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General Councils to convene

Tribal Council has set two General Council meetings during the month of September.

The first will be on Monday, Sept. 10, and the second on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Both meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

The Agenda items for the Sept. 10 meeting include:

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, the Credit Enterprise, and Warm Springs Ventures.

The Agenda items for the Sept. 11 meeting include:

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise, and Warm Springs Composite.

Back to school next week

It's back to school time for students of the 509-J school district.

The first day of school for students of the Warm Springs Elementary School, Jefferson County Middle School, and grade 9 at Madras High School, is Friday, September 7.

The first day of school for Madras High School students in grades 10-12 is Monday, September 10.

Kindergarten and new students must provide proof of birth date (must be 5 years old before Sept. 1).

Proof of immunization will be required for students. (For a list of school supplies, please see page 2.)



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

High Lookee anniversary

Ravonne Johnson sings a gospel song at the anniversary party for High Lookee Lodge. The lodge last week celebrated its Seventh Anniversary with a lunch, and a mini powwow featuring the 4-H Dancers, and kids from the Early Childhood Education Center. The weather was nice for the anniversary event, so lunch was served out on the lawn area by the lodge, where the dancers gave their performances. Between 100 and 125 elders attended the event.

New COO ready to meet challenges

By Dave McMechan
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Gerald Smith is back home in Warm Springs. He had been working and living away from the reservation since 1992, after wards he became manager of the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team.

Smith returned to Warm Springs this summer, and is now the Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The Tribal Council earlier this summer chose Smith from among several applicants. As the COO, Smith has oversight of six tribal branches: Public Safety, Utilities, Human Services, Education, Natural Resources and High Lookee Lodge.

The branches employ about 400 people, and provide many essential services to the tribal membership.

The tribal government organization has somewhat of a management foundation, in that the policies and procedures are in place, Smith said. "But they need to be consistently implemented,"

he said.

"My philosophy is we need to focus on the basics. Go back to your department mission statements, evaluate your performance, and justify your funding," he said.

The tribes' current financial situation requires a strong justification for tribal government expenditures, Smith said.

Continuing the trend of the past few budget years, the Confederated Tribes need to cut \$1 million in 2008. Smith said his hope is to meet the budget requirements without cutting any jobs that are occupied.

The tribes need to consider any reasonable options in meeting the budget requirements, either through cutting costs or generating revenue. For instance, Smith said, tribal members pay no fee for domestic water use, and there may be instances where a household is wasting water, or using more than its fair share.

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Bear Springs study

Further study of the risks and rewards of moving forward with the possible Bear Springs project.

The Tribal Council adopted two resolutions on August 15 relating to the potential project.

The first resolution adopted a position paper on use and occupancy projects on the Reservation.

Use and occupancy projects are those in which non-members are allowed to use and occupy a designated portion of the Reservation.

The resolution also created a team

to evaluate the feasibility of the Bear Springs project to be chaired by the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council, and appropriated \$25,000 to support the team.

The Bear Springs project envisions a resort at the Bear Springs in the McQuinn strip area of the reservation.

An initial report indicates that the project would create hundreds of on-reservation jobs, and generate substantial revenue for the Confederated Tribes.

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Tech center features Tepee Deli & Espresso

By Leslie Mitts
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Hungry community members have a new option to explore in Warm Springs.

The Tepee Deli & Espresso opened recently as part of Eagle-Tech Systems' technology center.

Louisa Fuentes began working as the Food and Beverage Manager at the deli last month.

Currently the deli employs six people, Fuentes said, and all are tribal members.

So far they're averaging about 150 orders per day, and Fuentes said they hope the number keeps growing.

Many tourists passing through have especially shown interest. "We've been getting a lot of traffic from the highway," Fuentes said.

In addition to tourists, Fuentes said, they've also gotten plenty of business from the community. Warm Springs Forest Product Industries has purchased lunches as an incentive for their employees, while the deli has also catered several office lunches as well as a meeting for Tribal Council.

According to Fuentes, "It's really exciting to see that the confederated tribes wants to support our business."

Though the deli only opened last June, Fuentes said, they've been



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Deli employees Louisa Fuentes, Jenny VanPelt, Trissie Fuentes, Allee Tewee, Tina Spino, Ritni Clements and Marta Queavas (from left).

working steadily to make improvements in order to attract more business.

Fuentes said they also hope to be able to expand the menu—and that's something they're already working towards.

While the menu currently features a wide variety of sandwiches, she said, "We don't want it just to be classified as a sandwich shop."

Last week, for instance, they began offering a lunch special of lasagna. Fuentes said they hope to continue to add foods to the menu as time goes

on. Besides expanding the menu, Fuentes added, they hope to create a menu full of healthy food choices for the community.

They do not deep-fry any items and none of the menu items contain trans fats, she said.

It's something that Fuentes believes in personally after attending culinary school and working in nutrition at OHSU. "I want to promote healthy lifestyles through eating," she said.

In fact, currently Fuentes is working to team up with the Diabetes Pro-

gram to create menu items for people seeking healthy alternatives while eating out. That may expand to even include organic ingredients, she said.

While they strive to offer healthy alternatives, Fuentes said they have considered adding fry bread to the menu—but only once a week.

"Fry bread is really good, but it should be enjoyed in moderation," Fuentes explained.

In keeping with the native influence, she said, they are also considering adding huckleberry items to the menu.

Promoting Native American businesses is something else that is important to Fuentes and the other employees, she said. The espresso they use even comes from a Native American coffee roaster.

According to Fuentes, the deli will bring various benefits to the community in addition to creating an employment opportunity for tribal members.

She said, "The benefit, I believe, is that we're a healthy option to eating. We're not fast food, we're good food. Quality ingredients are what I stress."

The deli does not use pre-packaged ingredients and all menu items are made fresh daily.

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Museum festival features acclaimed entertainer

The Museum at Warm Springs invites the community to an afternoon of great entertainment at the First Annual Tribal Arts and Entertainment Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 beginning at 4 p.m. at the museum.

Headlining this event is Arigon Starr, who won a prestigious Native American Music Award for Best Independent Recording with her first CD.

In 2001, the Native American Music Awards chose Arigon's song, "Junior Frybread," as the Song of the Year from her second release.

Arigon is a singer, writer, actor and comedian. In addition to the performing arts and humanities, this event supports health, prevention, cultural and tribal initiatives.

Departments and enterprises are welcome to disburse educational information about their programs at this event. Please call the museum by this Friday, Aug. 31, at 553-3331 to reserve a table.

The Museum at Warm Springs First Annual Tribal Arts and Entertainment Festival is free and open to the public.

The event is part of the official closing of the "Remembering Celilo Falls" exhibition in the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery. "Remembering Celilo Falls," commemorating the 50th year since the inundation of the falls, closes September 9.