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Howlak Tichum Warm Springs Chief Rafael Queahpama ~ Lei-chow-a-pan-thla ~ 1947-2026

Warm Springs Chief Rafael Queahpama passed away on June 15. Chief Queahpama had only recently assumed a lifetime seat on the Warm Springs Tribal Council in May. He had just turned 79 in May. Atwai Chief Queahpama is survived by his wife Nola.

Chief Queahpama was a Vietnam War Veteran and longtime respected tribal leader. He was a former Tribal Council member, and sub-Chief for 10 years to atwai Chief Delvis Heath, who passed away in March. His grandfather Frank Queahpama was Chief in the early 1940s.

Services for Chief Rafael Queahpama were this month in Simnasho.

Emmy awards for celebrated filmmaker

LaRonn Katchia, director, producer and cinematographer visits Wyam Youth Center for special screening.

LaRonn Katchia recently won two Emmy Awards for his work on the Oregon Public Broadcasting Oregon Experience documentary *Guardian of the Land*.

Mr. Katchia, from Warm Springs now living in Portland, won in the Best Director Award; and he also produced the film, which won the Emmy in the Historical-Cultural Long Form Content category. For a separate OPB award-winning film, *Uncovering Boarding Schools*, LaRonn was the Cinematographer.

Guardian of the Land presents the Native American perspective of the Sasquatch, a very different perspective from the one held by common media: The Native view is that the mythical creature is a protector, reminding people to



LaRonn Katchia with Emmy Awards at the gala celebration.

take care of the environment—water, fish, trees, First Foods, etc.—in order to survive.

LaRonn accepted his awards at the Sixty-Third Annual Northwest Regional Emmy Awards gala. The

Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Science, official regional chapter of the Emmy Awards, hosted the awards celebration. LaRonn accepted his Emmys at the awards



Courtesy photos

LaRonn brought his Emmy's to the screening at the Wyam Youth Center.

presentation in Seattle.

“First of all, I want to give a huge shout out to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, where I come from,” LaRonn said at the awards podium. “I wouldn’t be here without the support of my tribes.”

In his speech Katchia highlighted a crucial evolution in public broadcasting: Moving away from outside perspectives telling Native stories, instead empowering Indigenous film creators:

“I also want to give a huge shout out to OPB for giving us the keys for Indigenous creators to tell our stories,” LaRonn said.

Emmys continues on 7

Events during Pi-Ume-Sha

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are hosting the Fifty-Sevent annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, commemorating the historic signing of the Treaty of 1855. The treaty ensures vital sovereign rights to fish, hunt, and gather on ancestral lands; and created the Warm Springs Reservation.

Pi-Ume-Sha was founded in the late 1960s by community leaders to honor Native military Veterans, to educate the public about tribal history, and celebrate the people of the tribes.

The events at the powwow grounds bring together drummers and dancers for a three day powwow, traditional parade, rodeo and other events plus vendors set up with food, jewelry, beadwork and other items for sale. All activities are open to the public.

Pi-Ume-Sha week has associated activities as well. Here is a listing of some things going on this week:

The **Thursday Market**, June 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campus Pavilion; plus a **tribal holiday** honoring Treaty Day. There will be a **Tribal Council Treaty Day barbecue** at 11 a.m. at the Community Center Pavilion.

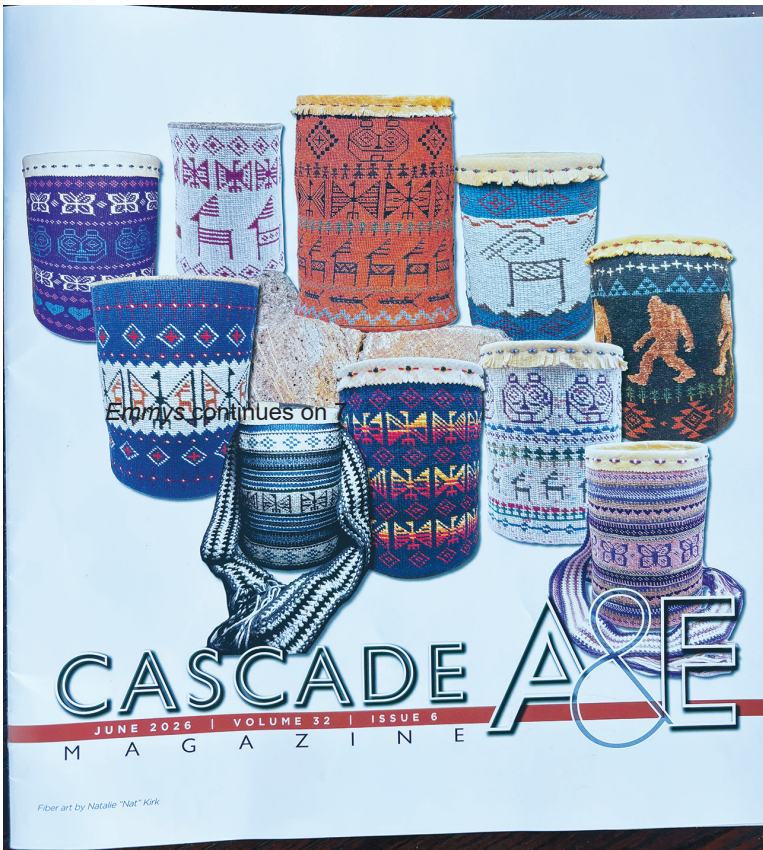
Friday, June 26: Powwow Grand Entry at 7 p.m. at the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds behind the Community Wellness Center.

Saturday, June 27: Endurance Horse Race, 8 a.m. near the Shaker Church. The Traditional Dress Parade at 11 a.m. starting on Campus to the Community Center. Treaty Days Boxing starting at 8 a.m. at the Old VFW Hall (*more Pi-Ume-Sha information inside*).

