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Travel Plaza now bigger, even better

This summer in July the Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Casino Enterprises opened the new and expanded Plateau Travel Plaza. The expansion allows for 20 new permanent jobs in all phases of the operation.

For the travel plaza building itself the new Plateau convenience store is more spacious and convenient, with a redesigned and refreshed coffee station; a bigger beverages area with twice as many options; new ice cream selections, and expanded snacks space featuring many varieties.

The dining area of the Three Teepees Café is expansive, and the menu is new.

The café remains open 24 hours a day, with all-day breakfast options, the premium burgers, and their signature Indian tacos on fry-bread, among the many choices.



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The Plateau Travel Plaza last week hosted the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cuppers, here enjoying the newly remodeled and larger Three Teepees Café.

The gaming room is double in size with 150 of the latest state-of-the-art class II machines. An added bonus is that gaming rewards loyalty points at the Plateau are connected with the Indian Head Casino rewards. And meanwhile, the 24-hour fuel stations still have among the most competitive prices in the region.

Invitation to tribal member artists

Tribal member artists are invited to take part in the upcoming Thirty-Third Annual Tribal Member Adult and Youth Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs.

For submissions to be judged, the deadline for adult tribal members is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20.

The Judge's Choice categories include the Contemporary, Traditional, and the Video category. There will also be Honorable Mention Awards.

For all other artists, for display purposes only whose art will not be judged for the show, both adult and youth, the deadline is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27.

The Tribal Member Adult and Youth Art Exhibit will open November 18 *(more information on page 4)*.

The Member Art Show first began 39-years ago in 1987.

Acclaimed actress to visit youth center

Acclaimed award-winning actress Tantoo Cardinal will be in Warm Springs in October.

Ms. Cardinal is known for her pioneering work and authentic representation of Native people in film and television.

The now legendary actress is a dedicated advocate for Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and environmental issues.

The Wyam Youth Center invites the community to an exclusive meeting with Ms. Cardinal at the center from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, October 9. The Wyam center is hosting the event with the Warm Springs Community Action Team and the Bend Film Festival.



The Wyam Youth Center in October will host a visit with Tantoo Cardinal.

Ms. Cardinal is Canadian of Cree, Métis, Dene and Nakota descent. She was raised mostly by her grandmother.

Some of Ms. Cardinal's noteworthy roles include *Smoke Signals, Killers of the Flower Moon*, and *Legends of the Fall*; and the television series *North of 60* and *Echo*.

She was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2009 "for her contributions to the growth and development of Aboriginal performing arts in Canada, as a screen and stage actress, and as a founding member of the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company." She received a Governor General's Performing Arts Award in 2021.

Ms. Cardinal was named in 2017 the winner of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television's Earle Grey Award for lifetime achievement. She has also won a Gemini Award, a National Aboriginal Achievement Award (now the Indspire Award) and was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.

Growing up, she learned the Cree language from her grandmother; the traditional ways of the Métis culture, and the difficulties she would face growing up Métis in Canada. Ms. Cardinal has said that it was walking behind her grandmother when she first learned to act.

The Wyam Youth Center invites the community to the October 9 greeting: The center is located at 2130 Warm Springs Street, across from the Warm Springs Market.

Dedication of new Simnasho sports court

The Confederated Tribes and Simnasho community are hosting a dedication event at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 17 for the new youth mini-pitch sports court.

The Simnasho court is similar to one the Wave Foundation of Portland built a couple years ago at Celilo Village. Besides building the youth sports courts, the Wave Foundation has focused for years on food security for under-served rural communities, by now having served tens of thousands of healthy meals to young people living in these communities.

The Simnasho court is managed by the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center.

All October is Halloween time around the reservation

Among the favorite holiday seasons of the year around the community, Halloween will see a host of events during the coming month.

The theme of the **Halloween Parade** this year is *The Addams Family 2*. The parade will be the evening of Tuesday, October 13, hosted by the Community Wellness Center. That Saturday evening, October 17 will be the **Halloween Dance** at the Wellness Center social hall.

Community Wellness is also having the **Halloween Movie Nite & Snacks** Thursday evening, October 8; and the next day, Friday, October 9 is the **Pumpkin Patch Fun Trip**.

Community Wellness is planning the **Great Pumpkin Party** for Wednesday, October 21; the **Zombie Walk** and lunch on Friday, October 30; and the **Trunk-or-Treat, Carnival & Bingo** on Saturday, Halloween evening.

The Compensation and Benefits Department is hosting the 2026 **Costume & Office Decorating Contest**. There are $50 prizes for Scariest Costume, Funniest Costume, Most Creative Costume; and $50 gift cards for Best Group Costume (four people maximum).

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Pumpkin time with Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb, Halloween being among his favorite holidays, true for many around the community.

Pumpkin painting party this Thursday

The Community Wellness Center and the High Desert Food & Farm Alliance invites the community to a pumpkin painting evening, 4:30-6:30 p.m. this **Thursday, October 1** at the Community Wellness Center.

Pumpkins will be provided by DD Ranch in Terrebonne. The produce comes from Seed to Table, and dried herbs from Toto's Farm in Wolfe Point. Dinner will be provided by Sandra Greene and family. *It's free and family friendly.*





This week on Wednesday and Friday, Warm Springs Fire & Safety is having air ambulance partners from Air Link here, conducting training with the local crew members.

— KWSO

More of the Halloween events around the community ~

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For the Costume and Decorations Contest, you can submit photos of entries from this Thursday, October 1 until noon on November 2. You can vote for contest winners up to 3 p.m. on November 6.

