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Motorsports referendum on Tuesday

The tribes will hold a General Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 30 at the Agency Longhouse. The topic of discussion will be the motorsports referendum. The following day, Tuesday, July 1, the membership will vote on the referendum.

The motorsports project is proposed as an economic development project for the tribes. The park, once in operation, could generate \$37 million in net annual revenue, according to a preliminary estimate. The revenue would be split between the tribes and its development partner, based on the percentage initially contributed by each party.

Tribal Council is pursuing ways to replace enterprise revenue that has fallen drastically over the past several years. None of the enterprises are contributing significantly the general fund, requiring unprecedented budget cuts.

For the motorsports development, the tribes would contribute land: The preferred site



Conceptual graphic of the proposed development.

is 900 acres in the North Miller Flat area. Lionshead Development, based in Florida, is the motorsports investment group that would like to

partner with the tribes.

This would be the only such track serving the Northwest region. The park would take about five

years to build. During construction, the project would create an estimated 425 jobs. Once in operation, the park would employ 200 people.

As with the previous two invalid motorsports referendums last year, a turnout of one-third of eligible tribal member voters is required for the July 1 vote to be valid. There are about 3,200 eligible voters.

There will be a motorsports information booth at Pi-Ume-Sha this weekend, hosted by Warm Springs Ventures. Jeff Anspach, chief executive officer of Ventures, put together an information sheet on the proposal, addressing some comments he has heard about the proposal.

The first statement is a misconception or myth, followed by the reality of the case:

Myth: This will be the same as the Cascade Locks effort: Spending millions and getting nothing back.

Reality: We don't have millions to spend anymore.

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Mild, sunny weekend for Pi-Ume-Sha

The latest forecast for this weekend calls for perfect powwow weather.

Highs are expected to be in the mid- to high 70s, night-time lows around 50. Skies will be partly cloudy with no rain in the forecast.

Pi-Ume-Sha this year will feature the first-ever Pro-Am Boxing show at the Community Center. Warm Springs Nation Boxing is hosting the event, starting at 3 p.m. this Saturday, June 28.

There will be one Professional welterweight fight, and one Pro heavyweight bout, plus 15 amateur matches featuring Warm Springs and other Northwest fighters. (See page 12 for details).

159 years ago

This year will be the Forty-Fifth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, starting Friday, June 27, and running through Sunday.

Pi-Ume-Sha this year has the interesting theme of "the History of the Whiplash."

The powwow commemorates the signing of the Treaty of 1855, signed 159 years ago this month.

The Fourteenth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair is this Wednesday, June 25, at the Community Center, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This Thursday, June 26, will see the opening of the new exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs. The grand opening for the exhibit, *Celebrating Native American Youth: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders*, is at 5:30.

The first Pi-Ume-Sha Grand Entry will be this Friday evening, June 27. The Traditional Dress Parade is on Saturday morning. Line-up, at 10 a.m., in front of the old elementary school, parade starting at 11.

Grand Entries on Saturday are at 1 and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Traditional dance contests are through the weekend.

Stick games, more

The Warm Springs Recreation Department will host the 2014 Pi-Ume-Sha Run on Saturday, June 28, starting at the community center. Registration will start at 8 a.m., and the run or walks start at 9.

The stick games are held at the shelter by the powwow grounds. Pi-Ume-Sha features softball, golf, the rodeo and endurance race, a fun run/walk, and more. The rodeo begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days began in the late 1960s. While commemorating the signing of the treaty, Pi-Ume-Sha also traditionally honors the veterans and service men and women of the Armed Forces. If you have questions, you call Cassie Katchi at the clinic. (More on Pi-Ume-Sha on pages 6 and 12.)

Council okays off-reservation elk season

Tribal Council last week directed to the Fish and Wildlife Committee to develop an off-reservation elk hunting season.

Councilman Carlos Smith said the off-reservation elk season is needed to relieve some of the hunting pressure on-reservation.

For the past two years the tribes have conducted off-reservation seasons for deer, during the month of October. Council agreed to adopt a similar program this year for elk.

Natural Resources conducted an elk survey on the reservation in December, but the results were inconclusive. Wildlife biologist Andrea Karoglanian said the December survey found only 82 elk, not enough to make a population projection. The survey will be done again this fall, she said.

Elk and deer populations on the reservation have gone down in recent years. The tribal member population goes up every year, so there

are more hunters every year, leading to potential over-hunting.

For the deer seasons, the tribes issued off-reservation permits that hunters carried with state permits.

There is some disagreement between the tribes and the state as to the permitting process for the off-reservation tribal hunts. A similar disagreement came up earlier this year, in regard to fishing for smelt off reservation.

For off-reservation hunting and

fishing rights, the tribes rely on the Treaty of 1855, which is higher legal authority than state law.

Members have off-reservation rights on the Ceded Lands, the large area of land the tribes ceded during the Treaty of 1855. The hunting and fishing rights are at all usual and accustomed places across the Ceded Lands, which is an estimated 10 million acres.

Gearing up for fall UAV conference at KNT

The Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International is getting ready for the upcoming conference at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The association's Cascade Chapter is accepting registration, and has an agenda for the Oct. 1-2 conference and job fair.

The Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) is the largest organization devoted exclusively to advancing the use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

They chose to hold the regional conference on the reservation, which is an FAA approved testing area for unmanned systems. The second day of the conference will feature a job fair featuring opportunities in the fast-growing UAS industry.

Here are some of the other agenda items:

- Integrating UAS into the national airspace, presented by David Morton from FAA Office of UAS Integration.
- The role of technology in integrating UAS into the national air space.
- The role of test ranges in developing the UAS industry.
- Privacy concerns and potential regulations affecting UAS.
- UAS for large scale precision agriculture.
- What does 'Twenty-First Century aerospace look like?' (keynote address.)

The second day of the conference will include:

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Rafael Queahpama was among the riders representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade (more on pages 4 and 12).



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