A tradition of timeless beauty

Warm Spring artist Natalie Kirk and her Wapas baskets are featured in the recent Cascade Arts & Entertainment magazine, published in Bend and celebrating great artists and artwork of the region.

Wapas are woven baskets traditionally used for root-gathering by the Native people of the Columbia Plateau. The Wapas weaving technique allows the artists to create baskets of great beauty, color and endless design possibilities. The Wapas by Natalie feature traditional designs, the iconic condor, *She Who Watches*, elk and Sasquatch, to name a few.



The June 2026 cover of the Cascade A&E magazine.

Natalie is now a master of the craft. Her work has been commissioned by the High Desert Museum, the Hallie Ford Museum in Salem, the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History, the Autry Museum in Los Angeles, among many others. At the Museum at Warm Springs she’s won the Judge’s Choice Awards in 2000 and 2025.

The Cascade A&E feature story also notes Natalie has been a featured artist at the Portland Art Museum, Art Adventure Gallery, the *Weaving the Strands* exhibit at the New Zealand Embassy, and in *Native Innovations*, a traveling Oregon First Nations exhibition.

Natalie first learned the techniques years ago from master Master Weaver and teacher Eraina Palmer.

Wapas continues on 7

Caroline Cruz joins management as new Chief Operations Officer

A new chapter in leadership: Caroline M. Cruz named chief operations officer

Caroline M. Cruz has stepped into the role of Chief Operations Officer, bringing decades of tribal service, state-level leadership, and a strong commitment to community well-being.

In this Tribal Council-appointed position, she will help guide day-to-day governmental operations, strategic planning, budgeting, and service coordination across key departments.



Caroline Cruz, the tribes’ COO.

Guiding tribal operations

As COO, Cruz will provide executive oversight for six major service areas: Health and Human Services, Public Utilities, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Education and High Lookie Lodge.

She will work closely with the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, senior leadership, general managers, and the High Lookie Lodge director to strengthen policies, improve procedures, evaluate services, and align operations with tribal goals and priorities. The tribe has not had a COO since October 2019, though an administrator has assisted the Secretary-Treasurer for the past two years.

Rooted in family and community

Cruz is an enrolled tribal member and the daughter of the late Henrietta Kalama Martinez Johnson and Francisco M. Martinez. Her maternal grandparents were

the late Henry Kalama and Rose Kukup, and her paternal grandparents were Alfonso Tapia Medina and Josefa De Valles.

She is married to Heriberto ‘Papo’ Cruz and has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Experience that spans service and leadership

Cruz brings 28 years of service to the Tribe and 21 years of state-level leadership experience. Her background includes work in public safety, mental health, substance abuse services, prevention, training, Health and Human Services leadership, and tribal liaison work.

COO continues on 7



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*Total cash & prizes in June.

Tribes welcome 2026 Salmon Camp

The young campers attending the 2026 Salmon Camp gathered in Warm Springs a week ago for welcoming remarks by camp counselors and staff of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, hosting the camp this year with Kah-Nee Hot Springs Resort.

The campers then met with the Warm Springs Tribal Council for introductions, welcoming songs and prayers. The campers next headed to their lodgings for the week at Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort, spending the afternoon swimming and settling in.

Following supper the campers gathered for an evening session with guest speaker Lyman Jim, tribal Natural Resources Fisheries

manager. Mr. Jim has worked in tribal Natural Resources since 1995. He spoke about the decades of fisheries work on the reservation, from bull trout recovery and invasive species management on the Shitike and Warm Springs rivers, to the return of coho salmon to the Deschutes, including the first-ever September Deschutes coho fishery for tribal members.

The week-long camp brings together youth from the member tribes of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama and Nez Perce tribes. The camp helps the youth connect with tribal science, culture and natural resources careers.



JM Gain/CRITFC photos



The campers from the four Columbia River treaty tribes met with Tribal Council (lower left), before heading to Kah-Nee-Ta for the week-long camp (upper left). On hand were Lyman Jim, the tribes’ Fisheries manager, and Andrea Tulle, CRITFC public affairs specialist (above).



Health Fair today

The community is invited to the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair this Wednesday, June 24 at the Community Health Center. This year a theme of the fair is ‘Project Healthy Face,’ with a focus on skin health education, skin cancer awareness, and preventative care. Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers, though early detection saves lives. A professional skin screening can help identify suspicious moles, sun damage that may need further evaluation.



THANK YOU!

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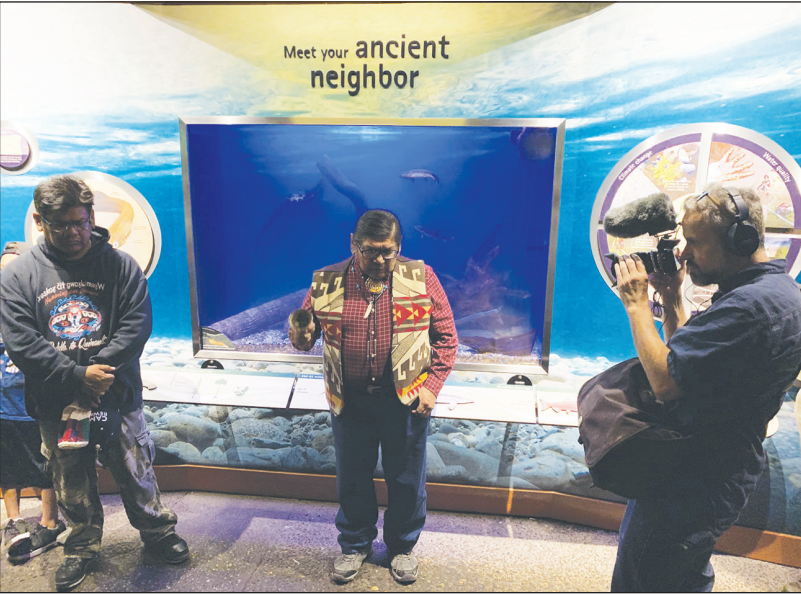
Pacific Lamprey return to Oregon Zoo

The Oregon Zoo’s newest residents are also its oldest: 25 Pacific lamprey moved into the zoo’s Great Northwest area today. Guests can visit them in the Cascade stream and pond section, where the lamprey are often seen suctioned onto the glass of their habitat windows with sucker-like mouths and concentric rings of sharp yellow teeth.