Offices can submit up to four photos. *To join the fun, Please submit your photos!*

For the tribal organization: Monday, October 26 will be *Creep It Cozy* day: Wear Halloween theme pajamas or sleepwear. The next day is *If you got it, haunt it*: Wear anything Halloween. Wednesday, October 28 is Hotel *Transylvania Day:* Dress as your favorite monster. The next day is *Super Hero Day*: Dress as your superhero, or wear their emblem. And Friday, October 30 is *Frightfully Fun Friday*: *Wear your individual or group costumes.*

Memorable start to school year





Text & photos by the Warm Springs Academy



At the Warm Springs Academy in September, fifth-grade students in Ms. Adams and Mr. Lewis' classes started the school year with a memorable adventure at Camp Tamarack. The students had the opportunity to build teamwork, strengthen friendships, and step outside their comfort zones through a variety of hands-on activities.

From canoeing and shelter building to archery, recreation and exploration, students worked together, encouraged one another, and embraced new challenges, a great way to begin the school year while building a strong sense of community and creating lasting memories.

Documentary explores free press in Indian Country

The tribes' community radio station KWSO invites the public to a special screening of the Sundance award-winning documentary *Bad Press*, followed by an insightful panel discussion featuring prominent Indigenous and local journalists.

The event is this **Wednesday, September 30**, 2026, at the Madras Performing Arts Center. The screening and panel discussion are part of a three-stop Oregon tour bringing *Bad Press* to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Klamath Tribes, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The film will broadcast nationally on PBS in November for Native American Heritage Month.

Bad Press documents the vital need for a free press, the role of independent media in small communities, and the importance of voter mobilization to a thriving democracy.

The story follows defiant Muscogee journalist Angel Ellis, as she takes a stand to expose government corruption after the Muscogee Nation suddenly begins censoring its free press—sparking a historic fight with wide-ranging ramifications for all of Indian Country.

Following the film, a distinguished panel of journalists will hold a question and answer session to discuss pressing issues surrounding press freedom, the power of independent journalism in small towns, and the current state of local newsrooms. The conversation will also discuss guidance and best practices for news outlets reporting on Indigenous issues with nuance, accuracy, and authenticity. Featured panelists include:

• Rebecca Landsberry-Baker, executive director of the Indigenous Journalists Association, and a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen. Ms. Landsberry-Baker is a co-director of *Bad Press*, a 2023 Harvard Shorenstein News Leader, and recipient of the 2023 Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press Local Champion Award.

• Angel Ellis, director of Mvskoke Media, free press activist, and central subject of *Bad Press*. Ms. Ellis is a Muscogee Nation citizen who serves on the Oklahoma Media Center board, the IJA Board of Directors, and the Society of Professional Journalists Ethics Committee.

• Brian Bull: Senior reporter with Underscore Native News, part-time reporter for KLCC, and substitute host for National Native News. Bull is a former journalism professor at the University of Oregon. His work has appeared in *The Oregonian, Indian Country Today*, and *Buffalo's Fire*.

• Chris Mercier: Former Tribal Council vice chair of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and one time staff writer and reporter for *Smoke Signals* newspaper.

• Liz Smith: Station manager successor at KWSO. Ms. Smith is a longtime KWSO staffer who began as a summer youth worker and who currently anchors morning newscasts.

• Tony Ahern: Longtime local news advocate who served 32 years as publisher of the Madras *Pioneer*. A University of Oregon Journalism graduate, Mr. Ahern covered his hometown and other surrounding small rural communities.

The panel will be facilitated by Carina Miller, of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and former member of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council. Ms. Miller currently serves as the Tribal Government and Stakeholder Relations Manager at Energy Trust of Oregon. For more information about the event or to arrange media interviews, please contact Sue Matters at KWSO (541-460-2255, sue.matters@wstribes.org



Madras Performing Arts Center

Wednesday September 30th 4pm

The documentary will be screened at 4pm followed by a Panel discussion.
Doors open at 3pm with refreshments.
This KWSO 40th Anniversary Event is FREE to attend. Come Join Us!

