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Historic losses during Bench Fire

The Warm Springs Agency District, including all of Greeley Heights, the Tenino Apartments, the Traylor Courts, West Hills, Elmer Quinn Park, the Campus area, and any residents along Shitike Creek. Upper Seeksequa, Dry Hollow, Lower Seeksequa, Jackson Trail and Tenino Road. At the time Tribal Council Chairman Dennis White III made the following statement to



These fires have impacted every one of us and have been life-changing for many of our tribal members. On Saturday, July 25, I declared a State of Emergency for the Confederate

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Confederated Tribes launch official Facebook page

CTWS

Tribal Council updates. Community notices and events. Public

Those who wish to learn more can follow the tribes' new Facebook page at: [facebook.com/CTWSO](https://www.facebook.com/CTWSO)

On the Tribal
Council agenda
during August

3:30: Warm Springs Housing Authority budget with Danielle Wood and the board.

Fires burn across Indian Country in Oregon, Washington

UnderScore Native News

There are a number of factors

In a broader context, Native people since time immemorial had regularly used intentional, low-intensity burns to clear underbrush, promote root and berry growth, and prevent massive fuel buildups. Following non-Native immigrations, the practice was discouraged, and even outlawed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, creating conditions leading to modern-day mega-fires.

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\$50,000
PARADISE CASH
FINALE

July 31st
(Check-in 3PM)

Hourly Prizes of
\$5,000 & \$1,500
From 6-8 PM

9PM GRAND FINALE

\$25,000

Consolation Prize of **\$5,000**

XXX
INDIAN HEAD
CASINO

W.S. Power Pathway geo-technical studies underway

This fall, in coordination with tribal departments, Portland General Electric and its geotechnical subcontractor will be conducting temporary soil and geologic studies at select locations along the existing Bethel-Round Butte transmission line on the Warm Springs Reservation.

This work is part of the Warm Springs Power Pathway Project, a partnership between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and PGE to upgrade the existing energy transmission system.

The project aims to create economic opportunities for the tribal community, support future energy development and improve regional electric reliability.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Resource Man-

agement Interdisciplinary Team, RMIDT, has approved a small project assessment for the study, and continues to coordinate with PGE to ensure tribal cultural resources, first foods, wildlife, fisheries, and other reservation resources are protected.

Tribal monitors and resource protection measures will be in place during drilling activities, and all work areas will be restored once the studies are completed.

Tribal members seeking additional information about the geotechnical work are encouraged to contact Cody Sorenson with Leidos at 503-210-4784.

You can learn more about the project at: warmspringspowerpathway.com



CRITFC/JGavin

2026 Indigenous Media Conference

The Indigenous Media Conference returned to Oregon this summer, the first time the conference happened in the state since the organizations first-ever conference in 1984, when it was held at Kah-Ne-Ta. This year during the closing Indigenous Media Awards Banquet, Carina Miller of Warm Springs (left) was the highlight speaker. She spoke of the lineage of journalism in Indian Country, and its role in serving Native communities.

Regarding ICE stop on reservation land

During late July, Tribal Council and officials were monitoring a report of a stop on tribal lands by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, agents.

The Tribal Police department made contact with the federal agents to ensure no tribal members were in custody.

As it turns out, the federal agents, with their subjects, were passing through reservation lands and had to make a restroom stop.

“While the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon recognizes the ju-

risdiction of federal authorities, we are committed to providing resources, support, and information to our membership who may be impacted by these events,” the Tribal Council statement reads.

“Our priority is the safety, stability, and well-being of membership in the community. Tribal police and government staff do not actively participate in federal immigration enforcement. We encourage all community members to know their rights and remain informed.

“We want to reassure our residents that our community remains a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for all the mem-

bership,” Tribal Council reported.

If ICE agents are seen on reservation lands, immediately contact the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-553-1171 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and 541-384-2080 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

“We ask our community to check on one another, remain vigilant, and rely on trusted, verified information during this time. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon will continue to advocate for the dignity, safety and well-being of the Nation.”

