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Timber Co. to continue beyond 2017

Tribal Council voted last week to continue the Warm Springs Timber Co. beyond the current year.

Council early this year approved the enterprise to operate through 2017. The vote last week allows the company to continue as long as the Council sees positive results from the operation.

The matter came up last week

because Council and staff are beginning work on the 2018 tribal budget. The upcoming budget process will be a difficult one, said Councilman Jody Calica, "and this issue needs to be resolved."

The sale of reservation timber is the source of funding for the Senior Pension fund and per capita. There is also a debt from the company to the tribes of more

than \$400,000. Continuing the operation is the only means of paying this back. The debt came about in 2016, as start-up costs for the new company.

The annual allowable cut on the reservation is 25 million board feet per year. This is the lowest it's been in for some time. The mill required a higher volume, and for a few years the cut was extended to meet this

requirement.

The WSFPI mill was the sole buyers of reservation timber for more than 50 years.

When the mill closed permanently last year, Tribal Council created the Warm Springs Timber LLC. The company is wholly-owned by the tribes, and has the exclusive right to purchase reservation timber.

Academy classes start soon

Classes at the Warm Springs Academy begin in less than two weeks. There will be four days of classes during the week before the eclipse, August 14-17. Classes will then resume Wednesday through Friday after the eclipse, August 23-25.

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue will be on Thursday, August 31, from 4-6 p.m. at the Academy.

The Summer Bridge program for ninth-graders starting at the high school begins next week. The first day of school for all classes at the high school will be on the Wednesday after Labor Day. In other school district news:

School officials have found a prospective candidate to take over the JROTC program. There had been concern that the program may be discontinued, as the candidate earlier identified had withdrawn.

The situation now looks promising, though there is still the hiring process through the U.S. Army, said district superintendent Ken Parshall.

At the County Fair

Mary Olney, Josh Olney, Gabi Smith, Jeremiah Smith, Dylan Heath and Shain Beymer (from left) were showing their livestock recently at the Jefferson County Fair.

Mary, Josh, Gabi and Jeremiah are the Lyle Gap 4-H Livestock Club, working on goat projects. Shain is with the FFA, and worked on a livestock beef project.

Not pictured are Hayden Heath of the Lyle Gap 4-H (goat projects); and Wessley Beymer and Cole White, who worked on FFA swine projects.



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Tribes prepare as eclipse is fast approaching

The total solar eclipse will be a once in a lifetime experience for most people.

For this reason tens of thousands of people will be arriving in the area the weekend before and on Monday, August 21.

The Native Sol Solar Fest, the NASA balloon launch and other science activities at the Academy are part of the festivities. Indian Head Casino and the Museum at Warm Springs are planning special events for the occasion.

With the influx of visitors comes concern for public safety, including fire safety, roadway access, and possible trespass on restricted areas of the reservation.

The tribes' planning team met this week at Fire Management, discussing the precautions that the tribes can take in preparation for the eclipse.

On hand were tribal management, Warm Springs Fire and Safety, Fire Management, the Police Department, BIA, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. (Look in the August 16 Spilyay for details on the public safety plans for the reservation.)

Meanwhile, here is the latest list of local activities that are planned for the eclipse weekend and day-of, as prepared by Chief Opera-

tions Officer Alyssa Macy:

Some key events in W.S.

Indian Head Casino's exclusive Native American entertainment experience will feature local, regional and national Native American music.

Kelly Jackson and her band bring the Native Americana sounds to the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 19.

Arlie Neskahi and Eagle's Jump combine Native vocals and flute playing for a unique sound. This show starts at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

Charles Littleleaf, renowned flutist and Warm Springs tribal member, rounds out the musical experience on the day of the eclipse. His show starts at 3 p.m.

For more information on these and other features at the casino go to: indianheadcasino.com/solar-eclipse/

At the museum

The Museum at Warm Springs Artists Village will be on the Saturday and Sunday before the eclipse.

The Artists Village will offer visitors a glimpse into the tribes' living history, as members demonstrate family heirlooms, regalia,



The Indian Head Casino float in the 2017 Pi-Ume-Sha parade featured this eclipse inspired feature. Working with the Museum at Warm Springs and the tribes, the casino has three days of special events leading up to the eclipse.

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artwork and basketry.

The museum and Artists Village will be open on the Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The traditional dance performances will be daily at noon.

The museum will also be open on eclipse Monday from noon to 5 p.m. For more info: museumatwarmsprings.org

Native Sol

The Native Sol Solar Fest will be Saturday through Monday, August 19-21, at the field by the Family Resource Center and Behavioral Health Center, 1115 Wasco Street.

Native Aspirations and the Health and Human Services Branch are hosts.

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National TERO convention at Kah-Nee-Ta

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, the Confederated Tribes and the Warm Springs TERO this week are hosting the 2017 National TERO convention.

Tribal TERO officials were on hand from many tribes, including Blackfeet, Colville, Umatilla, Hoopa Valley, Makah, Navajo, Nez Perce, Northern Cheyenne, Quechan, Seminole, Tohono and Yakama.

The national TERO convention began 40 years ago, with the first convention held at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The convention returns to the reservation as the Warm Springs TERO is now established. For this reason the theme of convention was 'Back Where It All Began.'

The 2017 event started on Sunday with golf at the resort. The convention concludes this Thursday, August 3.

A keynote speaker was Brian Cladoosby, president of the National Congress of the American Indian. The co-founders of the Council for Tribal Employment Rights, and the current CTER general counsel were also among the speakers.

The Warm Springs TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) is located at the offices of Warm Springs Ventures at the industrial park next to the Telecom.

For information on services provided at TERO, you can reach them at 541-553-3565.



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