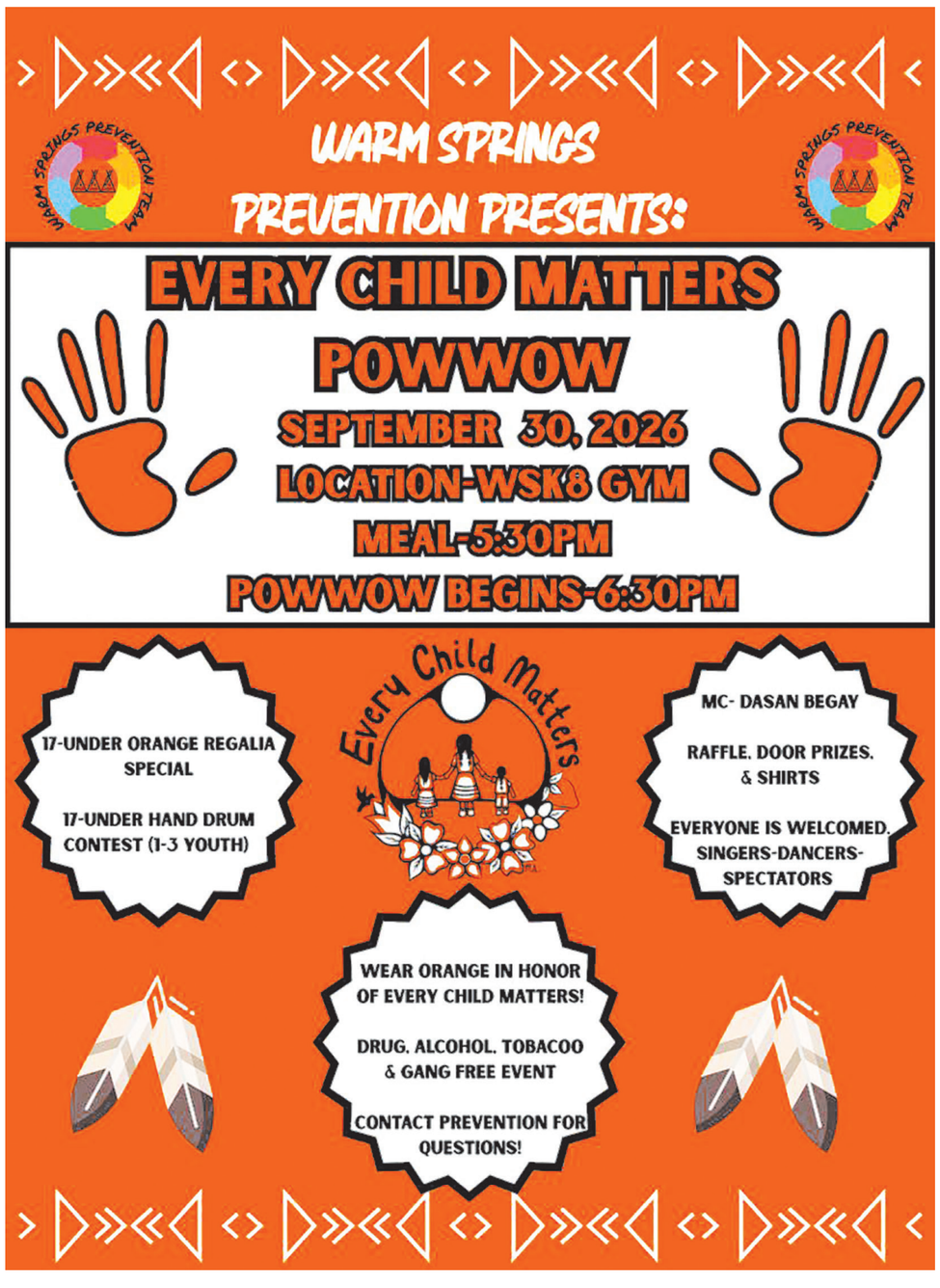
OREGON GWEP

WARM SPRINGS' SENIOR PROGRAM LUNCH TALK

The Oregon Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) presents:

SPECIAL GUEST	DR. BRADLEY PARKE OHSU INTERNAL MEDICINE AND ADDICTION MEDICINE
TOPIC	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS IN OLDER ADULTS
WHEN	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
WHERE	SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM 2331 HIGH LOOKEE STREET WARM SPRINGS, OR 97761

Contact Shawnetta Yahtin at 541-553-2352 x6288 or the Oregon GWEP at gwep@ohsu.edu for more information.



Letters to the editor

To artists, for the Member Art Show

The Thirty-Third Annual Tribal Member Adult and Youth Art Exhibit will be on display from November 18 through mid February 2027 at the Museum at Warm Springs. We request your participation by submitting your artwork.

We welcome contemporary, traditional, and video art including short film or music videos. Your items will be displayed in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery.

For the tribal member adults 18 years of age and older, art will be observed by a neutral judge: For the adult tribal member artwork to be judged, please submit your work on or before the deadline of 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 20.

The Judge's Choice categories include: Contemporary, Traditional, and Video. There will also be Honorable Mention Awards. Artists selected for an award will be notified. For all other artists, submitting for display purposes only whose art will not be judged, the deadline will be the following Tuesday, October 27 at 5 p.m. The submission application will include the guidelines and contract.

The October 27 deadline applies to tribal member youth submissions as well. For the youth, 17 years of age and younger, there will be a separate application form—one form will be for a parent or guardian, and the other will be for teachers that have submissions for their entire class.

Please encourage all of the young artists that you know to participate in the exhibit.

The reception and exhibit opening will be on **Wednesday, November 18** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Listen for announcements on KWSO and also look for our Facebook page for reminders.

We anxiously await your submissions and are looking forward to your participation in making this exhibit successful. Please contact me at the museum by phone, 541-553-3331 ext. 412; or by email: angela@museumatwarmsprings.org

Please call or email if you need extra application forms or have any questions about the Tribal Member Art Exhibit. Sincerely,

Angela Anne Smith, Curator-Exhibits Coordinator, Museum at Warm Springs.

Every step counts

The Moving Is Medicine October Step Challenge—*Small Steps, Bigger Tomorrows*—starts this Thursday, October 1.

This October let's come together as a community to take more steps toward better health. Every step counts for a stronger, healthier you, families, and a brighter future for Warm Springs. For more information contact **Austin Rauschenburg** at: austin.rauscheburg@wstribes.org

Vital Statistics check reissue

The Warm Springs Vital Statistics Department has submitted 60 check reissue packets to Accounts Payable following address verification.

Reissued checks are mailed weekly, as digital payments are currently unavailable. However, recipients who bank locally with Mid Oregon Credit Union, U.S. Bank, or Columbia Bank can drop off a signed direct-deposit form at Vital Statistics, and staff will personally deposit the check.

Questions can be sent to vitalstats@wstribes.org

Or call 541-553-3252.

Community notes...

Warm Springs Nation Little League is looking for volunteers to help clean up the softball and baseball fields. Bring any useful tools, equipment or skills from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 3 and Saturday, October 10, behind the Community Center.

Warm Springs Diabetes Prevention will have youth Strong Camp this **Wednesday, September 30** at the former elementary school gym. Camp for third-through fifth grades is from 5:30-7 p.m., and the grades 6-8 camp is from 7 until 8:30 p.m.