Casino and museum welcome back guests

The Indian Head Casino and Museum at Warm Springs this week are back to normal hours of operation. Last week was chaotic for both enterprises, first directly because of the Bench Fire; and then after a water line serving their properties had broken due to circumstances of the

fire and the age of the water-line infrastructure.

Public Utilities immediately responded to repair the water-line problem, and now the Bench fire is largely contained; so the problems are resolved.

The Indian Head Casino hours are Friday and Saturday,

9 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.

The Museum at Warm Springs is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch, and on Sundays and Mondays.

Community notes...

There is a **Senior Lunch** on Wednesdays at noon at the Warm Springs Senior Center dining area. Senior meals are free for all elders age 60 and older. Guests can join the seniors for lunch, \$1 for youth, \$5 for adults, or you can assist with clean-up after the meal. Seniors age 60 and older can also get free meals Wednesdays at noon at the Jefferson County Senior Center in Madras.

Tenants of Warm Springs Housing Authority who require emergency repairs after hours or on weekends/holidays need to contact Warm Springs Police dispatch at 541-553-1171; and request Housing’s

on-call service.

A qualifying emergency service would be a broken water line, backed up sewer, any electrical issues and kicked-in exterior doors. All other non-emergency work or-

ders can be taken care of on the next business day.

The **Culture and Heritage Committee** meets twice each month on the first and third Wednesdays.

Ryan Smith new CRITFC chair



Jeremy FiveCrows/CRITFC

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission met at the Museum at Warm Springs in July. The meeting included the swearing-in of new officers, including Ryan Smith Sr. (third from left) as the new CRITFC chairman. With him are the Warm Springs CRITFC delegation Sam Wolfe, Councilmembers Alvis Smith III, Brigitte McConville and Jonathan Smith Sr.; and Bruce Jim Sr.

Ryan Smith Sr. of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was sworn in recently as the 2026-27 chair of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

CRITFC Chair Smith was sworn in by outgoing chair Ashton Picard of the Nez Perce Tribe. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the opening of the commission’s July on-site meeting on the Warm Springs Reservation.

As chair, Smith presides over CRITFC commission meetings where the four CRITFC member tribes, Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama, and Nez Perce work together on the shared work of salmon and lamprey restoration, treaty-reserved fishing rights, climate resilience, and First Foods protection across the Columbia River Basin.

Picard, who was sworn in as chair a year ago at the commission’s July 2025 meeting in Lapwai, Idaho, spent his term working alongside representatives from all four member tribes on shared Columbia Basin priorities. Looking back on the experience, Picard said serving as chair gave him a deeper appreciation for the institutional knowledge that underpins CRITFC’s work. Picard said during his swearing-in last summer, “There are staff who have committed 30, 40, even 50 years of their lives

protecting the fish.

“This past year showed me just how much this commission carries, not just the science and the policy, but the responsibility to our elders and the generations still to come,” Picard said. “I’m proud of the work our tribes accomplished together, and I’m confident Chair Smith and Warm Springs will carry that work forward. The salmon, the lamprey, the river, they don’t wait for one tribe or one term. That’s why we do this together.”

The other CRITFC officers elected for the 2026-2027 term were Corinne Sams (Umatilla), vice-chair; Jeremy Takala (Yakama), secretary; and Ashton Picard (Nez Perce), treasurer. The election of CRITFC officers takes place every June with the seats rotated among the four member tribes.

TRIBAL CRAFTS & ARTS VENDORS POP-UP OPPORTUNITY WEEKENDS

LOCATION: THE COMMISSARY OUTDOOR PAVILION

NO FOOD VENDORS, ONLY TABLES CAN PROVIDED, SIGNED AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED

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

Anyone interested in using the **Campus Pavilion**, the Campus Cafeteria or Family Resource Center conference room, please check availability by contacting Isaac George at the Family Resource Center, 541-553-1078.



