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For Halloween this weekend



Travis Bobb

These are two events on Halloween where families can stop by, check out and show off costumes, get some candy and have some fun:

Health and Human Services is hosting Trick-or-Treating Halloween evening from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Campus Pavilion. Vendors are welcome to set up booths.

Indian Head Casino is hosting Trunk-or-Treat also on Halloween from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Plaza by the casino. Wear a costume and bring a candy bag, stroll from vehicle to vehicle, free candy for all.

Simnasho sports court dedication on Saturday

The Confederated Tribes and Simnasho community are hosting a dedication of the new youth mini-pitch sports court this Saturday, October 31 at 10 a.m. The court is located by the old Simnasho elementary school area.

Mini-pitch courts are popular for basketball and soccer, and other sports like tennis and pickleball. Construction of the Simnasho sports court is made possible by the Wave Foundation, who provides services to under-served rural communities. Warm Springs Recreation will provide the maintenance.

Children's Protective Services welcomes new director

The tribes are proud to welcome Elizabeth Hisatake to Children's Protective Services, where earlier this month she started as the new CPS director.

Ms. Hisatake brings many years' experience in the child welfare field, and in human services administration.

Elizabeth returns to CPS following 10 years with the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities program, where she was program manager. Before working at Developmental Disabilities, Liz worked for years at CPS, having first started there in the 1990s as a Protective Care Provider.

Clearly, Ms. Hisatake brings the right background and experience to the tribes' Children's Protective Services, helping the staff continue their challenging and vital work for the community.

At the same time, she brings some new initiative ideas to help grow its services for the membership. One of these ideas is for greater and specific focus on CPS Prevention and Preservation work, with the goal of avoiding the need for CPS to intervene in a family crisis or other immediate-need case.

When cases do happen requiring CPS to step in, the staff look for the best alternative care or foster care opportunities, and on getting the child back with the family.



D.McMechan/Spilyay

As the new CPS director, Elizabeth Hisatake joins a staff of 11 at Children's Protective Services.

"We already work on family re-unification, and we could add more up-front service to help prevent cases from happening," Liz says.

Another new idea is a tribal guardianship conservator program, to help address a problem situation affecting some tribal member adults living with a cognitive disability.

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Ballots due Nov. 3 for mid-term election

If mailing your ballot, best to do so early, County Clerk suggests

The 2026 mid-term ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3. A U.S. Post Office postmark on that date is enough for a valid ballot; though voting earlier is always a good idea. No postage is required for mailing.

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

Official drop boxes in the area include in Warm Springs by Fire and Safety, Three Warriors Market in Simnasho, by the Jefferson County Clerk's Office in Madras, and city halls in Culver and Metolius.



Agency dropbox by the Fire Department buildings on Wasco Street across from the post office.

The mid-term ballot this year 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 59.

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.'

Note: The Simnasho community is located in Wasco County; so these residents will not see the Jefferson County candidates or the jail measure. The County Clerk reminds voters to make sure to sign the back of the envelope containing the ballot.

Lincoln's Powwow seeks Queen candidates

The 2027 Lincoln's Powwow Committee and Simnasho community will celebrate the powwow's Fiftieth Anniversary in February 2027. The committee is now seeking interested candidates for the event.

Candidates should be between the ages of 14 and 24; and be a tribal member, descendant or enrolled member in the Northwest Plateau Tribes. The candidate will embody cultural pride, and be expected to uphold the value of the powwow.

During her reign, she must maintain a high level of standards, and serve as a positive role model.

Interested candidates are requested by Friday, November 13. Please contact committee members Jolene Greene, Persia Sloan, or Austin Greene, 541-553-3243, or email: austin.greene@wstribes.org

Tribal biologists help tell story of wildlife passage initiative

A new documentary film *The Crossing* features tribal members Austin Smith Jr., general manager of tribal Natural Resources; and wildlife biologist and community activist Taiontorake Max Oakes.

The Crossing tells the story of the Bend-to-Suttle Lake Wildlife Passage Initiative. The initiative seeks safety improvements to Highway 20 between Bend and Suttle Lake, improvements benefiting wildlife and motorists.

This 35-mile stretch crosses through several important movement corridors for mule deer, elk and other wildlife; and has one of the highest densities of deer and elk wildlife-vehicle collisions in the state, with an estimated 400 deer and elk killed every year by vehicles.



The Title card of the documentary *The Crossing*.

The passage initiative calls for underpasses or overpasses, proven to significantly reduce collisions.

The Crossing is by filmmaker and journalist Veronica Wood, whose work centers on Indigenous world views.