Papalaxsimisha is inviting high school seniors and their families to a **financial aid assistance** night. A college financial specialist will be on-site to answer questions and help families get started on their application. It's this **Thursday, October 1** at the campus cafeteria. Dinner will be provided at 5:30, and the meeting is from 6-8.

Rooted in name and narrative ~

Kiksht teacher discusses language, radio, and cultural identity

Warm Springs tribal member, veteran and educator Rain Circle discussed language, cultural identity and community radio during an appearance on the *One Breath* podcast, also featured on KWSO's *Our People and Mother Earth* program.

Rain described how he came to understand the cultural meaning behind his name after returning to Warm Springs. This was following his military service.

He then later worked with the Culture and Heritage Department's language programs.

His mother gave him the name 'Rain Circle' after stories told by his aunt about Celilo Falls before the Columbia River was dammed in the 1950s. His aunt recalled rainbow circles appearing in the mist above the falls.

Rain now teaches Kiksht to students in grades one through 12, using storytelling to support language revitalization. Federal boarding school policies, Rain says, restricted Indigenous languages, disrupting language learning and cultural traditions.

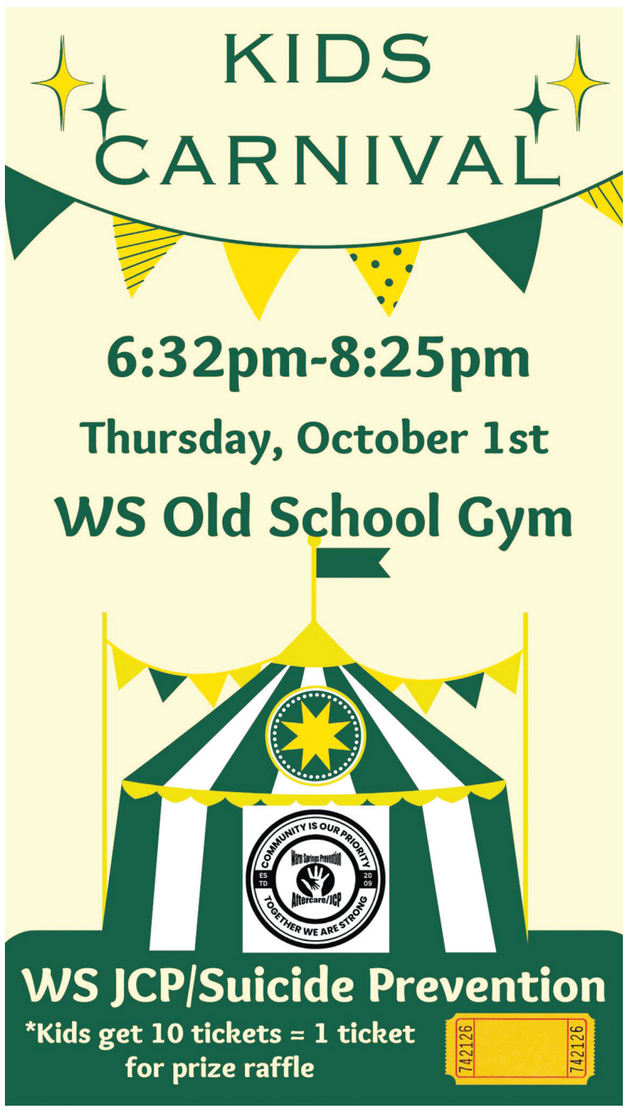
To connect students with the language and its history, Rain uses historical materials including the Wishram Texts, recorded by linguist Edward Sapir on the Warm Springs Reservation. Rain also uses traditional oral histories, including stories connected to volcanic eruptions in the Cascade Range.

Oral histories help preserve the history and identity of the Warm Springs people, and provide knowledge passed from one generation to the next, Rain says.

His work with community storytelling also includes radio. In 2005, after his military service, he worked as an announcer at KWSO using the radio name 'DJ Coyote.'

Having grown up listening to community radio in Warm Springs, he understood its role in connecting residents through music, information and conversation. Rain recalled weekend request programs where young listeners called the station to dedicate songs. KWSO continues to provide an important platform for Indigenous perspectives and community stories.

"We're like a bastion of Native American media," he says. "Stories let us know who we want to be, who we think we are, and a standard we strive to maintain."



2026-27 school year event connects families, community resources

Warm Springs families in early September attended the annual Back-to-School Barbecue and Resource Fair. The event helped to connect them with educational programs, health services, public safety agencies and other community resources.

Organizations and tribal departments provided information and assistance, focusing on preparing students and supporting families throughout the school year. The Central Oregon Community College Native American Program promoted college recruitment, high school preparation through *The Good Road* program and cultural activities, including its annual open-pit salmon bake during Native American Heritage Month.

The Jefferson County School District and its 21st Century After-school Program gathered parent input through community surveys and provided information about after-school programs at Warm Springs Academy, Bridges High School and Madras High School.

The Family Access Network connected families with school supplies and essentials, including clothing, shoes and backpacks. Other educational organizations included the Native American Success Collective, On Track! OHSU, OSU-Cascades, the Warm Springs Education Committee and Johnson-O'Malley.

Health and safety agencies also provided information and resources. Warm Springs Dental and Physical Therapy staff distributed toothbrushes, hygiene information, first-aid kits and sports injury prevention materials.

YouthLine Native and Warm Springs Prevention provided mental health and suicide prevention information, while Warm Springs Fire & Safety and the Warm Springs Police Department shared fire safety materials and information.

