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New Fire Hall going up

Warm Springs Fire & Safety for the first time will have a new Fire Hall. Warm Springs Construction is at work on the new building, located on Wasco Street by the Fire & Safety vehicle bays; across from the current trailers that serve as the current fire hall.

The new structure will have five bedrooms, and the other necessary facilities for the overnight crew. There will be training and workout rooms, and a front office and entryway. The Fire Hall will resolve the clear deficiencies the department at present contends with, said Scott Spaulding, fire chief.

The building is scheduled for completion in the spring, Chief Spaulding said. The existing trailers can then be removed, making way for more bays.

Years ago the emergency fire response facility was the brick building across from the Post Office. This is a BIA building that is now unused because of asbestos, Chief Spaulding said.

Funding for the new Fire Hall, he said, comes from the tribes' part in a 2017 class-action lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies, regarding fentanyl. The settlement to the tribes is now being put to good public use with the long-needed improvement for Fire & Safety.



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Warm Springs Construction on the site new Fire Hall, going up on Wasco Street near Highway 26.

'Sahaptin Stories' bookstore opens in Portland

The shop is the first-ever Native-owned bookstore in Portland

Casandra Hanson in September opened the Sahaptin Stories bookstore, a new community hub in Southeast Portland, stocked with all Indigenous and Pacific Islander authors.

The store opening comes after a year and half of planning, designing and preparing, and many years of loving books. "I've always been a lifelong reader," Ms. Hanson says. "I'm a lifelong learner as well."

Sahaptin Stories is just one facet of her busy life. Between working a traditional nine-to-five government job, raising a family and running a small farm, her day to day is filled.

"I get bored too easily," Cassandra says. "I can't sit still or I don't know what to do with myself even though I have a billion things to do."

Still, her passion has remained in the literary world,



Cassandra Hanson at her new Portland bookstore.

and she has always been a self-described 'book hoarder.'

The idea for the store came to Cassandra when she was laid off from the Administration for Children and Families, in the Office of Child Care. This was part of the federal administration Doge, or so-called 'Department of Government Efficiency' cuts of 2025.

"After we stopped working I had a lot more time on my hands," Cassandra says. "So I got back into reading, and I also was trying to do a little bit more cultural stuff with my tribe and with my family.

"My goal is to really push for Natives people, and to really get their stories out there," she said.

In April of this year Cassandra began a pop-up book-store at community events. Filled with books from Indigenous authors, this store frequently sold out of stock. And now, Cassandra is the proud bookshop keeper of her dreams.

The store is tucked below a parking lot nestled in the lower level of a white building, making it slightly hidden. The location is 4181 SE Division Street.

Inside, Sahaptin Stories sits full of works from Native and Pacific Islander authors. Books line the shelves ranging from children and middle school-age books to thrillers, fantasy, sci-fi, young adult, adult, poetry, memoirs and more.

"As a book hoarder, this is a very good way to have it be a business," Hanson says.

Along with the array of Native books, Sahaptin Stories also has a selection of games, puzzle and seed exchanges, plus Native-made products from other small businesses such as jewelry and coffee beans.

Ms. Hanson sees the bookstore as an opportunity for community—something she is integrating into the shop fully. She intends to eventually offer free math tutoring, a book club, craft nights, culture nights and various other community events.

Overall, her vision for the store is to be a community hub, highlighting Indigenous voices and makers of the local Portland Indigenous community.

"We have stories to be told, we have stories to be heard and I want to get those stories out there," she said.

"And whether they're fiction or true, it's important because it's all part of our culture and how we pass things down."

— by Lyric Aquino, Underscore Native News

Two new buildings on campus

Health and Human Services is overseeing two new buildings—a warming and cooling shelter, and a multi-purpose building—on the Campus area.

The warming-cooling shelter is nearly done, needing only the electrical system finalized, said Taw 'TJ' Foltz, Health and Human Services general manager. The shelter will be available for this winter as a warming center, Mr. Foltz said.

The building is located next to the homeless shelter area by the Behavioral Health Center. The new building can also serve as a place where people may access other services like SNAP benefits, bus passes, or wrap-around services as provided by the branch and partners.



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Construction team during the framing stage of the multi-purpose building, by the Campus gym.

Another new nearby structure is a multi-purpose activities building, Mr. Foltz said. The building is located by the Campus gymnasium, and will be connected to the gym by a walkway.

This building can be used by young people for wrestling practice, for example; or for batting practice, as there will be batting cages set up in the building. Other groups who may need the space for their activities can also use the space, wFoltz said.

November ballots in the mail

The County Clerk's Office this week is mailing out the ballots for the November 3 General Election. The ballot includes a number of candidates for federal, state, county and district office; and a ballot measure asking for a 5-year levy for operation and maintenance of the Jefferson County Jail.

The federal offices up for election are one U.S. Senate Seat; and the U.S. House of Representatives District 2 position.

State offices up for election include the Oregon Governor; and Oregon House Representative District 57.

Non-partisan Jefferson County offices include the district attorney; the County Clerk; the county Treasurer; and county Sheriff.

District offices up for election are the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The one ballot measure is a 5-year levy renewal for the county jail, asking 'Shall the county renew $1.69 per $1,000 assessed value 5-year local option levy for jail operations beginning July 2027.'

Land of the reservation is exempt from county taxation; and off-reservation property would not see an increase in the tax rate, as the levy is asking for an extension of the current rate.

Note: The Simnasho community is located in Wasco County; so these residents will not see the Jefferson County candidates or the jail measure.

Ballots can be returned to any county elections office, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; or at an official drop box.

On the reservation, a drop box is located by the fire station on Wasco Street; and in Simnasho at the market. Or you can mail your completed by mail, no postage required. The County Clerk suggests mailing your ballot at least one week before Election Day.



Coming up on the Tribal Council agenda

Wednesday, October 14

9 a.m.: Tribal Council administrative time.

10: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

11: Tribal attorney update.

1:30 p.m.: Salmon Fly project update with Cathy Ehli, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

3:30: Power Pathway update with Cathy Ehli.

Wednesday, October 14: **Simnasho District** meeting regarding the 2027 tribal budget proposal, meeting at the Simnasho Longhouse. Meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

Thursday, October 15: **Seekseequa District** meeting regarding the 2027 tribal budget proposal, meeting at the Seekseequa Fire Hall. Meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

Thursday, October 15: **Simnasho District** meeting regarding enterprise revenue projections, at the Simnasho Longhouse. Meal at 5 p.m. and meeting at 6.