Ms. Wood was born on the Klamath lands. She was raised between cultures and rooted in investigative storytelling, her work blends factual filmmaking with a poetic visual edge.

Ms. Wood was educated in Los Angeles, and spent the past 15 years filming across six continents.

Her character-driven documentaries have screened at more than 30 international film festivals. She is also an award-winning journalist, and serves as chief operating officer of the Indigenous Network.

The Crossing is commissioned and presented by Central Oregon LandWatch, land-use advocate and environmental watchdog, helping defend the region's waterways, wildlife, farms and forests, and ensuring vibrant and sustainable cities and towns.

The Crossing debuted at a screening earlier this month in Bend. Central Oregon LandWatch is now working with the Wyam Youth Center and the Community Action Team to bring a screening of *The Crossing* to Warm Springs.

The documentary takes a cinematic look at how roads shape communities and the natural world, and what the roads of Central Oregon connect and what they sever.

The Bend to Suttle Lake Wildlife Passage Initiative is a collaborative effort of scientists, land managers, conservationists, and others working to make the Bend to Suttle Lake migration corridor safer for both people and wildlife.



State land board rules against treaty rights evidence

The Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals has ruled Deschutes County must reconsider its earlier approval of the fish and wildlife mitigation plan for the Thornburgh Resort development, proposed in the Redmond area.

Relying heavily on groundwater, the development would include nearly 1,000 new homes, two golf courses and a luxury hotel with up to 475 units.

The Confederated Tribes are among many opponents based on factors including depletion of the groundwater aquifer, and the impact on the Deschutes River and fisheries, among other issues. The Confederated Tribes' Deschutes River water right is first in priority, dating to 1855.

Opponents of the proposal earlier this year appealed the Deschutes County project approval to the state Land Use board of appeals, which most recently remanded the matter back to the county for reconsideration.

However, the state land use appeals board, LUBA, also ruled the county did not have to accept new evidence on remand from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

> *" The groundwater Thornburgh plans to pump feeds the springs and streams our salmon and steelhead depend on... "*
>
> Austin Smith Jr.
> Natural Resources, CTWS

LUBA ruling

The tribes position is that the LUBA ruling allows the Deschutes County board to exclude new tribal evidence and thereby avoid having to address the tribes' treaty arguments.

In fact, LUBA ruled the county was not required to accept the tribes' new evidence on remand regarding fish protected by the Treaty of 1855, even though the Oregon Court of Appeals had earlier said the tribes would have the chance to present the argument.

LUBA also concluded that the tribes had waived their argument that treaty compliance must be evaluated for the particular treaty-protected fish species, rather than fish habitat generally. The tribes maintain this argument was preserved, and the Deschutes County board must address it.

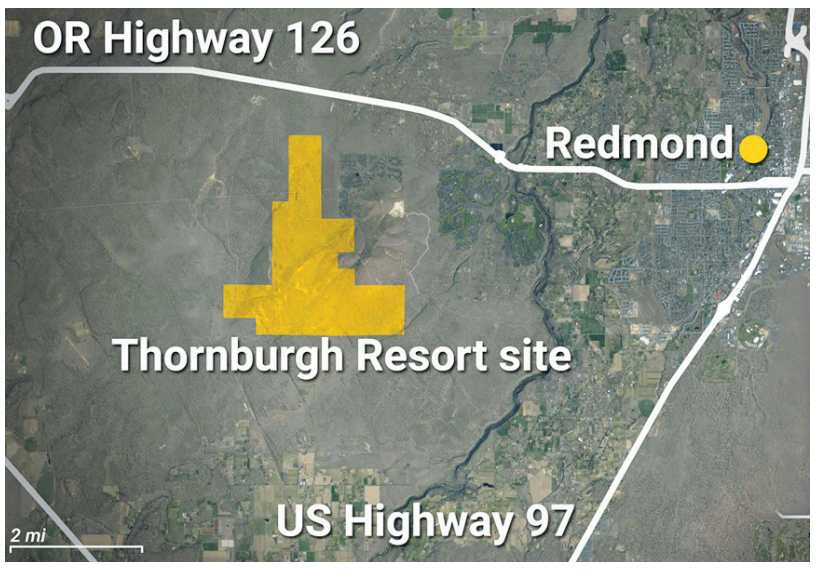
One of LUBA's three board members disagreed with the majority on reopening the record: In a concurring opinion, LUBA member Tod Bassham wrote that the Court of Appeals' decision requires the county to reopen the record, so the tribes can present evidence of Indigenous expertise and knowledge about treaty-protected fisheries.

