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Tribal Council approves feasibility study for a Mt. Hood rest area relocation

An inter-agency and inter-disciplinary team since 2021 has been working with communities to consider relocation of the Mt. Hood-Government Camp rest area on Highway 26.

The existing outdated rest area, first established in the 1950s, is no longer capable of responding to the public need, and is located at the core of the most congested area on Mt. Hood.

Through ongoing coordination with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; local, county, state and federal agencies; and thousands of users and members of the public, the Oregon Travel Information Council and its partners have reached a shared commitment to relocate and re-imagine the outdated 15-space rest area farther south and east on Highway 26. The Oregon Travel Information Council operates and maintains all of Oregon’s rest areas.

In May 2026, as part of its phase 1 assessment, two areas of interest were identified on the Mt. Hood National Forest along Highway 26 southeast of the mountain, including one near the



Signage near current rest area.

Warm Springs Reservation.

No final decision has been made about the rest area location.

In early June, the Tribal Council met with the planning team and passed a unanimous resolution in favor of exploring the feasibility of a Highway 26 rest area on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Council sees the possibility of this proposed rest area on the reservation to help in the following ways:

- Improve local traffic safety.
- Give travelers a designated place to dispose of trash.

Address public urination that occurs along the highway.

Support local small business development in the long term.

Study and analysis

Led by the Oregon Travel Information Council and a steering committee that includes Warm Springs, the team will enter phase 2 of the process in the fall of this year. Phase 2 will be a comprehensive feasibility study of the Warm Springs location.

This will include working closely with tribes to conduct a detailed analysis of cultural, natural and engineering-related aspects of the possible site on the reservation.

Tribal members can expect to see tribal and other resource specialists examining areas along Highway 26 on the Warm Springs Reservation, particularly during the 2027 field season.

The team will return to the Warm Springs Tribal Council in fall 2027 to discuss findings. Following that, Travel Information Council will determine the most suitable of the two locations identified in phase 1 to carry forward into design.

Positions open on tribal boards of directors

The Tribal Council is seeking to fill the following positions on tribal boards of directors:

Warm Springs Credit: One position, class II—Tribal member.

Letters of interest and resume of applicants interested in serving on the Credit board should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026. The application and letter can be dropped off at the tribal administration building addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO.

Or by mail to: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 435, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Please sign a criminal background and credit background check. Forms can be mailed or e-mailed to you. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

Cannabis Regulatory Commission: The tribes are seeking one tribal member candidate for appointment to the CTWS Cannabis Regulatory Commission. The following are areas of expertise and knowledge of qualified applicants: Law enforcement. Federal drug policy. Drug and alcohol dependency and dependency treatment. Desired qualifications: Pharmaceutical, alcohol or other controlled substance production, processing and regulation. Food cultivation and processing. Finance and banking. Medicine and medical treatment.

The following individuals may not serve as Cannabis Commissioners: Members of Tribal Council. Members of the board of directors of any licensee or tribally-owned enterprise that engages in marijuana activity. Employees of any licensee or tribally owned enterprise that engages in any marijuana activity. Individuals who would not be eligible to receive a permit under WSTC Chapter 743. All appointments will be subject to criminal background and credit checks.

To apply, please send a statement of interest and qualifications no later than 5 p.m. on August 10, 2026. Via email: Office of the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO: edhenderson@wstribes.org

And to the following: Re Cannabis Regulatory Commission: cr.begay@wstribes.org

Or drop off at the administration building addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO: Re: Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

Or by mail: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455 Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Please include your preferred contact information.

Warm Springs Local Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Two positions. Please apply by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026 (application process same as for the Credit Enterprise, above).



PAINTED PONY
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WE’RE HIRING: Join the Painted Pony Espresso Team!

Are you passionate about community, coffee, infused drinks and learning new skills? Painted Pony Espresso is officially looking for motivated individuals to join our team!

We are a project of the Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT), serving as a culinary entrepreneurship training site for our local community. Whether you are a seasoned barista or just starting your career, we want to hear from you. We are dedicated to professional growth and are happy to provide full training to the right candidates.

Position details:

Roles: Full-time and part-time positions available.

Benefits: Competitive pay and flexible scheduling to fit your life.

Mission: You won’t just be making drinks—you’ll be part of a workforce training organization that supports local entrepreneurship and builds community.