The zoo lamprey are part of a tribal-led restoration effort that collects the fish from Willamette Falls and moves them to areas above the dams where they used to live. This group will stay at the zoo through the winter, and then be transported above the Detroit dam in the North Santiam sub-basin.

“Our tribal partnerships are among our most meaningful in conservation, and they show what’s possible when relationships are built around a shared purpose,” said Shervin Hess, the zoo’s conservation manager. “They’re working to restore this ancient species to their historic range, and we’re grateful that the zoo can play a supporting role.”

Additional lamprey collected at Willamette Falls will be translocat-



CRITFC photo

When the lamprey habitat opened in the zoo’s Cascade Stream building, Warm Springs elder Emerson Squiemphen performed a traditional blessing for the fish and their new home.

ed directly to the release site, without overwintering at the zoo. Comparing these different approaches can provide valuable information on how best to restore the species, wildlife officials say.

“We’ll use DNA fingerprinting of the zoo lamprey to identify their offspring and compare their

reproductive success with that of the other lamprey,” said Jon Hess, senior fisheries geneticist for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. “This sample group from the zoo will allow us to learn more about how to be most effective in restoring lamprey to their native streams.”

Request for qualifications: GeoVisions new office mural project, call for artists

GeoVisions is seeking statements of qualifications from artists interested in designing and creating a mural for our new office space. This mural will help define the character of the space and reflect GeoVisions’ mission, values, and relationship to community, culture, land, and place.

GeoVisions is a tribally owned enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs. Our work focuses on cultural resource management, archaeology, tribal capacity building, cultural monitoring, natural and cultural resource protection, and supporting projects that honor the deep connections between people, land, water, culture, and community.

We are inviting artists to submit their qualifications, examples of previous work, and a brief statement of interest for consideration.

Project Overview GeoVisions recently received the keys to our new office space and is beginning the process of making it feel like home. As part of this effort, we are seeking an artist to design and paint a mural that reflects the spirit of GeoVisions and the communities we serve.

The mural should be meaningful, place-based, and connected to themes such as cultural landscapes, tribal knowledge, natural resources, archaeology, community, stewardship, intergenerational learning, and the protection of cultural and natural resources.

Artists with connections to Warm Springs, tribal communities, Indigenous art, cultural landscapes, community-based storytelling, public art, and place-based design are strongly encouraged to submit.

Mural location and dimensions: The mural will be installed in the GeoVisions office. Approximate mural dimensions are: 20 feet wide x 8 feet high Artists should consider the scale of the wall when preparing their qualifications and initial concept ideas.

Additional site details, wall conditions, and installation information will be shared with the selected artist. Scope of Work The selected artist will work with GeoVisions to develop and complete a mural for the new office space.

The selected artist will be responsible for:

Meeting with GeoVisions staff to discuss the project vision, mural location, themes, and expectations.

Developing a proposed mural concept for review and approval.

Incorporating feedback from GeoVisions before beginning final installation.

Preparing the mural area as needed. 5. Providing all necessary materials, supplies, and equipment unless otherwise agreed upon. 6.

Completing the mural within the agreed project timeline.

Ensuring the completed mural is professional, durable, and appropriate for an office and community-facing environment.

Desired mural themes: GeoVisions is especially interested in mural concepts that reflect one or more of the following themes:

Cultural landscapes. Tribal knowledge and community. The relationship between people, land, water, plants, animals, and place. Also:

Archaeology and cultural resource protection. Stewardship of natural and cultural resources. Intergenerational learning. Tribal capacity building. And:

The future of cultural resource work. Warm Springs, the Columbia Plateau, Central Oregon, and connected homelands. Respect, responsibility, and care for place

The final design should be respectful, welcoming, and appropriate for a professional office setting.

Eligibility: This opportunity is open to individual artists or artist teams. GeoVisions especially encourages submissions from:

Warm Springs artists. Artists with demonstrated experience in public art, murals, cultural storytelling, or community-based art. Artists with a connection to cultural landscapes, natural resources, or tribal communities.

Submission requirements: Interested artists should submit the following materials:

- Artist name and contact information: Include name, phone number, email address, and mailing address.
- Statement of interest: A brief statement describing your interest in the project and your connection to the themes of the mural.
- Artist qualifications: A short bio or description of your experience as an artist.
- Examples of previous work: Submit up to five examples of previous artwork, mural work, public art, or other relevant creative work. Images may be submitted as attachments, links, or a portfolio.
- Initial concept description: A brief description of the type of mural you would be interested in creating for GeoVisions. A final design is not required at this stage, but artists are welcome to include sketches or concept images if they would like.
- Estimated budget or fee: Please include your proposed artist fee or budget estimate, including materials, supplies, preparation, and installation.
- Availability: Please describe your general availability and estimated timeline for completing the mural.
- Selection criteria: Submissions will be reviewed based on the following:
 - Strength of artistic experience and previous work. Connection to the project themes. Ability to complete the mural within the agreed timeline. Proposed budget and feasibility.
 - Overall fit with the GeoVisions office space and mission GeoVi-

Food Court debut on July 2

The Food Court at the Warm Springs Commissary building is set for a grand soft opening next Tuesday, July 2. The food carts area is a highly anticipated feature of the Commissary small business development center.