Treaty fisheries rights

"The groundwater Thornburgh plans to pump feeds the springs and streams our salmon and steelhead depend on," said Austin Smith Jr., the tribes' Branch of Natural Resources general manager.

"Our 1855 Treaty reserved our right to take fish and to have fish to take, and that right means little if the water that sustains those fish is in short supply," Mr. Smith said.

"We have fished the Deschutes and its tributaries since time immemorial, and we carry knowledge about these fish that no developer's consultant can replace. This ruling cuts that knowledge out of a decision that will shape the Deschutes Basin for generations."



Site of the proposed resort, west of Redmond.

In 2024, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled that the tribes had properly raised their treaty rights. The court said that sending the case back would give the tribes an opportunity to present evidence of their Indigenous expertise and knowledge.

However, in a 2-1 vote in April 2025, Deschutes County commissioners refused to reopen the record for new evidence, and in July 2025, they approved the plan without accepting that new evidence.

The Treaty of 1855 reserves the tribes' right to take fish at usual and accustomed stations, including within the Ceded Lands. Those lands include most of the Deschutes Basin, including the Thornburgh Resort site west of Redmond.

The tribes maintain that this right means little without protected habitat and harvestable fish populations, and that the Thornburgh plan must comply with the treaty, of controlling legal status.

The tribes are reviewing the LUBA decision with legal counsel to determine the next steps.



Community notes...

This year for Halloween weekend, you are welcome to a **Haunted House** at the former Warm Springs Elementary School building. The Haunted House will be open from 8 p.m. to midnight this Friday and Saturday, October 30 and Halloween night.

The Haunted House is sponsored by Warm Springs Fire Prevention, Warm Springs Fire & Safety and the Central Oregon Fire Prevention Co-Op.

The Community Health Program is holding an **Elders' Fair** from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, November 4 at the Campus gym. There will be 20-plus booths providing information about brain health, caregiving and community resources for elders. They will also have raffle items, bingo starting at 10, a basket-walk from 11 to noon, and lunch in the Campus cafeteria from 1-2 p.m. Elsewhere:

The Warm Springs **Helping Hands Food Pantry** is open to the tribal community 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Mondays at the Presbyterian Church, 1141 Warm Springs Street. First come first serve. This is a drug- and alcohol-free zone.

The Community Wellness Center—Recreation Department host **Snack Attack** Tuesdays through Thursdays at the center Social Hall. Join them for a healthy snack, 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 541-553-3243.

NATIVE MARKET and COMMUNITY MEAL

WHEN Wednesday, Nov. 11
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHERE St. Charles Madras
470 NE A St.

A Native Market will be held inside the main entrance of the Madras hospital. Local vendors will be available to sell jewelry, traditional foods, clothing and more!

In addition, St. Charles Health System is hosting Together at the Table, a **FREE** community meal. Fry bread tacos and other cultural food will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



St. Charles MADRAS

For Halloween at Vital Stats ~



D.McMechan/Spilyay

Amy Suppah was visiting the Vital Statistics Department earlier this week, where the Vital Stats team had created this haunting effect for the entryway. *Don't forget to vote with Comp & Benefits in the office Halloween decorating contest, and the employee costume contest. Send nominees to comp-benefits@wstribes.org*

Member, Youth art show opens Nov. 15

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the opening reception for the Thirty-Third Annual Tribal Member and Youth Art Exhibit on Wednesday, November 18.

The opening reception will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the museum All are welcome; light refreshments will be served, and art supplies for youth will be provided while supplies last.

Member and youth art will be on display through mid February, 2027.

CPS: welcomes new director

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Some of these individuals have to rely on non-relatives to serve as guardian, often not ideal. CPS is familiar with helping in cases like these involving children; and in time could help with adult situations when needed. There is not yet funding in place for this, Liz says, though resources are available.

About a month into her new role, Elizabeth is feeling very good about being back at CPS. "There is definitely a lot to catch up on," she says, "to get re-acquainted with the program and the tribes, the agencies and other entities we work with."



Goal: To encourage people to be active, enjoy an variety of exercise during the month of November, as a competition and continue to be active throughout the year

Register: October 19th deadline November 2nd.

Registeration Deadline: November 2nd 2026

Will kick it off with a Poker Walk located at the Community center Walk way.

Contact: Hamley Smith: You can reach the Community Wellness Center at (541) 553-3243. Application packets are available for pick-up and drop-off at **2200 Hollywood Blvd., Warm Springs, OR 97761.**

Fee Details

Amount **$5.00** per person **$10.00** additional for shirts.

