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## District meetings on 2019 budget

Tribal Council posted the 2019 proposed budget and has now scheduled three district meetings on the proposal: The Simnasho District will be first, meeting the evening of Wednesday, October 17 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Next will be the Agency District on Monday, October 29 at the Agency Longhouse.

Seekseequa will meet the fol-

lowing evening, Tuesday, October 30 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall. For all three meetings dinner is at 6 and the meeting at 7.

In November the membership and Tribal Council will host a General Council meeting, before Council approves a final budget for next year.

In September, Management and Finance presented a balanced

budget proposal to Tribal Council, who then heard the presentations from enterprises, branches and departments.

The 2019 budget proposal reflects the priorities and objectives set out by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council in its 2016 Proclamation. Priorities include:

"The Tribal Council shall annually develop, review and approve

a balanced tribal budget for each fiscal year in order to promote and maintain the financial sustainability and integrity of the Tribe." Other priorities:

Education, enterprise accountability, health care, protection of assets, Our People, infrastructure, economic development, employment, housing, community safety.

## Film festival this week

Bend Film will present feature movies at the Madras Performing Arts Center this Friday through Sunday, October 12-14. Filmmakers will be present for the films.

Meanwhile earlier in the week, this Wednesday evening, October 10, *Smoke Signals* actor Adam Beach will be at Warm Springs Academy open house.

For the films at the Performing Arts Center: Transportation will be provided from Warm Springs to the center on Friday and Saturday, October 12-13.

Free admission bracelets will be given out on the bus, and KWSO will also have bracelets available for anyone interested in attending.

Listen to 91.9 FM for details about the bus and film schedule.

Friday evening's first film is *Smoke Signals*, marking its Twentieth Anniversary. Adam Beach and other film makers will be on hand.

Before the showing of *Smoke Signals* at 5:30 on Friday, you can enjoy the film *Blood Sky* by Warm Springs tribal member LaRonn Katchia. The story of *Blood Sky*:

A deadly outbreak has quickly spread across the city of Portland as three survivors make their way to an infested laboratory in hopes of containing it.

Mr. Katchia made this film in 48 hours for Portland's *48 Hour Film Project*, 2018. Some other movies coming up this weekend at the Performing Arts Center:

**The Blessing.** Oregon premiere. The story: A Navajo coal miner raising his secretive daughter on his own struggles with his part in the irreversible destruction of their sacred mountain.

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## Museum readies for Treaty event

The Museum at Warm Springs is busy preparing for the upcoming Treaty Conference, Friday through Sunday, October 26-28.

The conference will include speakers who are experts in the field. As of earlier this week, there were still some spaces available for tribal members to reserve a reservation free of charge.

Otherwise, the Treaty Conference—*People of the River, People of the Salmon: Then, Now and Tomorrow (Wana Thlama-Nusuxmi Tanánma: E-Wab'Cha'Nye)*—will be open to the general public.

Registration is required. The registration fee includes three meals on each day of the conference.

In preparing for the conference, the museum has borrowed five of the original pages of the Treaty of 1855 between the Middle Tribes of Oregon and the United States government.

Museum director Carol Leone explained the year-long process of bringing the treaty to the museum for display through



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Celebrating its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, the Museum at Warm Springs Changing Exhibits room focuses on the history of the Confederated Tribes.

November 3.

Sen. Ron Wyden and the High Desert Museum were partners in the effort, Ms. Leone said.

The display case containing the five pages is climate controlled, and each page is contained within a special protective sleeve.

There is no photography allowed of the pages, because of the risk of a camera flash accidentally going off.

The treaty was flown from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., in first-class because of the size of the transport package, and

for its safety, Ms. Leone said.

There is a guard on duty beside the treaty at all hours of the day at the museum, and the guards also monitor the display during the night. A digital video security camera is recording 24-hours a day above the treaty.

## School district honors students' achievements

The Jefferson County School District board of directors started their Tuesday evening session with a tour of the Museum at Warm Springs, the highlights being the Treaty of 1855 display, and the outstanding *Memory of the Land* tribal history exhibit.

Board members said that all of the classes in the 509-J district should at some point visit the museum for the learning experience.

During the school board tour of the museum, Val Switzler, director of Culture and Heritage, answered questions about the tribal history and the Language program.

The Kiksht language of the Wasco people has seen its last elder speakers pass away in recent years, Ms. Switzler said. Ichishkeen of the Warm Springs people has 32 speakers. As recently as 15 years ago, Kiksht was in a similar situation, but has now lost its elder speakers.

She was asked why the Native languages remain of vital impor-



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Academy students who excelled in the math or literacy, or both, in state testing.

tance to the tribes. "Our languages hold our songs and our prayers," Ms. Switzler said. "It's who we are, our way of life, and we cannot let that die."

The tribes have worked with the school district to bring the languages

lessons into the regular district curriculum, a rare circumstance in the nation. Passing on the languages to the young people gives them an understanding of who they are, and where they come from, Ms. Switzler said.

After the museum tour the school board met at the Academy for a regular session. The meeting opened with the Student Spotlight recognition. This week's Spotlight honored many students from Warm Springs—both Academy

and high school students—who made a great showing on recent statewide testing. District superintendent Ken Parshall explained the accomplishment:

The statewide test is the most difficult such test so far given to students, Mr. Parshall said. Statewide, less than half of the students score at level 3. The Warm Springs students featured during the Spotlight presentation scored at 4 in either mathematics or literacy, and in some cases both. At the Warm Springs Academy the students are:

Armando Becerra Jr., Sebastian Bisland, John Buffalo Ball Jr., Audriyona Gilbert, Ramon Greene, Caroline Hintsatake, Azure Hoptowitz, Zoe Kollen, Ambrose Nayer Smith, Edward Siers, Davin Slockish, Riyah Stacona, Kylen Stevens, LaRhia Stevens, Dustin Tanewasha, Sirta Wallulatum VanPelt, Isaiah VanPelt and Gavin Williams.

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