Monday, October 19

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

10: Chief operations officer update with Caroline Cruz, COO.

11: November agenda and review minutes.

1:30 p.m.: Draft resolutions.

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

3:30: Indian Health Services with Tammy Wilson.

Tuesday, October 20

9 a.m.: Health and Human Services with Taw Foltz.

10: Managed Care update with Mike Collins.

11: Governmental Affairs with Andrew Hofstetter.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollment discussion.

Wednesday, October 21

9 a.m.: Tribal member concerns.

Monday, October 26

General Council meeting regarding the 2027 tribal budget proposal at the Agency Longhouse. Meal at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

Data center issue for local governments

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek last month issued a directive ordering all state agencies to pause unapproved requests for land-use permits, easements, rights-of-way, leases, or property transfers for data center projects.

The order is in effect through June of 2027. Some issues facing new data centers are their use of water and power, and tax-break incentives for their development.

A massive data center already exists in Crook County, developed by Meta (Facebook) and Apple. New plans are proposed for expansion of the existing Crook County center.

A proposal also exists for a data center in the Madras area of Jefferson County. Such a facility would rely heavily on groundwater. The idea is currently in the long-term planning and zoning phase, but actively frozen by the state-level intervention. No specific project is under construction, and officials have stated they are not reviewing an active proposal.

The Confederated Tribes hold the earliest water right in the Deschutes River, dating back to the Treaty of 1855...

In Central Oregon, groundwater and surface water are interconnected: Because of the regional geology, depletion of the aquifer has a direct impact on nearby rivers and streams. Annual water consumption of a typical large-scale data center can equal the amount used by hundreds of new homes.

The issue is important to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs because the tribes hold the earliest water right in the Deschutes River, dating back to the Treaty of 1855. Protection of this resource has always been among the tribes' highest priorities.

Community notes...

KWSO is hosting the **Native Market** on Wednesday, November 25 at the Campus cafeteria.

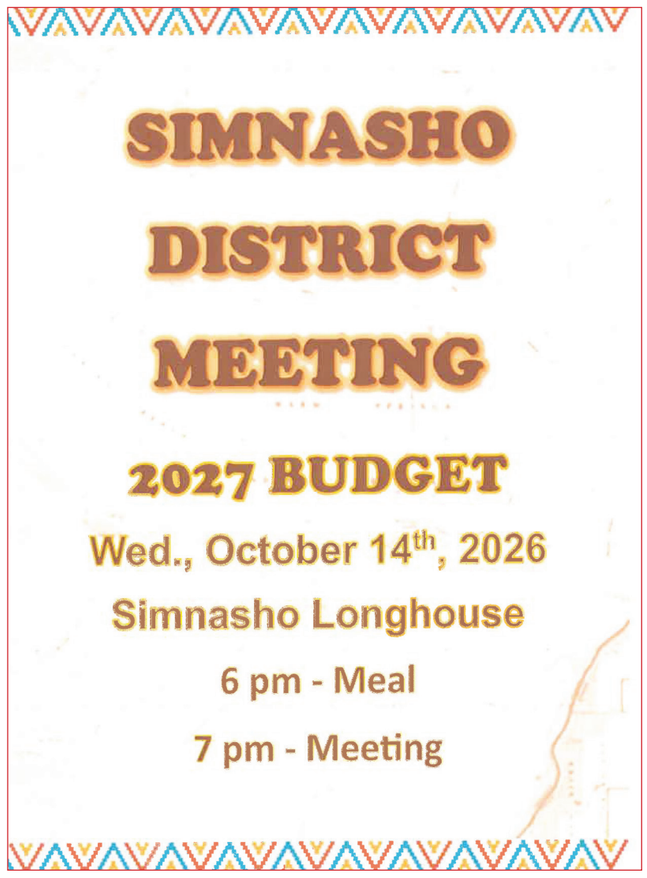
The market will feature vendor booths with a variety of offerings including beadwork, arts, crafts, foods, jewelry, gift items and more.

Vendors will be many of the people who participate during the summer Thursday Market.

The Community Wellness Center will have a **Pinktober Fun Run-Walk** in support of people who have battled breast cancer. The event is on Monday, October 19 with sign-ups starting at noon on the front lawn of the Community Center.

Warm Springs Community Health is having a **baby beaded-moccasins making class** October 22 and 29. The classes will be from 9-4:30 both days in the Indian Health Services conference room. The class will be prioritized for expecting-newborn parents as supplies are limited. If you are a community member and have your own supplies, you are more than welcome to attend. Call Charlene at 541-553-2352 to sign up.

Warm Springs Construction will be doing work on the **Beaver Grade to Simnasho** over the next few weeks. Motorists can expect one-way traffic with a flagger while the work is being done. Please be alert and use caution in that area.





COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

CRITFC IS HIRING!

Be part of the intertribal work to protect salmon and treaty fishing rights!



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- HR Partner • $74k-96k annual salary, DOQ

Fisheries Enforcement (based in **Hood River, OR**)
- Community Service Officer • $25.28 per hour
- Police Officer • $32.83 per hour
- Lateral Police Officer • $34.47 to $39.14 per hour

Fish Genetics Lab (based in **Hagerman, ID**)
- *no upcoming openings*

Coastal Monitoring Center (based in **Astoria, OR**)
- *no upcoming openings*

Applying is fast & easy.

Visit **critfc.org/jobs** or scan the QR code for full position details and application materials.

10/08/2026

Gathering to recognize Domestic Violence awareness

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is hosting the Fifth Annual Native American Domestic Violence Awareness Gathering.

The gathering, presented by the CRITFC Victims Assistance Program, will be from 5:15-7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21 at the Rise Center at 1805 Minnesota, The Dalles.

As CRITFC mentions, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the awareness need is urgent in Native communities:

For example, CRITFC notes, the National Institute of Justice has found that 84-percent of American Indian women, and 81 percent of men have experienced violence in their lifetimes. Among Native victims, 97-percent of women and 90-percent of men have experienced violence by at least one non-Native perpetrator.

These are reasons why CRITFC Victims Assistance believes tribal sovereignty, and authority to protect the people is more important than ever.