Payment Methods Cash or Money Order ONLY

Note Please refrain from using checks or digital payments. Exact change is appreciated.



ALL FORMS SHEETS DECEMBER 4TH 2026

Exercise Forms Guidelines

- Each team will be responsible for tracking the time spent on exercises.
- Weekly exercise forms will be provided.
- Exercise forms are due every **Wednesday**.
- New form sheets will be distributed on, November 11, November 18, November 25.

Team Information

Team Size Up to 5 members per team

Responsibilities of the Captain

- Oversee fees and contact information
- Collect registration forms, timesheets, and weekly fitness sheets

Challenge Teams consist of 5 members (same)

Eligibility Participation is open to individuals affiliated with The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation through Enterprise, Employment, and Departments such as BIA, IHS, Casino, and Tribal Committees.

For more information please call the office at 541-553-3243



Letters to the editor

For all of your kindness, Thank you

During a difficult time of loss for our family, we were reminded of how special our Warm Springs community truly is.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Marjorie Kalama at the Tribal Council office for her kindness and guidance in helping us get our announcements and memorial programs printed and posted throughout the community.

A special thank you to Rosetta Fuentes for coming through for our family on short notice, creating beautiful vests and ribbon shirts for our ceremonies. We are also incredibly thankful for Tananawit, whose wonderful selection of items was just what we needed for our giveaways. We will certainly be returning customers of both!

During times of loss, it's the kindness and generosity of others that make all the difference. We are truly grateful for the support, care, and willingness to help that our community showed our family.

From our family to yours, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **Sabrina Jones.**

Fitness Challenge

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is accepting registration for its November Fitness Challenge, open to anyone affiliated with the Confederated Tribes or enterprise employment. Teams can include up to five people. Registration packets must be turned in at the Community Center by Monday, November 2.

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Ursula Mae (Brunoe) Gibson ~ 1946-2026



Ursula Mae (Brunoe) Gibson passed away on October 6, 2026. She was 80 years old. Mrs. Gibson was born February 8, 1946 to parents Urban and Mary Rose Brunoe.

Ursula was married to David L. Gibson for 56 years. Her sisters are Marcella (Brunoe) Hall, her identical twin; and older sisters Arlene Boileau and Urbana Manion. She had one younger brother Graland Brunoe, who passed away earlier this year.

Her son is Urban 'Joe' Gibson, married 22 years to his wife Michele. Ursula has four grandchildren, and two step grandchildren; two great grandchildren, and two special self-adopted sons, Tony Sparling and Gather Louis. She has many, many nieces and nephews.

Ursula passed quietly and in peace, surrounded by family at her home at Tenino Valley, following a short battle with cancer.



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Teachers looking forward to year of Language learning

The Culture and Heritage Department had the opportunity to speak with three of our Language teachers about the upcoming year. The teachers are all excited to continue teaching language to your children and look forward to a successful year.

If you'd like your child, no matter the age, to learn one of the three languages in our community, please contact the Culture and Heritage Department at 541-553-3290, or stop by their offices at the old boys' dorm building.

— Gina Ricketts, Career Counselor, Tribal Education



Radine 'Deani' Johnson

Radine 'Deanie' Johnson is one of our Kiksht Awawat teachers. Her expectations from her students are to come with good open and listening ears. Deanie says,

Be respectful to yourself, your teachers and remember the family you come from and represent.

"We are all learning our language so be nice to your teacher! Be proud that we still have our languages and Cultural traditions, some do not.

"I'm looking forward to a good school year and passing knowledge to our future generations so that our languages never die."

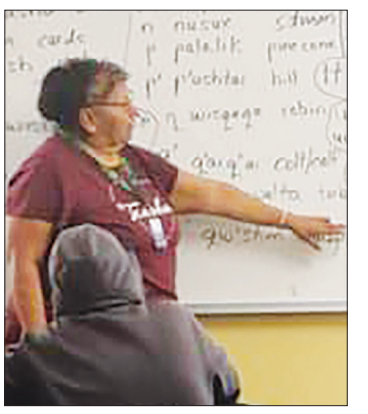


Whitney Jackson

Lorraine(Sapsikwala) Suppah teaches her students Ichishkin Snwit at the middle school Monday through Fridays.

This year she is looking forward to students learning their language, expanding on the language they already know, culture, traditions and Warm Springs history.

They'll be learning how to put up a teepee, going on a root-digging field trip and other fun activities. As you may remember from a previous article, Ms. Sapsikwala Suppah just received her degree in teaching and is looking forward to teaching her students their language.



