

# Tribal update from the Council chairman

Dear Tribal Members:

Itukdi wigwa ku nix pachwai. I am pleased to share with you my first Tribal Chairman monthly update.

The purpose of these updates is to keep tribal members better informed of the work of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council.

These updates will be printed in the Spilyay Tymoo—if you are a tribal member and not receiving the newspaper, please contact them and provide an updated address; or you can read the newspaper online:

[kwsso.org/news-info/spilyay-tymoo/](http://kwsso.org/news-info/spilyay-tymoo/)

Since the beginning of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council, we have stayed on top of our minutes, with our staff dedicated to this effort.

We have approved minutes since the start of our term in May 2013 through June 2014. These minutes are important records of discussions and decisions made by the Tribal Council, and the minutes are available to tribal members to view at the Tribal Council office.

The Tribal Council office

also provides meeting summaries to the Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO. These are printed, shared over the air, and available online:

[kwsso.org/government/](http://kwsso.org/government/)

In the past few months, there has been a lot of attention on our financial well-being from outside and ill-informed media sources.

As a result of this bad press, our staff has had to focus significant time and energy to address concerns of federal agencies and other granting institutions.

As I shared in my recent letter, our Nation undergoes an annual organization-wide audit as well as an annual audit on federal funds received.

These audits have continually found that our financial processes are strong and we are in compliance with granting requirements.

While this has been time-consuming, it has also provided an opportunity for the Tribe to demonstrate our strong internal fiscal policies.

Tribal leadership continues to work to mitigate the impacts from declining enter-

prise revenues and the recession on our membership and our services.

We are working with our enterprise boards to ensure that each of these enterprises have viable and updated business plans and strategies. And when it makes sense we have taken steps to invest additional funds.

It took many years to get to where we are today, and it will take many years to improve our situation. By working together, we will be successful.

Additional highlights of work undertaken in April 2015:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs closed a long-term loan with the USDA in the amount of \$6,353,101. This contributes to the Tribe's portion of costs associated with the building of the K-8 Academy.

The Academy was built as a joint project between Warm Springs and the Jefferson County School District, each agreeing to cover half the costs.

## Economic development

Tribal Council passed Resolution 11,992 providing Business Investment Revolving Fund (BIRF) funding to three economic development projects under the Warm Springs Ventures umbrella.

These include the carbon sequestration project, the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), and the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV).

## WSFPI

Tribal Council accepted the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries proposal to keep the mill open.

This includes important steps the WSPFI mill must undertake, including staff reduction from 104 to 85; revising the mill's business model, and seeking funds to support the development of small log mill.

WSFPI will continue to pay timber stumpage payments owed over a 36-month repayment schedule.

## ATNI Conference

Our community will be hosting the Affiliated Tribes

of Northwest Indians Mid Year Conference, May 18-21, at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

We look forward to welcoming tribal leaders and officials from throughout the region to our community. I encourage community members to attend and engage in the many events scheduled during the conference.

You can find out more information:

[atntribes.org/](http://atntribes.org/)

## Budgeting

Moving ahead, one of my goals is to provide additional opportunities for tribal members to learn about the overall budgeting process, the relationship between the tribal government and tribal enterprises, and our founding documents including the 1855 Treaty, Constitution and By-Laws, and our Corporate Charter.

This will likely take the form of community meetings held every few months, providing an opportunity for tribal members to better understand how our government works.

I look forward to partici-

pating in these meetings as well as more frequent General Council meetings, where elected officials and membership can devote time to specific issues.

In closing, I encourage you to engage positively in our political processes by attending district and General Council meetings, asking questions, and making proactive contributions to the discussions.

It is also important to take time to learn and understand our founding documents, online at CTWS.org

For those working for the Tribes, you should also become familiar with the human resources policies, most recently updated in 2014. Finally, I encourage you to take the time to talk with elders about our unwritten laws and spend time engaged in our cultural practices. Our cultural ways and these unwritten laws are equally important in our governance, and provide the foundation for who we are as Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute peoples.

Thank you,  
Austin Greene Jr.

## Warm Springs Community Calendar

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### Thursday, April 30

Community Counseling has an **Alcoholic Anonymous** meeting at noon on Thursdays.

An **Alcohol Education Support Group** is at Community Counseling. This group meets every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.

The Recreation Department has **Snack Attack** on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30-5 in the Community Center Social Hall.

There is a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Shaker Church.

At the Warm Springs Eagle Academy early morning **Kiksht Language Class** is at 7:15 today, and **Ichishkiin** class is at 3:45 in the Little Eagle Classroom. **Numu** class is at 3:45 in the Community Room.

On today's **fitness schedule**: at noon there is Functional Fitness Class in the Community Center Social Hall, Turbo Kick Class in the Aerobics Room and Volleyball in the Community Center Gym.

Warm Springs **K-8 Academy Track** competes at Elton Gregory middle school today at 4 p.m.