Hours of operation:

Wednesday-Saturday: 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

How to apply:

Ready to join the team? Download your application today at [w/employment](#)



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CONTACT INFO:
WS COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM
ASK FOR PAVILION VENDORS 541-553-3148
OR [STARLA@WSCAT.ORG](#)

On the Tribal Council agenda for August

(from page 1)

Monday, August 11

10 a.m.: Credit Enterprise update with Lori Fuentes and the board of directors.
11: Power and Water Enterprises with Cathy Ehli and the board.
1:30 p.m.: Warm Springs timber budget with Eric Farm and the board.
2:30: Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta budgets with Jim Souers and board.
3:30: Warm Springs Housing Authority budget with Danielle Wood and the board.

Tuesday, August 11—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Cannabis Commission with Hugh Palcic and Paul Sumner.
10: Composite Products with Jake Coochise and board.
11: Warm Springs Telecom with Tim York and board.
1:30 p.m.: Indian Head Casino with Shawn McDaniel and board.
2:30: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) with Glendon Smith and commission.
3:30: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO with Ed Henderson.

Wednesday, August 12—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Human Resources with William Sam.
10: Natural Resources with Austin Smith Jr.
11: Tribal Court with Gayleen Adams.
1:30 p.m.: Chief Operations Officer with Caroline Cruz.
2:30: Museum at Warm Springs

with Liz Woody and board.

Monday, August 17—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Public Safety Branch with Dennis White III and Levi Dowty.
10: Public Utilities Branch with Chico Holliday.
11: Education with Valerie Switzler and Deanie Johnson.
1:30 p.m.: Managed Care with Mike Collins.
2:30: Finance Department with Pam Douglas and Michele Stacona.
3:30: Government Affairs with Andrew Hofstetter.

Tuesday, August 18

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO with Ed Henderson.
10: September agenda and review minutes.
11: Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats.
2:30: Indian Health Services update with Tammy Wilson.
3:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.
4:30: Manage Care update with Mike Collins.

Wednesday, August 19—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Oregon Health Authority/Oregon Department of Human Services with Mike Collins.
11: Tribal Council budget.
1:30 p.m.: Administrative Service Center with Sandra Danzuka.
2:30: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.
3:30: High Lookee Lodge with Fay Hurtado.

Monday, August 24—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Culture and Heritage Committee with Lorraine Suppah and committee.
10: Fish and Wildlife Committee—On Reservation with Cyril Jim and committee.
11: Fish and Wildlife Committee—Off Reservation with Bruce Jim, committee.
1:30: Land Use Planning Committee with Martha Winishut, committee.
2:30: Education Committee with Deanie Smith, committee.
3:30: Range and Agriculture with J.E. Florendo, committee.

Tuesday, August 25—Budgets.

9 a.m.: Water Board with Raymond Tsumpti Sr., board.
10: Health and Welfare Committee with Eugene Greene Jr., committee.
11: Elections-Counting Board with Valerie Squiemphen, board.

Wednesday, August 26

9 a.m.: Casino operations, board and committee with Shawn McDaniel, Fran Ahern and Sandra Main.
10: Stauffer and Associates 2023 audit report with Shane Cox.

Items for consideration:
2027 tribal budget preview. Rep. Maxine Dexter.
Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Reed. The Whitener Group.



Agency District Meeting

8/11/26

Agency Longhouse

Dinner at 5:30PM

*Adoptions & Enrollments
*Small Business Development & Management

Meeting to follow after the meal



TANANAWIT WARM SPRINGS ARTISTS



ART ADVENTURE GALLERY
OPENING RECEPTION August 6th
5:00-7:30PM.
HOURS MON-FRI NOON-4, SAT NOON-5:00
185 SE 5th St, Madras.
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Columbia River water forecast is increasingly dry

The latest long-range forecast of the Columbia River’s future water availability leaves the region dry within the next 20 years.
Climate change along with agricultural practice, groundwater use and growing communities are putting more pressure on the region’s water resources every year.
As the region warms, rain rather than snow will fall and what snowpack does accumulate will

run off earlier.
As a result, less water is expected to be available in summer and early fall by the 2040s, according to a draft forecast from the Washington Department of Ecology and the State of Washington Water Research Center at Washington State University.
“These pressures will grow as back-to-back droughts happen more often and for

longer periods of time,” said Melissa Downes, projects section manager for Ecology’s Office of the Columbia River, in a statement.
“That makes it even more important to understand the science and what challenges are coming our way. We use this framework to guide our decisions and help communities become more climate resilient.”