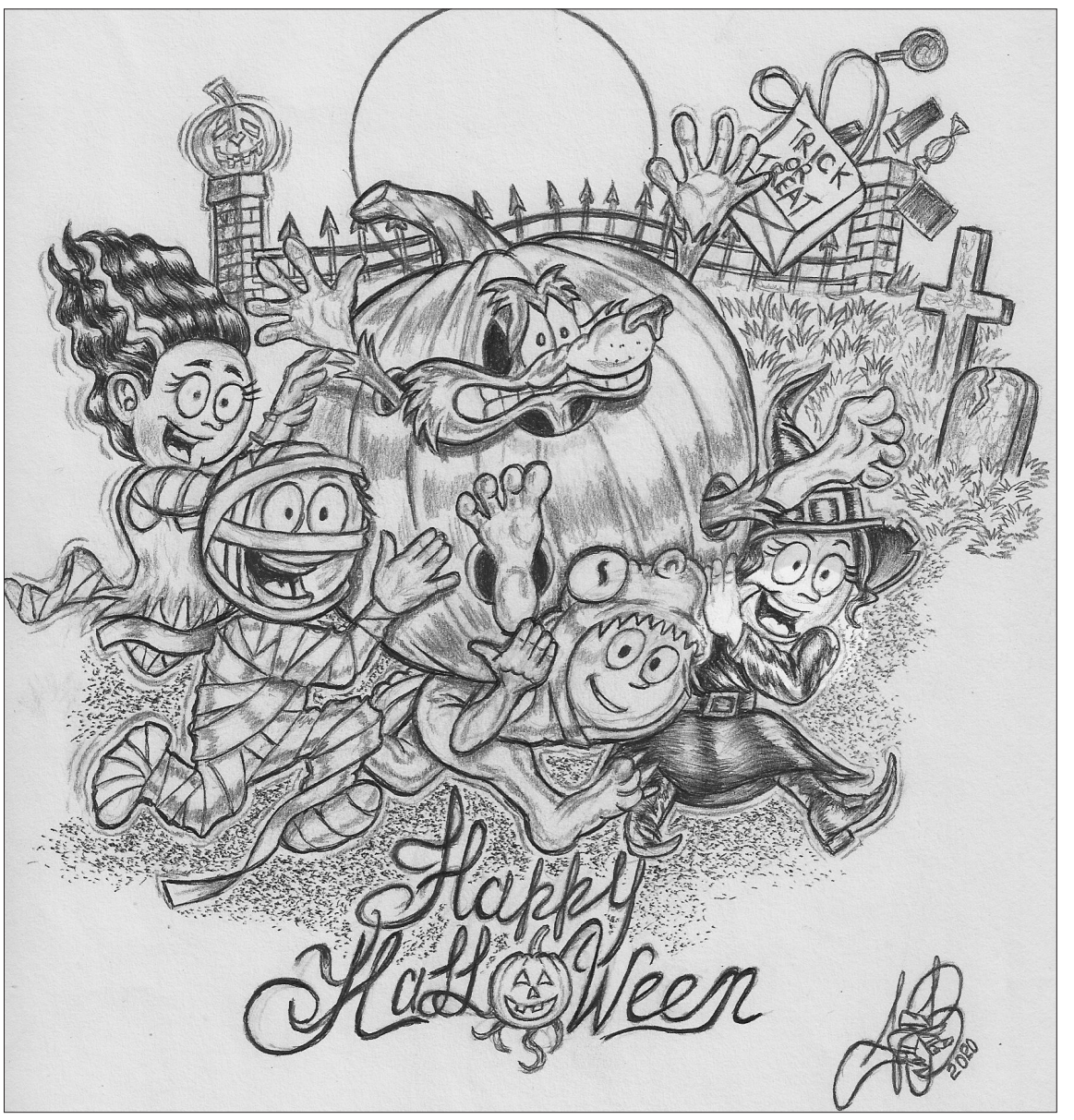
Lorraine Sapsikwala Suppah

Whitney Jackson is another one of our Ichishkin Snwit teachers. She is looking forward to seeing what her returning students retained over the summer. She'd like to move away from the basics and begin enhancing their language skills.

She would also like to see more family involvement, and along these lines is hoping to create family packets to cover the gap from school to home.

"I'd like them to continue using language and not quit speaking at 2:50 when school ends," Whitney says.

No



Wishing Warm Springs a Safe and Happy Halloween, from the artist Travis Bobb.

Many Native candidates running for local offices

As the country ramps up for the midterm elections, voters will see 117 Indigenous candidates across 17 states on the November ballot running for local elections, from county seats to city councils and school boards.