PAINTED PONY ESPRESSO

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 out 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 you application today at **w/employment**

On display at the msueum

Lillian Pitt: Art, Memory, Home is the major exhibition at the Museum at Warm Springs, featuring the art of celebrated tribal member artist Lillian Pitt. The show will be on view through October 10. The exhibition also includes art by a number of Ms. Pitt's closest friends from her personal collection and collections of other art institutions. A 96-page fully-illustrated catalogue edited by Anne Keala Kelly and published by the Museum at Warm Springs retails for \$40. Visitors to the museum while the exhibition is on view may purchase the catalog for \$30, with Museum Members receiving an additional 10-percent off.



Masks by Lillian Pitt; Mohalla Feather Woman, beadwork by Elizabeth Woody (right); She Who Watches image (upper right),



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).

Agency District Meeting

8/11/26

Agency Longhouse

Dinner at 5:30PM

*Adoptions & Enrollments

*Small Business Development & Management

Meeting to follow after the meal

Helen Poitra

Nicole Goudy

Cha Cha Ramirez

Roy Yulee

Lana Jack

TANANAWIT WARM SPRINGS ARTISTS

Coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for August

(from page 1) Tuesday, August 16 (continued) 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 Reservatoin 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.

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

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

...and much more!

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NEIGHBORHOOD!

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BALLOONS
AT PARTICIPATING
HOMES!

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or
Pasha Smith
on Facebook / Messenger

Multiple homes. One amazing weekend!

SHOP LOCAL. SUPPORT NEIGHBORS.

Find Treasures!

Letters to the editor

Special message from the museum

As this newsletter goes to press, all of us at the Museum at Warm Springs are recovering from a harrowing time last week.

As everyone in our region and, in fact, across the entire U.S. knows, a number of dangerous wildfires exploded across Central Oregon, which included the Warm Springs Reservation, where the situation was especially dire. On July 25, a state of emergency was declared by Warm Springs Tribal Chairman Dennis White III. A level 3, the highest level of evacuation, was ordered. Evacuation centers were opened for those of us who were displaced and also for our livestock. Tribal offices were closed at the beginning of the week, which included the museum.

On July 27, *The Oregonian* reported that more than 1 million acres were burning across the state. We are grateful that the museum was spared from the fires but others were not so fortunate as several families lost their homes. Our hearts go out to everyone who was and continues to be affected. We are not out of danger yet as fire season is just now really beginning to ramp up. We will continue to post any new developments on our Facebook page.

We are incredibly grateful to Warm Springs’ own fine Inter-agency Hotshot Crew, which is an elite Type 1 wildland fire suppression team, and the many others who were busy fighting the fires around-the-clock.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has launched a Wildfire Recovery Fund where you contribute online. For the latest wildfire updates about Warm Springs we recommend following KWSO 91.9 FM Warm Springs Community Radio and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Facebook pages.

Thank you to all of you who sent messages and called us to inquire about the museum during this time. We are all safe and our collections and exhibits are safe. As always, we appreciate all of your support and good thoughts.

Elizabeth Woody, museum executive director.

Membership drive at the mu-

The Museum at Warm Springs this month kicked off its annual membership drive, running through August 31.

Annual memberships start at just \$25 and are tax deductible as allowable by law. Visit the museum’s website at:

museumatwarmsprings.org

Click ‘Join’. There is an additional perk to becoming a member: You will have access to the Oregon Historical Society Reciprocal Membership program, and free admission for a member and three guests of any age to a different Oregon museum or attraction each month. For more information visit: bit.ly/3QVFjZL

Many Oregon collaborators are helping spread the word about the membership drive, including Central Oregon LandWatch, the City of Bend, Confluence, the Deschutes Land Trust, Discover Your Northwest, the Dry Canyon Arts Association, the High

Desert Museum, the Jefferson County Arts Association and Art Adventure Gallery, KWSO 91.9 Warm Springs Radio, the Madras Downtown Association, the Madras Saturday Market, the Old Mill District-Hayden Homes Amphitheater, the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and CVB, Scalehouse Collaborative for the Arts, The Environmental Center, the Roundhouse Foundation and Visit Central Oregon.