Regional wildfires stretch resources

Wildland firefighting resources across Central Oregon have been stretched thin following an intense mid July 15 storm that delivered over 2,000 lightning strikes and ignited more than 85 fires. Five specialized management teams and over 500 additional personnel were managing 27 active blazes across the region.
According to the National Interagency Fire Center, the Akawa Butte Fire west of Culver had surpassed 10,000 acres, prompting the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office to update evacuation levels ahead of a virtual community meeting hosted on the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Facebook page.

Meanwhile, fire officials report the Brewer Fire in Jefferson and Crook counties had scorched over 24,000 acres at a small percentage of containment, while the Box Springs Fire has jumped to 4,200 acres and very low containment.
Across the state, major wildfire complexes continue to expand, highlighted by the massive Rowe Creek Complex Fire in north-central Oregon. Reporting indicates the complex has surged past 126,000 acres across Wasco, Wheeler and Crook counties, and low containment as the merged Crosswhite Fire accounts for close to 115,000 acres.

PAPALAXSIMISHA REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TEAM HOSTS

THE SEASONS OF WOMANHOOD

Elders Brunch for the grandmas

Wednesday July 29th
9am-1pm

Youth Gym

Gift bags for the first 25 grandmas!

Hair Cuts available
Incentive Prizes!

Come join us for a morning of breakfast, games, & conversation about coming of age, motherhood, perimenopause/menopause, and other topics around womanhood. Our team would like to seek knowledge from the grandmas about what support they had or wish they had.

For more info contact Jillisa Suppah OR Lorien Scott
jillisa@papalaxsimisha.org / lorien@papalaxsimisha.org



FIRST ANNUAL GREELEY HEIGHTS Neighborhood YARD SALE

AUGUST 7-9, 2026



FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
10AM - 5PM



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
10AM - 5PM



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
11AM - 3PM

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Letters to the editor

Scholarship applications by July 31

Warm Springs tribal members interested in college, vocational school, or job training programs are encouraged to apply for assistance through the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Higher Education program. Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year must be completed and submitted by the new deadline of July 31. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed and could delay funding.

The program provides eligible students with a new \$1,200 annual scholarship, paid in installments during the academic year. To receive funding, students must follow all application requirements and remain in compliance with program guidelines.

Applicants are required to submit a complete scholarship application along with supporting documents. Students must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA; apply for the Oregon Tribal Student grant; and provide proof that they have applied for at least five additional scholarships.

These steps help students maximize available financial aid resources and reduce the cost of

attending school. Tribal Higher Education supports students pursuing higher education, technical training, and career development opportunities. Benefits of the program include financial assistance, guidance through the application process, and ongoing support to help students successfully complete their education or training goals.

Students are encouraged to communicate regularly with Higher Education staff and provide any required documentation in a timely manner. Program staff are committed to helping students make a successful transition into college life and achieve their educational and career goals.

You can find the entire Tribal Scholarship guidance and application at: kwso.org/2026/06/ctws-tribal-scholarship-2026

Tribal members with questions or who need assistance with the application process are encouraged to contact Higher Education coordinator Gerald Smith at 541-553-3311 or by email at: gerald.smith@wstribes.org

Please contact Gerald by July 30 at the very latest.

At the Community Wellness Center

Warm Springs Recreation this month is hosting the Youth Summer Art Camp & Community Showcase. This is fantastic three-day creative camp for youth, packed with activities like painting, tie-dye, clay, beading, jewelry making, and more!

The camp is Monday through Wednesday, July 27–29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Center Social Hall.

The Community Art Showcase is at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29. Dinner will be provided.

To register, call 541-553-3243 or sign up in person at the Warm Springs Community Center Office.

Collaborators for the camp are Papalaxsimisha, the Southern Oregon University All My Relations Program, and The Roundhouse Foundation.

In August, Recreation and the Community Wellness Center host the **Drummers Jammz and Mini Powwow**. All drummers, dancers, and community members are warmly invited to join them for an evening of food, music, and culture.

The Jammz and Mini Powwow will start at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 with a potluck in the Social Hall. The powwow starts in the gym at 6:30. Master of Ceremonies will be Mackie Begay.

All food vendors are welcome! For more information, please contact **Austin Greene** at Recreation at 541-553-3243.

making it easy to access services before the sports season begins.

Starting in August, we will also offer Youth Athlete Injury Prevention group therapy for athletes referred through IHS. Mondays: 8–9: a.m. at the former elementary school on campus.