Indigenous candidates competing in local races this midterm election make up more than half of the 224 Indigenous candidates running in the general election across the nation.

Over the past few decades, Kevin Killer has noticed an uptick in Native candidates across all elections and parties. Mr. Killer is the former president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, a former state senator and former state representative in the South Dakota legislature

"Traditionally it was usually just coming from one party, but now it's on both sides, and that's always good," Kevin said. "Native communities are diverse. They have diverse opinions. They have diverse thoughts. They are not a monolith."

Seeing Native candidates on the top of a ballot like the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland of Laguna Pueblo and current Democratic nominee for governor of New Mexico, likely inspires more Native candidates at all levels and could even help their chances to win, Kevin says.

"It just shows to other Native candidates who weren't used to seeing Native candidates at any level of ticket anywhere, even around them, to see something that successful to go through these kind of races and to not only run for a congressional seat and then to become Secretary of the Interior and then go back to your own state and then successfully be able to maneuver through a primary and become the the top candidate," Mr. Killer said.

He also encouraged building relationships as tribes with local level politicians.

"I think local does matter and local is very important to pay attention to because sometimes these races impact more things than people realize and they have a lot of control," he said.

Underscore News

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.

ILA M. JAMES, Petitioner, vs NATAWNA L. WOODWARD, Respondent; Case No. DO84-25. TO: ILA M. JAMES, NATAWNA L. WOODWARD:

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

LADONNA SQUIEMPHEN, PetitionerGENA SMITH, Respondent; Case No. DO84-26. TO: LADONNA SQUIEMPHEN, VERNON SQUIEPHEN, GENA SMITH, JAEDON SORRELHORSE:

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 **17TH day of NOVEBER 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KAYLYN WOLFE; Case No. JV145,146-16. TO: KAYLYN WOLFE, SALBADOR ROBINSON:

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 **16TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LENORA WILLIAMS, Respondent; Case No. JV10-20. TO: LENORA WILLIAMS, PAIGE & WILLIAM GEHM:

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 **18TH day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 3:00 PM**

ARLENE DAVID, Petitioner, vs JAKE SCOTT, Respondent; Case No. DO87-26. TO:ARLENE DAVID, JAKE SCOTT:

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 **18TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CLEM PICARD, Petitioner, vs WILMA SMITH, Respondent; Case No. DO74-26. TO: DENISE SMITH, WOODROW PICARD SR. CLEM PICARD, ALEX SMITH, GLENN SMITH, LEMNNIE SMITH, LISA SMITH, RICKY SMITH:

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 **8TH day of DECEMBER 2026 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CODER CLEMENTS-KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. DO25,26-23. TO: CODER CLEMENTS-KALAMA:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an PERMANENCY 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 @ 10:00 AM**

CANDICE JIMENEZ, Petitioner, vs WHITNEY MILLER, RESPONDENT; Case No.DO141-21. TO: CANDICE JIMENEZ, WHITNEY MILLER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **23RD day of NOVEMBER, 2026 @ 10:00 AM**

BULMARA OROZCO, Petitioner, vs STEFAUGH SQUIEMPHEN-JACKSON, Respondent; Case No. DO83-26. TO: BULMARA OROZCO, STEFAUGHN SQUIEMPHEN-JACKSON, ERENDIRA VAZQUEZ:

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 **18TH day of NOVEMBER 2026 @ 9:30 AM**

News from Indian Country

Data centers are the new dams

There is still a waterfall beneath Celilo Lake. The basalt formation that created Celilo Falls remains below the reservoir. Salmon are still being restored, moved, hatched and fought over across river systems transformed generations ago.

We're still learning what the dam era cost.

Hydro projects gave America extraordinary things. They also destroyed extraordinary things because the country could, become so captured by what infrastructure promised that it lost sight of what the infrastructure consumed.

Eventually we wrote laws meant to force those costs into the conversation before the decision became irreversible. Those are the very rules now being recast as obstacles.

Now another great infrastructure rush has arrived. We can see the pattern. The enormous forecasts. The language of national necessity. The pressure to build faster. The search for public land. The breathtaking demand for electricity. Communities trying to understand what will happen to their water and power bills. Environmental safeguards reframed as obstacles.

So when someone tells you environmental review is taking too long, remember why those laws exist.

The laws that slow a bulldozer down long enough to ask questions didn't appear from nowhere. We're still paying for the lessons that created them.

Some of the bill is sitting beneath the Columbia River.

— by Will Pattiz & More than just parks

Federal cuts led to $469M loss in Indian Country

The federal administration's 18-month effort to cut federal spending, spearheaded by the Department of Government Efficiency, led to $469 million in cuts to grants and contracts for tribal communities, according to a report by Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan research and policy organization.