The outside court gives local entrepreneurs a space to launch their businesses while helping create a vibrant social gathering spot. “Progress for the long-awaited project has been steady, and the food cart area is one of the many drawing points of the whole idea,” said Thomas Media, the food court manager.

The Food Court is just one phase of the overall larger effort to give new life to the Commissary, the oldest structure on the reservation. The building dates back to 1896, when the federal government constructed the 5,000-square-foot structure. The original use was as the BIA storage depot and distribution point for commodity rations.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team, working with Tribal Council, moved the Commissary building to its current location by the highway, and has renovated

and developed the building and surrounding area, using grants from many sources.

“The Commissary project pays respect and homage to the history of the tribes, the building and the property,” said Starla Green, Commissary project manager. “The goal is to flip that history on its head, turning a symbol of government dependence into a modern, independent business development project for tribal members.”

The Commissary project when finished will include the Food Court, shared co-working spaces and desks, retail storefronts for local artists and makers; a beauty salon shop and barbershop, and a separate commercial kitchen for food-based entrepreneurs.

“We have many tribal members who have training and actually operate out of their homes or a mobile unit,” Starla said. “We are building a spot for them to start their businesses in a physical brick-and-mortar situation. We want to share and let the world know that we’re here as Indian people. We’re proud of who we are, and we’re willing to share that.”

sions may invite one or more artists for follow-up conversations before making a final selection.

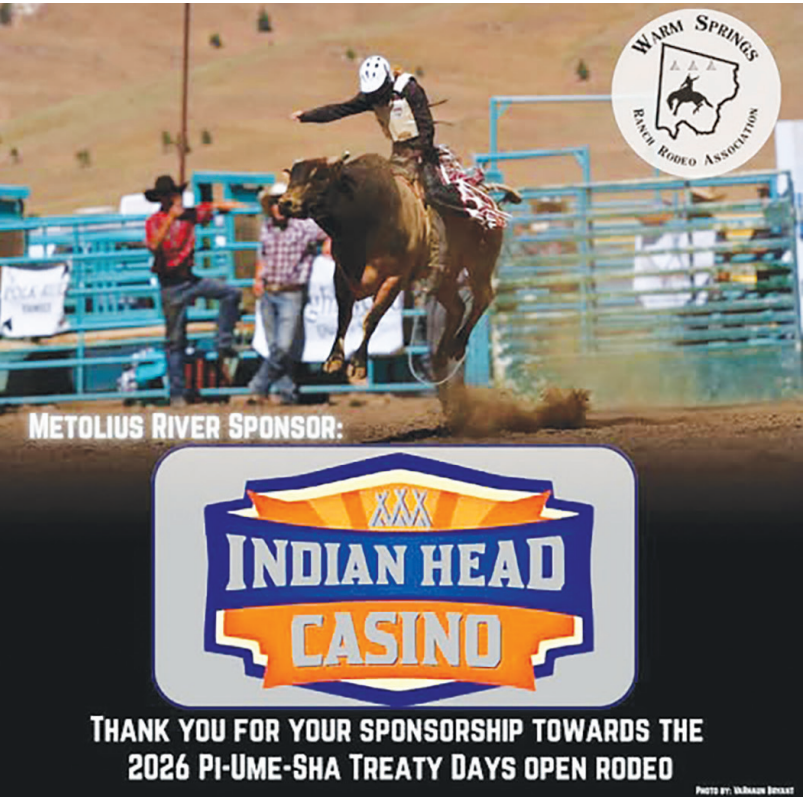
Project budget: Artists should provide a proposed budget or fee as part of their submission. The proposed budget should include artist time, design development, materials, supplies, preparation, installation, and any other project-related costs. GeoVisions reserves the right to negotiate the final scope, budget, and timeline with the selected artist.

Submission deadline submissions are due by: **Friday, July 31, 2026, by 5 p.m.** Late submissions may not be considered.

How to submit submissions may be emailed to:

Brandon Gilliland GeoVisions: bgilliland@wsgeovisions.com

Please use the subject line: GeoVisions Mural RFQ Submission Artists may also contact Brandon with questions about the project or submission process.



PI UME SHA

Traditional Parade 2026

“HONORING THE HORSES”

Saturday, June 27, 2026
Parade begins at 11:00 AM
Line up at 10 am
Judging Starts at 10:15 am

Parade Route: Starts at Campus & ends at the Pi Ume Sha Grounds
Registration: Begins Friday at 3:00 PM at the Grounds & Closes Saturday at 10:00 AM
Important: Participants must register to be included in judging.

Divisions: Adult - Teens - Youth
Categories: - Walkers
- Traditional Floats
- Contemporary Floats
- Horse Riders

Contact Information:
Ramona Bacz 541-460-0077
samveronica75@gmail.com

Fly to Levi BlackWolf

Letters to the editor

For the Parade

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days is coming up Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, and will include the annual Traditional Parade. This year organizers are shining a special spotlight on horses. The parade them is ‘Honoring the Horses.’

Organizers are calling on the community to bring out their animals to showcase their beauty and cultural importance. Whether they are traditional, ranch, rodeo, family or therapy horses. The goal is to celebrate the impact these animals have on daily life. Horses have always been a central part of the people’s way of life, culture, healing and identity.

Community members are encouraged to showcase: Sacred paint designs; cowboy and ranch-style riders, and the next generation of youth riders.

This year the parade is all about honoring the strength, beauty, spirit and connection between the people and the horse—ensuring they are seen, celebrated and remembered in a good way.

The parade will still feature its traditional lineups of walkers and floats with divisions for adults, teen and youth. Thanks to strong sponsorship from the local community and surrounding areas, organizers note they are excited to show extra appreciation to this year’s participants for sharing their traditions.

