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Best Music Video Rez Life

Scott Kalama had an incredible month. First, he made the trip to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Sioux. "Something was telling me I had to go," Scott was saying the other day.

He drove 18 hours to North Dakota, joined by Miss Warm Springs Keeyana Yellowman and CharlieAnn Herkshan. This was an adventure, he says, seeing the many tribal nations together in force.

By chance while there, Scott met some of the people from the Native American Music Awards—not knowing at the time that he would be seeing them again soon.

Scott was back in Warm Springs

no more than a few days when he heard he was in the running for a NAMA award in the Best Music Video category. This was for his work on *Rez Life*, featuring Scott as Blue Flamez, and the Beats Lyrics Leaders.

Rez Life, seen on Youtube, features his song by that title, and video mostly on the Warm Springs Reservation.

So later in September, Scott made the trip to the NAMA ceremony at Seneca Allegany Casino in New York. There he met other Native artists and actors, including some of the people he had seen at the North Dakota protest. And



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when he came home he was Warm Springs' first Native American Music Award winner.

Scott with the award at Counseling, where works in Prevention.

District meetings on budget

Tribal Council in September worked with management, Finance, the enterprises and departments on the proposed 2017 budget.

The team came up with a balanced proposal that the membership can review in October before the district meetings.

Secretary-Treasurer Glendon Smith was expecting to have the budget message to the members in the mail early this week.

Meanwhile, Tribal Council set the district meetings for later in October. The scheduled dates are:

Monday, October 24 - Seekseequa District meeting on the 2017 tribal budget. Seekseequa Fire Hall, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.

Tuesday, October 25 - Agency District meeting on 2017 budget. Agency Longhouse, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.

Wednesday, October 26 - Simnasho District meeting on 2017 budget. Simnasho Longhouse, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.

Register to vote by Oct. 18

The last day to register to vote in the November 8 General Election is October 18. Ballots will be in the mail for resident voters on October 19, according to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office.

There are currently 985 registered voters in Jefferson County precinct 14, which includes much of the reservation.

If you have moved or changed your mailing address, please update your address with the clerk's office, as ballots cannot be forwarded.

Voters in the county, including precinct 14, will see six proposed measures on the ballot, all of them having to do with marijuana.

Two of the measures ask whether the county shall prohibit medical marijuana processing sites and dispensaries in unincorporated areas of the county. The other four county measures ask whether the county shall prohibit recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers in unincorporated areas of the county.

None of these measures would directly impact the tribal cannabis project, as county jurisdiction does not extend to the reservation. In fact passage of any of these measures could indirectly benefit the tribal project, as there would be fewer providers in competition.

Tribal members living in Madras will see the county measures on their ballot, and measures proposed by the city of Madras.

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Red Hills Dedication

The Confederated Tribes last week joined their partners in dedicating the 279-acre Red Hills Conservation Area. The tribes acquired the property, located in the valley, through the BPA habitat restoration program.

"We started the process in 2012," said Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene, master of ceremonies.

The process was complicated, he said, involving the tribes and BPA, state Fish & Wildlife, the former land owners and other partners.

There was even some opposition, which the tribes were able to overcome: "Because we want this property to stay in permanent conservation," Chairman Greene said.

Tribal Natural Resources will manage the Red Hills property for fish and wildlife. The land is located next to an existing con-

servation area, 1,350 acres in size. The habitat is savannah oak, increasingly rare in the valley.

During the dedication, Tribal Councilman Jody Calica recalled conversations with former tribal leaders like atwai Chief Wallulatam and Eugene 'Cougar' Greene. They would talk about the tribes' usual and accustomed places, the Indian names and current names, and how the areas were used.

Red Hills joins the other tribal conservation areas, he said, as a legacy to the leaders who worked to protect the tribes' natural resources.

Joining Tribal Council and Natural Resources at the dedication were the Fish & Wildlife Committee; Lorri Bodi from BPA environment, fish and wildlife; Curt Melcher, director of Oregon Fish & Wildlife; Stan Speaks and Body Shaw from the BIA regional office, and many other guests.



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Branch of Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe speaks at the dedication about the tribal usual and accustomed places, and the cooperative effort that led to the Confederated Tribes' Red Hills Conservation Area.

Plan developing for Old Commissary building

The Warm Springs Community Action Team has been working with the membership and tribal Planning on ideas for use of the old commissary building.

The building is a historic structure, currently located behind the post office. The Community Action Team heard ideas from members at a recent open house, and during other community events.

Based on the input, the idea is to have retail space in the downstairs of the building, and business office space above.

Ideas range from a coffee shop, a barber shop, flower shop, artisan areas, among other ideas, said Chris Watson, Community Action Team director. "We've had 60 or 70 ideas," he said.

To help fund the project, Mr. Watson is pursuing a grant through the Administration for Native Americans. "And I've spoken with



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The old commissary would be renovated and possibly relocated.

private funding sources and foundations," he said. Another promising point: A well-known architecture firm, and a landscape architect, have agreed to donate their services pro bono, Mr. Watson said.

A successful grant to the ANA, he said, would fund the renovation

work, plus staff for Warm Springs business support and development.

"The idea is to provide the space for businesses," he said, "and to provide them with resources to help them succeed."

Another issue is location of the old commissary: Because of park-

ing, and to make the building better for visitors from the highway, the structure may have to be moved.

The ANA funding piece will be key to the overall project: In a best case scenario, of the grant comes through, the work could begin in October.

The first year and a half would involve the renovation work. Then the building could be occupied, overseen by a program manager, with help from a small business coach, and IDA manager.

The Community Action Team has been interested in developing a retail-business office building for some time now. An initial idea was to use the old elementary school, while the focus now is on the old commissary.

The team is scheduled to meet with Tribal Council this month on the idea.



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