Get monthly news from the Museum at Warm Springs: To receive the museum’s monthly e-newsletters and updates, send an email request to: museumatwarmspringsnews@gmail.com

Youth fitness

The Community Wellness Center Summer Recreation Department would like to announce that the new hours for the gymnasium include the hours 5-7 p.m. for youth only.

Recreation is calling on all youth and under: The Center has w all kinds of fun activities, games, agility and strength training—*Start training today!* You can reach Recreation at 541-553-3243.

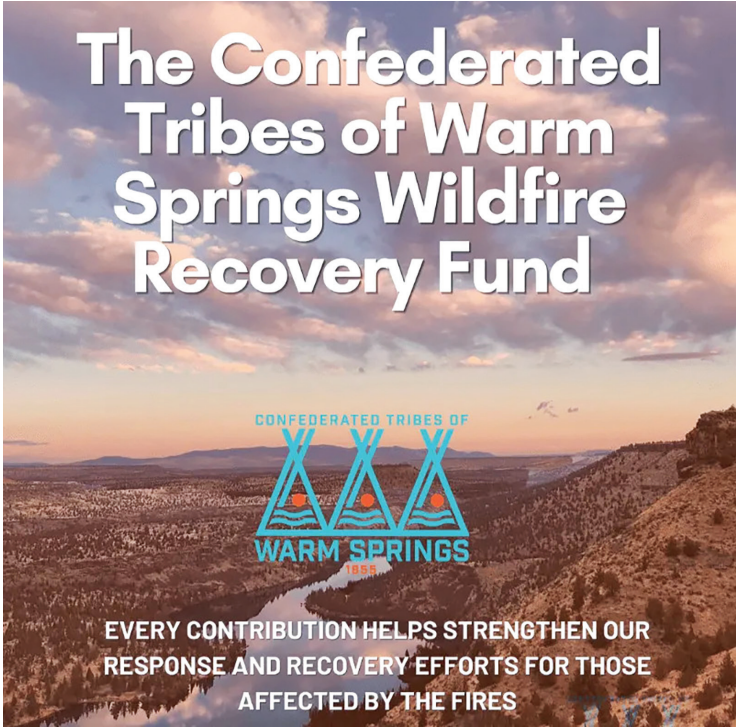
Tribal website to help support the Bench fire response

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs last week announced a donation page for community members, organizations, and partners who wish to support response efforts addressing impacts on the Reservation related to the Bench Fire.

The government is welcoming donations and volunteer assistance coordinated through designated tribal contacts.

On July 25, the Tribal Council declared a State of Emergency for the reservation, as level 3 evacuation notices went out to many areas of the reservation, and remained in effect for days.

Tribal representatives say that once the fire was contained, there would be a long road to recovery on the reservation to rebuild homes and structures, take care of its members, and restore the land.



Financial contributions:

See the website: zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/the-confederated-tribes-of-the-warm-springs-reservation-of-oregon-ctws-wildfire-recovery-fund

Non-perishable food items and bottled water: To coordinate donation drop offs, please contact:

Caroline Cruz, Chief Operations Officer, phone 541-460-1109. Email:

caroline.cruz@wstribes.org

To coordinate large financial contributions or check donations, please contact:

Pamela Douglas, Chief Finance Officer. Phone 541-553-3410 or cell 541-460-1188. Email: pam.douglas@wstribes.org

Individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact:

Danny Martinez, Emergency Management director. Phone 541-419-8094. Email: danny.martinez@wstribes.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

The Confederated Tribes sincerely appreciates the generosity and support of community members, neighboring tribes, organizations, and partners during this challenging time.

Every contribution—whether through donations or volunteer service—helps strengthen the response and recovery efforts for those affected by the fires. Donations may include:

CO-ED 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT CANCER PREVENTION

AUGUST 29TH, 2026 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

WARM SPRINGS COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER

REGISTRATION 8AM - 10 AM

LOOKING FOR A SAFE, FUN, AND ENRICHING SPACE TO LEARN ABOUT CANCER PREVENTION

RUN OF SHOW

- YOUTH 9-17
- ADULTS 18+
- MUST HAVE ONE WOMAN ON THE COURT
- HEALTH RESOURCES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- \$50 STIPEND FOR REFS

PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place PRIZES

CALL OR TEXT: TORRIE @ (971) 509-4756

WARM SPRINGS PREVENTION PRESENTS: F.A.C.T.