The October 21 gathering brings the community together to support survivors, share resources, and offer songs and prayer. The evening includes program resources, a drum group, and a candlelight vigil.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. to the first 100 guests. Healing happens in community. Bring family, friends, and neighbors.

Questions? Contact **Charlieann Herkshan** at 503-878-1847 or email: cherkshan@critfc.org

Adult and Youth art show opening next month

The Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs in November will host the opening reception for the Thirty-Third Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit.

The exhibit is curated by Angela Anne Smith, museum Curator-Exhibits Coordinator. Selected artworks will be available for sale with a 20-percent commission going toward the museum.

Also: The museum in November will be closed on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11; and again for Thanksgiving and Friday, November 26-27.



All are invited to the Member and Youth Show reception 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 18.

Elk Season, beaded leggings by Marjorie Kalama, Judge's Choice-Contemporary, at the '24 exhibit.

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):

Water-wastewater supervisor. Fitness-wellness coordinator. Support services coordinator.

Home visitor (two positions). Daycare lead Tteacher (two positions). Forestry technician.

Community Health information specialist. General staff technician. Sanitation technician.

Police detective (two positions). Corrections officer. Police officer.

Range technician. Sanitation technician. Accounting technician-Budgets, contracts and grants.

Adult Probation officer. Health systems data analyst. Health systems specialist.

Building inspector. Protective care provider. Medical Aid/ lead public safety aid.

Head Start/Early Head Start program administrator. Patrol Lieutenant.

Registered Dietitian. Communications officer (two positions). Deputy prosecutor.

Housing Authority executive director.

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

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 officer. Players Club Ambassador. Count team member.

Class II keyperson. Class III keyperson. Table games supervisor.

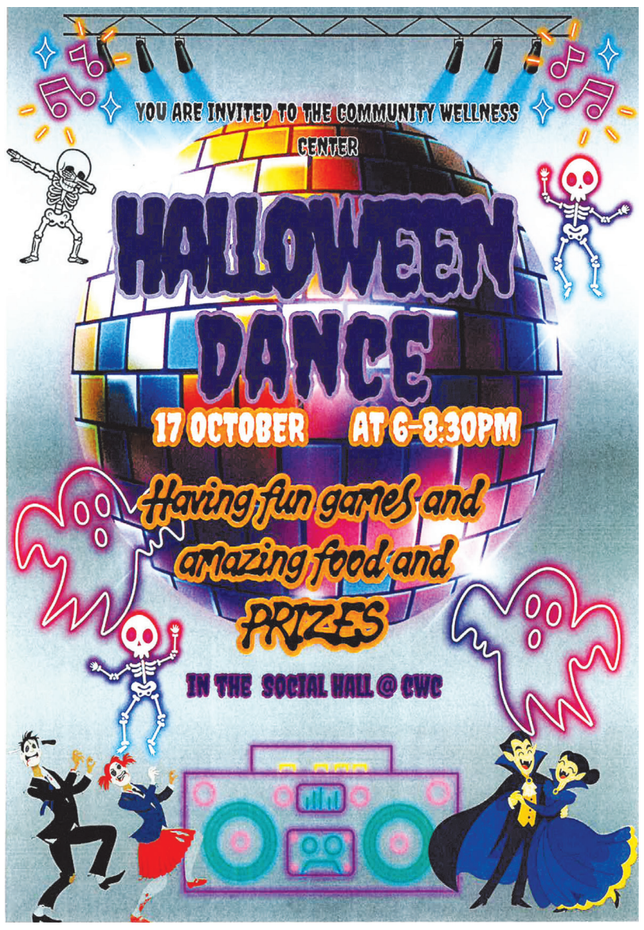
Cage director. Main bank cashier. Revenue auditor.

Plateau Travel Plaza:

Director of the Plateau Travel Plaza. Security officer.

Line cook. Server. Kitchen steward.

Store manager. Store cashier. Shuttle driver.











Letters to the editor

From ECE

This year the Early Childhood Education annual Pumpkin Parade will include a costume parade at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, October 30. This will be chance for the children to show off their costumes.

Due to construction in the building, we decided to host our Trick-or-Treating segment in the ECE parking lot by E-pod (the front entrance).

We would love for other tribal departments and enterprises to join us in giving candy out to the community participants. You must supply your own candy, tables and chairs, canopies are welcome.

ECE as a whole has a total of 111 students enrolled in both Head Start and Daycare but we can expect more community members to join our annual event. If you would like to join, please contact ECE or Tiana Northrup to confirm your participation.

The parking lot entrance and exit will close at 9:30 a.m., so we ask participants who need to drop off tables and supplies to arrive beforehand. All parking will be between A pod and the Agency Longhouse.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any other questions or concerns. Thank you!

Tiana R. Northrup, Daycare Family coordinator-supervisor, Early Childhood Education and Daycare, 541-553-3241 ext. 8818.

For Warm Springs SMART Reading

For 35 years, SMART Reading has proven that one hour a week can change a child's life. The largest Oregon volunteer-driven literacy nonprofit now is preparing to launch programs for the 2026-27 school year.

Community members have an opportunity to step up and empower the next generation of readers by volunteering to read weekly with students in the after-school program at the Warm Springs Academy.

SMART Reading has a high need for volunteers in Warm Springs to fill the following roles:

Readers: Commit one hour a week to read with a child during the Academy after-school program. No prior teaching experience is required, and full training is provided.

Site coordinators: Lead literacy efforts on the ground by coordinating the weekly reading session at Warm Springs k-8. This role requires 2 to 8 hours per week, ideal for those who enjoy organization and community engagement.

According to state assessment results released late last month by the Oregon Department of Education, nearly 60 percent of Oregon third-graders are currently reading below grade level. To learn more about volunteer opportunities or sign up today at smartreading.org

New 988 training

A new training opportunity is designed to strengthen 988 by adding a problem gambling response.

The Oregon Health Authority has launched a new 30-minute online training to help 988 crisis line staff better recognize and respond to concerns about problem gambling. The 988 Lifeline is Oregon's crisis response system, connecting people to immediate support during mental health or substance use crises.

This new training helps crisis responders learn more about the Problem Gambling Helpline, the services available in Oregon, and the signs that someone may be struggling with gambling-related harm.

