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Paiute Chief Joseph Moses ~ 1946-2026

Paiute Chief Joseph Moses passed away last Thursday, August 27. He was 72.

Chief Moses had been a longtime community leader, serving the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in a number of leadership roles, including as Paiute Chief since July 2001.

Chief Moses grew up on the Warm Springs Reservation, attending Madras High School before graduating from Riverside Indian School in Oklahoma. Growing up, he raised cattle and horses alongside his uncle and family.

Later, he was employed as a range rider with Natural Resources before retiring.

Chief Moses was first elected to Tribal Council in 1992. He was elected Vice Chairman in 1995, and later that term became Tribal Council Chairman.

He served three Council terms before becoming Paiute Chief in July 2001, and continued to serve on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council until his passing.

Chief Moses also served on the tribes' Gaming team, and the Warm Springs Composite Products Board of Directors.

Off the reservation, he served on the Sapsik'wala Advisory Council at the University of Oregon, advocating for more Native American teachers in public schools.

He supported efforts helping to address challenges facing Native American students, supporting youth development, leadership and education.

Very caring for his community, Chief Moses advocated programs addressing drug and alcohol problems facing Warm Springs youth and the broader Native community.

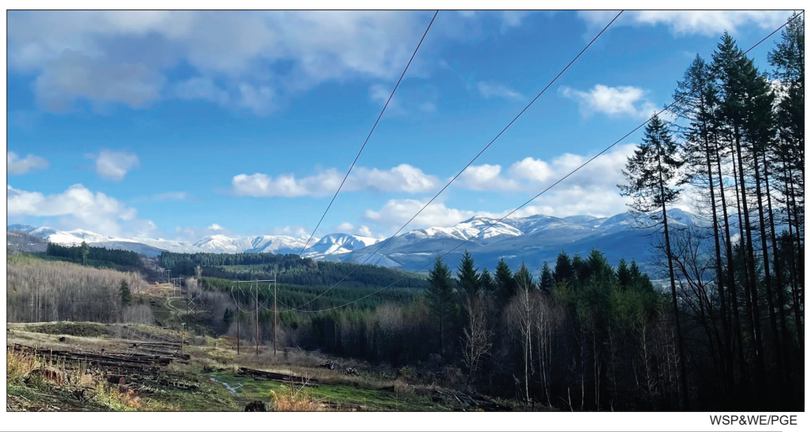
As Paiute Chief, Chief Moses represented and served the Paiute community for more than 25 years. His passing marks the loss of a longtime tribal leader who dedicated decades to public service and community leadership.

Chief Moses was born August 4, 1954. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Kathleen Moses; his children Lois Miller and Marlen Miller; his siblings Victor, William, Oliver, Patricia, and Lily Ann Moses; and Todd Danzuka.

He is survived by his sisters Joann Moses and Fran Moses-Ahern; his son, Luke Miller; and his Ai-yut Doris Miller.

Continuing progress on Warm Springs Power Pathway

by Cathy Ehli, *general manager, Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises*



The Bethel-Round Butte power lines were originally built more than 60 years ago, during the early 1960s.

WSP&WE/PGE

Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises continues the hard work at bringing the Confederated Tribes' energy vision to life by moving forward on the Warm Springs Power Pathway Project.

The Project represents an opportunity for the tribes to sustain its people through jobs, educational and generational wealth for the community while also expanding vital regional transmission capacity.

Despite some inaccurate reports over the past year suggesting the $250 million federal grant was targeted for termination, Power & Water and the Confederated Tribes have never received communication from the Department of Energy indicating the award was canceled.

The project has proceeded as planned, a reflection of the tribes' long-standing, mutually respectful sovereign-to-sovereign relationship with the federal government.

The project completed its annual technical review successfully in March 2026, and momentum has only grown since.

The Natural Resources-Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team has approved temporary soil and geologic studies at select locations along the existing Bethel-Round Butte line on the reservation, with tribal monitors and resource protection measures in place throughout to safeguard cultural resources, first foods, wildlife and fisheries.

The project team also launched community engagement planning efforts in August, engaging tribal members and communities along the rest of the line.

Looking ahead, and consistent with the Confederated Tribes' review and approval processes, environmental studies and initial engineering designs continue through 2027, and permitting through 2029. Additional contracting follows in 2027-2028, with construction targeted for 2030 through 2032. If all CTWS and community approval processes receive approval, the project would be expected to be in service in 2032.

The Warm Springs Power Pathway project, with Portland General Electric as the tribes' partner, is a major infrastructure initiative to rebuild and upgrade the approximately 100-mile transmission line, adding significant power capacity, from the source at the Pelton-Round Butte hydro system to the Willamette Valley. The project also involves the installation of high-capacity fiber-optic cables, improving regional broadband.

Most importantly, the project will support tribal sovereignty by greatly expanding economic and employment opportunities for the Confederated Tribes. For more information, and how to stay engaged, visit: warmspringspowerpathway.com

Fire response involves many working together

The Bench fire in some ways was the worst the reservation has seen in recent memory. The 2020 Lionshead fire burned 97,000 acres of reservation range- and timberland, more than the 67,000 acres of the Bench fire.

This summer, though, the Bench fire caused much more community disruption and structure loss: The initial fire suppression response during the high-wind intense first 10 days saw more than 800 firefighters along the front lines. 'Go-now' evacuation orders impacted more than 3,000 residents, and six homes were lost.

During these emergencies the firefighters and support staff are heroes, of course, working many hours with crews active around the clock until the fire is mostly contained. In the case of the Bench fire that took 18 straight days from the start to a scaling down point and mopping up.

During that time, there were no deaths or injuries, that is the most important thing, said Dan Martinez, director of the tribes' Emergency Management team.

Like Emergency Management, the local Red Cross volunteers were busy delivering food supplies, and helping some of those evacuated find temporary shelter. Emergency Management also helped collect the many donations that were coming in, and then distribute them to the people in need, some who had lost much.

The air quality was very bad during the Bench fire—there were six other fires burning in the region at the same time—and Fire Management distributed dozens of air purifiers. "They were going as fast as they came in," Martinez said.

The domestic water service for the Agency area was down, due to infrastructure stress from the fire; and Fire Management helped with the water distribution. At the same time power was also out. "It was a worst-case scenario," Dan said. "We want the community to know we were all doing our best."

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Natural Resources addressing long-term Bench fire impacts

From the start the Confederated Tribes Branch of Natural Resources was involved in the response to the Bench, and will be involved in the rehabilitation work for some time into the future.

Before coming to Natural Resources, branch general manager Austin Smith Jr. worked for 15 years in firefighting and resource advising, including as a type 2 firefighter.

His experience and familiarity with the Warm Springs landscape was a great help in the initial response, as the fire driven by chaotic winds moved through different fuel types.