PacificSource, Central Oregon Health Council, Oregon Department of Human Services, 211info, Jefferson County Public Health, BestCare Treatment Services, and Warm Springs WIC. Also:

The Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center Pharmacy provided information about health coverage, family assistance programs, medication safety and other services.

Warm Springs Recreation and the Community Wellness Center promoted fall activities, including after-school sports, flag football, movie nights, cornhole tournaments and Halloween events.



KWSO
At the 2026 event.

Other organizations participating included the Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club, Warm Springs Head Start, Indian Managed Care Entity, Academy for PIRS, Furnish Hope, Thrive Central Oregon, Treehouse Therapies, Youth In Progress by SriPonya, Gender Hive, J Bar J Youth Services, New Horizons, Good News Club, NeighborImpact and Warm Springs Nation Little League.

The event brought together tribal, county and regional organizations offering services for students and families as the new

— *KWSO*

Correction

Regarding a mistake in the previous Spilyay: In the picture, Scott 'Blue Flamez' Kalama and the Prevention Team joined supporters of the suicide-prevention cause at the Campus Pavilion.

Mr. Kalama works with Youthline Native for youth Suicide Prevention.

Their number is 877-968-8497, or text 'Native' to 836863.

YouthLine Native is a free peer to peer help, support and crisis line for young people up to age 24.

You can volunteer to help



for ages 15-24: Contact Scott or Rosanna Jackson.

The Spilyay apologizes for the earlier error.

Bench fire benefit show for families, first responders

A benefit show for families impacted by the Bench fire is coming up in November at the Wyam Youth Center.

The show is also to express appreciation for the firefighters and other first responders who worked on the fire. Bands appearing will be *Damage Overdose, Gathering,* and *Chronic Illness.*

All ages are welcome, $10 at door. This is a drug- and alcohol free event. Donations and non-perishable foods are appreciated. **Chuck Hudson.**

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Data centers a focus at annual ATNI meeting

Hundreds gathered in Snoqualmie, Washington this month for the annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians convention.

Over the course of three and a half days, tribal leaders, federal employees and Indigenous serving organizations discussed important issues impacting Indian Country including legislation from both state and federal governments and national priorities as it nears midterm elections.

Some areas of concerns included, the role of artificial intelligence, and data centers impacting Native nations, mail-in voting, data sovereignty, impacts of the Office of Management and Budget proposed rule changes, and proposed changes to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Beyond the need for consultation with Native nations about the AI data center infrastructure by big tech companies, panelists also raised concerns about the environmental impacts.

Elaine Harvey, watershed department manager at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and Yakama Nation member, was also a panelist.

Mr. Harvey explained that for data centers in the Columbia River Basin, one huge concern among Native fishers is that the water being used to cool the data centers could contribute to warmer river temperatures which is harmful for the salmon and other native fish.

Jobs with Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza

The Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza are hiring. You can apply online at: indianheadcasino.org/careers.html

The gaming Human Resources Department is located at the Warm Springs Plaza by the casino. The following positions were most recently advertised:

Indian Head Casino:

. Security 0fficer. Count team member. Class II Keyperson. Cage cashier. InformationTechnology support technician. Class III keyperson. Table games supervisor.

Plateau Travel Plaza:

Store manager. Security officer. Class II keyperson. Server, three positions, Three Teepees Café. Shuttle driver. Kitchen steward, Three Teepees Café.

Employment with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Applicants are encouraged to attach cover letter and resume with completed application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Please note the use of 'see attached resume' will be considered as an incomplete application.

Questions regarding application process can be directed to 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribes.org

The following positions are currently advertised with the tribes (full-time unless otherwise noted):

Forestry technician. Cash management specialist/Court accounts receivable. Collections officer, Warm Springs Housing Authority.

Executive director, Warm Springs Housing Authority. Tribal veterans representative. Home visitor, two positions.

Health systems data analyst. Health system specialist. Range technician. Building inspector. Protective care provider.

Fitness/Wellness coordinator. Accounting technician: Budgets, contracts and grants.

Sanitation technician. Med aid/ lead patient service assistant. Head Start-Early Head Start program administrator.

Patrol lieutenant. Adult probation officer. Registered Dietitian.

Communications officer, two positions. Water, wastewater, and waste supervisor.

Daycare lead teacher, two positions. Support services coordinator. Deputy prosecutor.

General staff technician. Contract officers. Police officer. Police detective, two positions.

Tribal Member preference is exercised as defined in the Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202.





The Museum at Warm Springs

33rd Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit Submissions Request

Call For Art

The upcoming art exhibition showcasing Tribal Member Adult and Youth art will be on display November 18, 2026, 5:30PM through February 20, 2027.

Deadline to submit art for judging (and possibility to win prize money for Adults): Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 5PM

Deadline for Display Purposes Only: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 5PM

Art supplies for Youth will be provided, while supplies last, at the reception, November 18, 2026, 5:30PM-7:30PM



2025 Judge's Choice Traditional Category *Blue Flamez Logo* beaded necklace by Terry Lynn Stradley



2025 Judge's Choice Contemporary Category *KsKs Nukwshái Ayats Patlapa ceremonial basket hat by Natalie Kirk*



2025 Honorable Mention *Ishaptikai* horse bag by Mona Cochran



Core of a Robotic Planet, chalk pastel by Jadrian Kalama

Contact: Angela Smith, Curator
email: angela@museumatwarmsprings.org or call (541)553-3331 ext. 412

More Information:

Applications are available at The Museum at Warm Springs.
One for Youth (ages 17 and younger) and one for Tribal Member Adults (18 and older).
An appication form must be submitted with your artwork.

The Museum at Warm Springs, PO Box 909, 2189 Hwy 26, Warm Springs, OR 97761



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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.