Sessions will focus on building strength, improving flexibility, practicing proper warm-up and cool-down techniques, and reducing injury risk to help athletes stay healthy throughout the season.

In addition to this new group program, we continue to offer individual in-person and telehealth Physical Therapy appointments.

Please see the flyer (*page 7 of this publication*) for more information. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Warm Springs Holistic Health at 541-777-2663.

We look forward to helping keep our community's athletes healthy, active, and performing at their best! Best, **Alicia Oberholzer**, Warm Springs Holistic Health.

and the court granted the motion.

In its ruling, the court stated that if petitioners pursue another lawsuit asserting the same dismissed claims, and that complaint is dismissed in a similar fashion, the court will strongly consider an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs in favor of the Aquatic Center against the petitioners.

The recreation district provides this statement for completeness of the public record and remains focused on responsible governance, public service, and continued operation of District programs, services and facilities. **The Madras Aquatic Center.**

Community notes...

Warm Springs Nation T-Ball registration is open in person in the Family Resource Center conference room from 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday, July 22-23. There is no cost to register for t-ball. Birth certificates are required to verify age. Kids need to be 6 or 7 to participate.

To reach a **crisis counselor** at Warm Springs Behavioral Health weekdays call 541-553-3205. After hours and on weekends call the Warm Springs Police Department dispatch.

The **Simnasho Tribal Market** by the Simnasho Longhouse is open Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Tribal vendors are welcome and visitors are encouraged. You can contact Howie Patt or Delson Suppah to learn more.

No on MAC recall

The Madras Aquatic Center ended fiscal year 2024-25 with a budget deficit of \$67,565. This led to a reduction in staff, elimination of land-based activities and temporary closure of the Aquatics facility. It was a tough decision made, to upright a sinking ship.

In June of 2025 the 10-member Aquatic Center budget committee; comprised of the five Aquatic Center board members and five fellow community members, including Certified Public Accountants with government experience, and a local attorney, met with only seven members present to approve the 2025-26 MAC budget. The vote taken was four yes and three no.

Unknown to all present at that time was that the rules had changed around a majority vote, by a committee. The mistake was discovered late September and the Madras Aquatic Center notified the Oregon Department of Revenue.

The department found that it was not necessary for the district to redo the process and closed

the matter. A copy of this letter was made public, but despite the findings from the Department of Revenue a lawsuit surrounding this budget error was filed that cost the MAC district \$47,000 dollars to defend.

The lawsuit was dismissed. Multiple ethics violations were filed with the state against the district and its board members in the last year as well. All were dismissed.

Whether or not you support funding of your local aquatics facility is a separate issue from the undeserved attempt to recall four volunteer board members in this manner. Each of the five current board members bring their own unique and separate skill set to the board. It is not in the best interest of this struggling district to remove four of them.

I ask Madras Aquatic Center patrons to reject this recall effort. Vote no and join us in working to resolve the difficult financial and maintenance issues that face the Madras Aquatic Center.

Jean McCloskey, Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District vice chair.

Physical therapy for tribal youth

Hello Warm Springs Community, Warm Springs Holistic Health Physical Therapy is excited to introduce new opportunities to support our youth athletes this August!

Physical Therapists will be part of the youth sports physicals on Monday, August 10, providing movement and injury risk screenings. Athletes who may benefit from additional care can receive a same-day referral to Physical Therapy,

Student pre-college information series

Papalaxsimisha is hosting a Pre-College Summer Series for young people who are starting their college journey. Learn about FAFSA, applying to colleges, scholarships, and more. Enjoy a college campus visit, and get the support you need on your path to college.

Papalaxsimisha hosts the sessions on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Campus Cafeteria. Dinner is at 5:30. Topics

of discussion include:

Hearing community members share their college experiences through a panel. Getting support from college representatives. Kick-start scholarship search and applying. Get support finding what works for you (college/work/trades/apprenticeships). For more information contact: brevin@papalaxsimisha.org jillisa@papalaxsimisha.org

Toy Sale & Swap

August 7th 2026 10:00pm-12:00pm

Please call 541.553.3243 to reserve your table & bring a comfy chair



2200 Hollywood Blvd Warm Springs Or/ Community Wellness Center

Spilyay Tymoo

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E-Mail: david.mcmehan@wstribes.org

YOUTH SUMMER ART CAMP

July 27-29, 2026
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Community Center Social Hall
2200 Hollywood BLVD, Warm Springs, OR
Lunch provided

To register please call 541-553-3243 or in person at the WS Community Center Office.