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Coho tribal fishery again for the Warm Springs River

For the second year in a row now, Tribal Council has approved a Warm Springs River coho fishery open to tribal members. The season will be from September 15-November 30.

Until last season, the fishery had been closed since 2012, as the spring chinook populations were decreasing and summer steelhead were endangered.

For this year Council resolution No. 13,341 authorizes fishing for coho from the mouth of the Warm Springs River to the hatchery weir.

The hatchery personnel have some requests of tribal members who wish to fish just downstream of the hatchery:

Please do not fish any closer than 200 feet downstream of the fish ladder. Drugs, alcohol and firearms are not allowed and prohibited by the resolution.

During weekdays you can park in the hatchery visitor center parking lot and walk to fishing areas.

If the hatchery entry gate is closed please park in the turnaround road next to it but allow space for service vehicles to reach the green power box. Remember, only coho may be kept, all other fish must be released unharmed.

To access fishing areas downstream of the hatchery please walk toward the chain link fence, and walk in through the fence.

Go past the corner of the building to the fence with the sliding gate.

The sliding gate will be closed but you can walk through the person gate to the right.

A large boulder is the upstream fishing boundary 200 feet from the fish ladder.

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The Warm Springs Back-to-School Barbecue is this Thursday, September 3, starting at 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy.



Poetry and conversation at the Wyam Youth Center with Joy Harjo, the United States Poet Laureate

Joy Harjo, the United States Poet Laureate, will present an evening of poetry and conversation at the Wyam Youth Center on Wednesday, September 16. She will give a reading and share stories about the struggles, challenges and joys of coming of age, followed by a question and answer session with the audience. The program will begin at 5 p.m.

Rooted in Indigenous tradition, Ms. Harjo's poetry and storytelling is filled with a warmth and generosity that will speak directly to Warm Springs youth.

"At this gathering, we invite young people to listen and reflect with Joy on heritage, injustice, resilience and transformational moments of becoming," says Elizabeth Woody, executive director at the Museum at Warm Springs. "Joy is a longtime, personal friend of mine and it's a very special honor to be hosting her at Warm Springs."



The poet is hosting a poetry and discussion Thursday, Wednesday, September 16 at the Wyam Youth Center. MAWS

Ms. Harjo is the award-winning author of 11 books of poetry, several plays, children's books, two memoirs, and eight music albums. She holds the Ruth Yellowhawk Fellowship from the Kettering Foundation and is the inaugural Artist-in-Residence for the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She lives on the Muscogee Nation Reservation in Oklahoma.

Her program at the Wyam Youth Center is organized by the Museum at Warm Springs, the High Desert Museum and the Wyam Youth Center. Funding has been provided by First Nations Development Institute's Native Arts Initiative.

The next day on Thursday, September 17, Ms. Harjo will serve as the keynote speaker for the Twelfth Annual Waterston Desert Writing Prize award ceremony at the High Desert Museum in Bend. The Museum at Warm Springs is a co-sponsor of the event. This prestigious award celebrates literary excellence that explores the ecological and cultural narratives of arid landscapes. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit:

highdesertmuseum.org/events/waterston-ceremony-2026

Tribal fishery

The four Columbia River treaty fishing tribes set the following fishery plan and the Columbia River Compact concurred: Commercial gillnet fishery for all of zone 6, from the present time to 6 p.m. this Saturday, September 5. Gear is set and drift gillnets with an 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

Sanctuaries are the standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, including the standard sanctuary at Spring Creek hatchery is in effect.

Allowable sales are any species of salmon and steelhead. These fish may be sold or kept for subsistence. Also, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or kept for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Coming up on the Tribal Council agenda

The following are items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the month of September (subject to change at Council discretion):

Tuesday, September 8
Opening Prayer.

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Cinco Cronemeyer, acting superintendent.

10: Bureau of Trust Funds Administration update with Maggie Martinez.

11: Realty items.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update conference calls, federal and state.

2:30: Tribal attorneys update.

3:30: 2027 proposed budget with Pam Douglas and Ed Henderson.

Wednesday, September 9

9 a.m.: Tribal member concerns.

Tuesday, September 15—Enterprise revenue projections: **Agency meeting** at the Agency Longhouse, meal at 6 p.m., meeting at 7.

Wednesday, September 16—Enterprise revenue projections: Simnasho meeting at the Simnasho Longhouse, meal at 6 p.m., meeting at 7

Monday, September 21

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO update with Ed Henderson.

10: Chief Operations Officer update with Caroline Cruz.

11: October agenda and review minutes.

2:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

3:30: Legislative update calls.

Tuesday, September 22—Tribal 2027 budget call-backs.

9 a.m.: Museum at Warm Springs budget with Elizabeth Woody and board.

10: Credit Enterprise budget with Lori Fuentes.

11: Power and Water Enterprises with Cathy Ehli.

1:30 p.m.: Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta budget with Jim Souers and board.

2:30: Cannabis Commission budget with Hugh Paclic and Paul Sumner.

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

Wednesday, September 23—Budget call-backs.

9 a.m.: Human Resources with William Sam.

10: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) with Glendon Smith and Wendell Jim.

11: Warm Springs Gaming Regulatory Authority budget with Josephine Johnson and Sandra Main.

1:30 p.m.: Public Utilities with Chico Holliday.

2:30: Finance with Pam Douglas and Michele Stacona.

3:30: Early Childhood Education compliance and policy council with Cheryl Tom and Arlena Danzuka.

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Academy ready for 2026-27 school year

The Warm Springs Academy is getting ready to welcome students back for the 2026-27 school year, with the first day of school for students in first- through eighth grades set for Wednesday, September 9. School leaders are looking forward to welcoming students back and continuing to build strong relationships with students, families and the community.

This year the school will continue to focus on student growth and creating a learning environment where students feel valued, connected and encouraged to do their best, said Academy Principal Lonnie Henderson, and Vice Principals Gina Bennett and Troy Capps.

"We believe every student has talents, strengths and potential," Principal Henderson said. The school leaders also emphasize the importance of partnering with families to support students academically, socially and emotionally.

The Warm Springs Academy is the largest Native American school in Oregon, and the only k-8th-grade school in the district...

School supplies

One change families can look forward to this year is the Warm Springs Academy will provide basic school supplies for all students. Families will not need to purchase basic school supplies for their children.

Students will receive their school supplies on the first day of school.

School hours will also remain consistent throughout the week. On Mondays, school begins at 9:15 a.m. and dismisses at 2:50 p.m. From Tuesday through Friday, doors open at 7:45 a.m., with dismissal at 2:50 p.m.

Registration for Kindergarten needed

School officials are encouraging families with children entering kindergarten to complete registration as soon as possible.