Families Against Commercial Tobacco DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 11TH & 13TH, 2026 5-7PM WARM SPRINGS OLD GYM

FAMILIES OF 5 AGES:14-UP

FAMILIES INCLUDE: MEMBERS UNDER THE SAME GRANDMOTHER TREE. NOT LIMITED TO MARRIAGE

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECIEVE A WATER BOTTLE

TOP 4 RECEIVE TROPHY'S

ROUND ROBIN TUESDAY

CHAMPION BRACKET THURSDAY

RULES

- 5 MINUTE GAMES MAX
- CAUGHT BALLS ELIMINATE OPPNET & REVIVE TEAMMATE (BEFORE 4 MINUTE MARK)
- STALLING (HOLDING BALLS LONGER THEN 8 SECONDS)
- STEPPING ON MIDDLE LINE RESULTS IN ELEMINATION.

EMAIL TEAM NAME & MEMBERS TO GAVIN.BEGAY@WSTRIBES.ORG

DRUG, ALCOHOL, COMMERCIAL TOBACCO & GANG FREE EVENT

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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 Hazen Sohappy-Charlie, Defendant; Case No. CR160-26. TO: Hazen Sohappy-Charlie:

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 **September 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm**

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

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause/Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

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

Simone LeClaire-Danzuka:

You are hereby notified that an Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

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

You are hereby notified that an Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

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 Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Skyla Thompson, respondent; case no. CR172-24; CR32-26. To Skyla Thompson:

You are hereby notified that an Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

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

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause/Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Valdimire Jefferson, respondent; case no. CR263-23. To Valdimire Jefferson:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause/Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Britten Lumpmouth, respondent; case no. CR51-25. To Britten Lumpmouth:

You are hereby notified that an Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

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

You are hereby notified that an Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Orlando Tewee, respondent; case no. CR559-18, CR-157-19. To Orlando Tewee:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause/Arrestment has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Kywon Thompson, respondent; case no.

CR151-26. To Kywon Thompson:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are notified to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on September 15, 2026.**

Apology

I am sorry I broke tribal law on May 18, 2026 by not doing what I was supposed to do in the first place, and getting back home to Bend like I should have done. I apologize to D.H. who was directly impacted by my actions. I also want to say I love you family, and wish you well and take care. Katherine Kalama.

Community Wellness Center Presents:

BACK TO SCHOOL YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

SET-UP AT 8:30 AM

Sale starts at 9am Ends 3pm - Bring your own comfy chair

Tables are limited sign up Today!

For more information & to sign up call the office at 553-3243

2200 Hollywood blvd Warm Springs, Or 97761

Notes....

Shawnetta Yahtin holds a **Talking Circle** once a month in the Health and Wellness Center atrium from 9-10 a.m.

She will host the next Talking Circle is this Wednesday, August 5.

The **Behavioral Health Center** offers an Alcohol and Drug Education group every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., open to anyone. Classes for current Behavioral Health Center clients on Wednesdays are Parenting at 11 a.m., Adult Anger Management at 3, and a Men's Focus Group at 4. Contact

the Behavioral Health Center office for more information, 541-553-3205.

The Simnasho Tribal Market is open Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Location is by the Simnasho Longhouse. Tribal vendors are welcome and visitors are encouraged.

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SUICIDE & CRISIS
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“They listened to me and my whole situation and made me feel safe. Talking through text, they still took their time, made sure to let me know my options, and helped me the best they could. Thank you”

For domestic violence advocacy and support, contact StrongHearts Native Helpline.



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Power & Water, partners host annual tribal energy fair

The tribes and Power & Water Enterprises, in partnership with 7Skyline, this summer hosted the 2026 Warm Springs Tribal Community Energy Fair, at the Warm Springs Campus Pavilion.