If you are planning to ride or drive a float, registration opens on Friday, June 26 at 3 p.m. at the powwow grounds, and will close on the morning of the parade at 10 a.m. sharp. All participants must be registered to join.

Leading the procession this year as the 2026 Grand Marshals will be representatives from the Traditional Horses and Rodeo Committee. Everyone is invited to come out, enjoy the parade, support the riders, and celebrate a timeless bond. **The Parade organizers.**

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Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 25, 2024 by driving while under the influence of intoxicants and recklessly endangering other people and myself. I regret making the choice to drink and drive and endanger others. I understand what I did was wrong and working hard to change my ways and behavior. I apologize to my family and I apologize to the community. I’ll work hard to prove to myself and my family that I can do this sober. And I will make every effort in the future. **Krystyn Calica.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 4, 2022 by being rude and get-

This summer at Community Wellness

Here are some events coming up at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center:

The center welcomes young people to join **Youth Fitness**, featuring one-hour a day of fun challenges for all ages. There will be daily log sheets to keep yourself accountable, and a Pizza Party in August if you participate—‘Healthy challenges, keeping you happy in life, join us this summer.’ For more information call Hamley at 541-553-3243.

The Community Wellness Center this summer also presents **Cooking Around the World**. The first class will be on Thursday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn to prepare favorite dishes like strawberry crepes from France, spaghetti and meatballs from Italy; Hungarian goulash; Mexican enchiladas, and Chinese fried rice.

Classes are limited to 10 and you will receive a cooking class schedule when you sign up. For more information contact the Community Wellness Center at 541-553-3243.

The Warm Springs Recreation Annual **Fourth of July Horse-shoe Tournament** is coming up on the Fourth at the Community Wellness Center Horseshoe Pits. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Entries close at 12:30 p.m. The format is a blind draw bracket. The tourney begins at 12:45. For more information contact Austin Greene, tourney director, at the Community Wellness Center.

Community Wellness will host the **Toy Sale & Swap** on Friday, August 7 starting at 10 a.m. Please call the Wellness Center to reserve your table, and remember to bring a comfortable chair.

The Warn Springs Community Wellness Center August **Drummers Jammz and Social Powwow** will be on Wednesday, August 12, with the potluck at 5:30 p.m. in

the Social Hall, and the powwow at 6:30 in the gym. Master of ceremonies will be Mackie Begay.

All food vendors are welcome. For more information call Austin at the center.

This year the **Back to School Yard Sale** at the Community Wellness Center will be on Friday, August 21, setup at 8:30. Tables are limited. Call the center to sign up.

Tribal fishery

The Four Columbia River Tribes set the following fishery plan, and the Columbia Compact has concurred:

A commercial platform and hook and line fishery are set for zone 6 from the present through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

Fish caught during this time may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Gear is hoop nets, bag nets, dip nets, and hook and line.

Allowable sales are salmon (any species), shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or kept for subsistence. Fish landed during the fishery period may be sold afterward. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool, The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence.

A commercial gillnet fishery is from 6 a.m. on Monday, June 29 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1. Gear is set and drift gillnets with 7” minimum mesh size. Fish species and allowable sales and kept for subsistence rules above apply.

To tribal college students:

As of last week, about 80 Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs members had applied for Oregon Tribal Student Grants, or OTSGs. Applicants need to consider the following:

Of the 80 applicants, many had not turned in their tribal enrollment verification forms to the tribes’ Vital Statistics Department, so that verification could be forwarded to OTSG for consideration.

Some applicants needed FAFSA and tribal enrollment verification forms. Two needed FAFSA applications.

Seven applications were invalid and ineligible for OTSG because their college choice is not eligible.

The deadline is June 30, and no late applications will be accepted. Please contact 541-553-3311

for questions.

Gina Ricketts, Career Counselor, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

At the Mobile Medical Clinic

Warm Springs Community Health will have the Mobile Medical Clinic at the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair this Wednesday, June 24 until 3 p.m. this afternoon. The Mobile Clinic will also be a the Shelter Dining Hall on campus on Tuesday, June 30 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Mobile Clinic can help with medical problems, medications, STI tests and immunizations. You can visit by walk-in or by appointment. You can reach Community Health at 541-553-2352. **RaNeva Dowty, Dr. Frey and Nurse Shirley.**

Travel guide features tribes

Experience Indigenous Oregon is a new free travel guide created with Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribes, helping visitors explore Indigenous tourism experiences, cultural attractions and community-led stories across the state.

Travel Oregon launched *Experience Indigenous Oregon* the guide developed in partnership with representatives from tribes. The free publication is designed to help visitors engage with Indigenous tourism experiences while learning about the cultures, histories and communities that continue to shape the state today.



Calling all artists

The Patricia Valian Reser Center for the Creative Arts, or PRAX, and the Division of Extension and Engagement at Oregon State University invite submissions for the PRAX Open, a juried art exhibition featuring traditional, emerging, and new media works from across Oregon.

The exhibition emphasizes original art that speaks to the places—be they rural, urban, or suburban—where the artists live, engaging in particular with the landscapes, histories, cultures, economies, ecosystems, or region-specific topics of such places to represent the breadth of the state and sovereign tribal nations in Oregon.

This show also aims to support the Oregon arts economy. Artists will retain 100-percent

of their sales.

While pieces are not required to be offered for sale, the exhibition will be curated with the intent that a significant majority of the works may be purchased via direct correspondence with the artist.

Works that will be considered include:

- 2D wall-hung or 3D self-supporting mediums;
- Digital or time-based works, though they must be formatted for a single screen with headphones; and,
- Large-format submissions (accepted number limited by space).

The exhibition will be primarily installed in the 3,000-square-foot Kate and John Stirek Gallery at PRAX, and is anticipated to feature the work of 25–40 artists later this year.