The school needs kindergarten registrations in order to send letters to families and schedule conferences with teachers.

Families can visit the school office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to pick up registration paperwork, with staff available to help complete the forms.

School officials say there are still kindergarten students who need to be registered.

Sports and athletics

The fall sports season will include football, cross country and volleyball. Students participating in athletics must have a physical completed before the first day of practice.

An athletic parent meeting is scheduled for 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 10. Parents will receive sports schedules and other information during the meeting.

School officials also shared that the Warm Springs Academy is working toward offering a girls wrestling season for the first time. Coaches are currently being recruited, with additional information expected later.

Academics, culture and community

At the Academy, school officials will continue emphasizing reading and math while also preparing students for lifelong learning. The school is an AVID (Advancement via individual advancement) school, focusing on helping students develop skills and strategies they can use to be successful throughout their education and beyond.

School leaders also emphasize the importance of the Academy's identity as a community school and the need to celebrate its cultural uniqueness.

The Warm Springs Academy is the largest Native American school in Oregon, and the only k-8th-grade school in the district.

The school will continue using programs such as Wayfinder to support students' social-emotional development.

Morning meetings for kindergarten through fifth grade and guide rooms for middle school students are also designed to help students and teachers build relationships.

Families can stay connected through the school's Facebook page and monthly newsletter. Students and families can also listen to *Eagle News* on KWSO weekday mornings for school information and updates.

As the new school year approaches, Academy leaders are encouraging students to set goals, embrace challenges, show kindness and take pride in their learning.

"We can't wait to see the hallways filled with the curiosity, laughter and energy that makes our school so special," Principal Henderson said.

— *KWSO*



Museum tribute to past board, Council member Garland Brunoe


Garland Brunoe.

The tribes lost Garland Brunoe on July 26. Mr. Brunoe served on Tribal Council, and was a long-serving member of the Museum at Warm Springs Board of Directors. "Mr. Brunoe was a lifelong and staunch supporter of our mission and all our exhibitions and other activities for many years," said Elizabeth Woody, museum executive director.

"Garland, now our Ancestor, was always there for us at the museum," Mr. Woody said, "and we always knew we could count on him for his advice, counsel and support. And we will all miss him very much."



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Letters to the editor

From GeoVisions

Warm Springs GeoVisions is deeply grateful to every individual who participated during the late August community meeting.

The insightful contributions, ideas, and willingness to engage make all the difference in the work we do.

We appreciate the valuable ideas shared, and are delighted to have the opportunity to come together to enjoy a meal as a community. *We look forward to the significant impact we will achieve collectively.* **GeoVisions.**

Cheiftainship

On May 30, 2026, the Warm Springs Tribe held a formal crowning ceremony for atwai Rafael Queahpama to be the Warm Springs Chief. Tragically he passed away a very short time later on June 15, 2026.

The Warm Springs Tribe and Simnasho District has been without a Chief for two months. As a result, our district is left with three votes for action items or resolutions in Tribal Council.

That number is dwindled down to just two when one of our Representatives has to preside over Tribal Council meetings as the Vice-Chairman (when the Chairman is absent).

I've asked again the Simnasho Representatives when a meeting of Simnasho District will be scheduled to address the matter and again, all three of them are not inclined.

I'm now asking the district elders and members to caucus amongst yourselves to convene a Simnasho District meeting to discuss the Chieftainship vacancy and how to proceed forward to identifying a successor to ensure the continuity of the Simnasho District in Tribal Council; for the district to have four votes.

I'm not sure why our current elected Representatives are not inclined to call a District meeting.

Our District has had some good Representatives who were a strong voices for the Simnasho people. They adhered to the Constitution and By Laws and other important documents. They fulfilled their oath of office and they didn't lose sight of the documents!

Our current elected Representatives bear a degree of burden to ensure the continuity of the Simnasho District to call a district meeting about the Chieftainship vacancy.

There is language in the preamble for a responsive and effective organization. In Article 1 (a) a form of home rule for the advancement welfare of the membership. In Article IV Section (1) for Composition, that the Tribal Council shall be composed of eleven members. In Section (2) for Apportionment three elected representatives and the recognized Chief of the district.

Throughout the history of the tribe since the adoption of a Constitution and By Laws that established the Tribal Council, the Simnasho District has always had Representatives who were conducive to the District and cognizance of the importance of having four votes at the table.

I'm asking the District members to discuss this matter, caucus and call for a meeting. We can do this as District people when our elected Representatives don't seem inclined to do anything. We need to keep our district's voice strong at the table, the continuity of the district cannot be overemphasized.

My goal is to impress upon the importance of this topic in a good way to the district and assertively remind the Simnasho District Representatives of their responsibilities. Thank you. **Floyd Calica**, Simnasho District #2392.

From the HR office

Dear Colleagues,

Please note that the Human Resources and Compensation & Benefits departments will temporarily close this Friday, September 4 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a staff meeting. During this time, the team will discuss the upcoming open enrollment period.

Normal operations will resume at 10 a.m., at which point we will respond to any missed calls, emails, and messages. Thank you for your understanding. Best regards,

William Sam, director of Human Resources.

Maternal health nurse connects families with care, resources

KWSO is hosting a monthly podcast with Warm Springs Community Health, also featured as a KWSO Warm Springs Program. The topic of this recent program is Maternal Child Health:



Sydney Barnes, Maternal Child Health Nurse.

Community Health has re-started its maternal child health services with the addition of Sydney Barnes, a full-time maternal child health nurse at the Warm Springs Clinic. Community Health first introduced folks to the new Maternal Child Health Nurse in a recent edition of their monthly podcast series *What the Health*.

Ms. Barnes joined the Community Health team in August after previously working with the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center on the Umatilla Reservation. She was raised in Bend, earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from OHSU-La Grande, and has had wanted to work for an Oregon tribe. With family in the area, she said returning to Central Oregon and joining the Warm Springs team felt like the right opportunity.

Ms. Barnes fills a position that had been vacant for several months. Her full-time schedule allows her to work directly with pregnant women, new mothers and children both at the clinic and through home visits.

One of her responsibilities is helping connect hospital care with services at the Warm Springs Clinic. Sydney typically starts her day at the hospital, checking on tribal members who have recently delivered and communicating with hospital physicians and nurses.

She also helps with newborn metabolic screening, commonly known as the PKU screening. She makes sure the screening cards are available at the Warm Springs Clinic, so parents can complete the necessary follow-up when they bring their newborns in for their early checkups.

Home visits are another important part of the position. Sydney is beginning to provide visits to families approximately two to eight weeks after a baby is born.

During the visits, she checks the mother's vital signs and recovery, makes sure the baby is doing well and helping identify resources the family may need.

Barnes works closely with the WIC program, and can connect families with other services. The maternal child health team also has access to car seats through assistant Sheryl Lee.

