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School year 2018-19 begins at Academy

The beginning of fall is among the best times of year, for the weather, sports, school, etc. This fall 645 students are starting their new school at the Warm Springs Academy.

Outside the Academy classrooms, there are football practice and games, volleyball tournaments and cross country.

Meanwhile for the 509-J school district the board of directors at their meeting this week accepted more than \$1 million in grants.

Some of the money will be used for after-school education programs, the hiring of one new teacher, and teacher training.

Some of the grant money—through the Oregon Workforce Housing Initiative—will go to Warm Springs Teachers' Row.

There are currently eight houses on the row, owned by the school district and built in the 1950s.

The Housing Initiative grant will



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

allow the district to rehabilitate and remodel five of the eight homes.

The remodel will include new flooring, cupboards and other

changes.

The school district will also add two modular homes to Teachers' Row.

Students arrive for the new school year at the Warm Springs Academy.

Members will see three tribal ballots next year

The membership will vote on three important tribal matters in 2019. There will be two ballots regarding enrollment—a baseline question, and an adoption election—plus the election of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council.

If you need to update your voter information, contact Vital Statistics in the administration building. Or you can call Vital Stats at 541-553-3252.

The first tribal vote in 2019 will be on February 15, asking the membership to decide on a possible change to the how blood quantum is determined

for the purposes of automatic enrollment. Absentee ballots for this election will likely go out in December.

Specifically, the February ballot will ask: "Should Resolution 12,157 determining the blood quantum for the purpose of automatic enrollment be approved?"

The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council passed Resolution 12,157, with the Simnasho District then invoking Article VI of the Tribal Constitution, requiring the matter be put to referendum. The current Tribal Council then set the referendum date for February next year.

In the spring of 2019 the mem-

bership will vote on the next Tribal Council, with the district nomination meetings coming this winter.

Then next late summer or fall is the projected time for an adoption election. The last successful adoption election was in 1996.

Enrollment baseline

Tribal management developed the following explanation regarding the enrollment matters:

Warm Springs Enrollment Ordinance 94 outlines the requirements for automatic enrollment and adoption. Currently, an individual is eligible for automatic enrollment if they have at least one-

quarter of Confederated Tribes blood: Warm Springs, Wasco or Paiute.

Tribal Council in 2008 adopted Resolution 10,934 allowing individuals to also consider blood quantum from neighboring tribes based upon valid traditional kinship and ancestral ties that can be documented and confirmed as traceable to legitimate treaty and pre-treaty family affiliation connected to the Warm Springs (Sahaptin or Ichiskin); Wasco, (Chinookan or Kiksht); and/or Paiute, (Shoshonean or Numu).

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Natural Resources monitoring wolf pups



Austin Smith Jr./BNR

One of the wolf pups (left); and the parents (above).

Wildlife officials at the Branch of Natural Resources have known for the past couple of years that wolves are living on the reservation. Images of the animals were caught on remote cameras.

What has not been clear is whether the wolves were just passing through the reservation, or were they living here permanently, said Austin Smith Jr., BNR wildlife biologist.

This summer has seen a fasci-

nating development in the Warm Springs wolf story: An alfa male and alfa female wolf pair are now raising two wolf pups on the reservation.

Austin has seen them many times, and has pictures of the adults and the pups. The young ones are about five months old, he said.

Wolves were re-introduced in Idaho about 20 years ago, and apparently some have migrated to

Oregon, including to the reservation.

Wolves are at the top of the wildlife food chain, taking deer and elk and other animals. They evolved as an endurance species, able to follow their prey for long periods of time until the stragglers can no longer get away.

In this way, by taking the weaker prey, wolves help make a healthier deer and elk population, Austin said.

Wolves are smart, hunting cooperatively in teams. The male wolf can weigh up to 99 pounds, and the females up to about 85 pounds.

The two wolf pups on the reservation weigh about 45 to 55 pounds, Austin said. They can live for up to 16 years.

Wolves are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

— Dave McMechan

Budget presentations commence at Council

Tribal Finance and Management presented a proposed balanced budget at Tribal Council on Monday, followed by a half-day of department and branch budget presentations.

Finance director Alfred Estimo and treasury-controller presented the 2019 budget proposal work book, followed by presentations from the chief operations officer, Public Safety, Utilities and the Branch of Natural Resources.

Later in the week were the presentations from Health and Human Services, and Education.

And further budget summaries for Community Assistance, General and Administrative, debt service, the Place for Kids, capital projects, Human Resources, Governmental Affairs, Tribal Court.

High Lookee Lodge, the Museum at Warm Springs, Housing Authority, Tribal Council, committees and Council support.

And enterprise groups: Cannabis Commission, TERO Commission, Gaming Commission and Surveillance, Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza, Composite Products, Warm Springs Telecom, Ventures, Kah-Nee-Ta, and Power and Water, and the Timber LLC.

Tribal Council expects to post the proposed 2019 budget by the end of this month.

In early October the membership will receive the 2019 budget proposal mailing, and the district meetings will follow.

Kah-Nee-Ta in a kind of waiting mode

A maintenance and security team are working at Kah-Nee-Ta, and the tribes are keeping the property insurance, while the resort is now closed to the public.

This is the 'mothball option,' meaning the resort would still be in reasonable shape one day maybe to re-open. It is estimated that the closure costs will be up to \$720,000 annually.

The Kah-Nee-Ta board of directors, who had been serving with no compensation, has resigned, leaving the Tribal Council as the managing board.

In the letter of resignation, the board indicated they will continue to help in any way possible in the search for a viable model of operation for Kah-Nee-Ta.

Unlike the Forest Products Industries mill, the resort will not go into receivership because all of its debt is to the tribes themselves, rather than to any outside lender.

The Kah-Nee-Ta hamlets are still occupied through the end of the year, giving the tenants a chance to find new housing.

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