Join us for a community art showcase
Wednesday, July 29 at 5:30 PM
Dinner provided.



Art Activities

Painting
Tie Dye
Cyanotype prints
Clay
Beading
Jewelry Making
Wood Box Design
Watercolor Painting
Print making and more

Papalaxsimisha, WS Recreation, SOU - All My Relations Program

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, petitioner, vs. Kevin Smith Jr., respondent; case no. CR31-24. To Kevin Jr.:

You are hereby notified 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 **8 a.m. on August 4, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, plaintiff, vs. John Howe, defendant; case no. CR 277-25. To John Howe, Prosecution, Legal Aide:

You are hereby notified that the action, as filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court, will be held for a Show Cause hearing at **8 a.m. on September 1, 2026.**

HEATHER WESTBROOKS, Petitioner, vs MELODY BERRY, Respondent; Case No. JV22-20. TO: HEATHER WESTBROOKS, MATTHEW WESTBROOKS, MELODY BERRY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **10TH day of AUGUST 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MADELINE BRUNOE, Respondent; Case No.JV111-15 . TO: MADELINE BRUNOE, EDWARD JONES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this no-

tice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **18TH day of AUGUST, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

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

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 **18TH day of AUGUST 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHERILYN STARR, Respondent; Case No. JV15-24. TO: CHARMAINE CHEE, CHERILYN STARR:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an AGE OUT 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 **18th day of AUGUST, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

JAIME MARQUEZ, Petitioner, vs SHINING STAR

Critical services cuts in funding

A recent report from the Urban Indian Health Institute, Sacred Responsibility, Protecting Our People, highlights that federal funding cuts since early 2025 have severely impacted critical services for domestic violence, sexual assault, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis.

Key report findings: Widespread impact: 64-percent of programs report significant disruptions.

Service reductions: 44-percent of organizations have reduced or expect to cut services, creating over 1,000 unmet requests for help.

Dependency on funds: 84-percent of surveyed organizations depend on federal funding for over half their budget.

Unmet needs: Hundreds of safe housing and other requests, including for children, are going unmet.

A total of 201 programs and organizations nationwide responded to the survey, including tribes, tribal organizations or coalitions, Native nonprofits, and urban Indian organizations. Respondents were asked questions focused on funding mechanisms, services provided in the last year, unmet service requests, and tribal law enforcement.

TAIL, Respondent; Case No. DO4-15 TO: JAMIE MARQUEZ, SHINING STAR TAIL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **11TH day of AUGUST 2026 @ 2:00 PM**

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

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 **18TH day of AUGUST 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Viola Kalama, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR36. To: Brenda Scott, Byron Kalama, Murray Kalama, Nicole Jack, Brittney Kalama, Duane Miller Jr., Leni Miller Saraphina Scott, Bridgett McConville, Kelsey Kalama, Samantha Kalama, Justin Miller, Amy J. Burrell, Cody Miller, Rolin Morning Owl, Neal Morning Owl, Shawn Cartney, Percy Saluskin aka Priscilla Blackwolf, Zelda Winnier aka Ezilda Winnier, Lacy Winnier aka Lisa Shilow, Margaret Salusin, Delano Saluskin, Martha Izenson, Duane G. Miller Jr., Rhonda K. Kurtz, Leni R. Miller ad Amy J. Burnell:

You are hereby notified that an informal Probate hearing is scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on August 12, 2026.**

In the matter of the Estate of Mabel Eyle, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 914-PR16-98. To: Gary L. Villa, Irene Jimenez, Ruben Santos, Recto Santos, Alberto Santos Jr., Teresa Howe, Donetta Kerkes, Victor Smith Jr., Jason Tufti-Danzuka:

You are hereby notified that a motion for a status hearing has been filed with the Tribal Court. You are hereby notified that an informal Probate hearing is sched-

uled for **10:30-11 a.m. on August 12, 2026.**

In the matter of the Estate of Lena Santos, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2016-PR42. To: Gary L. Villa, Irene Jimenez, Ruben Santos, Recto Santos, Alberto Santos Jr., Teresa Howe, Victor Smith Jr., Jason Tufti-Danzuka:

You are hereby notified that a motion for a status hearing has been filed with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear at a hearing scheduled for **10:30 a.m. on August 12, 2026.**