Selected artists will receive a fixed \$300 stipend intended to cover the costs of shipping or transporting the works to and



from PRAX and related costs. Please note that applicants must be current Oregon residents, and for collaborative work, both must currently reside in the state.

Note: Artwork that is generated by publicly available AI tools is not accepted. Applications are due **July 1**. Learn more and apply for free here: prax.oregonstate.edu/prax-open

Notes...

The Warm Springs Community Wellness Center’s **free youth fitness summer** program starts this week. This will include an hour a day of fun challenges for all ages. For more information talk to Hamley at the Community Center, 541-553-3243.

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

Mondays at Warm Springs **Behavioral Health** there is a Women’s Talking Circle at 11 a.m. and the Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Education Court Program class is at 4. These are for Behavioral Health Center clients. Contact their office if you need more information, 541-553-3205.

There is **Tai Chi class** this evening at 6 in the Community Center aerobics room. It’s free and all skill levels are welcome.

A note from the Warm Springs PD:

Dispatch center moving back to the main Public Safety building

The Warm Springs Police Department would like to notify the community that the renovation project at the Police Department has been completed, and preparations are underway to relocate the 911 dispatch center form the temporary modular facilities back to the main Public Safety building.

During the relocation process, Frontier Regional Dispatch will provide dispatch services for the Warm Springs Police Department. The transition is expected to be done as soon as this Thursday, June 25.

During the brief transition, for emergencies continue to dial 911. For non-emergency please contact Frontier

Regional Dispatch at 541-384-2080.

The Warm Springs Police Department anticipates that the local 911 dispatch center will resume operations from its permanent location this Thursday, June 25.

We appreciate the community’s patience and understanding during this transition as we complete the final phase of returning operations to the renovated facility. These improvements will help enhance public safety services and provide a modernized workspace for dispatch and law enforcement personnel.

For additional information, please contact the Warm Springs Police Department during normal business hours.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Note: All hearings are held at the Tribal Courthouse of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Matthew Alonso, Defendant; Case No. CR241-24, CR147-25. TO: Matthew:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Supervised Probation 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 **July 20, 2026 at 10:00 am**

AARON JAMES JR, Petitioner, vs, LEILANI REQUA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV6-12, JV106,107-16. TO: AARON JAMES JR., LEILANI REQUA, CHRIS REQUA, DOROTHY JAMES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION 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 **7th day of JULY, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DENA THOMAS, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV39-23, JV42-24. TO: TYRONE LAWRENCE, DENA THOMAS, CPS, JV PROS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED 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 **JULY 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Jeremy McKinley, Defendant; Case No. CR27-26. TO: Jeremy:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Arraignment/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 **July 21, 2026 at 8:00 am**

EL FREDA GENTRY, Petitioner, vs ANTONIO GENTRY, RESPONDENT; Case No. RO15-25. TO: EL FREDA GENTRY, ANTONIO GENTRY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER 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 **13th day of JULY, 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TAW FOLTZ, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO1-21. TO: TAW FOLTZ, WILSON WEWA, DARRYL SCOTT, SHAWNETTA YAHTIN, CHRIS ELIOT, MARY YOUNG, EMILY BROOKEY, LOREEN STORMBRINGER, SHARD STORMBRINGER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR/GUARDIAN 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 the **21st day of JULY, 2026 @ 2:00 PM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Levi Joe, respondent; case no. CR72-24. To Levi:

You are hereby notified that a Supervised Probation 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 **Monday, June 20, 2026 at 10 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Isabel Price, respondent; case no. CR39-24. Isabel:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Vernice Williams (Scott), respondent; case no. CR236-24, CR433-19. To Vernice:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment /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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Skyla Thompson, respondent; case no. CR172-24. To Skyla:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Nathan Napyer, respondent; case no. CR13-25. To Nathan:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Kelsey Kalama, respondent; case no. FG2-25. To Kelsey:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Vernon Smith Sr., respondent; case no. CR11-25, CR152-23. To Vernon:

You are hereby notified that a Status 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 **Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 3 p.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Simone Danzuka-LeClaire, respondent; case no. CR11-26. To Simone:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Jonathan R. Smith, respondent; case no. CR192-24. To Jonathan R. Smith:

You are hereby notified that an Arraignment 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 **Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m.**

CTWS, Petitioner vs WILMA BAZA, Respondent; Case No. DO13-11. TO: WILMA BAZA, CALVIN WILLIAMS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED 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 **14th day of JULY, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

MUIRINN J. ADAMS, Petitioner, vs MATEO J. SMITH, Respondent; Case No. DO48,49-26. TO: MUIRINN J. ADAMS, MATEO J. SMITH, MICHAELA ADAMS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **13TH day of JULY 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

TANNER YALLUP, Petitioner, vs LAVONNE BOISE, Respondent; Case No. JV75-14, DO30-26. TO: TANNER YALLUP, LAVONNE BOISE and EVIAONE CHAQUITO KATCHIA:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW / 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 **8TH day of JULY, 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARY CLOUD, JOHN MARCUM, Respondent; Case No. JV57-17. TO: MARY CLOUD, JOHN MARCUM, CANDASE MONTGOMERY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED 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 **14TH day of JULY, 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs PATRICE SPINO, Respondent; Case No. JV4-21. TO: PATRICE SPINO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED 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 **14TH day of JULY 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS., Petitioner, vs LOREEN STORMBRINGER, Respondent; Case No. JV55-18. TO: LOREEN STORMBRINGER, GINA & MICHAEL GISH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED 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 **16TH day of JULY 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. JV116,117,118-14. TO: CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, ULYSSES SUPPAH SR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY 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 **27TH day of JULY 2026 @ 2:00 PM**

DORIS LEWIS, Petitioner, vs HATTIE HART, Respondent; Case No. DO51-26. TO: HATTIE HART, DORIS LEWIS, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER 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 **21ST day of JULY 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

