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Membership to elect new Tribal Council

Absentee ballots are expected to be in the mail within the next few weeks for the election of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes.

The election will be on April 4.

For a number of reasons, there will not be a primary election for the Agency District (see the letter of explanation from Wasco Chief JR Smith on page 4). To the candidates:

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will be providing information about the candidates to the membership, with a special edition of the newspaper and candidate interviews on KWSO.

You can submit a written statement and a photo to the Spilyay. If you don't have a photo to submit, we can take the picture. You can also email the statement and photo to:

david.mcmehan@wstribes.org

Or stop by the Media Center at 4174 Highway 3 in Warm Springs.

Statements should be limited to 250 words or fewer; as there are a total of 36 candidates.

Candidates can also schedule an interview with KWSO in January or February. Please call 541-553-1968 to schedule a time. The interview will take 15-20 minutes.

The Agency District nominees are (listed alphabetically): Mike Clements. Austin Greene Jr. Leona Ike. Anita Jackson. Jeremiah Johnson. Cassie Katchia. Dan Martinez. Carina Miller. Jeff Sanders Jr. Wilfred Sando. Dustin Seyler. Glendon Smith. Randy Smith. Lola Sohapp. Valerie Switzler.

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Shutdown closed BIA

The Bureau of Indian Affairs office was closed as a result of the partial federal government shutdown. This includes the Office of the Special Trustee.

Many federal workers had not been working since the part shutdown began in mid December. The clinic was on regular business hours.

The shutdown affected some federal grant processes of the tribes, such as Housing and Urban Development. The process went into a kind of holding pattern during the shutdown, said Chief Operations Office Alyssa Macy.

Ball field funding explanation

The following explains the Warm Springs ball fields funding request the tribes made to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Grants Division funding program. The program is called the Land and Water Conservation Fund, or LWCF.

This is a federal funding program providing about \$75 million in annual funding to all 50 states for outdoor parks and recreation projects.

Warm Springs competed for LWCF funding, and was awarded \$360,500. There is a requirement that the tribes match that amount at 50 percent, either in cash or in-kind services such as construction of areas and facilities that value up to the required match amount. So, the total amount of project funding is valued at \$721,000.

In November the LWCF program managers at Oregon State Parks contacted the tribes, saying there was a surplus in LWCF funds.

They asked if the tribes might be interested in adjusting their original budget request, and add more funds on a 50-percent-to-50-percent matching basis.

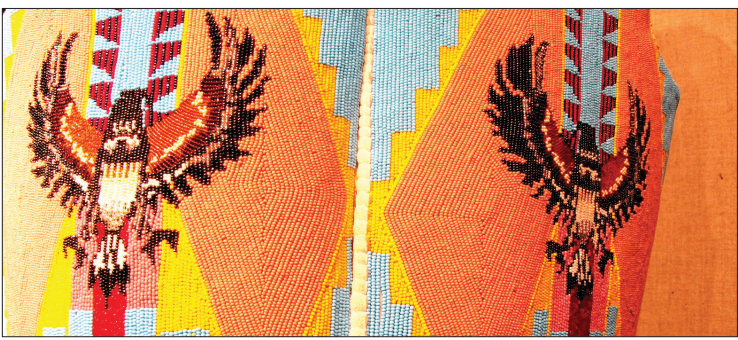
The offer to add more funding to the original grant application without having to write an entire grant proposal again was a rare and unusual opportunity. So here is the ballfield funding summary, as of late December:

The most recent request for an adjustment in grant application funding is for an additional \$202,000 on top of the original award of \$721,000 for a new total of \$923,000, has not been approved and authorized as of December 28, 2018.

Additional funding would go to construct for an eight fixtures restrooms with four flush valve type toilets and four laboratories (sinks), all accessible and unisex type near the future multi-purpose fields overlying the two 300 foot softball fields.

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Show through January



Emily Courtney created the *Painted Ladies* series (below) for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs; while Travis Bobb created the green M&M in traditional regalia. At top is a detail from a beaded vest by Marge Kalama. The exhibit is on display through January.



New board will work on tribal housing at river

There are more than 30 designated tribal fishing sites along the mid Columbia River. The sites are a legacy of the federal government's construction of the dams on the Columbia.

The dams flooded the traditional fishing sites, and also destroyed homes and entire tribal villages.

The federal government for decades now has been obligated to provide housing for tribal members

who were displaced from their homes by the dams and reservoirs.

After the construction of the dams, the federal government rebuilt homes for non-Indians who were displaced, but nothing was done for the Native people.

Some of these tribal members have been living at the designated fishing sites, in conditions that are unsafe and unsanitary.

Then a few years ago, correct-

ing this long-standing omission became a priority of lawmakers from the Northwest. As a result of this effort, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now working on a tribal housing project at the Columbia.

The Corps last year received \$1.8 million to develop a plan for the housing project. Details—the location and types of housing—will be worked out with the tribes: The Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla

and Nez Perce.

For its part, the Tribal Council has created a new Columbia River intertribal housing entity, with a possible name of N'Chi Wana Housing.

The board will work with other tribes and the Corps of Engineers on developing and implementing the tribal housing project at the Columbia.

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