In the matter of the estate of Lena Santos, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2016-PR42. To: Brenda Scott, Murray Kalama, Vincent Wallulatum, Violetta Vaeth, Millie Smith, Frederk Wallulatum Sr., Custer Wallulatum, Jessie Wallulatum, Owen Wallulatum, Ralph Wallulatum, Rosa Graybael, Joni Wallulatum, Kathlee Wallulatum, Leander Lucero, Justin Miller, Cody Miller, Agustin Pedraza-Padilla, Francisco Pedraza-Padilla, Alicia Lopez-Pedraza, Carlo Wallulatum, Tera Wallulatum, Larissa Wallulatum, Jayce Wallulatum Sr., Turina Wallulatum, Jess Wallulatum, Julia Wallulatum, Vernice Switzler, Gregory Youngman, Forrest Tewee, Ida Higgins, Roxy Crowe, Briann Whitehurst, Nicholas Flores, Cindy Chavez, Sue Handsaker, Charisse Haskins and LaDonna Picard-Squiemphen:

By this notice you are summed to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **11:30 a.m. on August 12, 2026.**

Apology

I would like to apologize for my actions, to the courthouse team and WSH. My actions were uncalled for and childish. I apologize for any trouble that I have caused and for the time I have taken up due to my decisions. I am truly sorry. **Sydonia David.**

Public notice: Jones Canyon Tower Replacement project assessment

The Confederated Tribes Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team approved the Bonneville Power Administration Jones Canyon Tower Replacement Project Assessment on Tuesday, July 7; and the matter is now out for the public comment period. The project is located near Simnasho.

Primary Scope: The work focuses on right-of-way maintenance and structural reliability.

This includes upgrading deteriorated infrastructure, fixing distressed towers, and improving access roads to safely reach transmission lines.

Environmental and cultural considerations: Because the line passes directly through Wasco County near the town of Simnasho, BPA's assessment enforces strict standard mitigation

protocols.

These protocols mandate minimizing soil erosion, coordinating around local wildlife seasons, and ensuring that access road work does not disturb nearby cultural resources or tribal land.

In order to facilitate comments from tribal members, the Branch of Natural Resources-Resource Management Inter-Disciplinary team created a website and survey site for the Jones Canyon Tower Replacement Project Assessment, as passed by the RMDT on Tuesday, July 7 for the 30-day public comment period:

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Hard copies are also available at the BNR office.



Bill to help remove sea lions from Columbia system

Earlier this month, a Washington State U.S. Congresswoman introduced H.R. 9637, the Protecting Columbia River Salmon Act, a bill that would allow Southwest Washington Indian tribes to lethally remove California and Steller sea lions in specific portions of the Columbia River. U.S. Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez introduced the legislation.

The bill is part of an effort by the congresswoman to modify the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which has enforced protections for sea lions since 1972.

In the 1950s, California sea lion populations hovered around 8,000, spurring lawmakers to consider legislation to protect them. By the time the MMPA was introduced in 1972, populations had risen to around 75,000.

Today, they number well over 300,000. By the numbers, the MMPA was successful in protecting sea lions. But it also limited tribal agency and the ability to undertake the traditional population controls that balanced the river ecosystem for centuries, according to the Congresswoman's office.

"I have local fishermen telling me that nearly every salmon they pull out of the river have wounds from sea lions," Rep. Gluesen-

kamp Perez said.

"The fact is, politicians in D.C. aren't out on our rivers. They're still living in a world of 1970s data points. If we want to keep things in balance, we need to restore agency to our Tribal partners and their designees. In living memory, Columbia River Salmon was subsistence food.

"If you lost your job, you knew your family wouldn't go hungry if you were a good fisherman. Now, it's in danger of becoming a luxury good—and that would be a profound loss to our culture and heritage. This bill is about supporting the agency that comes with living off the land and restoring Tribes' ability to rebalance the ecosystem to support salmon runs."

In 2018, Congress gave expanded removal authority to states and certain tribal managers in the Columbia River. These efforts have persistently failed to reach authorized minimums for removals, falling short of protecting endangered salmon and steelhead populations, while at a cost of nearly \$40,000 per removal, according to Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez.

The Protecting Columbia River Salmon Act both expands current removal strategies and extends removal authority to feder-

ally-recognized Tribes with ancestral heritage to the river and allows them more tools to mitigate sea lion populations.

Specifically, this legislation would:

- Extend intentional lethal take authorities to Indian Tribes with ancestral ties to the Columbia River between River Mile 0 and McNary Dam.

- Allow such tribes to intentionally lethally take California and Steller sea lions.