The free public event brought together tribal members, energy utilities, local and state energy partners, solar and other renewable developers, renewable energy nonprofits, educational partners, and tribal departments and enterprises.

They joined community leaders to explore current and future energy activities of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, with a focus on opportunities and benefits for the community and membership.

Attendees explored potential and ongoing energy projects at every level:

Transmission and utility-scale initiatives designed to generate revenue and economic opportunity for the tribes; and community level projects providing energy independence and more reliable power to Warm Springs neighborhoods and facilities.

The attendees also learned more about programs helping individual families lower energy costs and take greater control of how they use power at home.

“This year’s event continues to show that community members are excited to learn about the projects and initiatives they care about, including solar and battery storage projects in homes and community spaces, larger-scale solar, and the transmission line upgrade,” said Cathy Ehli, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises general manager.

“We look forward to growing this event and offering more opportunities for connecting,” Cathy



WSP&WE photos

The 2026 Energy Fair at the Campus Pavilion energy-related exhibitions and raffles, and prize giveaways.



said.

Some great prizes

Thanks to a 40-percent increase in donations from generous sponsors, this year’s raffle prizes included two e-bikes, four children’s bikes, and two portable backup power stations with solar panels.

Other prizes were Kah-Nee-

Ta day passes and gift cards, a gift bag from Warm Springs Market, power banks, insulated coolers, and more.

One hundred households received five-gallon Phil’s Ace Hardware buckets with energy efficiency and weatherization supplies; and Warm Springs Power & Water provided two hundred energy fair participants with a free lunch from

Kalama’s Fry Bread. Exhibitors also provided swag and giveaways, including children’s solar car kits.

Energy exhibitions

There was also a 30-percent increase in exhibits this year, with 51 exhibitors connecting with community members and answering questions about potential and current energy projects and solutions.

This year’s Energy Fair continued to reflect a strong sense of community and care, with respect and appreciation shown by exhibitors towards community members and elders throughout the day.

More than 169 surveys were completed, with community members providing feedback on the Energy Fair and input on tribal energy projects and initiatives.

Many expressed appreciation for the on-reservation presence and availability of information, resources, and giveaways.

Alongside technical exhibits, the Energy Fair highlighted workforce development pathways for tribal community members to train, work and build lasting careers in the energy sector.

Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises will continue sharing project updates and creating opportunities for community members to stay informed, get involved and participate in the tribes’ energy future.

Youth workshop

The day following the Energy Fair, the non-profit training provider Remote Energy presented a one-day introductory workshop on solar energy.

Ten community members participated in the training for Warm Springs youth ages 14-24 supported by Power & Water Enterprises.



Cathy Ehli, Power & Water general manager, with Housing energy-efficiency raffle prize winner.

The Energy Fair is part of the 7Skyline Power Up Tribal Energy Series, a growing grassroots effort to bring trusted, culturally grounded energy education and technical resources directly to tribal communities, bridging traditional values with energy solutions and empowering community members with tools to act.

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Changing water temperatures impact lamprey fish migration patterns

Environmental changes like low snowfall and warming water temperatures are impacting the behaviors of Pacific lamprey, according to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The finding is supported by the generations of Indigenous observations through traditional ecological knowledge, TEK; and work with scientific data for lamprey restoration efforts.

During the lamprey harvesting season, Mary Olney starts her drive from the Yakama Nation at five in the morning. With a car packed to the brim and her children buckled safely in, they start their four-hour drive to the only place left to harvest lamprey, Willamette Falls.