Much of the funding cuts to tribal communities came to programs focused on environmental efforts, agriculture and economic development, the study found. About 65 percent of DOGE cuts came from natural resources, environmental grants and contracts; and another 11 percent were classified as agriculture.







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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):

Protective care provider. Maintenance worker (three positions). Fitness/Wellness coordinator.

Accounting technician-Budgets, contracts and grants. Health systems data analyst. Health system specialist.

Sanitation technician. Fish technician. Youth coordinator.

Police officer. Victims of Crime advocate. Deputy prosecutor.

Administrative specialist. Culture & Heritage assistants (10 positions).

Tribal Employment Rrights Office dispatch/compliance officer. Contract officer. Engineer technician.

Head Start/Eearly Head Start program administrator. Water and wastewater supervisor. Adult probation officer.

Med Aid/lead patient service assistant. Community Health information specialist. Sanitation technician.

Accounting manager. Executive director-Housing Authority. Corrections officer.

Communications officer (two positions). Registered dietitian. Patrol lieutenant. Building inspector. Police detective (two positions).

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



Health providers encourage STI testing, prevention, HPV screening

Warm Springs Community Health has been using a monthly podcast to provide community members with information about health issues. This episode of What the Health *focuses on sexually transmitted infections, or STIs, and cervical cancer.*

The episode features Community Health physician Dr. Michaela Fry, community health nurse Shawn Windsor and physician assistant Renita Dowdy.

The providers discuss common STIs, testing, treatment, prevention and new cervical cancer screening options available in Warm Springs.



STIs are infections spread through sexual activity, including vaginal, oral and anal sex. The providers emphasized that STIs are common and people may have an infection without knowing it.

Common STIs discussed include chlamydia, gonorrhea, trichomonas, syphilis, HIV, human papillomavirus (HPV), and hepatitis B and C.

Nurse Windsor noted that hepatitis C is now treatable, while untreated infection can cause liver problems. Screening is important because people can spread an infection without having symptoms.

Chlamydia can be treated with antibiotics, and patients sometimes test positive for more than one infection.

Syphilis also remains a concern. Warm Springs has experienced syphilis cases in the past, including a community outbreak that required significant effort to control.

Testing for several STIs is available through simple procedures. Chlamydia and gonorrhea can be detected through a urine sample, while swabs can be used for chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomonas. Blood testing is used for HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B and C.

The clinic also offers rapid testing for HIV, syphilis and hepatitis C using a finger-stick blood sample. The providers said results are available quickly, although positive results require follow-up testing. Rapid testing is available through the Warm Springs clinic and community outreach events, and appointments are not required.

The providers stressed that people should not assume they are free of an STI simply because they have no symptoms. Untreated chlamydia or gonorrhea can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease and scarring that may affect fertility.

Prevention includes using barrier protection such as condoms, getting tested after a new sexual encounter and staying current on vaccinations. HPV and hepatitis B vaccines can significantly reduce the risk of infection and related health problems.

The discussion also focused on HPV and cervical cancer. Dr. Fry explained that HPV causes more than 99 percent of cervical cancers and can also cause other cancers. HPV vaccination is available beginning in childhood and can prevent more than 90 percent of HPV-related cancers.

Cervical cancer screening is also changing. Warm Springs Community Health is implementing an HPV-based self-swab for eligible patients ages 30 through 64 who do not have a history of cervical cancer. The self-swab allows patients to collect their own sample without a pelvic examination as part of routine screening.

Pap testing remains recommended for people ages 21 to 29, while people ages 30 to 64 may be candidates for the HPV self-swab. Those with abnormal results may need additional evaluation, including a pelvic examination or colposcopy.

STI testing and treatment are also available through Jefferson County Health Department, as well as providers in Central Oregon.

What the Health *is a partnership between Warm Springs Community Health and KWSO. Community members with questions about STIs, cervical cancer or future health topics can contact Warm Springs Community Health at the Health and Wellness Center.*

The podcast also discussed Planned Parenthood and county health offices in Bend and Redmond, along with a free at-home testing option for Oregon residents through TakeMeHome.org

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:

Table games supervisor. Casino security officer.

Main bank cashier. Cage cashier.

Plateau Travel Plaza:

Security officer. Store cashier

Line cook (Three Teepees Cafe). Server (Three Teepees. Shuttle driver.