- Provide such Tribes with the discretion to determine the humane manner and appropriate methods in which takes may be completed.

Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez has made it a longtime priority to protect Columbia River salmon, the release stated. In December 2025, she attended the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries hearing on 'Sea Lion Predation in the Pacific Northwest' to bring attention to the urgent need for solutions to control sea lion populations.

This legislation is supported by Cowlitz Indian Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.

The White House issued a Statement of Administration Policy in support of the bill.



Summer Skate Exhibition at Elmer Quinn Skate Park



Managed Care and Qwltip Waqishwit last week co-hosted the Summer Skate Exhibition at Elmer Quinn Skate Park, in partnership with the Autry Museum of the American West located in Los Angeles. About 150 community members attended, with a great turnout of youth. The sponsors distributed 40 custom skateboards to the youth. The skateboards, provided by the Autry Museum, were decorated with Warm Springs traditional designs from artifacts in their museum.



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Work update at the Academy

This summer, the Jefferson County School District 509-J is working on a large construction project at the Warm Springs Academy. They are replacing the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system at the school to provide better learning spaces for both the students and staff. The construction crew started the work this spring, with most of the work happening during the

summer months while school out. Good news is that construction is currently on schedule. The boiler room is near completion. Crews are working on installing the boilers, pumps and piping; and have installed the chiller with piping and pumps. The crews have removed old equipment inside the ceilings in the hallways (at right) throughout the schools. They're working on

installing hydronic piping, installing new HVAC equipment, and doing electrical work.



509-J

Wellbriety Women of the Year ~

(from page 1)
The nomination letters on their behalf best explain the honors:
Nominating Jolene Charley
Jolene Charley goes above and beyond for everyone she comes across, advocating and supporting their path to recovery and their fight for freedom from the chains of addiction.
I have seen her help pregnant women bring children into the world sober. I have seen her pick a man up off the street and help him get to a meeting. In the midst of all she does I have also seen her fight for herself, her recovery, and her connection to her spirit. Jolene is one of the most selfless and loving women I have ever had the pleasure to meet and walk alongside.

Her dedication to herself, her family and the recovery community is a true inspiration.
Jolene puts herself on line to go above and beyond for women in sobriety. She shows up for the women's accomplishments, their ups and downs, and just to show support in any way she can.

She has been in recovery for about six and a half years. I have walked by her side and we both came into sobriety together as a couple and are still standing strong. She has fought through the struggles of addiction, fought to regain custody of her two kids, and has been an inspiration to everyone she comes into contact with. We met in our addiction and woke up one day, ready to both be sober.
On February 2, 2020 we chose to stop using and find our recovery. She started working in the field as a Certified Recovery Mentor and has grown in a million ways. She now holds her Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor 1 credential, as well as her Certified Recovery Mentor 2.

Nominating Linda Smith
Linda Smith embodies strength, cultural leadership, resilience, and service to her community. As a Native woman, mother, fisherwoman, and owner of Wasco Fisheries LLC, Linda works every day to preserve and protect traditional Indigenous food systems while



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The Sacred Hoop of 100 Feathers, the foundational symbol of the Wellbriety movement led by White Bison Inc., representing wellness, recovery, and the interconnectedness of all people.

creating opportunities for the future generations.
Linda has overcome challenges with determination and continues to lead with humility and compassion.

She uses her business as a platform to uplift Native voices, support cultural education, and inspire other Native women to pursue entrepreneurship while staying grounded in their traditions.
Whether serving at farmers markets, mentoring others, or sharing the cultural significance of traditional foods, Linda leads by example.

Through her work with Columbia River salmon, Linda carries forward generations of traditional fishing knowledge passed down through her family and tribal communities. She not only provides healthy traditional foods to Native and local communities, but also teaches the importance of protecting salmon, honoring treaty rights, and maintaining a relational worldview centered on respect for the land and water.

Her commitment to healing, wellness, family, and community reflects

the true spirit of Wellbriety. Linda's leadership demonstrates that cultural preservation, sobriety, wellness, and economic empowerment can work together to strengthen Native communities for generations to come.
Linda is eight years clean and sober. She is a beautiful soul. She shows every day with a beautiful smile, and her hard work has paid off. Her leadership reflects the spirit of Wellbriety through her dedication to community wellness, cultural preservation, family, and inter-generational healing.
She leads by example, showing that true wellness comes from reconnecting with culture, honoring ancestors, supporting community, and walking in a good way.
Her work continues to inspire others to live with purpose, pride, and responsibility to the next seven generations.