For 988 information in Warm Springs call 541-553-3205.

Tribal offices looking good for this Halloween

Tribal offices around the organization welcome people to stop by and check out their different looks for Halloween, often very creative and unique.

The Comp & Benefits Office Decorating contest is open this month. You can submit photos of entries up to noon on November 2. You can vote for contest winners up to 3 p.m. on November 6.

Coming up later this month, 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.* Submit office or individual photos for the costume contest: comp-benefits@wstribes.org

Or stop by the office.



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For Halloween the Comp & Benefits staff created this haunted castle look for their office.

Stay up-to-date on vaccines for school and seasonal health

Warm Springs Community Health and KWSO are teaming up to share important health updates on the What the Health *podcast. The show is broadcast on KWSO news, and printed here in the Spilyay Tymoo. Recently, KWSO host Sue Matters spoke with Dr. Michaela Frey and Immunization Coordinator Marc Mason, RN, about school shot requirements and staying healthy this fall and winter.*

School vaccines and important deadlines at local schools and daycares—including at the Early Childhood Education Center, Warm Springs Academy and other 509-J district schools—follow standard national vaccine guidelines.

Most importantly: Children need shots protecting against chickenpox, measles, polio and other common illnesses to attend class.

To avoid getting a school exclusion letter, children must have their shot records updated by **January 13**. If you receive a letter, you have until **February 24** to get your child updated before they are turned away from school or daycare.

Checking records and out-of-state transfers

If you get a notice saying your child is missing a vaccine, contact the clinic before getting extra shots. Oregon uses an electronic tracking system called Alert. However, records from other states, or facilities like Yakima Indian Health Service, do not transfer automatically: Bring a paper copy of your child's past records to the clinic, or ask the records department to request them so your child does not repeat shots needlessly.

If you are requesting a non-medical exemption for school vaccines, Oregon requires parents to complete a short online Oregon Health Authority education module (15–60 minutes) and submit the completion certificate to the school.

Travel safety and measles

With measles cases rising nationally, health officials remind families that standard MMR (measles) shots start at 12 months.

However, babies as young as 6 months can get an early dose if traveling to areas with outbreaks. Infants who get an early shot will still need their standard doses at age 1 and age 4. Try to get any travel shots at least two weeks before leaving.

Fall and winter illness protection

Protections for flu, Covid-19, and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) are available now:

- Flu: High-dose flu shots are available for elders aged 65 and older.
- RSV: A single RSV shot is available for high-risk adults aged 50 and older. Native American community members in this age group qualify as high-risk.

Vaccines are available through Warm Springs Community Health, the IHS primary clinic, the IHS pharmacy, and Jefferson County Public Health. For questions or record checks, call Warm Springs Community Health at the Health and Wellness Center, 541-553-1196.

A thank you for equine event ~

It'ukdi kadux,

You are very much appreciated: I am expressing my gratitude that is well overdue to Austin Smith Jr., general manager of Natural Resources; Leander Smith Sr., Joseph Culps and Craig Smith for their hard work and setting up the livestock panels, as well as the Indian Health Service Health Fair Committee.

The Holistic Wellness Healing Hearts with Good Medicine Equine event took place in June during the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Health Fair. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Ikutan-Kusi, Lydell Suppah, Junior Miss Indian Yakama Nation Jhene Jackson, Dustin Florez, Jaida Smith, Bonita Leonard, Adrian (Nahoma) Jackson Jr., for the great team work and keeping the positive momentum going. This was truly a success, lot of visitors; I am glad Painted Pony Horse Treatment Facility-staff attended and the community members and participants came and enjoyed themselves with the Ikutan-Kusi. The event's resiliency and the Equine Kusi-Kutan empowered individuals' mental, physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

The Holistic Wellness Healing Hearts with Good Medicine is self-sufficient, consisting of volunteers not to be labeled as advocating for certainty. The Kusi-Kutan is healthy for generations past, present and future; even doing Genocide taking care of our people. Individuals enhance life skills when engaging with the Kusi-Kutan. The Equine also assist individuals stay grounded, focused and present. Individuals caring for the Kusi-Kutan can teach responsibility.







Photos from the summer Equine Event.

Courtesy Mona Cochran ~

The volunteer team Lydell, Dustin, Bonita, Leander, Josep and Craig work together with positive resiliency for and with the people. I thank you all for implementing the wonderful team work and keeping the positive stamina flowing. This is truly what makes a healthy Village, healthy people, healthy tribes and families, healthy energy with open non-judgmental communication and positive affirmation.

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God bless you all,

Mona Cochran, M.Ed, CADC III, QMHP, Eagala. Holistic Wellness Healing Hearts with Good Medicine (volunteer organization).



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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.

Exclusion order: The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, plaintiff, vs. Branden Ortiz, dob 04-15-94; case no. CV25-26, WSPD no. 2600877.

It is hereby ordered and adjudged that the defendant is excluded from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation for five years. This order may be enforced by the contempt power of the Tribal Court.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Isaac Santos, respondent; case no. CR241-23. To Issac Santos:

You are hereby notified that a jury trial has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in the matter at a hearing scheduled on **January 21, 2026 at 9 a.m.**#1 at the Tribal Court.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, petitioner, vs. Johnny Smith, respondent; case no. CR182-26. To Johnny Smith:

You are hereby notified that a pre-trial 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 **3 p.m. on January 13, 2026.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Charmaine Chee, Defendant; Case No. CR227-26; CV24-26. TO: Charmaine Chee:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **November 17, 2026 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, plaintiff, vs. Hattie Hart, defendant; case no. CR142-26. To Hattie Hart, Parole and Probation:

You are hereby notified that the action, as filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court, will be held for a show cause hearing at **8 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLIE WAINANWIT, Respondent. TO: CHARLIE WAINANWIT, ANTOINETTE TALLBULL, 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 **2ND day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CLARICE CLEMENTS, Respondent; Case No. JV6-26. TO: CLARICE CLEMENTS:

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 **3RD day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs STEPHON CENTRE, Respondent; Case No. JV5-21. TO: STEPHON CENTRE:

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 **3rd day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs U R - SELA RUSSELL, Respondent; Case No. JV10-18. TO: URSELLA RUSSELL, ROSA & FELIX LOPEZ:

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 **4TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs SKYLA THOMPSON, Respondent; Case No. JV66-12. TO: SKYLA THOMPSON, CORINNA SOHAPPY, RONNIE CULPS:

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 **9TH day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MONICA WAHNETAH, Respondent; Case No. JV168-08. TO: MONICAH WAHNETAH, SUE & LANCE HANDSAKER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an AGE OUT HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **18TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs SKYLA THOMPSON, Respondent; Case No. JV67-12. TO: SKYLA THOMPSON, CORINNA SOHAPPY:

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 **9TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MICHELLE MACY, Respondent; Case No. JV162-16. TO: MICHELLE MACY, KIMBERLY STILL:

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 **17TH day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

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

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 **10th day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

MARELLA VANPELT, Petitioner, vs ELIZA MEDRANO, Respondent; Case No. JV7,6,8,9-17. DO61,62-24. TO: MARELLA VANPELT, ELIZA MEDRANO, RIGOBERTO MEDRANO SR., RIGOBERTO MEDRANO JR., TYRONE MEDRANO:

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 17TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JULIA YAHTIN-CLOUD, Respondent; Case No. JV28-11. TO: JULIA YAHTIN-CLOUD, CPS, JV PROS, LEGAL AID:

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 **30TH day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

Public summons: Notification to serve as juror

To the following individuals: You are hereby notified to appear before the Tribal Court to serve as a Juror on each date listed below during the months of November-December of 2026.

Juror orientation will be at **4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4**, 2026. The tribal date is **9 a.m., Thursday, November 19.** If you fail to appear on the dates and times listed above, you may be charged with Contempt of Court. This notice is to the following:

Bagley, Jaylynn Diane
Berman, Dakota Jaxon
Black, Treyvon Lee
Boise, Leanna Elsie
Cochran, Hailey Alexis
Collins, Malia Lalonie
Cook, Jerald Wendell
Crooked Arm, Heath Evans
Crooked Arm, Rima Ida
Culpus Sr., Jonathan
David, Arlene Katelyn
Eaglespeaker, Aaron
Florendo, Koedy Ryan James
Flowers, Lyda Dreamis
Frank Sr., Kyle Aldo Ray
Graybael III, Marion Brent
Graybael, Gladys Annie Marie
Guerin, Anthony Todd
Halliday, Cameryn Coy
Hanslovan, Loree Dee
Heath, Keena Starr
Heath, Lucinda
Heath, Marrisa Cree
Henry, Arianne Chenay
Johnson, Watkins
Kalama, Jasper Keith
Kalama, Pamela Tasia
Katchia, Laronn Michael
Kentura, Falena Sue
Miller-Poston, Zakia Versia
Morales Jr., Jose Guadalupe
Pettus, Eustolia Christina
Poitra, Helen Susan
Rosales, Julian Miles
Scott Jr., Gordon Lee
Smith Jr., Craig Anthony
Smith Jr., Kevin Lee
Smith, Kimberly Ann Paige
Squiemphen, Della Rae
Stacona, Jordan Jerelle
Starr, Joseph Richard
Stradley, Anthony Michael
Suppah, Ulyssa Jaycine
Tailfeathers, Machell Anne
Tall Bull, Jereme Rod
Tuckta, Tiyanna Sheree
Wabaunsee, Liane Denae
Wainanwit, Shirley Geneva
Winishut, Aaron Stacy
Wolfe Jr., Richard Ellery

Apologies

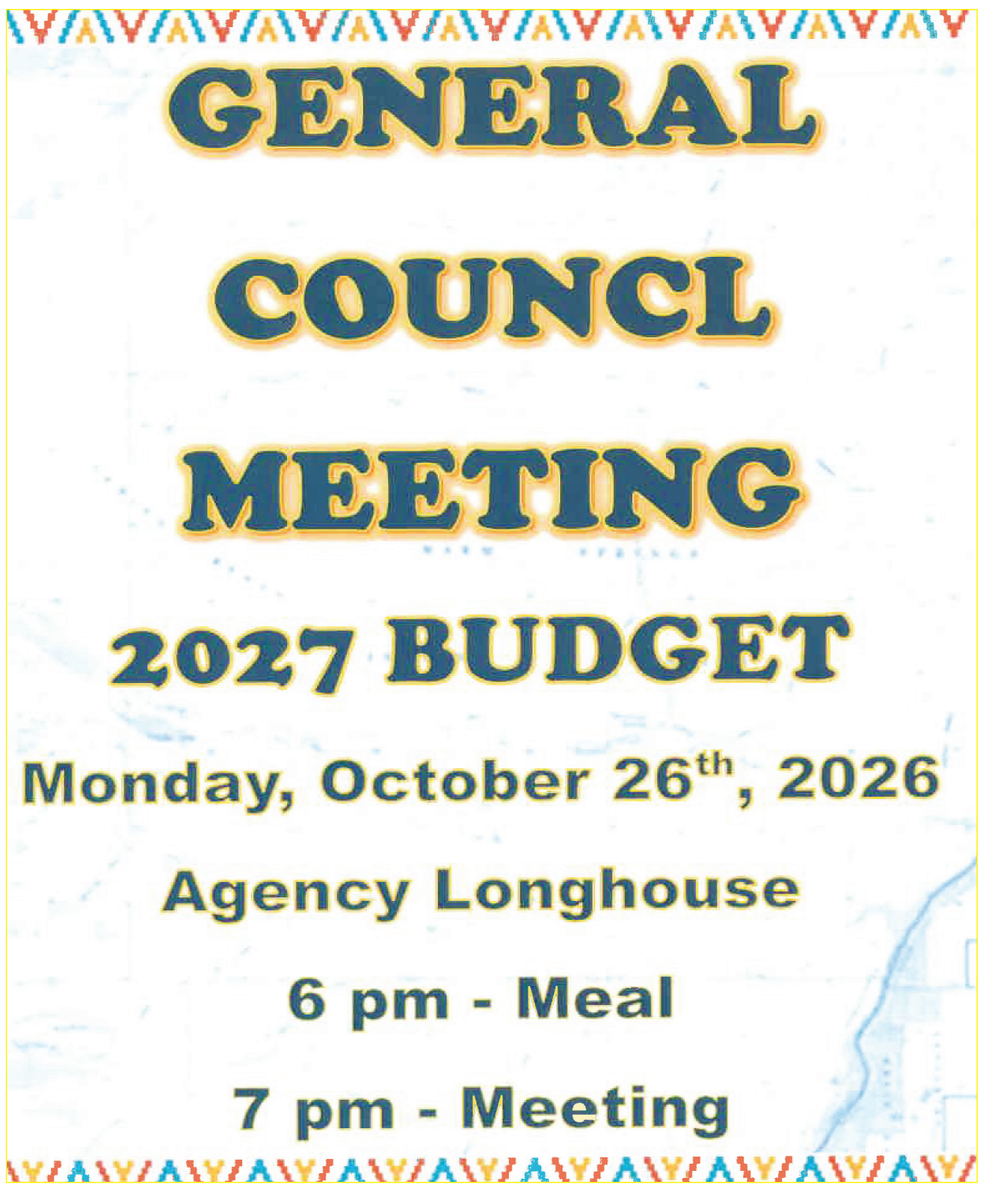
Dear members of the Warm Springs community,