In the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Alicia Orozco, respondent; case no. CR197-25. To Alicia Orozco:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause hearing has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 3, 2026.**

In the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Francine Thompson, respondent; case no. CR19-26. To Francine Thompson:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause hearing has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 3, 2026.**

In the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Richard Rowe IV, respondent; case no. CR132-23, CR79-26. To Richard Rowe IV:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause hearing has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 3, 2026.**

In the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Roger Stwuer Jr., respondent; case no. CR218-23. To Roger Stwyer Jr.:

You are hereby notified that a Show Cause hearing has been scheduled with the Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 3, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Michael Teeman, respondent; case no. CR122-24. To Michael Teeman:

You are hereby notified that an evidentiary hearing #1 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 **9 am. on January 14, 2027.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Anson Begay, respondent; case no. CR267-21. To Anson Begay:

You are hereby notified that an arraignment has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 10, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Clinton Bruised Head, respondent; case no. CR155-22. To Clinton Bruised Head:

You are hereby notified that an arraignment has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **8 a.m. on November 10, 2026.**

CTWS, Petitioner SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION, vs LATONIA SMITH , Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: LATONA SMITH, RANDY ZARATE, CPS, JV PROS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of OCTOBER, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LOREEN STORMBRINGER, Respondent; Case No. JV90-17. TO: LOREEN STORMBRINGER, GINA & MICHAEL GISH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **26TH day of OCTOBER 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JESSICA TUFTI-JIM, Respondent; Case No. JV38-18. TO: JESSICA TUFTI JIM, KAITLIN SPARKS:

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 **26TH day of OCTOBER 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs Eileen Kalama, Respondent; Case No. JV4-13, JV110-14. TO: Eileen Kalama, Kimberly Still:

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 **13TH day of October, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

HEATHER MILLER, Petitioner, vs DELANO MILLER, Respondent; Case No. DO69-26. TO: HEATHER MILLER, DELANO MILLER, JERICALICA, WHITNEY MILLER, MERCEDES 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 **27TH day of OCTOBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

LATISHA WAHENEKA , Petitioner, vs JESUS VAZQUEZ, Respondent; Case No. DO115-22, DO116-20, DO126-22. TO:LATISHA WAHENEKA, JESUS VAZQUEZ:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MODFICATION 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 **28TH day of OCTOBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KISTA FLORES, Respondent; Case No. JV111-14. TO: MELINDA BILLY, 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 **21ST day of OCTOBER, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

CLARICE RIOS, Petitioner, vs JULIUS BAGLEY, RESPONDENT; Case No.JV89-10. TO: CLARICE RIOS, JULIUS BAGLEY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **21ST day of OCTOBER, 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MAUREEN WINISHUT, WENDI HILLER, RESPONDENT; Case No.JV54-09. TO: MAUREEN WINISHUT, WENDI HILLER:

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 **19th day of OCTOBER, 2026 @2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ASHLYNN SOHAPPY, RESPONDENT; Case No.JV177-08. TO: ASHLYNN SOHAPPY, JV PROS, CPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **19TH day of OCTOBER, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate Elmer G. Scott, Jr., W.S., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2013-PR09. TO: Kywon Thompson, Roland Kalama III:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Russell Smith, W.S., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2012-PR29. TO: Annie Smith-Etheridge, Jamie Smith, Shane R. Smith:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Merle Kalama, W.S., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2012-PR07. TO: Nicole Jack, Reshawna Polk-Tewee, Dionne Polk:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Coby Tewee, W.S., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2018-PR16. TO: Nicole Jack. Reshawna Polk-Tewee, Dionne Polk.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Suzie Slockish, W.S., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2022-PR15. TO: Wilbur Slockish, Florence Culps, Christina Culps, Anthony Culps Sr., Laura Slockish, Lauren Slockish, William Slockish, Shanda Culps, Heaven M. Kalama, Gretalynn Kalama, Sammy Culps Jr., Melina Culps, Sabrina Culps, Samantha Culps, Douglas Culps, Jimmie Culps, Stephanie Pratt, Tara Culps-Bremer, Nathasha Romero, Isabelle Culps, Eli Culps, Tyrone Culps:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Daisy Ike., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2013-PR31. TO: Lara M. Ike, Dawn R. Ike, Felicia H. Ike, Luca Ike, Leona Ike, Lavena Ike, Lena Ike, Dereke Tasympt, Jonathan Smith, Nathasha Debiaso:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Vinson Macy., U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2016-PR31. TO: Susan M. Macy, Edward V. Macy, Aaron D. Macy, Preston Meanus:

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In the Matter of the Estate of Agnes G. Lumpmouth, U/A, Deceased; Probate Estate #2021-PR01. TO: Coleen Green-Reed, Laurel Wheeler, Kim Leclaire, Desmond Wheeler, Michelle Holliday, Trudy Bennett, Truman Lumpmouth Jr., Joseph Stevens, Jess Stevens III, Olea Yahtin:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a probate status hearing is scheduled for: **November 17, 2026, AT 1:30 P.M.**

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on March 19, 2026 by violent actions that caused hardship for the person involved. It was unnecessary. I apologize to V.T., directly impacted by my actions. I truly do apologize for my actions. **Theodore Perez.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 11, 2026 by being in possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully having and using a controlled substance. I have learned my lesson and I have been getting help for my addiction. I apologize to the tribal police. I apologize to the tribal police. I am getting help the help I need for my addiction. **Samantha Culps.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on our tribal land by my actions. I hurt my community by trespassing a tribal worksite. It was very disrespectful in many ways by showing up under the influence. I learned from my actions to do better and be a better example for people. I apologize to the C.C. family. I was trying to steal his truck. It was a mistake. I take full responsibility. He didn't deserve the disrespect. **Stefaughn Jackson.**

Scam alert from Social Security

Scam alert: If you receive a phone call from phone number 410-965-1234, it is a scam.