The goal is to provide families with additional support during a period that can be challenging for new parents.

Nurse Barnes also participates in prenatal care. She works with physicians during prenatal visits and checks in with pregnant women throughout their pregnancies, whether they are in the early stages or close to delivery.

The maternal child health program is intended to provide an additional layer of support alongside regular medical care, as families may have questions or needs that are not addressed during routine appointments, including transportation or safety resources, insurance issues or other concerns.

Sydney can also help families who lose their health insurance connect with resources to regain coverage, including OHP. She encourages people to contact her if they feel there is a gap in their care, or if they are unsure where to turn for assistance.

Her role also continues after delivery. At the hospital, Sydney checks on tribal mothers who have recently given birth, asks a few basic questions about how they and their babies are doing and makes sure follow-up appointments are scheduled.

Newborns are generally scheduled for a follow-up visit two to three days after discharge to check their growth and health. Sydney also makes sure mothers receive follow-up care.

By helping families before and after delivery, she serves as a connection between the hospital, the Warm Springs Clinic and other community resources.

Sydney sees significant potential for the program and hopes to bring some of the partnerships and approaches she experienced while working with the maternal child health program at Yellowhawk.

She also emphasizes that tribal members do not have to live in Warm Springs or receive all of their medical care locally to use the service.

Tribal families living in Bend, Redmond, Madras and other Central Oregon communities can still reach out to Warm Springs Community Health for maternal and child health resources. Ms. Barnes can provide support even when a family receives primary or obstetric care outside Warm Springs.

For now, community members can reach her through the Community Health front desk.

People can stop by the clinic and ask if Sydney is available or call Community Health at 541-553-2352 and ask to be transferred to her.

The return of the Maternal Child Health Nurse position gives Warm Springs families another point of contact for pregnancy, newborn and postpartum support, while helping connect them with the range of health and social services available through the community health system.

'What the Health' *is a partnership between Warm Springs Community Health and KWSO.*

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~ September 5, 2026 at 8 a.m. ~

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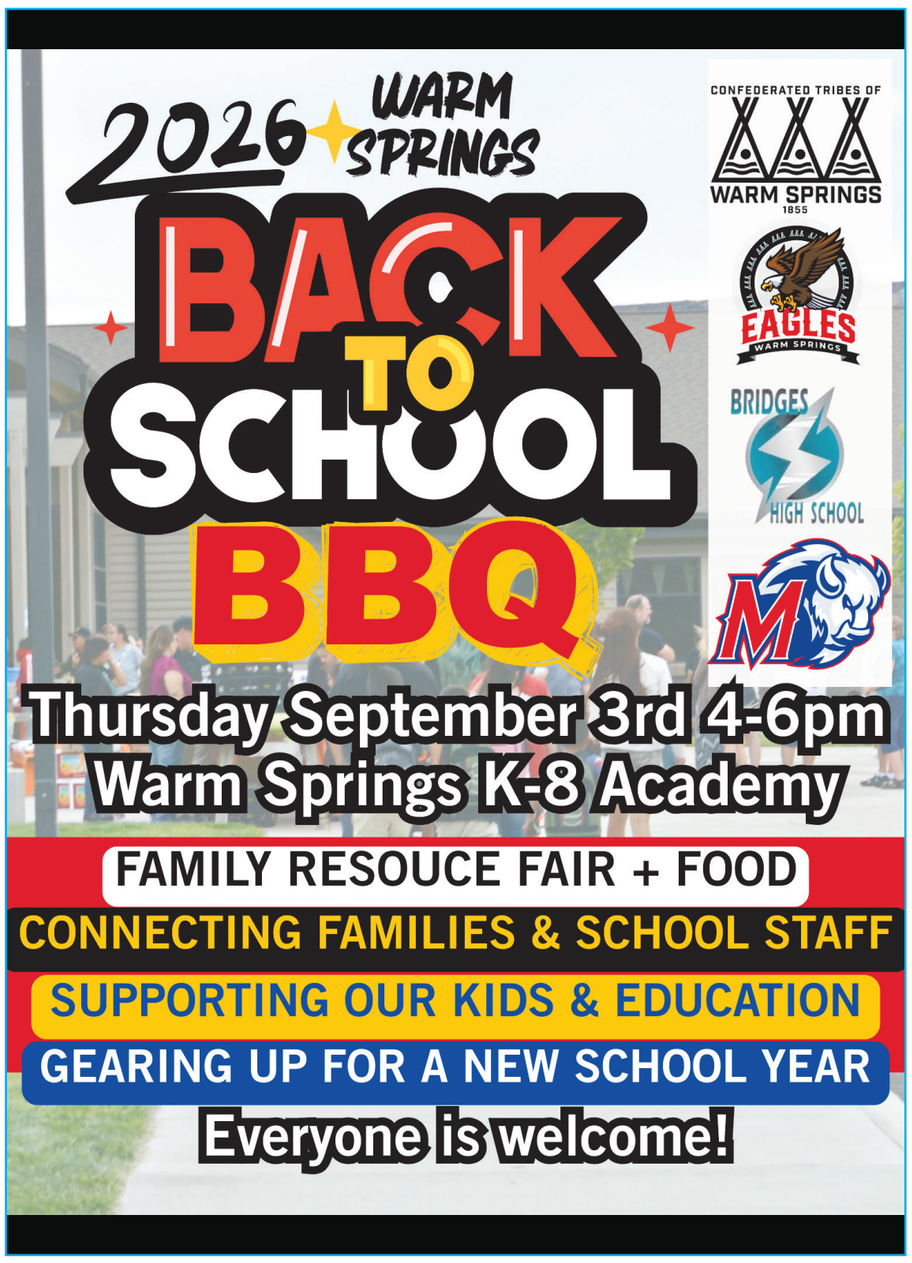
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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

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

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Caleb Caldera; Case no. CR41-25. To Caleb Caldera:

You are hereby notified that a show cause hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. September 29, 2026.**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JASMINE CALDERA, RESPONDENT Case No.JV62-19. TO: JASMINE CALDERA, JACOB JIM, ROSE BALL, JOHN BALL:

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 **23RD day of SEPTEMBER, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs, TASHAWNEE CHARLEY, RESPONDENT; Case No.JV3-24. TO: TASHAWNEE CHARLEY, BRITTANY & RYAN KILLION:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs, KISTA FLORES, Respondent; Case No. JV110-09. TO: CINDY & JOSE CHAVEZ, KISTA FLORES:

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 **5th day of OCTOBER, 2026 @ 10:00 AM Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Chester VanPelt III, respondent. Case no. CR93-26. To Chester VanPelt III:**

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 the matter at a hearing scheduled for **10 a.m. on October 19, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioners, vs. Javin Dimmick, respondent. Case no. CV58-25. To Javin Dimmick:

You are hereby notified that a judge trial 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 **2 p.m. on October 27, 2026.**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs Dena Thomas, Tyrone Lawrence, Respondent; Case No.JV39-23, JV42-24. TO: Dena Thomas, Tyrone Lawrence:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 the **21ST day of SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

ANNE ETHERIDGE, Petitioner, vs SHANDA CULPS, Respondent; Case No. DO5-25. TO:ANNE ETHERIDGE, JAMES ETHERIDGE, SHANDA CULPS, JAMIE SMITH SR.:

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 **17TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

ROBERTA KIRK, Petitioner, vs JAKE EASTMAN, Respondent; Case No. DO55-26. TO: ROBERTA KIRK, JAKE EASTMAN, 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 SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

HEATHER MILLER, Petitioner, vs DELANO MILLER, Respondent ;Case No. DO69-26. TO: HEATHER MILLER, DELANO MILLER, JERI CALICA, WHITNEY MILLER, MERCEDES MILLER, FRANCELIA MILLER:

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 **22ND day of SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CONSTANCE MALDONADO, Petitioner, vs ELSIE IKE, Respondent; Case No. JV118-01. TO: ELISE IKE, CONSTANCE & JUAN MALDONADO, CYNTHIA IKE, KELLY IKE, DELSI LOGAN:

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 **29TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs HESTER TAYLOR, Respondent; Case No. JV19,20,21-19. TO: HESTER TAYLOR, STEVEN ARCE, JOANNA ARCE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIAN SHIPR 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 **5TH day of OCTOBER 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LILLIAN GONZALEZ, Respondent; Case No. JV46,47,48,49-25. TO:LILLIAN GONZLALES, JAMES GEORGE:

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs COLLEEN KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. DO03-09. TO: COLLEEN KALAMA, CPS, JV PROS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW -AGE OUT 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 **29TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 2:00 PM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Harrison Davis Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Probate estate no. 2015-PR09. To Ramona W. Whiteplume, DominiIc Davis Sr. c/o Tiana Davis, Dinah Davis, Dixon Davis. Flora 'Susie' Davis, Stacey Scott-Jim, Jaurissa I. Bellanger, Lavina Colwash, Destiny Summers, Salena Strong, Alicia Boston, Ashtin Boston, Clara J. Scott, Jake M. Scott, Bryson D. Scott, Colin R. Scott:

You are hereby notified that a probate status hearing is scheduled for **2 p.m. on October 28, 2026.**

In the matter of the estate of Harrison Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR22. To Ramona W. Whiteplume, Dominic Davis Sr. c/o Tiana Davis, Dinah Davis, Dixon Davis, Floria 'Susie' Davis, Clara J. Scott, Jake M. Scott, Bryson D. Scott, Colin R. Scott:

Ou are hereby notified that a probate status hearing is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on October 28, 2026.**

Apologies

First I would like to apologize to my mother. I am so sorry for my actions toward you, and your S.O., F.C. And I would also like to apologize to the Warm Springs community, and the Warm Springs Police Department for my actions back in May. I'm working on getting help with addictions, and to better myself. So from the bottom of my heart I apologize once again. And I apologize to the Tribal Court. Sincerely, **Hattie Hart.**

I am sorry ai broke tribal law in August of 2026 by forgetting I had a court or probation review hearing on July, 2020. I apologize to the court and the communities. I apologize for my actions and I'm so sorry. **Fred Wallulatum Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law by drinking and driving. It was wrong of me and I'm sorry. I apologize to R.R.K. I'm sorry brother. **Dondi P. Hoptowit.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on shelter property by disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia. I apologize to the Warm Springs community and shelter workers. It will not happen again. **Roger Stwyer Jr.**



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Lillian Pitt exhibit catalog now part of the Library of Congress

The exhibit *Lillian Pitt: Art, Memory, Home* catalog is now part of the collection of the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress is the main research arm of the U.S. Congress and the home of the U.S. Copyright Office. It's collection is the largest library in the world with millions of books, films and video, audio recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts in its collections.

If you haven't already purchased your copy of the catalog, now is the time to do so before the exhibition closes on October 10. During this time and until the closing date, the catalog will be on sale for $30 in the museum gift shop, that's $10 off the regular retail price. Museum members will receive an additional 10-percent discount. Currently, the wholesale price for museum gift shops and other retail outlets is $15 plus shipping and handling until October 10; and $20 plus shipping and handling after October 10.



The 96-page lavishly-illustrated, full-color catalog was published in May by the Museum at Warm Springs to celebrate the milestone exhibition, *Lillian Pitt: Art, Memory, Home*. To place an order call 541-553-3331 ext. 409.

Around Indian Country

Algae 'super bloom' at Willamette

Algae blooms have become a familiar summer problem in Portland. In recent years, recurring outbreaks in the Ross Island lagoon have sent bright green clusters of cyanobacteria into the Willamette River. The blooms can produce toxins that sicken people, poison birds and kill dogs.

Scientists say this year's lagoon bloom is the most severe and potentially most toxic in a decade, and may foreshadow more 'super blooms' in the years ahead.

The cyanobacteria are now starting to move out into the wider river, and that's causing cancellations just as some are trying to find last minute summer activities on the water.

One of the fastest river comebacks ever recorded

For more than a century, four hydroelectric dams stood between Klamath River salmon and hundreds of miles of spawning habitat.

Two years after those dams came down, the first peer-reviewed science confirms the fish wasted no time reclaiming it.

California Trout announced the study last week, published in *Scientific Reports,* part of the Nature portfolio of journals. The research found Chinook salmon reoccupied 88 percent of their documented historical range above the former dam sites within just two migratory seasons, a pace that outran even the most optimistic recovery models.

Natural Resources: now addressing long-term fire impacts

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One of the next major steps is the Burned Area Emergency Response, or BAER, process. The BAER program is designed to assess conditions after a wildfire and identify emergency actions needed to protect people, property, natural resources and cultural resources from additional damage.

Austin Smith Jr. explained the BAER team is a national resource made up of specialists in a variety of fields. The team serving the Pacific Northwest is led by a Warm Springs tribal member.

The team can include hydrologists, fisheries specialists, wildlife biologists, cultural resource specialists and GIS professionals.

When an assessment is needed, the tribes can request the team to evaluate the burned area and identify potential emergency treatments.

The BAER work takes place after the initial fire suppression operation, although some suppression rehabilitation may still be underway. The Baer work can include addressing roads that have become dangerous because of burned trees, damaged culverts or other fire-related impacts.

Mr. Smith said health and human safety are among the highest priorities because post-fire hazards can remain for years.