CPS, Petitioner, vs SHADRACK MARTINEZ, Respondent; Case No. DO47-26. TO: CPS, SHADRACK MARTINEZ:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an SHOW CAUSE 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 **14TH day of JULY 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

ANTHONY LITTLELEAF, Petitioner, vs CLAUDINE LITTLELEAF, Respondent; Case No DO50-25. TO: LORRAINE FARMER, ROXANNE GREY, CLAUDINE LITTLELEAF:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR 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 **30TH day of JULY, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, petitioner vs. CLARA CLEVELAND, Respondent; Case No. JV42,43-25. TO: CLARA CLEVELAND, GILBERT SNELL, JV PROS, CPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY 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 **27TH day of JULY, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME: IN THE MATTER OF: X.P.H. X.P.H., DOB:03/17/2022; Case No. DO53-26. DANIEL GILBERT, Petitioner:

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from X.P.H. to X.P.G. A hearing on this matter has been set for **2:30 PM on the 3RD day of AUGUST 2026**, 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 **20TH day of JULY, 2026. This shall be done in writing and filed with the Court.**

RAVEN PARKINS, Petitioner, vs DANNETTE PARKINS, Responden; tCase No. DO35-26. TO: RAVEN PARKINS, DANNETTE PARKINS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE 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 JULY, 2026 @ 3:30 PM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Garrett K. Suppah Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2023-PR10. Final account: Petition and order setting time for filing objections:

It is hereby ordered that the Setting time for Objections is **July 15, 2026**. Any objections filed must be received in the Warm Springs Tribal Probate Department on or before July 15, 2026.

In the matter of the estate of Jerikeo T. McKinley-Wainanwit, W.S. U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2024-PR18. Petition and order setting time for filing objections:

It is hereby ordered that the Setting time for Objections is **July 15, 2026**. Any objections filed must be received in the Warm Springs Tribal Probate Department on or before July 15, 2026.

Senseless vandalsim to Seniors van



Spillyay photo

Windows on both sides of the van and the vehicle door were damanaged.

Sometime during the weekend of June 13-14, or possibly early in the morning of Monday, June 15, someone vandalized the Seniors program van, breaking out a number of the windows, and damaging the

door. Police were investigating the matter, and the security camera footage was being reviewed.

The senseless act happened at an unfortunate time, said Wilson Wewa, program director: Seniors were scheduled to take trips in the van in the near future, and

the windows and door could not be fixed in time for some of the trips, Wilson said. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Warm Springs Police Department Police Department.

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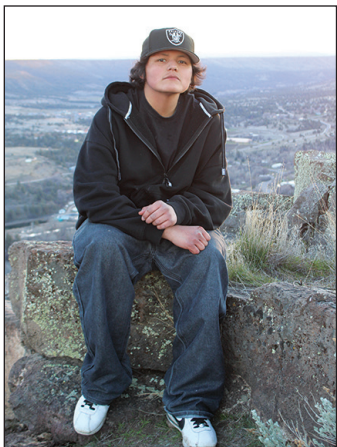
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Kate Sandra Clements



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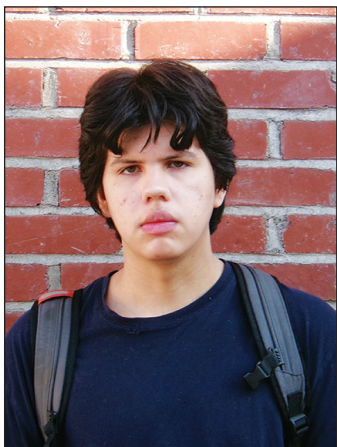
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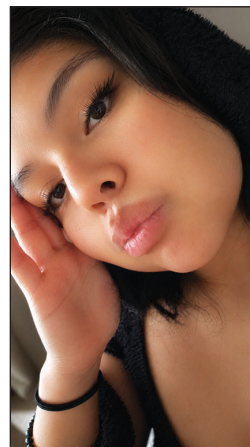
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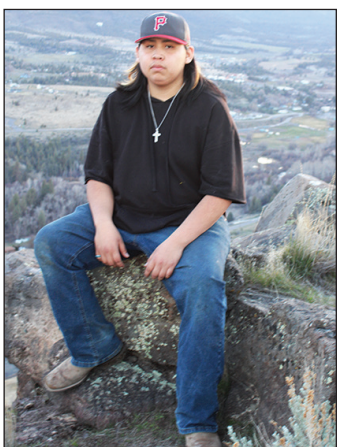
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Reese Otter



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Ulysses Suppah Jr.

Bridges 2026 Grad-
uates (pictures not
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Jason Rabbie Jr.



Dream Weaselhead



Kayla Williams

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Dae'ron Weaselhead



Congratulations,
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Emmys: special screening at the Wyam Youth Center



Dave Norman photos

(from page 1)
LaRonn continued: “I also want to give a huge shout out to OPB for giving us the keys for Indigenous creators to tell our stories.”

After winning the awards LaRonn came to Warm Springs for a special screening of the film at the Wyam Youth Center theater and film workshop, followed by discussion. The Wyam Youth Center is a program of the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

“I want to thank Reina Estimo, Brutis Baez and the Warm Springs Community Action team for throwing this wonderful community celebration in honor of our recent wins,” LaRonn commented afterward the screening.

“It was so meaningful to see community members, youth, close family and friends speak on our accomplishments. It was a night of celebration and remembering where we come from. It was emotional sitting on that stage and hearing stories about my comeuppance, the struggles and basically chapters of my life: community impacts and the ripple effects from the body of work I’ve created to get here now.