I am writing this letter to sincerely apologize for my actions that resulted in a disorderly conduct incident. I take full responsibility for my actions and recognize that my behavior may have caused concern, disappointment or inconvenience to others. For that I am truly sorry. I understand that my actions not affected me but also reflected poorly on my family that has supported me throughout my life. The experience has given me an opportunity to reflect on my decisions and the consequences of my behavior. I have learned valuable lessons about accountability, self-control and the importance of making positive choices, especially during difficult situations. I am committed to improving myself and ensuring this type of behavior does not happen again. Moving forward, I will strive to be a positive role model, contribute to my community in meaningful ways, and demonstrate through my actions that I have learned from this mistake. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. **Evan Aguirre.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August of 2025 by leaving my daughter, and not visiting her for a month. I didn't mean to stay away so long. I apologize to my mother and my daughter. It will never happen again. **Francine Thompson**.

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 27 by not obeying the law, drug paraphernalia on my person, and driving without a driver's license. It will never happen again. **Jeremy McKinley.**





Museum summer member drive



The Museum at Warm Springs annual membership drive during the summer raised more than $21,000. This year the total exceeded last year's total by $3,030.

Of note, the museum had a $10,000 Twanat Membership renewal from Warm Springs Power and Water.

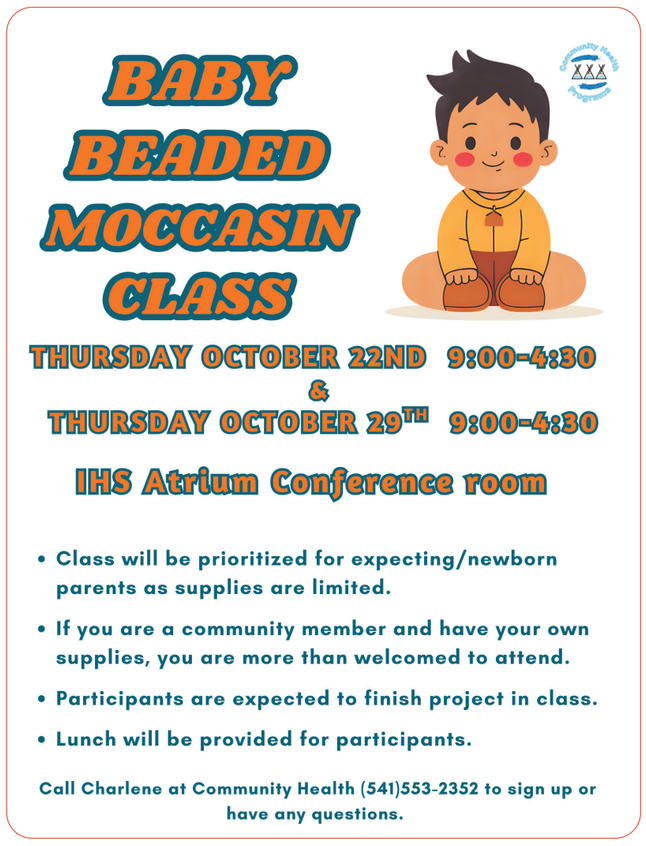
Eighteen—a record number—Oregon collaborators helped spread the word far and wide about the membership drive, including Central Oregon LandWatch, the city of Bend, the Confluence Project, and the Deschutes Land Trust. More who helped:

Discover Your Northwest, the Dry Canyon Arts Association, the High Desert Museum, Jefferson County Arts Association and Art Adventure Gallery.

KWSO 91.9 FM Warm Springs Radio, the Madras Downtown Association, the Madras Saturday Market, the Old Mill District/Hayden Homes Amphitheater, and the Redmond Chamber of Commerce and CVB. Also:

The Scalehouse Collaborative for the Arts, the Environmental Center, the Roundhouse Foundation, the Spilyay Tymoo, and Visit Central Oregon.

Annual museum memberships start at just $25 and are tax deductible as allowable by law. In addition to other benefits, members have access to the Oregon Historical Society Reciprocal Membership Program and free admission for a Member and three guests of any age to a different Oregon museum or attraction each month. Visit the museum website to find out more: museum.warmsprings-nsn.gov



Community Health representatives helping Warm Springs residents get the care they need

For many people, getting to a medical appointment can be a challenge. For Warm Springs residents who do not have reliable transportation, mobility issues or other barriers: The Community Health Representatives, or CHRs, at the Warm Springs clinic provide an important resource.

The CHR team offers medical transportation, home visits and other services designed to help community members stay connected to health care.

During a recent Community Health Programs podcast, CHR Chandla Tias explained that the team provides transportation for medical appointments, with regular transportation generally available **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Emergency transportation for high-risk appointments is handled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, which are also the team's primary dialysis transportation days.

Transportation is available for medical appointments, including visits to the Warm Springs clinic and appointments in Madras, Bend, Redmond and Portland. The service is considered a last resort, however; and residents are encouraged to use family transportation, gas vouchers or other available options when possible.

Residents who need CHR transportation should plan ahead.

Chandla recommends calling at least a week, and preferably two weeks before an appointment. Medical offices often schedule appointments a month or two in advance, making it possible for patients to arrange transportation early.

Same-day or next-day transportation may sometimes be possible, but it depends on the team's schedule and the type and location of the appointment. Residents should contact Community Health as soon as they learn they need a ride.