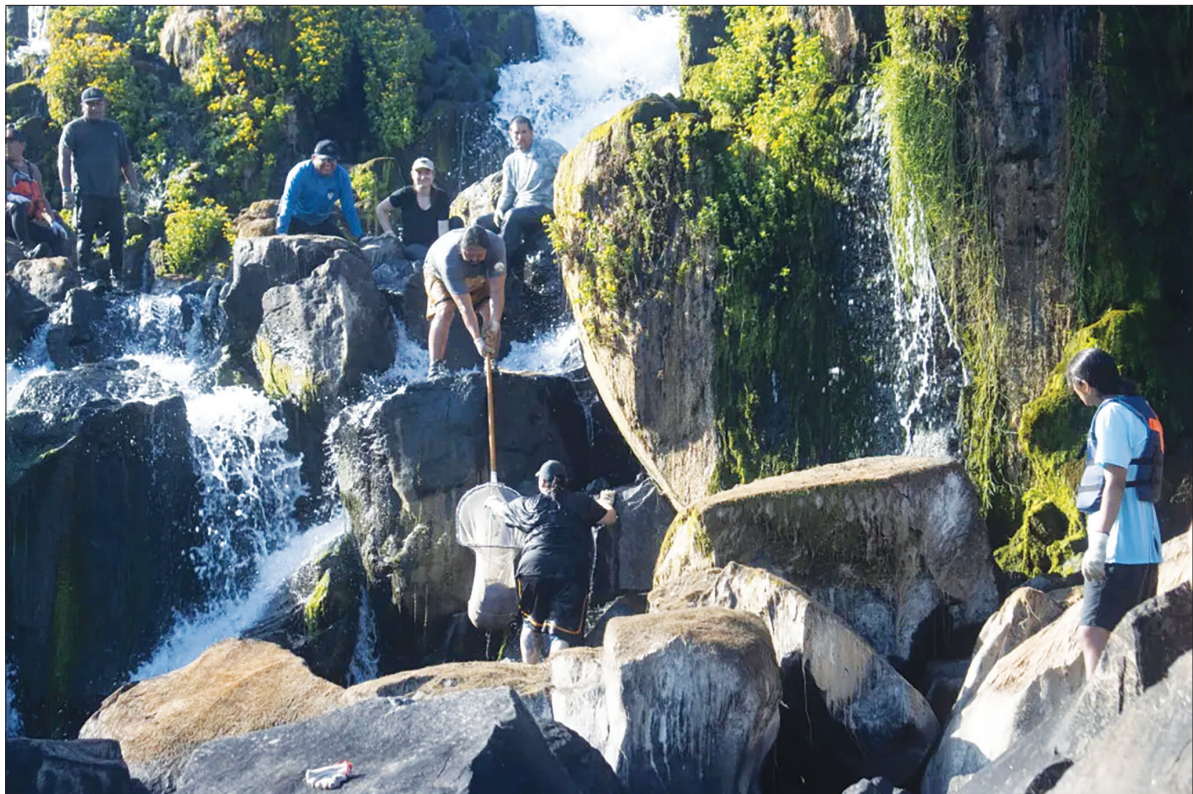
As the harvesters concluded their two-hour search for lamprey, Olney, who is Yakama, sat on moss covered rocks with a half-full bucket of lamprey, or asúm in the Ichishkiin language, at her feet as roaring and misting waterfalls filled the air around her.

“The lamprey came early this year,” Ms. Olney said. “We notice a lot of our traditional foods coming earlier.”

The migration conditions for the ancient fish are tricky, according to Laurie Porter, Lac Courte Oreilles (Ojibwe), who is the lamprey project lead for Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Scientific data alone cannot verify the observations of lamprey migration patterns, due to lamprey being historically understudied. Yet generations of knowledge on these fish exists within Indigenous communities through traditional ecological knowledge specific to tribes

According to the 2025 Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan



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Tribal fishers hand off a heavy net half-full of lamprey to one another while standing on the roaring water of Willamette falls, June 2026.

for the Columbia River Basin, fluctuating environmental changes like varying water levels due to low snowfall, unpredictable high and low water temperatures, have all impacted lamprey migration patterns.

A changing climate

Lamprey are sensitive to temperature changes, and Pacific lamprey, like the ones found at Willamette Falls, are dependent upon cold water. With Oregon seeing a snowpack 30-percent below normal, with potentially more water traveling during the winter, leaving less lamprey populations for the hot summer months.

According to Laurie Porter, with warmer temperatures lamprey experience lower flows. Climate change can alter the timing of peak summer flows, because warmer water during the winter creates earlier peak flows.

