in the lobby area of the museum.

of Warm Springs tribal members.

An initiative has been undertaken by the museum's administration and board of directors to 'reawaken' the Permanent Exhibit as a key element of the museum experience. Outdated technology and messaging are being modified and upgraded to provide a more interactive visitor experience.

Storytelling, rotating objects from the Permanent Collection, and historic records will provide a more inclusive and accessible experience for the visitor as

well as the tribes.

Additionally, the technology will be updated to facilitate maintenance and allow for upgrades to the exhibit platform over time. A task force comprised of tribal members, museum administration, Warm Springs artists and elders, and representative of the Architects-of-Record has been working with Formations (the original designers and fabricators of the Permanent Exhibit) to define what the content and form of the Permanent Exhibit should be.

This reawakening of the Permanent Exhibit has been budgeted at \$3 million, of which \$1.6 million has been raised to date—contributions are most welcome and appreciated.

We are currently projecting a celebration of the 'reawakening' of the Permanent Exhibit in 2028, the Thirty-Fifth anniversary of the opening of the Museum at Warm Springs—honoring the Warm Springs, Wasco and Northern Paiute Tribes.

Contributions can be made at the museum's donations page on the website (note your contribution is for the 'Permanent Exhibit Renewal') or by mail:

Attention Sunmiet Maben, The Museum at Warm Springs, PO Box 909, Warm Springs OR 97761.

With any questions or other details about the Permanent Exhibit project, please note also that your donation is for 'Permanent Exhibit Renewal.' Contact Bill Flood, the museum's community development consultant, at: floodbill@comcast.net

Papalaxsimisha Student union

The Papalaxsimisha Native American Student Union meets for lunch on Wednesdays this spring. Upcoming meetings are this afternoon, April 15, then on April 22 and 29; May 6, 13, 20 and 27; and the NASU Celebration is on Wednesday, June 3. The meetings are in Mr. Kollen's classroom, no. 17. You can reach Jillisa Suppah, the NASU coordinator at: jillisa@papalaxsimisha.org

Memorial 'Stax' tourney

The Third Annual Willie 'Stax' Memorial Men's and Women's Open Basketball Tournament is coming in Warm Springs Friday through Sunday, May 22-24. The tourney is true double elimination, awards for first-, second- and third-place, MVP, All Stars, Mr. and Mrs. Hustle, and Sportsmanship.

Contacts are Andy, 541-630-1794; Briana, 541-460-8821; or Elsie, 509-305-6738. Entry fee is \$450, Cash App, FB or money order. Half due April 17, deadline May 3. Early bird special: full payment before half due date, April 17: \$400.



Want to learn about the science of salmon? How about help with a stream restoration project? Have you ever wanted to know more about tribal salmon culture?

Then Salmon Camp is the place for you! Twenty incoming 6th and 7th grade Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce students will be selected for this week-long summer camp. This year's camp will be hosted by the Warm Springs Tribe.

Salmon Camp is **free** but space is **limited**. Participants are selected through an application process. Applications must be received by **May 4, 2026**. All meals and lodging are included. A stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.

Learn more and apply by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.critfc.org/salmon-camp

Salmon Camp is a project of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). For more information, contact: salmoncamp@critfc.org



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I am sorry I broke tribal law on September 22, 2025 by driving under the influence of alcohol. I promise it will never happen again. I will also work on getting my proper driver's license. I have also started counseling to help me not drink. I apologize to S. who was the passenger. I hope other people realize from my actions and that it is not okay to drink and drive.

Theyvon Johnson.

Pet Clinic

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“This community has never needed convincing to care for their animals,” Gina said. “They just needed a door to walk through. This is what high-volume spay-neuter looks like. It changes lives.”

High-volume spay-neuter runs on people willing to show up. This past weekend’s clinic drew more than 30 veterinary professionals from across Oregon and Washington—skilled surgeons and support staff who gave up their own vacation days, arranged childcare and pet care, and made the drive from as far as Seattle and Medford to donate their time and expertise.

Ms. Clemmer, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and a 30-year resident of northeast Portland, launched First Nations Veterinary in 2022 after recognizing a persistent gap in veterinary access on Native American reservations.

The impact of the work extends well beyond individual animals. Each sterilization is estimated to prevent an average of three additional births in the first year alone, gradually reducing the number of free-roaming animals that can pose public safety concerns in tribal com-



Pip Squeak, the 800th animal served at the First Nations Veterinary Warm Springs clinic series.

munities. Combined with vaccinations that guard against rabies and other preventable diseases, and parasite prevention that reduces the spread of tick-borne illness, the clinics function as a frontline public health intervention.

For Pip Squeak, Cedar, and Juniper—and the more than 800 animals before them — it was simply a trip to the clinic. But when an entire community shows up, clinic after clinic, year after year, the cumulative effect is profound—fewer roaming animals, less disease, less suffering, and a tribe that is quietly, steadily becoming a healthier place to live.



The cover page of the 2025 Annual Report of the Museum at Warm Springs.

Annual Report of the Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs recently released its 20-page 2025 Annual Report. The report can be found on the museum website: museum.warmsprings-nsn.gov/

At the website go to the ‘Press Room’ under the heading ‘Press Releases and News 2026.’

“We are very grateful to the Warm Springs community, Board of Directors, Board of Regents, donors, partners, members, traditional master arts instructors, artists, visitors and many friends who helped make 2025 such a wonderful and memorable year!” said the museum executive director Elizabeth Woody.



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Root digging field trip with ECE



Students with the Early Childhood Education center earlier this week enjoyed a root-digging outing with their teachers.

Rodeo Bash in Simnasho on Saturday

The Bash In Simnasho Rodeo is this Saturday, April 18. Events are bull riding, a Wild Horse Race, Breakaway, Mixed Broncs, and Team Roping plus Ribbon Roping, a 2+1 Wild Horse Race, Mini Bulls, Junior and Senior Colt Races and a War Hoop contest. There's also going to be a Bronc Riding school the this Friday, April 17. To sign up for the Bronc Riding School, contact Cooper Dewitt 520-604-6854.

Contact Aja at 541-460-8008 for more details.

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