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## Happy Pi-Ume-Sha

The Forty-Seventh Annual Treaty Days starts this Wednesday, June 21 with the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair—with the theme this year, 'Water is Life.' The health fair is through 1 p.m. this Wednesday at the community center.

Next is the opening of the new Museum at Warm Springs exhibit, *Celestial Visions*. Grand opening—the theme anticipating the 2017 total solar eclipse—is this Thursday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m.

The first of the weekend Grand Entries is Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m. at the powwow grounds.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade is Saturday at 11 a.m., before

the 1 p.m. Grand Entry. Pi-Ume-Sha then hosts two more Grand Entries, Saturday evening at 7; and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The powwow this year marks 162 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1855. In that year tribal leaders of the Tenino, Tyigh, Wyam, Dockspuse and Wasco agreed to treaty terms as presented by Indian Affairs, then a division of the U.S. War Department.

Tribal leaders signed the treaty on June 25, 1855, near Celilo Falls.

Pi-Ume-Sha began in 1970, during the Vietnam War, and was an honor to veterans—still a central feature of powwow weekend.

## Tribal Council discussion with school district officials

Tribal Council met with the new superintendent of the Jefferson County School District 509-J, and the outgoing superintendent.

The new superintendent is Ken Parshall, also the principal for the past two years of the Warm Springs Academy. The outgoing superintendent is Rick Molitor, resigning to focus on his business enterprise.

Mr. Molitor presented Tribal Council with a Pendleton blanket featuring a white buffalo image, the mascot at Madras High School. He said the partnership between the tribes and the school district to build the Warm Springs Academy was a highlight of his career as superintendent.

Council Chairman Austin

Greene Jr. agreed on this point. "The effort to pass the referendum was a remarkable step in investing in our children," Chairman Greene said. The membership, management, Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council and school district worked hard to make it a reality, he said.

Council Vice Chairman Jody Calica said there had been a 40-year impasse in developing a new school in Warm Springs, and he appreciates the help in overcoming the impasse.

He added that the tribes and district now have to come up with a new long-term education agreement, a matter that has been pending for about a year now.

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The Confederated Tribes, the Education Committee and school district 509-J hosted the first Warm Springs Academy Powwow. The Ich'inun Summer Jam Powwow Slam was held the Tuesday evening of the last week of the school year.

## Veterans Memorial Park

The architect working with the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park Committee has developed a design for the project. Meanwhile the funding details are being worked out.

The architects Stastny Brun also designed the museum, and are donating services to the memorial park committee.

Some funding can come in-kind, such as through the use of tribal services for some of the work. Other funding will come from grant sources, such as the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Tribal development director Bruce Irwin was working on this in recent weeks.

A design of the project includes an elevated mound with concrete walkways lead up to the central feature. This feature includes seven flags: Those of the VFW, American Legion, POW/MIA, Warriors flag, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, state of Oregon, and the United States. Other notable features:

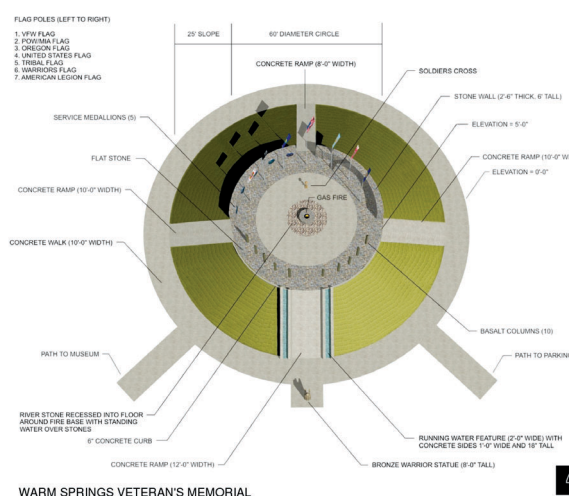
A bronze Warrior Statue, the



The architect's concept image of the Veterans Memorial Park at the Museum at Warm Springs.

Soldier's Cross, Service Medallions, ten basalt columns, and names of the veterans of the Confederated Tribes. There is a running water feature, and a central flame.

The Veterans Memorial Park Committee working on the project include Tamera Calhoun, president; Charles Tailfeathers, vice president; Susan Guerin, secretary; Johnathan Courtney, treasurer; trustees AJ Atencio, Dennis Dowty, Dan Martinez and Alvis Smith III; and Chaplain Phillip David.



Left: Architect's schematic of the Veterans Memorial Park design.

Graphics courtesy StastnyBrun Architects and the Veterans Memorial Park Committee.

## Balloon test flight for solar eclipse

Students at the Warm Springs Academy got to see a test flight of a high-altitude helium balloon—the kind that will launch here during the August 21 solar eclipse.

The Space Grant Consortium, the NASA partnership and academy hosted the balloon demonstration in the afternoon of the last day of school.

The balloon ascended to a height of 18,000 feet, said Aurolyn Stwyer, Ventures marketing director, who has been working with the NASA partnership team.

After the balloon launch, the team launched a rocket as the school day ended. This is part of a Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum.

Since the partnership has been visiting Warm Springs, the academy now has an engineering club.

A STEM summer camp, with an unmanned aerial systems component with Ventures, is another upcoming project of the team. Then in August, during the eclipse, they will launch helium balloons equipped with cameras.

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