The CHR team does not provide transportation for surgeries, procedures or physical therapy appointments. These restrictions are related in part to the additional care and liability concerns associated with transporting someone following a procedure or operation.

The team also provides specialized transportation for dialysis patients. CHR driver Maynard Jim said he has worked as a driver for nearly seven years and currently transports dialysis patients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He also provides transportation for medical appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The team's transportation vehicles can accommodate people who use wheelchairs or walkers. Maynard explained that the transportation van has a wheelchair lift, which can be particularly important for patients who cannot safely step into a regular vehicle.

The CHR team also provides medication delivery and pickup assistance for people who do not have transportation to the clinic. Other medical transportation options are available in the area as well.

The Community Health team has recently updated a brochure listing approximately eight or nine transportation resources, Chanda says. These include Dial-a-Ride, Loving Lyft, American Medical Transport, Kat's Ride With Pride, MT Medical Rides, Veterans Transportation, Rez Rover and East Cascade Mode of Care. The brochure is available through the Community Health desk at the clinic.

Transportation is not the only service provided by the CHR team. Community Health Representatives also make home visits to seniors and other community members who may need regular contact and assistance.

Chandla said the team maintains lists of seniors assigned to individual CHRs. The frequency of visits depends on a person's circumstances. Someone who is still working and able to get around independently may receive a yearly visit, while people who live alone, have difficulty getting around or have greater medical needs may receive weekly visits.

People who would like to be considered for home visits can contact Community Health and ask to speak with supervisor Lori Mitchell. Referrals may also come from nurses or other health care providers when they identify someone who may need additional support.

The CHR team asks residents to communicate any changes to their appointments as soon as possible. If an appointment is moved or canceled, patients should contact Community Health so transportation arrangements can be changed. Medical facilities in Bend and Redmond may also contact the CHR team when they know a patient is being transported.

For residents who depend on medical transportation, planning ahead and communicating changes can help the CHR team make the best use of its limited transportation resources.

What the Health *is a partnership between Warm Springs Community Health and KWSO. Community members with questions about Community Health Representatives and what services they provide can contact Warm Springs Community Health at the Health and Wellness Center, 541-553-2352.*

Warm Springs Community Health and their monthly podcast What the Health *provides community members with information about health issues and local services available.*

2026 Hunting Season for the Reservation

HUNT NAME	OPEN SEASON	BAG LIMIT
Mule Deer and Blacktailed Deer		
Reservation Buck Deer	Oct. 3 - Oct. 18	**Open to bucks with visible antler.**
Elk Seasons		
Closed to cow and calf elk, must select (archery or rifle) hunt bull elk ONLY		
Reservation Bull Elk Rifle	Oct. 29 - Nov. 29	One (1) tag per hunter. **Open to bull elk with visible antler.** Closed to cow and calf elk, hunters who hunted whether successful or not during bull elk archery are ineligible for this hunt.
Bighorn Sheep		
(2) N. Eagle Crk: Bighorn Sheep Ewe	Oct. 1 - Dec. 30	**Three (1 Open , 2 Management Rams) Bighorn Sheep Ram tags and One (2) Bighorn Sheep Ewe with Special tags only: One (1) Bighorn Sheep Ram**
(3) Mutton Mtn: Bighorn Sheep Ram	Oct. 1 - Dec. 30	
(1) Bighorn Sheep Ram: Public Auct.	Aug. 1 - Nov. 30	
Rocky Mountain Goat (New)		
(1) Rocky Mountain Goat: Billy	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	**One (1) Rocky Mountain Goat - Billy**
Black Bear		
Reservation: Black Bear	Apr. 1 - Dec. 31	open to either sex bear (cubs < 1 and Sows w/ cub < 1 are protected
Cougar		
Reservation: Cougar	Open Year Round	open to either sex cougar
Small Game & Furbearers		
er, Beaver, River Otter, Bobcat, Martei	Sep. 1 - Mar. 15, 2027	Open to Reservation
River Otter, Fisher, Wolverine, etc.		Closed Season
Coyote, Rabbit, Nutria, Opossum, Porcupine	Open Year Round	Open to Reservation
Upland Birds		
Chukar, Quail, Grouse	See Regs	Either Sex, No bag limit on birds
Grouse	Sep. 1 - Jan. 31	
Turkey	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31 Apr. 1 - May 31, 2027	

