

The Warm Springs Eagle Academy boys basketball team had a busy schedule of games during the first half of the month. They played at Sisters and at the Jefferson County Middle School, and hosted Crook County and Obsidian. The students are taking a break for the holidays, returning to school on January 3.

Jayson Smith/Spilyay



Tribes, state leaders meet

Oregon law directs state officials to meet with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, for government-to-government discussion on issues of common interest.

In carrying out this law, tribal leaders met last week with Gov. Brown and other state officials.

The theme this year was how to better our relations with each other, said Louie Pitt Jr., tribal government affairs director.

Representing the Confederated Tribes were Council Chairman Austin Greene, Chiefs Delvis Heath and Chief Joe Moses, along with Natural Resources general manager Robert Brunoe, Health and Human Services

general manager Caroline Cruz, Cultural Resources Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Coordinator Roberta Kirk, and Louie Pitt Jr.

A recurring comment during the meeting was the need to meet early in the state decision-making process, so there are no surprises for the tribes, Pitt said. There was a reminder of 'the fourth C'—with communication, collaboration and consultation is consent, he said, "especially when the state decision impacts tribal lands, resources or treaty rights."

"Governor Brown was very accessible for tribal leadership to share their concerns," Pitt said.

Coming up on Tribal Council Jan. agenda

Tribal Council last week reviewed some of the items that will be on the January agenda.

The Council plans to meet with school district 509-J officials, to discuss the long-term education agreement.

Council in January is planning to meet with Indian Health Service representatives regarding clinic services.

Council is also planning to meet with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission executive director Paul

Lumley to discuss tribal housing at the Columbia River.

A meeting with Warm Springs Forest Products Industries is on the agenda. Firewood and cutting policy at WSFPI is an item for discussion. Another early January

item of importance will be a meeting with Ventures regarding the next steps in the cannabis production project.

Some other January Council agenda items: Board and committee appointments for 2016; energy facility site evaluation with Power and Water Enterprises; tribal water rights leasing update; and the Joint Health Commission Annual Report.

Tribal closures for holidays

The tribal organization will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 24, and will be closed on Friday for the Christmas holiday.

Kids at the Early Childhood Education center need to be picked up by 12:30 on Thursday.

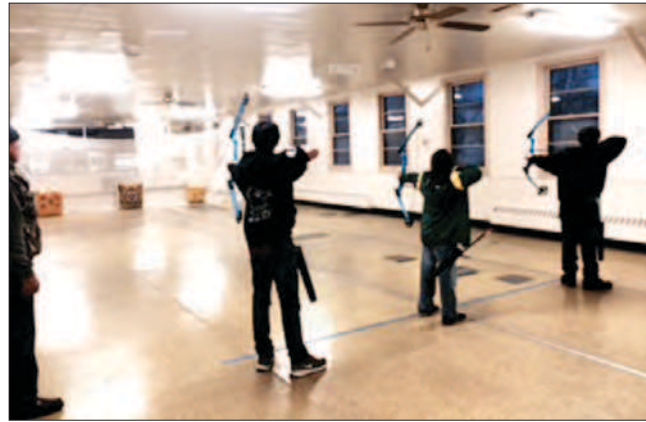
Closures do not apply to tribal police, corrections, police dispatch, Fire and Safety EMTs, the Group Home or

Public Utilities.

The tribal organization will also close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31, and will then be closed on Friday, New Year's Day.

As with Christmas Eve, the New Year's Eve closures do not apply to tribal police, corrections, police dispatch, Fire and Safety EMTs, the Group Home or Public Utilities.

Warm Springs OSU Extension 4-H is hosting archery classes for youth (at right shooting from 15 meters). The archery class will meet on Wednesdays during Christmas break. Call 541-553-3238 for more information.



Courtesy Bethann Beamer/Extension 4-H

Summary of Tribal Council - Dec. 1

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chair Evaline Patt, Carlos Smith, Kahseuss Jackson, Scott Moses, Reuben Henry, Orvie Danzuka, and Raymond Tsumpti. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Discussed areas of interest to bring forth during the Government-to-Government meeting with Bonneville Power Administration today.

3. A Government-to-Government meeting was held with the Bonneville Power Administration.

4. There was a consensus to forego the legislative update conference calls.

5. Executive session with the tribal attorney, 2:30-4:25PM.

6. A motion was made by Raymond approving Chairman Greene to sign off on a letter to Mr. Stan Speaks, BIA Regional Director; second by Reuben; question; Evaline/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Reuben/yes, Delvis/yes, Raymond/yes, Joseph/out of the room, Carlos/out of the room, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/out of the room, Orvie/out of the room, 5/yes, 0/no, 5/out of the room, Chairman not voting; motion carried.

7. A motion was made by Kahseuss approving Chairman Greene to sign a letter to Mr. Melcher, director, Or-

egon Department of Fish and Wildlife and to Mr. Tom Byler, director, Oregon Water Resources Department, requesting corrections be made to misinformation in the Grand Ronde Tribes' letter, dated May 13, 2015; second by Reuben; question; Evaline/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Reuben/yes, Delvis/yes, Joseph/out of the room, Carlos/out of the room, Scott/out of the room, Alfred/out of the room, Orvie/out of the room, Raymond/yes, 5/yes, 0/no, 5/out of the room, Chairman not voting; motion carried.

8. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



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