The caller claims to be calling from Social Security. However, Social Security sends a letter to notify you, which includes a call-back phone number and a caseworker's name.

You can also go to your nearest Social Security office with the letter to verify it is not a scam.







Warm Springs WIC providing nutrition support for women, infants and children

Warm Springs Community Health is highlighting the local Women, Infants and Children program, commonly known as WIC, as part of its ongoing *What the Health* podcast series.

The program provides nutrition support to eligible pregnant and postpartum women, infants and children, including nutrition education, breastfeeding support and food benefits. Alexa Martinez, a WIC and Community Health receptionist, discussed the program with Community Health physician Dr. Michaela Fry during the podcast.

WIC is available to pregnant women, women up to six months postpartum and women who have experienced a miscarriage, who may qualify for six months following the loss. Children can receive WIC services from birth through age 5.

People who receive OHP, SNAP or TANF are automatically eligible for WIC. Others may qualify if they live in Oregon, meet household income guidelines and are determined to be at nutritional risk. Ms. Martinez said families should check with WIC even if they do not qualify for other food assistance programs.

Parents and families do not have to live in a particular county to use a WIC office. Oregon residents can choose the WIC location that works best for them, including offices in Warm Springs, Madras and Prineville. Families can also transfer their WIC services when they move.

To transfer services, Alexa says families should contact the WIC office they want to use. Staff can locate their information in the system, complete the transfer and schedule an appointment.

Enrollment includes a certification process, with recertification appointments required to ensure participants continue receiving the appropriate food benefits. Participants are asked to provide proof of identity, residency and household income.

The local WIC team works with families when gathering documentation becomes difficult. A variety of documents can be used to establish residency, Alexa says, including state or tribal identification and mail. Families who have recently moved and do not yet have updated identification can also work with staff to temporarily address the documentation requirement.

WIC benefits extend beyond food assistance. The program offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support and appointments with registered dietitians. Dietitians can provide individualized nutrition guidance for women, infants and children, monitor children's growth and nutrition, and help parents address concerns such as picky eating.

Dietitian appointments can also be completed by phone, making the service more accessible for busy parents and families who may have difficulty traveling to another clinic.

Participants receive an E-WIC card that is activated and used with a personal identification number. Families can use an app to check their available benefits and eligible foods before shopping. At the store, the card is used to purchase approved foods.

Breastfeeding support is another part of the program. In Warm Springs, WIC can provide referrals and breast pumps for mothers. For families who use formula, WIC also provides formula benefits. Families who need to change their formula or food package can contact WIC to schedule an appointment. In some cases, a medical documentation form from a doctor may be required for a specific formula.

Alexa says one of the biggest misconceptions about WIC is that people assume they will not qualify because they do not receive food stamps. She encouraged families to contact WIC and find out whether they are eligible.

She specifically noted that people receiving OHP automatically qualify, meaning some families may have access to WIC benefits without realizing it.

What the Health is a partnership between Warm Springs Community Health and KWSO. Families interested in learning more about WIC can stop by the Community Health front desk or call Warm Springs Community Health at 541-553-2352.

— ***KWSO***

Land transfer to Grand Ronde

Federal lawmakers recently introduced the Grand Ronde Land Transfer Act, transferring 18,626 acres of federal land from the U.S. Forest Service into trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. The proposed legislation keeps the property open to the public for general recreation, fishing, and hunting. Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and U.S. Congresswoman Andrea Salinas led their Oregon Congressional Delegation colleagues in proposing the law.

The acreage is located in Tillamook and Yamhill counties, with borders touching parts of Polk County. The specific area is directly east of Hebo, just north of the Grand Ronde Tribes' current reservation land.

Lowest ever steelhead run at Columbia

This year's Columbia and Snake river steelhead run is shaping up to be historically bad. Since the fish counting at Bonneville Dam started in early July, fisheries managers had tallied just over 52,000 fish above the dam. This makes the 2026 steelhead migration the smallest ever recorded.

So far, the run is averaging about 43,000 fewer fish than the 10-year average, and the run is a fraction of the 2025 run. Last year, by this time, managers logged more than 128,000 fish above Bonneville Dam.

In response, fisheries managers in both Washington and Idaho have reduced the steelhead harvest for anglers in both states.

For the state of Oregon, fisheries managers closed both the Deschutes and John Day Rivers to steelhead fishing for the entire 2026 season after steelhead return counts at Bonneville Dam failed to meet minimum benchmarks.







Milestone at Spring Creek fish hatchery

For 125 years, millions of tule fall Chinook salmon have passed through the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery, incubating, hatching, stocking, and returning years later to spawn—a cycle completed by scent after years at sea.

The fish hatchery, a mitigation facility, celebrated its milestone with a community open house in September, offering kids' activities, informational chats with staff, and a look into day-to-day operations. Attractions included mini-golf, bubbles, dissection, and gyotaku, the ancient art of Japanese fish painting.

"It's all about the kids and getting people out here to learn about fish," said Hatchery Manager Dave Carie. "That's our next generation; we want them to continue to fish and conserve the environment."

The hatchery is located in Washington, just across the river from Hood River.

Kaitlynn Spino and Laurie Potter work for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. They attended the event, explaining the commission's current Pacific lamprey protection and restoration initiative.