Local Natural Resources staff can also participate in the assessment. Staff with appropriate BAER qualifications can document damage caused during firefighting operations, including miles of dozer lines, burned areas and impacts to fences, water systems and other infrastructure.

The fire's extensive impact on rangeland and pine forest also creates concerns about soil erosion and runoff. With much of the vegetation burned away, rainfall and snowmelt can move across the landscape more quickly.

Austin said severely burned soils can become hydrophobic, meaning water has difficulty infiltrating the soil and instead runs across the surface. That can increase erosion and create problems for roads, watersheds and other infrastructure.

BAER assessments help identify and prioritize those risks. Potential emergency treatments can include reseeding burned areas, stabilizing banks, placing straw or wood chips in vulnerable locations, repairing or replacing culverts and, where necessary, constructing bridges or other infrastructure.

The goal is to address problems before future rain or snow events cause additional damage.

Protecting cultural and natural resources

Austin said the BAER process also considers cultural and natural resources that are important to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Emergency actions can be used to protect cultural and historical resources as well as sensitive species and habitats. The tribes maintain information about culturally important species and resources that can guide post-fire management.

Wildlife and first-food resources may require special attention following the fire. Austin also pointed to species such as eagles and other raptors that may be protected under threatened or endangered species requirements.

Another concern following a large wildfire is the spread of invasive and noxious weeds. Ground disturbance from dozers, firefighting vehicles and other suppression activities can create opportunities for invasive species to establish themselves.

The BAER process can include reseeding and other treatments designed not only to stabilize the landscape but also to reduce the risk of invasive species taking over burned areas.

The tribes may also have to evaluate commercial timber affected by the fire. Burned timber on reservation lands, Austin says, could potentially be assessed for emergency salvage, allowing the tribes to recover some value from timber investments while addressing areas damaged by the fire.

The recovery process will take considerably longer than the initial firefighting operation. Stabilization could extend over multiple years, with natural resources staff continuing to evaluate how the land, watersheds, wildlife habitat and infrastructure respond to the effects of the fire.

For the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Bench Fire response therefore represents two interconnected efforts:

Protecting people and property during the fire, and protecting the reservation's natural, cultural and economic resources during the years of recovery that follow.

— *KWSO*



Fire response: many partners joined in the effort

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Many others have helped both on the reservation and off. Tribal Council opened a public donation site that was very successful in raising relief funds.

Tribal management helped with this and in the distribution of donated goods, clothing, diapers, blankets, furniture, etc. Public Utilities was key for the infrastructure repair matters. The Housing Authority was able to find a home for one of the displaced families. Another family was able to move in with relatives.

Oregon Emergency Management and other state agencies were providing their assistance; and the Indian Health Service, and Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA as well. Working overtime were the tribes' Fire Management and the Hot Shots, Fire and Safety, tribal police and many other agencies that came in from off the reservation in mutual support.

For now, Dan Martinez and Emergency Management are working with the Oregon Fire Marshall's Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs on assessing needs such as decommissioning.

This work will continue into the future.

Coho fishery –

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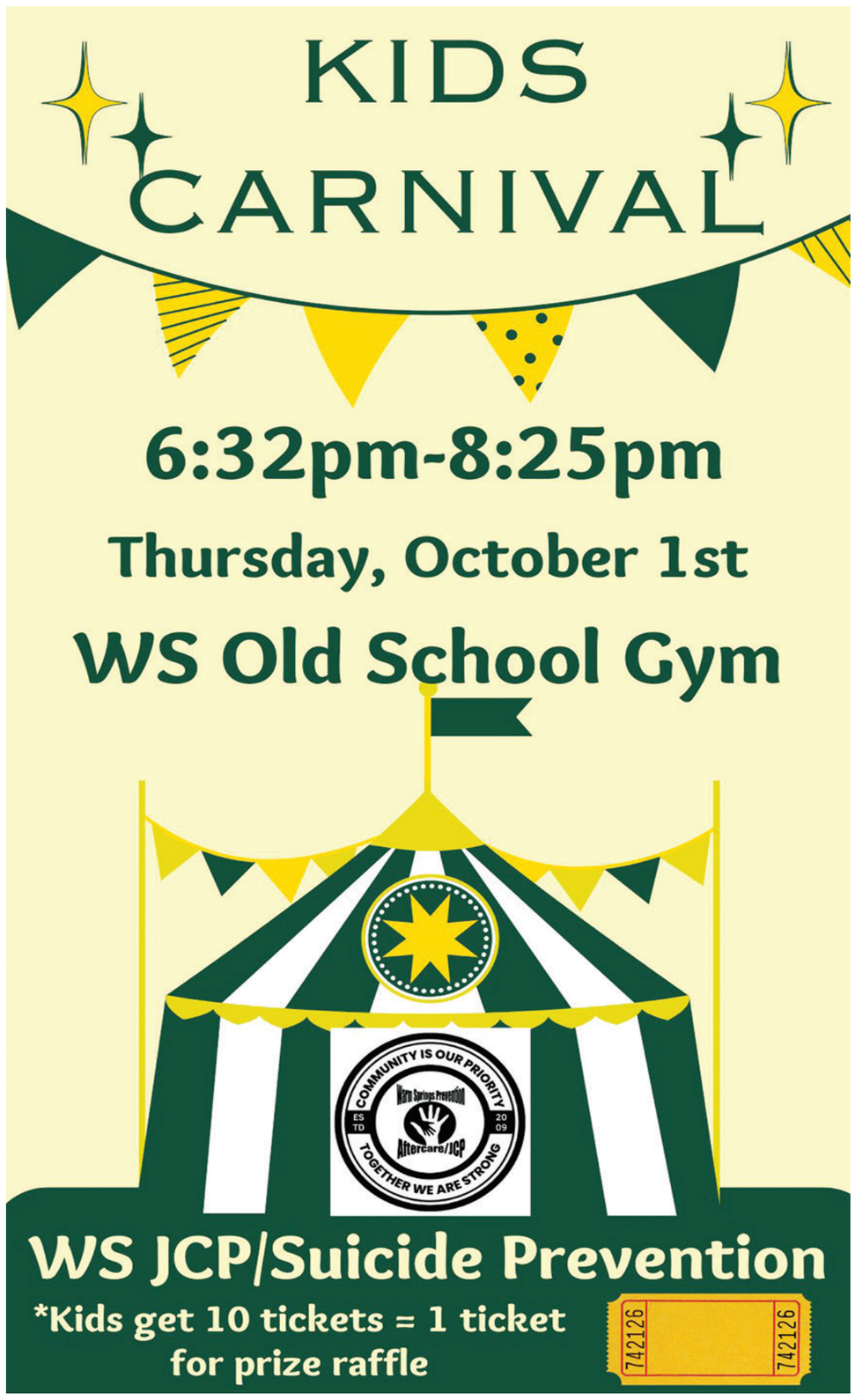
Watch for poison oak and rattlesnakes along the river.