### Friday, May 1

On today's **fitness schedule**: at 10:45 it's Senior Fitness Class at the Senior Center. At noon there is basketball in the Community Center Gym and Function Fitness in the Aerobics Room. Pilates Yoga Class is at noon. A 10 a.m. Walking Break on Campus starts at the Diabetes Prevention Office.

The Jefferson County Library **Film Center** will show *Birdman*, rated R, at the Rodriguez Annex in Madras on Friday at 7:30. Films are free and refreshments are available.

There is a **grade check** today at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy for student track athletes. To participate you must have a 2.0 or higher GPA, and be passing 6 of 7 classes.

### Saturday, May 2

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** Meeting Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

at Warm Springs Community Counseling.

### Sunday, May 3

The Warm Springs **Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

### Monday, May 4

Community Counseling has their **Aftercare Relapse Support Group** on Mondays at 5:30.

On today's **fitness schedule**: The Weight Rooms open at the Community Center are open 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

There is a campus walk break starting at the Diabetes Prevention Office at 10 a.m. At 10:45 there is the Senior Fitness Class at the Senior Center; and at noon, basketball in the Community Center Gym.

Function Fitness is at noon in the Aerobics Room, and Pilates Yoga noon class is at the Health & Wellness Center. Seated Exercise Class is at the Diabetes Prevention Office at 12:15 for 30 minutes.

**Papalaxsimisha** meets today with eighth-grade and high school youth and their families at the Warm Springs K-8 Community Room.

**Food Handlers Class** will be held afternoon from 2-4 in the Atrium at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center

At the Warm Springs Academy **Early Morning Numu** Language Class is at 7:15 today and **Ititamasha** is at 3:45 in the Bluebird Classroom.

The Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation Program** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. If you or someone you knows may have a disability that is a barrier to employment or employment advancement, you can learn more at an orientation or call 553-4952.

### Tuesday, May 5

On today's **fitness schedule**: at noon there is Functional Fitness Class in the Community Center Social Hall. Turbo Kick Class

is in the Aerobics Room and Volleyball in the Community Center Gym. And the weight rooms at the center are open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Managing Diabetes Class** is today from 10-11 a.m. at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Kitchen Conference Room. Everyone is welcome and no sign up is required.

**Healthy Eating class** is today from 10-11 a.m. at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center Kitchen Conference Room. Everyone is welcome and no sign up is required.

Warm Springs K-8 Academy **track** competes at Elton Gregory middle school today at 4 p.m.

Community Counseling has an **Alcoholic Anonymous** meeting at noon on Tuesdays.

The Recreation Department has **Snack Attack** on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30-5 in the Community Center Social Hall.

It's **Coffee with the Madras High School Principal** the first Tuesday of each month from 8 to 8:30. This is an opportunity to talk with the principal and learn more about what's going on at the

high school.

The Warm Springs **Mobile Health Clinic** makes regular visits to areas around the reservation. Tuesday they will be at Sidwalter Fire Hall.

At the Warm Springs K-8 Academy **Early Morning Ichishkiin Language Class** is at 7:15 today and **Kiksht Class** is at 3:45 in the Bluebird Classroom.

The Jefferson County **Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street. They are open for distribution this afternoon. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash.

### Wednesday, May 6

Community Counseling has an **Alcoholic Anonymous** meeting Wednesday evenings at 7.

**Powwow and Hoop Dance practice** will be held today and every Wednesday after school from 5 until 7 in the Community Center Aerobics room.

Warm Springs K-8 Academy **Track** will have **pictures** today from 3:30-4:30 in the track/football field area.

On today's **fitness schedule**: Water Aerobics

class is at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Pool. At 10:45 it's Senior Fitness Class at the Senior Center. At noon there is - basketball in the Community Center Gym and Function Fitness in the Aerobics Room. Pilates Yoga Class is at noon at the Health & Wellness Center.

Community Counseling's **Women's Group** meets today from 1-2:30.

### Thursday, May 7

Community Counseling has an **Alcoholic Anonymous** meeting at noon on Thursdays.

An **Alcohol Education Support Group** is at Community Counseling. This group meets every Thursday from 3-4 p.m.

The Recreation Department has **Snack Attack** on Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30-5 in the Community Center Social Hall.

There is a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Shaker Church.

The Warm Springs Elliot Palmer **VFW Post** meets tonight at 6 p.m. at the Warm Springs Veteran's Hall. They meet the first Thursday of every month.

Warm Springs jurors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

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At the Warm Springs K-8 Academy **Early Morning Kiksht Language Class** is at 7:15 today and **Ichishkiin** class is at 3:45 in the Little Eagle Classroom and **Numu** class is at 3:45 in the Community Room.

### Friday, May 8

On today's **fitness schedule**: at 10:45 it's Senior Fitness Class at the Senior Center. At noon there is basketball in the Community Center Gym and Function Fitness in the Aerobics Room. Pilates Yoga Class is at noon.

It's **Honor Senior's Day** at the Agency Longhouse Today.

The Museum at Warm Springs will be hosting the **Seeds of Discovery science field day** for fourth-graders in the 509-J school district.

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