2026-2027 Tribal Treaty Subsistence Hunting Seasons for Off-Reservation		
HUNT NAME	**OPEN SEASON**	**BAG LIMIT**
Pronghorn Antelope		
Pronghorn Antelope	Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	open to pronghorn antelope of either sex.
Pronghorn Antelope (youth)	Aug. 1- Jan. 31	
Mule Deer and Blacktailed Deer		
Special Regulations: For Metolius unit & state managed lands open for hunting under state regs.		
Ceremonial Deer Rifle (F&W Committee approval ONLY)	Open Year Around	Open to Any Deer
Ceded Land Buck Deer	Sep.1 - Oct. 31 Dec. 1 - Jan. 31	Open to bucks with visible antler, **Rifle Hunting CLOSED (Nov. 1 - 30)**
Archery Deer	Nov. 1 -30	Open to any deer
Deer (youth only)	Aug. 15- Jan. 31	
John Day Canyon Buck	Nov. 1 - Nov.30	Eleven (11) Tags available Open to bucks with visible antler (Any Legal Weapon)
Deer Hunts Metolius Special Regulation (Weapon Restrictions) WMA: State lands follow state regs. species specific and dates of hunts.		
Metolius Rifle Buck Deer	Sep. 1 - Oct. 31	Open to bucks with visible antler. Only One (1) tag permit per hunter for primitive weapon hunt.
Metolius Primitive Weapons Buck Deer	Nov. 1 - Nov.30	
Philip w Schneider State WMA WMA: State lands follow state regs. species specific and dates of hunts.		
Rifle Hunt	Oct. 03 - Oct. 14	Open to bucks with visible antler
Archery Bow Hunt	Aug. 29 - Sep. 27	
White River State WMA WMA: State lands follow state regs. species specific and dates of hunts.		
Rifle Hunt	Oct. 3 - Oct. 14	Open to bucks with visible antler
Whitetailed Deer		
White-tailed Deer	Open Year Around	Open to any white-tailed deer
Elk Seasons		
General Elk Hunt	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	・Spike and Antlerless only Aug. 1 - Oct. 1 ・Closed to Branch Antlered 4pt or Greater Dec. 1 - Dec. 31
Treaty Elk Hunt Rifle (F&W Committee approval ONLY)	Open Year Around	Open To Any Elk
Archery Elk Hunt	Aug. 22 - Sep. 30	
Youth Elk Hunt	Aug. 15 - Jan. 31	
Rifle Hunt - Early Elk	Sep. 1 - Sep. 30	Antlerless or Spike Bulls Only **Closed to Branch Antlered Bull Hunting.**
Philip w Schneider State WMA WMA: State lands follow state regs. species specific and dates of hunts.		
General Bow	Aug. 29 - Sep. 27	**Open To Any Elk**
Murderer's Cr. Unit (246X)	Oct. 28 - Nov. 1	**Open To Bull Elk Only**
W. Murderer's Cr. Unit (246A)	Nov. 7 - Nov. 15	**Open To Any Elk**
Antlerless Elk Rifle (246)	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29	**Open To Antlerless Elk Only**
Youth Elk Rifle (246T1)	Aug. 15 - Dec. 31	**Open To Antlerless Elk Only**
NEW: Rocky Mountian Goat		
(2) Strawberry Mountains - Mt. Goat Billy	Sept. 1- Jan. 31	**Two (2) Permits Available Open to One (1) Mt. Goat Billy**
(3) Elkhorns - Mt. Goat Billy	Sept. 1- Jan. 31	**Three (3) Permits Available Open to One (1) Mt. Goat Billy**
NEW: Rocky Mountian Goat Billy Central Cascades	Aug. 15- Oct. 31	**Three (3) Permits Available Open to One (1) Mt. Goat Billy**
Bighorn Sheep		
(10) Lo. Deschutes: Bighorn Sheep Ram	Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	(43) Fourty-Three Permits **One (1) Bighorn Sheep Ram or Ewe with special tag only**
(10) Lo. Deschutes: Bighorn Ewes		
(10) John Day Canyon: Bighorn Ram		
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(3) Aldrich: Bighorn Sheep Ram	Aug. 15 - Nov. 30	
Black Bear & Mt. Lion (Cougar)		
Off-Reservation: Black Bear	Sep. 1 - Jan. 31 Apr. 1 - May 31	open to either sex bear
Off-Reservation: Cougar	Open Year Around	open to either sex cougar
Upland Birds		
Chukar/Quail	Open Year Around	Either Sex, No bag limit on birds
California/ Mountain Quail	Open Year Around	
Grouse	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	
Turkey	Aug. 17 - Dec. 31 Apr. 1 - May 31	
Pheasant	Open Year Around	
Migratory Waterfowl and Other Migratory Birds:		
Waterfowl and other migratory birds are classified in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada). The Federal Government regulates the taking of migratory waterfowl and other migratory birds which includes ducks, geese, brant, coots, jacksnipe, pigeons, and doves. Persons hunting or killing these birds must use the Federal Government regulations as a guide for their take.		
Note: All hunts' geographical scope is for all usual and accustomed stations in common with citizens. This also includes treaty reserved right areas described in the 1855 treaty and usual and accustomed stations where we have tribal interest and management, including the State MOU geographical scope map.		

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Columbia shoreline land may go to tribes, cities

One act of Congress separates local tribes and the Tri-Cities from a long-held goal of owning 34 miles of Columbia River waterfront. The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the 2026 Water Resources Development Act, the WRDA. The bill includes language to transfer property along the Columbia River to tribes, local cities and counties.

The new approach included the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation as well as the Yakama Nation. Both retain rights to the region under their respective 1855 treaties with the U.S. Government, and both have requested that any transfer include protections for critical sites. Both requested land as well.

The Yakama Nation wants Bateman Island at the mouth of the Yakima River. The Umatilla want parts of Columbia Point South in Richland as well as land near the mouth of the Umatilla River on the Oregon side of the river.

El Niño means warmer water for fish

El Niño warmer weather means water temperatures will be warmer this winter, harmful or deadly to marine life including salmon.

During El Niño, weak trade winds lead to a process where colder, nutrient-rich water from deep in the ocean wells up to the surface, replacing warmer surface water.

El Niño slows down or can even stop this process. A strong El Niño can affect chinook salmon at several stages of their life cycle.

The fish will be impacted in the freshwater portion of their lives when they are spawning, when eggs are maturing, when the juveniles hatch and migrate downstream to the ocean. Then in the ocean, conditions will impact them as they grow and mature.



Natural Resources closure of areas impacted by Bench fire

This notification is to inform all tribal members of the administrative closure of the Bench fire footprint for safety needs, while risks from rehabilitation operations, hazard trees, and unsafe road conditions remain. Rehabilitation and salvage personnel, residential traffic, and grazing group members of the affected districts will be allowed in the area. These efforts will help minimize potential conflict with post-fire recovery efforts and aid in resource protection.

Access will be reassessed in the spring of 2027 for possible reduction of the closure footprint. Safety signage and closure implementation devices will be deployed in the meantime. Cooperation in these efforts is essential for the protection and enhancement of tribal resources, and ensuring the safety of all. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Natural Resources at 541-553-2001, or email: Austin.smithjr2@ctwsbnr.org

Thank you for your patience and consideration at this time. Sincerely,

Austin Smith Jr., Natural Resources general manager.

Comment on energy assistance plan

The Warm Springs **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**, LIHEAP, is accepting public comments from tribal members regarding the development of its Model Plan for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

LIHEAP provides federal grant funding to assist low-income households with energy bills, weatherization, and minor energy repairs.

Copies of the proposed plan are available at the tribal Social Services office located at the Family Resource Center. Comments may be submitted directly to tribal Social Services Manager Arlissa White.

Regarding the Agency water system

The boil water notice issued on October 1 had remained active at least as of Tuesday morning of this week. Utilities issued the notice following a water main break. The repairs are done, while tribal regulation requires testing to ensure safety after the system pressure drops.

Important for November SSA

For those who receive Social Security only on the second Wednesdays of the month: For November the second Wednesday falls on a holiday, Veterans Day.

Therefore for the month of November only SSA benefits will be deposited on Tuesday, November 10. In December the direct deposit will happen on the second Wednesday, as usual.





