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Head Start celebrating Fifty Year anniversary

The Warm Springs Head Start program began in the summer of 1965, and this month is marking its Fifty Year Anniversary. Head Start will host a celebration on Monday, August 31, all day at the community center.

This will be a celebration of the past and current Head Start employees, and the children and families who have been a part of the program over the years.

“We want to thank all of the people who have contributed, and helped make Head Start what it is today,” said program director Kirstin Hisatake.

Most people in the community have been part of Head Start in one



Courtesy Warm Springs Head Start

Head Start students with teacher at ECE.

way or another, either as an employee, or as a child or parent who has relied on the program.

Warm Springs Head Start is among the longest-serving in the U.S.: The National Head Start As-

sociation began in the summer of 1965, and like Warm Springs this month is celebrating its Fifty Year Anniversary.

Warm Springs Head Start has been housed at the Early Childhood Education Center since 1992. Before, the program was located at various sites around the community, for instance at the community center, and earlier at the Baptist Church.

Warm Springs Head Start employs 36 people, with an additional six youth workers during the summer. Warm Springs Head Start now operates on a five-year grant. (See page 4 for more on the Head Start anniversary.)

Fire crews remain on high alert

The Confederated Tribes have been fortunate so far this summer, as the reservation has not yet seen a large wild fire.

Forest and wild land fires have been burning in Washington and California, and in other parts of Oregon, but not on the reservation.

Warm Springs Fire Management, though, remains on high alert, said William Wilson, assistant Fire Management officer logistics.

Fire Management has up to ten fire engines plus a helicopter on duty. During normal conditions, the agency has six engines and no helicopter. The drought and heat have created the extreme fire condition, Wilson said.

Fire regulations preclude the use of sparking devices—chainsaws, for instance—in the woods after 1 p.m. When the device is turned off, the person must remain on the site for two hours. A person responsible for igniting a wild fire can be held liable for the cost of the response, up to \$10 million.

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Tribes starting budget process for 2016

Tribal management and Finance held an introductory meeting this week regarding the 2016 tribal budget.

Some of the goals as set out during the meeting include increasing member understanding of the appropriation ordinance no. 67; and providing opportunity for membership input into the 2016 tribal budget.

The meeting on Monday, held at the Credit Enterprise conference room, was the first of many on the upcoming budget.

When they took office in 2013, the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council made balancing the tribal budget a top priority, and accomplished the goal for 2014 and 2015. This was painful but essential, as deficit spending of previous years had

created a critical situation for the tribes.

The priorities in budgeting, as set on at the Monday meeting, are Treaty needs, essential services and administrative needs, and entitlements. The general fund budget relies on sources of revenue from enterprises, timber stumpage, and indirect revenues such as contracts and grants.

Council members will work with the members in developing a proposed budget, which will be posted in public places by October 1.

District and General Council meetings follow. The final budget is then posted some time 30 days after the posting of the proposed budget.

Old photos show 1930s era reservation



The Forestry Department at the Branch of Natural Resources has come across some interesting old photographs of the reservation.

The photos are from the 1930s Great Depression era, when crews were here working with the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC.

The crews worked on different projects around the reservation and the neighboring national forest. The work included fire prevention and water storage projects, for instance.

Vernon Wolf, acting forest manager, acquired the photos from Keala Hagmann, who found them in the National Archives in Seattle.



Ms. Hagmann was working on a research paper, examining an historical aspect of timber on the reservation and nearby forest land.

She was analyzing timber inven-

tory data from the 1920s, and meanwhile came across the series of pictures of the CCC workers on the reservation.

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Entrance to Agency Grounds (above), and logs for HeHe mill (top).

Vandalism to tribal property

The Warm Springs Telecom is an enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: The property of the Telecom is the property of the Confederated Tribes.

So destruction of Telecom property is really destruction of the property of the tribes and the tribal membership.

The Telecom tower by the Pelton dam was vandalized on July 21. The suspect or suspects attempted to pull the tower down with a chain that was attached to a vehicle.

The tower serves Telecom customers in the Agency area, including Power and Water Enterprises.

The damage to the tower was significant. Insurance will cover some of the cost, but the Telecom has to pay the difference to cover the cost of reconstruction.

The Telecom supports programs on the reservation such as the Boys and Girls Club. “That money could have been used for some better purpose,” said Jose Mantanane, Telecom general manager.

“This saddens and disappoints us as a company, and it impacts the tribes as a whole,” Jose said. “But we’ll keep going, working to give the tribes the best service possible.”

Seventy-five to 100 customers were impacted by the damage to the tower. Jose said he wishes to thank the customers, including Jim Manion and staff at Power and Water Enterprises, for their patience while the situation was being addressed.

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