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## Great funding news for ballfields project

A major funding piece of the Warm Springs ballfields renovation project is now in place.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation grants division last week awarded the tribes \$360,500 to help complete the work.

The tribes will match this amount, bringing the total budget for the renovation to \$721,000.

Bruce Irwin, the tribes' development director, said the effort to secure the necessary funding has been a true team effort.

Those who assisted in creating the conceptual site plan, and other required documents used in the grant presentation, were:

Ben Bisland of Warm Springs

Ventures, who created the original conceptual site plan covering about 17 acres. This saved the tribes about \$5,000, Mr. Irwin said.

Sammy O'Reilly, a Bureau of Natural Resources GIS Specialist, who prepared five additional mapping documents. These identified the projects vicinity, boundaries, trails, location, growth management areas and project phases.

The Bean Foundation and Jefferson County gave letters of support during the grant application process.

Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene, and Satch Miller of Recreation gave their testimonies during the 20-minute grant presen-

tation. "Their comments and passion for this project made a great impression on the scoring committee," Mr. Irwin said.

Tribal Council and management, Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona and Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy worked to make the project happen, he said.

The following is a brief project description of the Warm Springs ballfields rehabilitation:

There will be re-orientation and spacing of six ballfields, including junior and adult fields, and the Warm Springs Little League fields.

Steps during the renovation: Preparation of the final plans and specifications, then the site prepa-

ration, clearing and excavation; and installation of underground utilities: water and sewer, irrigation and electrical.

There will be new fencing for backstops, fence lines and outfield. The ballfields will have new restrooms, and a food concession building.

Outfields will be grass. There will be walkways, players fabric shelters, and park furniture to include picnic tables, plus players benches with backrest.

The \$360,500 Parks and Recreation grant is through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

## Veterans parade, expo this Saturday

An emerging tradition in Warm Springs is the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade and Expo, hosted by the Eugene 'Cougar' Greene Sr. American Legion Post and Auxiliary No. 48.

This Saturday, April 28, will see the Third Annual parade and expo.

Parade line-up begins at 10 a.m. on campus, and the parade begins at 11. Upon reaching the Community Center there will be the Honor Ceremony at 11:30.

Lunch is at noon; and the expo—featuring program representatives and organizations serving veterans and veteran-owned businesses—begins at 1 p.m.

As veterans advocates are getting ready for the day, the following are profiles of Vietnam era veterans Janice Smith, Randy Boise Sr., Charles Tailfeathers and Alfred Smith Jr.:

**Janice Smith** is the only woman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, that we know of, who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam Era.

She enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served from 1964 through 1966.

Janice completed boot camp at Ft. McClelland in Alabama, was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and served as a section chief of the Financial Pay Specialists.

Janice remembers, "I didn't go to Vietnam, because I didn't have advanced infantry training. My math abilities placed me right into my position as a Financial Pay Specialist, which is payroll.

"The guys we were paying were those going to Vietnam," Janice says, "They had specialized training and were going over there to train the Vietnamese.

"The pay rate for our troops was \$98 per month. We didn't need clothes because uniforms were issued; we didn't need to buy food because we were fed on base; we didn't need a car because we were bussed everywhere. So the military thought \$98 a month was fair."

In 1966 Janice was discharged and decided to explore the East Coast by bus, to find out what their woods and mountains looked like.

"I was disappointed," she mused. "Their hills were not very high, and easy to climb."

Upon her return to Warm Springs Janice was met by her Uncle Alvin Smith and his wife Lillian. Alvin had served in World War II.

"A majority of the family were veterans," Janice says. "My uncle Ed Spino Sr., Woodrow Smith and Claude Smith Sr., my cousin Claude Smith Jr., and my brother Milan Smith Jr."

A recent highlight for Janice came in 2013 when she travelled to Washington, D.C.: "Four other Vietnam veterans and I went on the World War II Honor Flight."

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## Eagles track meet

The Warm Springs Academy Eagles hosted a three-school track and field meet last week. This was the first track and field meet hosted by the Academy.

During the afternoon of competition, eighth-grader Ashlyn Johnson (right) won the high jump.

Running the hurdles were Kahmussa Greene and Sally Medina, both in the sixth grade; while Keith Charley (far right), sixth-grader, takes off in the long jump.



## Court okays US v. Oregon agreement, closes case

by Dave McMechan  
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A federal judge has approved a new U.S. v. Oregon fisheries management agreement, as proposed by Columbia River treaty tribes, states and federal agencies.

The approval is a great achievement for the tribes, and all parties involved, said John Ogan, tribal natural resources attorney. "This provides a 10-year framework for the parties to work together in a coordinated way," he said.

Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene said, "This new Management Agreement confirms and

protects the fishery rights reserved in our 1855 treaty, it protects our traditions, the salmon, our fishermen and our people. I appreciate the hard work and leadership shown by the Council members and Fish and Wildlife Committee. They've worked for years in the negotiations to achieve this success for Warm Springs."

The 2018-2027 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement is now the framework for managing fisheries and hatchery programs in much of the Columbia River Basin.

The parties to the agreement are the Warm Springs tribes, Yakama,

Umatilla, Nez Perce and Shoshone Bannock; the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho; U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the BIA.

All the parties have worked for the past couple of years in a mediation process overseen by a federal judge toward the new agreement, as the previous one expired at the end of 2017. The Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes identified treaty rights and natural resources as among its priorities; and securing treaty fisheries with this new US v. Oregon Management Agreement

is an achievement toward the this Tribal Council's accomplishing its priorities, Mr. Ogan said.

U.S. v. Oregon was filed 50 years ago in federal court, by the United States as tribal trustee, asserting the tribes' treaty interests. The dispute was in regard to the tribal share of the annual fisheries harvest.

In 1969 the judge in the case ruled in favor of the tribes and the U.S., finding the tribes have a treaty right to a fair share of the harvest.

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