Warm Springs Indian Holiday Bowling Tournament

November 26 – 28, 2026

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Lava Lanes
1555 NE Forbes
Bend, OR 97701
(541)318-5656

"Grammz Special"
3-6-9 Auto, 9 Pin No Tap
Regular- Scotch Doubles
Thursday 7:30pm
Mixed Dbls - $30 each

Mixed Team
Thursday 3:00pm
& Friday 3:15pm
Added $$
By WSIHBT

Doubles & Singles
Friday
10:15 am
& 12:30pm

Mixed Doubles
Saturday
12:30 pm
& 4:30 pm

Master's Event
Friday
6:00pm
$35.00 Entry

BIG Dog Challenge
Friday 7:00 pm
$37.00 Entry
Added Money

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN
Prize Fee:..... $10.50
Linage:..... $19.50
Expenses:.....$0.00
PER ENTRY/EVENT= $30.00

HOLIDAY ROLL-OFF
Saturday 2:30 pm
$25.00 Due
w/1st Team entry

USBC Youth Bowling
Saturday 10:15 a.m.
$13.00 – 4 divisions
Trophies & T'shirt

Super & Senior Masters
Friday 6:00pm
$25.00 Entry
3 games

"Little Puppies" Masters Special (150 >)
Added + $100.00
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100% Returned
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'Warm Springs Indian Holiday Bowling Tournament'

Host Hotel: WayPoint 1415 NE 3rd Street, Bend OR. $94/$111.00 plus TAX Mention "WSIHBT" and Cut off date 11/18/26 (541)264-7420

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Could the Columbia be the next Colorado?

From headwaters in the Canadian Rockies, the Columbia River travels 1,200 miles through forests, deserts and agricultural land, delivering more water to the Pacific Ocean than any other river in the Americas.

The Columbia River Basin covers over a quarter-million square miles, distributed across seven states and British Columbia. For a century the river and its tributaries have sustained the region's agriculture and industry while providing essential wildlife habitat. However, today these disparate uses are under threat as the Columbia's apparently endless water becomes a scarce resource. Climate change is one factor in this shift.

To be clear, the region is not now facing a situation equivalent to that in the American Southwest, where a decades-long water crisis in the Colorado River Basin has led to long-running legal disputes and cuts affecting millions of people.

But the strain on Pacific Northwest agriculture and wildlife is real. This raises a compelling question: Is the Columbia on its way to becoming the next Colorado?

"The Colorado drains the arid Southwest," said Jeremy FiveCrows, communications director at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

"The Columbia Basin is much more diverse, with deserts but also temperate rainforests. That's an important difference."

The Columbia River Basin supports a human population less than half that along the Colorado River, and with its wetter climate the Columbia is in no immediate danger of a Colorado-level emergency. Still, as more precipitation falls as rain rather than snow, the region will likely see summer water shortages beyond anything seen so far.



Nick Engelfried/Columbia Insight/text courtesy Columbia Insight/CRITFC

Due to climate change, drought and increased water use, the John Day River, here at its confluence with the Columbia River, is experiencing low flows and high summer water temps, severely impacting salmon and steelhead.

New exhibit 'Voices of the Early Americas' at the Library of Congress

The Library of Congress in November will open a new permanent exhibition, *Voices of the Early Americas*.

The exhibition, housed in the Thomas Jefferson building, examines the histories, cultures and experiences of Indigenous peoples in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, from ancient times through European contact, and into the present.

The exhibition brings together objects, books, maps, manuscripts and paintings that illuminate how these Indigenous peoples recorded their histories, navigated changing circumstances during European colonization and maintained their cultural traditions and agency.

The exhibition draws primarily from the Jay I. Kislak collection of the Archaeology and History of the Early Americas, while placing these historical materials in conversation with modern photographs and contemporary poetry from across the library.

Selections of this new photography will be included in the print publication and made available online. Items on view will rotate periodically, offering visitors to the library opportunities to encounter different materials over time.

The full Kislak collection is in the process of being digitized. The exhibition was made possible through a generous gift from the Kislak Family Foundation.









Births ~

Corleone Babe Metcalf Smith

Turtle Metcalf and JaDe Smith of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Corleone Babe Metcalf Smith, born on September 10, 2026.

Corleone joins sister Aiyana, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are Autumn White of Lincoln City; and Farrell Cochran of Portland.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Desirae Smith of Warm Springs and Jason Smith of Warm Springs.

Calliope Reign Tiry

Isaiah Crause and Heaven Tiry of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Calliope Reign Tiry, born on October 3, 2026.

Calliope joins brother Thomas, age 1 and a half.

Grandparents on the father's side are Lackery Crause and Adwena Martinez.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Tessa Stover and Jerry Tiry.

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.