CRITFC

Staff with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission greet visitors at the Spring Creen National Fish Hatchery, marking 125 years of operation.

Founded by the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes, CRITFC works to coordinate management policy, provide fisheries technical services, and protect reserved treaty rights. By collecting genetic data from hatcheries across the region, they can track, manage, and compare hatchery-born and wild fish populations.

Ms. Porter said Indigenous involvement in fishery management, including CRITFC's relationship with hatcheries, is of the utmost importance. "They're the original voices of the region," she said.

BPA asks to hike electricity rates

A federal court ruled earlier this year that the Bonneville Power Administration must take additional steps to protect fish populations passing dams along the Columbia and Snake rivers. The region's hydropower giant now says it's preparing for a rate hike that could push up electricity costs by 6-percent or more for its customers.

The Bonneville Power Administration announced last week it started the process that would allow it to raise its rates to make up for a $250 million revenue shortfall.

That shortfall stems from the federal administration's decision, less than six months into its second term, to cancel a historic treaty that sought to address a decades-old lawsuit over fish protections.

The administration's withdrawal from the agreement re-activated the court case, prompting environmental groups to seek even more spilled water over BPA's dams. Spill requirements reduce the amount of water flowing through the power-generating turbines, lowering power output and reducing revenue.

Community notes...

The 2027 Warm Springs **Tribal Employee open enrollment** period runs from October 1 through the 29. Enrolling in an Allegiance Flexible Spending Account lets you set aside tax-free dollars from your paycheck to pay for out-of-pocket medical costs or eligible child care expenses. As stated, open enrollment ends **October 29**.

Contact Human Resources at 541-553-3262 if you have any questions.

The **Madras Aquatic Center** Recreation District board is hosting a listening session from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Saturday, October 3 at the Jefferson County Commissioners meeting room located at 66 SE D Street in Madras. You are invited to attend and share what you'd like to see for the future of MAC district.





Summaries of Tribal Council

September 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll call: Raymond 'Captain' Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chief Jefferson Greene, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Chairman Dennis White III, Alvis Smith III, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Jonathan Smith Sr. Andrew Hofstetter, acting Secretary-Treasurer. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Chief Greene.

Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Cinco Cronemeyer, acting superintendent.

Salmon Fly requests to be scheduled on the Tribal Council agenda today: Rosie/yes, Captain/no, Jay/no, Alvis/yes, Jefferson/no, Chairman/no, not without adequate information.

Executives session, 1:37-2:55 p.m.

Federal and state **legislative update** calls.

Motion by Jay to adjourn at 4 p.m.

September 9

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Carlos Calica. Roll call: Chief Jefferson Greene, Raymond 'Captain' Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Alvis Smith III, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Brigette Scott, Lonnie Rosie Tom. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Chief Greene.

Tribal member concerns.

With no further business, motion by Brigette to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Victims of Crime relocates temporarily

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services has relocated to a temporary office, as remodel work happens at their permanent building. VOCS is currently for a time located upstairs in the tribal Courthouse.

During the temporary move, the VOCS staff is still available to help and support anyone in need of services: You can reach them at 541-553-2293. If that line is unavailable, you can call Tanya at 541-771-2772; or Amy at 541-777-2273.

For after-hours crisis and emergency service, please call either 911 or the Warm Springs Police dispatch, 541-553-1171.

After-hours to reach VOCS non-emergency assistance, available between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., please call 541-384-2080. Ask for a call back from an on-call victims' advocate. *The Victims of Crime Services staff wishes to thank you for your patience during the office remodel.*

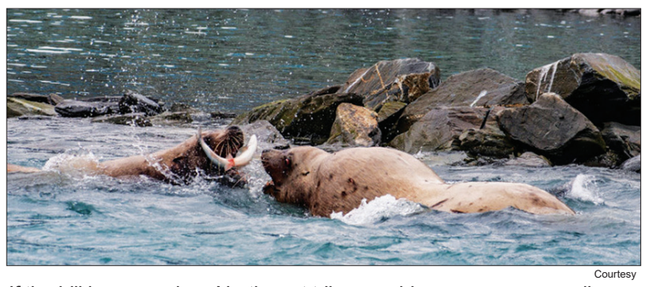
U.S. House approves sea lion control bill

The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee last week approved a bill that would allow the state of Washington and area tribes to kill more seals and sea lions that prey upon recovering salmon populations.

The legislation is supported by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

The Northwest Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act builds upon legislation adopted in 2018 that authorized state and tribal governments to kill sea lions in parts of the Columbia River basin to decrease their predation on salmon.

NOAA Fisheries claims those cullings saved an estimated 110,000 adult salmon from predation, but the agency admitted that the program has only had a limited impact on fish recovery.



Courtesy

If the bill becomes law, Northwest tribes could remove more sea lions.

The new legislation expands the cullings to include seals, makes it easier for Washington state and tribal authorities to kill the marine mammals, and increases the areas where culling can take place.

"Pinniped predation undermines all the work states, tribes, the federal government, water and power users, and stakeholders across the region have done to support salmon recovery," U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman, R-Arkansas, said during a mid-September markup of the bill.

"Current law limits the geographic scope of lethal management on the Columbia River, resulting in unmitigated predation in key areas. The current permitting process is arduous, and the best method of take is inflexible, costly, and precludes best wildlife management practices."

Flu, covid shots available at clinic

Seasonal flu and the Covid-19 vaccines are now available at the Warm Springs Indian Health Service Clinic. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call Community Health at 541-553-2353.

This year young people under 17 receive $1 for each shot that he or she may receive.

This year the flu season is predicted to be moderate; though health systems are already reporting incidence of the flu with the colder weather, and as students go back to school.



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