

## Letters to the editor

### To W.S. voters

The Bus Project is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that engages young people in progressive politics, and catalyzes action around progressive issues within the state of Oregon.

The Bus Project will be in Warm Springs this Friday, August 17.

The Oregon Bus Project's mission is to drive Oregon communities to be a progressive model for the nation. Founded in 2001, the Bus Project has mobilized thousands of volunteers and activists around the state of Oregon.

Warm Springs, now more than ever our voices need to be heard in our states political campaigns.

We are coming to you on August 17 to register voters, update voter registration, and talk about the upcoming ballot measures.

If you or anyone wants to volunteer or help out in any way that would be amazing and very much appreciated.

We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Portland, and we are working towards involving more youth in our democracy.

To learn more about us visit our site at:

[busproject.org](http://busproject.org)

### To vendors

Non-food vendors are being sought for the 2018 Wi-Winu-Wash Ceremony and Celebration at Ski Bowl West on Saturday, September 22. Activities are planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no vendor fee, but you do need to sign up for space. Plan on bringing what you need for your booth including cover.

For artisan vendors, it would be great if you could do some demonstrations at your booth. To sign up, contact KWSO at 541-553-1968 with your name, number and what you will be selling.

### Museum Harvest

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Twenty-Third Annual Huckleberry Harvest Dinner at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort this Saturday, August 18. The Huckleberry Harvest is a fundraising event that includes a gourmet dinner, silent auction and tribal members demonstrating their art.

The dinner will be in Kah-Nee-Ta's Gold Ballroom at the Lodge. In recognition of the museum's Twenty-Fifth

Anniversary, we have selected an extra special meal of Kah-Nee-Ta's famous Bird Baked in Clay.

Bird in Clay is a house specialty, featuring a game hen stuffed with wild rice and wrapped in bakers clay and slow roasted. After a brief story about the meal, the clay is cracked open by you, using a juniper wooden mallet.

The proceeds from Huckleberry Harvest help to provide tremendous support to fulfill the museum's educational mission. When you purchase a registration ticket, become a sponsor or buy an auction item, you are directly helping the preservation of an important community resource, our museum.

It's not too late to get your registration ticket or to become a sponsor of this event. For more information, or to register, please call 541-553-3331.

Or visit our website:

[museumatwarmsprings.org](http://museumatwarmsprings.org)

The Museum at Warm Springs is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### For sale

**Bluegrass straw:**  
800-pound big bales (\$80/ton or \$40/bale) or 75-pound small bales (\$100/ton or \$5/bale). Additional \$50 load fee to load into horse trailer. 24-hour notice for loading required.  
Quantities limited, payment required at loading.  
Call 541-325-6318 (big bales) or 541-325-6317 (small bales).

### Vets car show

Jefferson County Veterans Services is hosting the Inaugural Classic Car Show & Suicide Prevention Expo in September at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Vehicle registration is open now until September 16. The show is on Saturday, September 22.

They are also looking for several volunteers for the event. For more information contact Kayla at 541-475-5228. More info is available at [covo-us.org](http://covo-us.org)

### Rail history

The history of Oregon railroads will be the focus of a presentation on Wednesday, August 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the

Jefferson County Library in Madras.

Darrell Jabin, Oregon Traveling Historian, researched trains, streetcars and trolleys to create an informative and entertaining video. He will show his video and hold a discussion. The public is welcome.

### Vets powwow

The Warm Springs Veterans Powwow Committee wishes to thank the Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund for the \$2,100 sponsorship.

To future potential applicants: The next deadline to submit an application is September 4. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

Native American entities and activity organizers are welcome to submit a proposal. Applications and requirements can be obtained at [ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund](http://ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund).

Or call 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mailing Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at [stccf@live.com](mailto:stccf@live.com)

### Tribal Council

The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of August (subject to change at Council discretion):

**Thursday-Friday, August 16-17:** U.S. v. Oregon tribal caucus policy committee meeting with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

**Tuesday, August 21**  
9 a.m.: 2019 budget update with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

10: Red Cross update with Becky Picard.

11: Annual consultation with the U.S. Attorney for Oregon., Tim Simmons.

1:30 p.m.: County Line 2 fire update with tribal attorneys.

2:30: Vehicle policy update with Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy.

3:30: Tribal attorney update.

**Tuesday, August 21:** Oregon Department of Transportation memorandum of understanding update with Warm Springs TERO and ODOT staff.

### Monday, August 27

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10: September agenda, review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions.  
1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

3:30: July Financial update with Alfred and Dennis.

Further items for consideration: Environmental Protection Agency government-to-government meeting.

### New CRITFC Chairman Ryan Smith



Courtesy Jeremy Five Crows/CRITFC

Ryan Smith takes the oath of office at the office of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Administering the oath were CRITFC vice-chair Jeremy Red Star Wolf (right), and commission secretary Leland Bill.

Ryan Smith of Warm Springs took the oath of office of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, becoming the forty-first CRITFC chairman.

Smith assumed the chairmanship from Casey Mitchell, of the Nez Perce. The chairmanship rotates annually between the four CRITFC member tribes.

Mr. Smith works at the Branch of Natural Resources, and is on the Confederated Tribes' Fish and Wildlife Committee.

The CRITFC officer oath reads as follows:

*I do solemnly swear that I will perform with fidelity the duties of the office to which I have been called to serve, and which I am about to assume.*

*I do solemnly swear to faithfully support the Constitution of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the sovereignty of each of its member tribes: the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Res-*

*ervation, and the Nez Perce Tribe. I will constantly strive to honor the trust that these tribes have placed upon me.*

*I will, to the best of my ability, strive to ensure a unified tribal voice in the management of Columbia River fishery resources and to protect each tribe's reserved treaty right to fish, that their members may exercise this fundamental right in all usual and accustomed places now and in perpetuity.*

Idaho National Guard visit. Carbon Sequestration. Elder Council. National Indian Gaming Association meeting in September.

Indian Land working group. National Congress of the American Indian. National Indian Education Association.

### Legal Aid

The Warm Springs Legal Aid office has temporarily relocated to the tribal administration building until August 17. They are located in the Planning Department.

Phone calls will be forwarded to this location: The numbers are the same: 541-553-3228 and 553-2212.



Congratulations Luke and Robyn and families. The wedding was wonderful! Cheryl and Dave.

### Artist honoring her ancestors

Lillian Pitt creates contemporary art that is rooted in the Wasco, Warm Springs and Yakama traditions of the Columbia River. With each work of glass, metal, jewelry or public art, she honors her ancestors.

Lillian brings the same notion to *Confluence*: Her belief is that students today must have the opportunity to do hands-on art projects that connect them to an inclusive understanding of the Columbia River, a story that begins with Indigenous voices.

This is why *Confluence* created the Lillian Pitt Education Fund, to honor this amazing artist's ongoing legacy to define the Columbia River ecosystem first and foremost as a Native place.

Lillian is the artist behind key features of the *Confluence* Land Bridge in Vancouver.

She's also a featured speaker at our 10 year anniversary celebration



Courtesy Confluence

The Land Bridge at Vancouver, and artist Lillian Pitt.



of the Land Bridge, along with Maya Lin's Bird Blind.

This will be the Tenth Anniversary of the Land Bridge and the Bird Blind. The celebration will be in

September at the Evergreen in Portland. The evening will also feature the architect Johnpaul Jones; plus a performance the Hawthmiima Family Dancers.

Visit the *Confluence* website for information. The contact is Sarah Mackenzie Lonigro.

Also noteworthy: Lillian, artist in residence at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, will be the speaker at the museum's Brown Bag It artist talk. The museum is located in Santa Fe.

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