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Ballot for Aquatic Center board recall measure

Voters living within the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District, including Warm Springs, will decide August 4 whether to recall four members of the district’s board of directors.

The special election affects board Positions 1, 2, 3 and 5. Completed ballots must be returned to the Jefferson County Clerk by election day on August 4 to be counted.

The recall effort was organized by a group calling itself ‘Waves of Change’, which gathered enough signatures to place the recall on the ballot.

Supporters of the recall say they are dissatisfied with the district’s financial management, budget decisions and pool operations, including reduced hours and the temporary closure of the facility during the summer of 2025.

They allege the district has been mismanaged and are seeking to replace four board members.

The board members facing recall say the district’s challenges are the result of financial realities rather than mismanagement.

They point to an unexpected reduction in property tax revenue caused by a utility tax adjustment, rising operating costs, increased minimum wages, new state aquatics regulations and aging equipment as factors that have affected the district’s finances.

According to district information, the pool closed during the summer of 2025 because there was not enough cash available to operate until property tax revenues were re-

ceived later in the year.

District officials say the closure also allowed the facility to complete work needed to comply with updated state aquatics rules.

Board members also acknowledge that the 2025-26 budget was not approved using the correct voting procedure, but they note the mistake was identified after the meeting and reviewed by the Oregon Department of Revenue.

They say the department instructed the district to continue operating under the adopted budget and did not require changes. The board also points to the dismissal of public meeting complaints and a lawsuit challenging district actions, saying those outcomes support their position that they have acted appropriately.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, the Madras Aquatic Center continues to offer summer programming.

The current schedule includes open pool times, recreation swims and lap swimming Wednesday through Saturday, along with Misfit the Beast Water HIIT fitness classes offered mornings and evenings throughout the week.

Swim lessons continue in three-week sessions with classes held on Wednesdays and Fridays. District officials encourage patrons to register in advance for recreation swims because attendance is limited by available staffing, and remind visitors that schedules may change due to swim meets, private rentals or weather.

School notes...

The Warm Springs Vital Statistics Department is urging 2026 tribal member **high school graduates** to submit their final transcripts and diplomas as soon as possible. Graduates can deliver the documents in person to the Vital Statistics office

inside the tribal administration building or request their school counselor to send them via email.

Jefferson County School District 509-J is seeking a community volunteer to fill an open seat on the **district budget committee**. Working alongside five elected school board members, the appoint-

ed volunteer will serve a three-year term evaluating proposed programs and recommending a balanced financial plan. Applicants must be registered voters living within district boundaries who are not district employees or officers, with applications open on the district website through August 31.

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Research group measuring belonging will host focus w in Warm Springs

A team from Oregon State University Cascades’ Campus called the Community Belonging Measurement Project are planning a focus group on the Warm Springs Reservation in August.

“Belonging is a fundamental human need, and it has been linked to a wide variety of health outcomes and quality of life.” Says Kaitlin Green, a Community Research Facilitator for Oregon Health and Human Science University.

“Our team of researchers at OSU Cascades and OHSU are working to develop a measure of belonging to identify strengths and unique experiences of communities across the region.

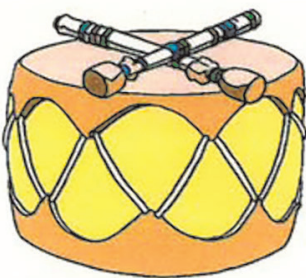
“These results can be used to inform and support programs to build more opportunities for connection into our lives.”

The measurement project will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on August 4 at the former elementary school cafeteria on Campus. It is primarily focusing in on Warm Springs community members who are the primary caregivers of children under 18.

A meal will be provided and those who participate will get a \$10 gift card. Families are welcome to attend and activities for children will be provided as well.

For any questions about the event, you can contact Kaitlin Green at greenkai@oshu.edu

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Prevention photo

Last week Andy Leonard (left), with Warm Springs Preventoin, was at the Thursday Market passing out hand gun lockers at no cost, promoting gun safety and suicide awareness. The Prevention team will be at Thursday Markets providing information on Tobacco Education, Smoking Cessation Classes, Drugs and Alcohol Education opportunities, NAR-CAN, and much more.

Community notes...

A meeting of the **Agency District** is set for Tuesday, August 11 at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Items for discussion include adoptions and enrollments, and small business development and management.

Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center is Mondays and Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. with a 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. Contact their office if you need more information, 541-553-3205.

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