Fishing can take place anywhere downstream of the boulder, please stay out of the pollution abatement pond to your left.

There will be days the hatchery will be giving away excess coho. If you do not catch fish please contact the staff for excess fish they may be able to give directly to you.

Warm Springs River coho are in good condition when they reach the hatchery. They still have some shine and the meat is firm. This is a great opportunity to brings kids out to teach them to fish. It's not a long drive, there are many fishing locations and the fish are good quality!

— Mark Manion, Natural Resources, Harvest & Parks manager



Tribal consultation would be optional under proposed change to Historic Preservation Act

The federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation this summer released a set of proposed changes to rules implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If the changes are approved, it could become optional to consult tribes about projects under consideration on culturally significant lands.

Last month the National Congress of American Indians., the Association on American Indian Affairs, the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and partners issued a joint statement opposing the proposed changes.

Section 106 serves as a central legal tool for tribes that guarantees their consultation before ground is broken on projects, helping to minimize harm to places that are sacred and traditional cultural landscapes across the United States.

"We're talking about living particular relationships," said Crystal Miller, cultural sovereignty director for the Association on American Indian Affairs, who works closely with the National Congress of American Indians.

The rewrite to Section 106 rules would move tribal consultation from a required step early in project planning to an optional step late in the process...

"The proposed changes make it easier, across the board for the federal government to treat that living relationship as an inconvenience to be managed rather than a sovereign interest to be honored," she said.

Other partners discussed the potential impacts of the proposed rule changes on Indian Country and gave tips for how tribal historic preservation officers and tribal leaders can prepare for the upcoming comment period.

The rewrite to Section 106 rules would move tribal consultation from a required step early in project planning to an optional step late in the process. The proposed changes go so far as to remove explicit reference to federal trust responsibility, treaty rights, ancestral and ceded lands and government-to-government relationships.

It would also narrow what is counted as "historic property," meaning fewer projects would trigger Section 106.

Currently, Section 106 rules require federal agencies to consult with tribes for projects off tribal lands that could affect sites that are significant to Native nations. The proposed changes redefine "historic property" as a physical location that is "geographically compact." It would specifically exclude "mountains, valleys, bodies of water or landscapes, including ethnographic landscapes."

"Really, it's an attack on tribal sovereignty," said Thierry Veyrié, the culture and heritage director for the Burns Paiute Tribe. "At the end of the day, it's this colonial society that's trying to deprive Native people of their Indigenous rights."

During the webinar on Aug. 19, speakers urged tribal leaders to advocate against the proposed changes. They said legal tools, including templates, briefing papers and talking points, are likely to come out soon to support advocacy efforts.



Courtesy Underscore News.

The Washington, D.C. office of the National Congress of American Indians, among the opponents of the proposed changes to the National Historic Preservation Act.

Currently, the proposed changes are under review by the federal Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OIRA, within the Office of Management and Budget. At this time, 'interested parties' can request a meeting with OIRA to express concerns related to the proposed rule. Interested parties include tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, business and trade organizations and state and local governments.

— *Underscore Native News*

Invasive Northern pike another threat to protected salmon

Northern pike were illegally introduced to the Columbia River Basin decades ago: Today, the invasive predator threatens 13 protected salmon runs

There has been a long history in the United States of non-native fish species being introduced into bodies of water, sometimes by accident, other times intentionally.

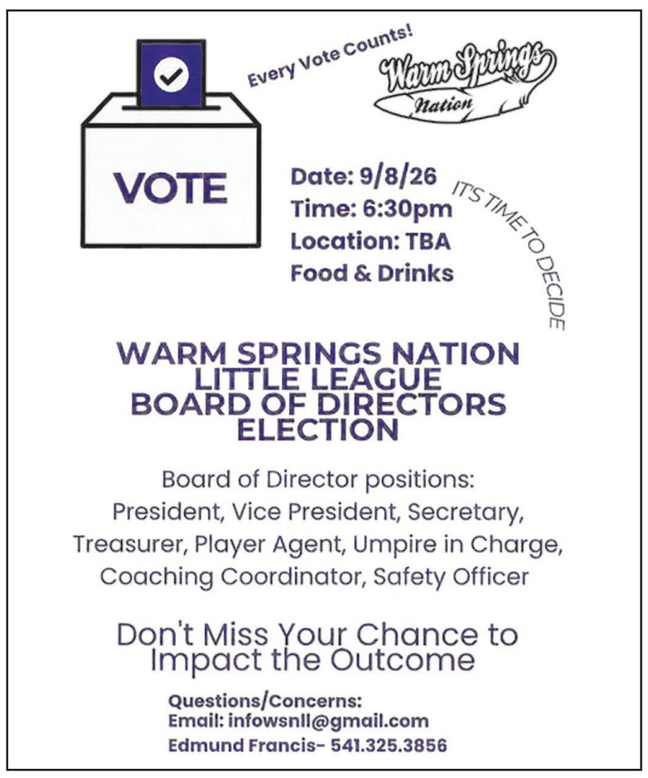
Some of these have been harmless or managed but others have caused major environmental issues and economic damage.

Once such is the introduction of Northern pike into the upper portions of the Columbia River Basin, which has led to a life-or-death struggle that is underway to stop this voracious predator that threatens culturally and economically important native fish species.

These predatory fish, which can live for up to 20 years and grow to over 45 pounds, eat "literally anything that can fit in their mouth," consuming up to 75-percent of their body weight, explained aquatic biologist Dr. Kellie Carim.

If they manage to move downstream beyond the Chief Joseph Dam in Washington, they could wreak havoc upon the native populations of chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon along with steelhead trout that support a multimillion-dollar industry in the region.