“Thank you auntie Saphro-

Acosia Red Elk and LaRonn (above) discuss *Guardian of the Land* and other topics at the Wyam Youth Center; and Wyam director Brutis Baez (below left) and LaRonn with Emmys at the Center.



nia, Chris Watson, Isaac Trimble, Acasia Red Elk and Brutis for sharing the stage with me and being a part of this epic journey. I want to give a special thanks to everyone who attended. It will be a moment I cherish for a very long time. And thank you Dave Norman for bringing your camera out and taking the pictures.”

While *Guardian of the Land* and LaRonn were big winners at the Emmy awards,

other OPB Native-theme documentaries also won: *Uncovering Boarding Schools*, an OPB documentary chronicling the history of the assimilation in the U.S. through Indigenous children’s experiences; and *First Descent: Kayaking the Klamath*, telling the story of Native youth, a number from Warm Springs, who first kayaked down the Kalamath River last year after dam removals.

New COO

(from page 1)
Caroline holds a Bachelor’s degree in Community Planning and Sociology from La Grande State College and a Public Management Certificate from Willamette University.

Looking Ahead
In her new role, Ms. Cruz’s

Wapas: ‘I draw inspiration from our homelands’

(from page 1)
Natalie was the longtime curator of the Museum at Warm Springs, where she worked for 25 years and got to know Eraina. Natalie now creates artwork for the Tananwit shop and gallery at the Plaza.
“Our people are from N’Chi Wana, the Big River or

the Columbia River where Celilo Falls once thrived,” Natalie says in the Cascade Arts and Entertainment article. “Our falls were inundated in 1957 and ancient art of pictographs and petroglyphs were lost. I draw inspiration from our homelands and I try to keep our ancient art alive through my art.”

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days 2026

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priorities include promoting self-sufficiency, strengthening community prosperity, improving service quality, identifying operational gaps, and pursuing grant opportunities that expand services and improve resource allocation.

She believes the General Managers and High Lookkee Lodge director are committed to serving the people and will play an important role in helping the tribe strengthen services, meet community needs, and move forward together.

All employees of the Confederated Tribes are welcome to a **Risk Management Training: Driving Defensively and Workplace Violence seminar** on Tuesday, July 7 at the Warm Springs Credit conference room. The Driving Defensively topic will be addressed at 9 a.m., and the Workplace Violence topic at 1 p.m. For more information contact Natasha Meanus, 541-553-3053, or: natasha.meanus@wstribes.org



2026 PI-UME-SHA TREATY DAYS OPEN RODEO
June 27, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Warm Springs, OR

EVENTS:

Team Roping...\$240 Team (2X).....	\$2500 Added
Barrel Racing...\$120 Entry Fee.....	\$1300 Added
Ranch Bronc Riding...\$120 Entry Fee.....	\$1300 Added
Bull Riding...\$120 Entry Fee.....	\$1300 Added
Breakaway Roping...\$120 Entry Fee.....	\$1300 Added
Women's Ranch Bronc Riding...\$120 Entry Fee.....	\$1300 Added
Open Wild Horse Race: Contact George Spino for Entries	
Sheep Riding (7 & under/limit 10)... \$10 Entry Fee	\$100 Added
Ribbon Roping...\$60 Entry Fee.....	\$300 Added
Watermelon Race...FREE.....	\$100 Added
War Hoop Contest...FREE.....	\$100 Added

OFFICE FEE: \$10 PER CONTESTANT
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CALL IN DATES: JUNE 14-24, 2026

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-CHAMPION LEATHER JACKETS
-TEAM EQUINE CHAMPION SADDLE PAD (TIMED EVENTS ONLY)
-CHAMPION TUMBLER

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WARM SPRINGS RODEO GROUNDS: 1351 HOLLIDAY STREET WARM SPRINGS, OR 97761



2026 PI-UME-SHA TREATY OPEN YOUTH RODEO
June 28, 2026 | 1:00PM | Warm Springs, OR

EVENTS:

Sr Colt Race (15-17)...\$75.00 Per Team.....	\$300 Added
Jr Colt Race (14 & Under)...\$45 Per Team.....	\$300 Added
Mini Bulls...\$50 Entry Fee.....	\$300 Added
Barrel Race...\$50 Entry Fee.....	\$300 Added
Sheep Riding (7 & under/limit 10)\$10 Entry Fee...	\$100 Added
Calf Scramble...Free.....	\$100 Added
Goat Untying... Free.....	\$100 Added
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Toy Race (10 & Under).....	FREE

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Chairman shares views on IHS nominee

Earlier this month, the White House nominated Mark Cruz, member of the Klamath tribes, to serve as the new director of the Indian Health Service.

Mr. Cruz currently serves as the senior advisor to Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

In becoming IHS director Mr. Cruz fills a position that has been without a Senate-confirmed director since January 2025.

His appointment depends upon Senate confirmation. The nomination has been referred to the Sen-



Mark Cruz

ate Committee on Indian Affairs, which must hold a hearing before the full Senate votes.

Warm Springs Tribal Council

Chairman Dennis White III gave the following comment regarding the recent appointment:

“The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have long advocated for a strong and responsive Indian Health Service that delivers culturally grounded, effective health care to our tribal members and all of Indian Country.

“We respect Mr. Cruz for his

deep understanding of federal Indian policy and his demonstrated commitment to tribal sovereignty, self-determination and meaningful access to health resources and infrastructure. His career reflects his lifelong dedication to advancing tribal self-governance and economic opportunity.

“We are especially encouraged that his background as a member of the Klamath Tribes ensures that he will bring personal knowledge of the unique challenges and

strengths of the Pacific Northwest tribes.

“We are confident that Mr. Cruz will lead the Indian Health Service with urgency, respect for tribal governance systems and cultural traditions, and a clear focus on closing long standing health disparities.

“We strongly support the nomination of Mark Cruz to serve as Director of the Indian Health Service and ask that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs act swiftly to nominate Mr. Cruz.”



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2) JOM REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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