“Fish are experiencing all the changes,” Ms. Porter said.

“Changes that are at a point where it can be fatal to them.”

The increased water flows scour the riverbeds in the winter, disturbing resting areas and could cause physical damage to young lamprey. The earlier summer flows with increased water temperatures have reduced habitat available to lamprey and all native aquatic species, according to the CRITFC Restoration Plan.

The Restoration Plan states that, “the years of collaboration, hard work, and millions of dollars spent on restoring lamprey could be undone by an ecosystem rendered inhospitable by climate change.”

However, senior fisheries geneticist for CRITFC, Jon Hess, said the conclusion that the lamprey migration occurred earlier this year cannot be scientifically determined, because lamprey have been understudied historically. Scientific knowledge is seeking validation in traditional ecological knowledge

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for the observations of lamprey, according to Porter.

Since 2003, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Umatilla Tribes, Yakama Nation and the Nez Perce Tribe, have been petitioning to list Lamprey species under the Endangered Species Act.

The 90-day finding by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that the listing was not justified due a scarcity of information on

the biology and threats to lamprey and a lack of population structure, according to an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife report.

“There is no designation saying that the lamprey are an endangered species,” Ms. Porter said. “We know a lot more, and they’re still declining.”

According to Hess, “Lamprey weren’t one of those prize fishes that all the commercial and recreational fishermen wanted to go out and harvest.” The studies of this fish, “have been in the knowledge sets of Indigenous communities who haven’t really participated in mainstream science data,” Hess said.

Flowing knowledge through story

For generations lamprey have traveled not just through water, but through story. Mary Olney remembers listening to stories from her grandfather who would harvest at the Willamette just as she did more recently.

“That’s where my grandfather harvested the asúm,” Olney said. “There’s a lot to be harvested back then versus now.”

Olney remembers all of her past relatives as she helped in the June lamprey harvest. Thinking of the stories of the river and her people as they lived along the beds, she recalled the abrupt changes to the flow of their waters.

“We are still seeing colonization, but in a whole different way, and it’s just crazy to think we’re in 2026, and what my ancestors were fighting is still being fought here, today,” Mary said.

Through culture, the passion for lamprey persists. “Lamprey have always mattered, they still matter, they’re going to matter in the future, they have in the past.” Laurie Porter says. “We continue to harvest, we always harvested and we always will.”

— *by Mackenzie Olivo, UnderScore Native News*

Bench fire: many losses, much help, near containment

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The Lower Seekseequa and Upper Seekseequa areas were the first to be evacuated as the fire advanced through those communities.

Shortly after, Dry Hollow was also placed under evacuation. As the fires continued to grow, additional areas were placed under Level 3 evacuation orders.

On Saturday, July 25 the Agency area was also placed under a level 3 evacuation. These evacuation decisions were made by Fire Incident Command and are based solely on ensuring the safety of our community.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs closed its offices to help protect the safety of our employees, community and tribal members, except for essential staff. I want to assure our tribal membership that our highest priority is the safety and well-being of our Nation.

We remain committed to protecting lives, property and our lands.

As of mid this week, the fire was close to 90-percent contained.



Photos courtesy Warm Springs Fire Management & KWSO

Interest was high as many attended the daily fire briefings, during the very height of the Bench fire.





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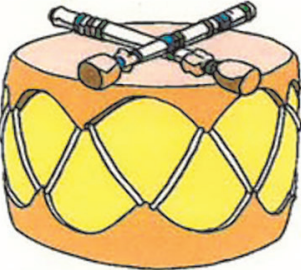
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In Portland, people were collecting supplies to support Warm Springs residents impacted by the Bench fire: Loretta Guzman and Gilbert Brown unload baby wipes, toothbrushes and other supplies donated by Painted Horse Recovery and dropped off at the Bison Coffee House in Portland.



KWSO photo

Power went out last week around the Warm Springs community, due to a power pole down at Kot-Num Road, Hollywood Boulevard and Seekseequa Road. The power company responded and service was restored later in the day. During the repair, a detour was in a place for a time to the Tenino housing area.



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