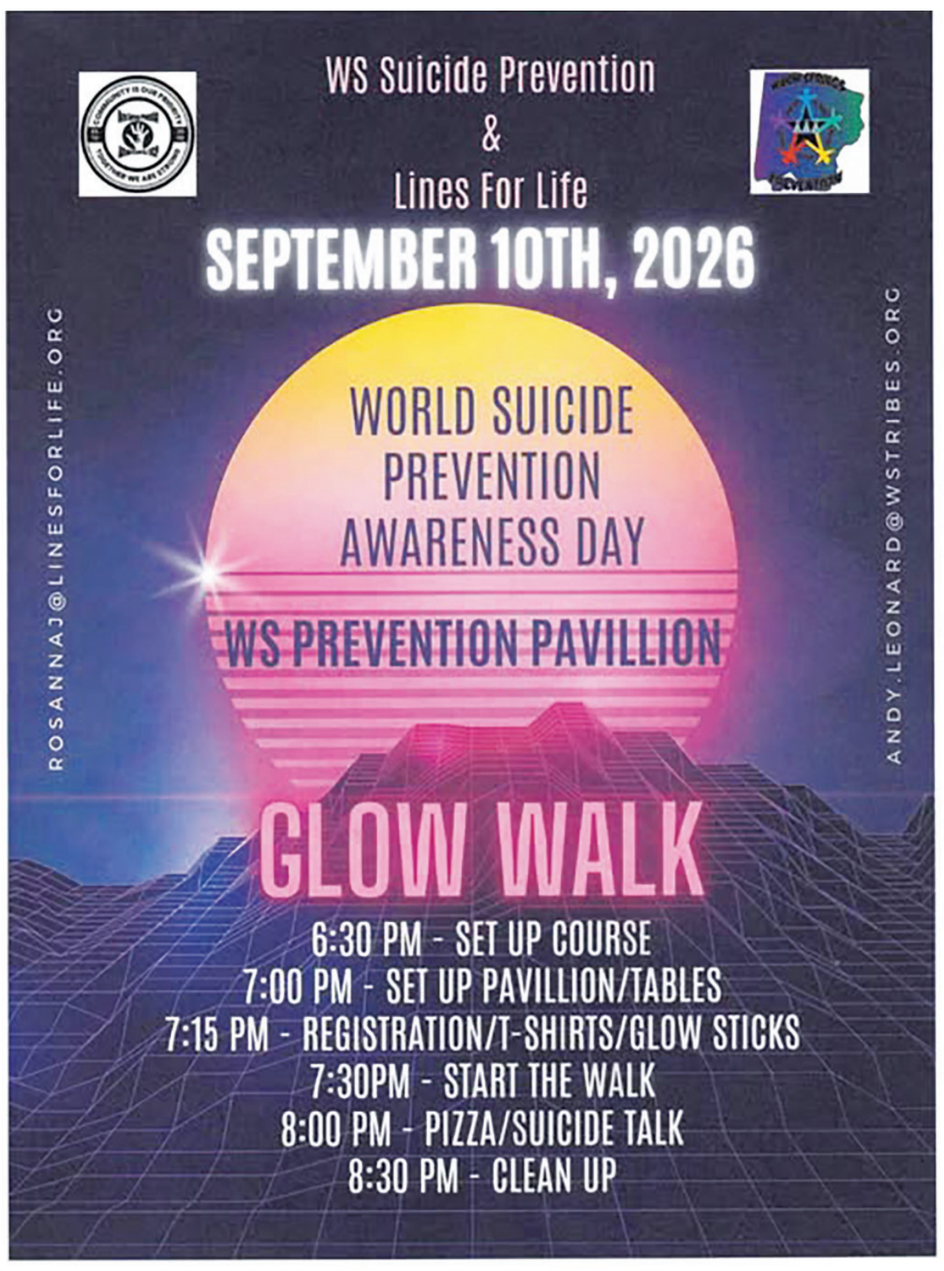
Additionally, the Pacific lamprey which along with the other species are culturally important to the local tribes and provide a vital source of nutrients for people and the wider ecosystem.











High school leaders look ahead to 2026-27

As students prepare to return to classrooms very soon this fall, administrators for the Madras and Bridges high schools are looking ahead to a new school year. And they are emphasizing student success, belonging, relationships and opportunities beyond graduation.

The district's high school leadership includes Bridges High School and 509-J Online Principal Jessica Swagger; Madras High School Principal Tony Summers; Assistant Principal Kelsey Snow; and Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Walter Stahl.

At Bridges High School

Bridges Principal Jessica Swagger first joined the school as a counselor in 2016; and is now beginning her fifth year as Principal while her goal remains straightforward: Help every student graduate.

"My personal goal is always for 100-percent of the students to graduate," Principal Swagger said. "We work really hard to help students—whatever they need to help them graduate."

Bridges serves about 60 students and also operates Roots, a satellite campus in Warm Springs.

The smaller school environment allows staff to know students well and provide individualized support.

Students can develop education plans around their individual circumstances, including work and family responsibilities.

The school also offers an online option and GED proficiency testing that can help students recover credits toward a high school diploma. Ms. Swagger said this flexibility is especially valuable for students who may have fallen behind or need an alternative to the traditional school schedule.

Building relationships is another major focus at Bridges.

The school has been working on restorative practices and non-exclusionary discipline, including professional development in restorative and proactive circles. The approach focuses on building trust, repairing relationships after conflicts and keeping students connected to school.

Madras High School

At Madras High School, Assistant Principal Kelsey Snow said her personal goal is to continue building relationships with students, families and teachers while encouraging students to recognize the possibilities available to them.

"I want to encourage our students to know they can do and achieve anything they want," Ms. Snow said, whether they plan to enter the workforce or attend college.

Principal Summers says creating a high school where students feel welcome and want to attend is a major priority. He would like to see attendance improve, and believes involvement in athletics, clubs and other activities can help students develop a stronger sense of belonging.

"It's one of the big reasons we pushed the athletics and the clubs and things like that," Mr. Summers said. "I want them to feel like they belong there and make sure we're preparing our students for the future."

Madras High School offers more than 30 clubs and more than 21 athletic programs, giving students numerous opportunities to become involved.

One of Ms. Stahl's favorite things this time of the school year is getting to know the incoming freshman class.

The school is also expanding opportunities for students through dual enrollment.

High school and college credits

Madras High School offers 16 college-level courses through Central Oregon Community College, Southern Oregon University and Linn-Benton Community College.

Students earn both high school and college credit, with the district and school helping cover the cost.

Last school year, students completed 644 college classes and earned 1,549 college credits through the program.

Like Principal Summer, Assistant Principal Walter Stahl also highlighted the role athletics and community events play in bringing students, families and the broader community together.

The annual *Buffs Are Back* event, for example, next Tuesday, September 8 will give families an opportunity to meet staff, coaches and advisors, learn about clubs and athletics, and help incoming freshmen become familiar with the school before classes begin the following day, Wednesday, September 9.

Community-building extends into the classroom and extracurricular activities, Mr. Stahl said.

Students have opportunities to showcase their interests, cultures and experiences through clubs, athletics, art and community events.

The administrators also pointed to the importance of keeping students on track academically, particularly during their freshman year.

Mr. Summers said the school is focusing heavily on ninth-grade on-track rates, with the goal of having 85- to 90-percent of freshmen earn at least six credits during their first year.

For all four administrators, the new school year represents an opportunity to strengthen connections and help students find their place.

"We want to get kids involved in stuff," Principal Summers said, noting that students and staff are encouraged to bring forward ideas for new clubs, programs and activities. As the first day approaches, school leaders say they are ready to welcome students back and see them take advantage of the many opportunities available at 509-J high schools.

— *KWSO*





