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The tribal story as taught in schools

For years the tribal story as taught in schools has been misrepresented. The curriculum, developed from the non-Indian perspective, has been incomplete and incorrect.

This is changing as the nine tribes of Oregon are developing Native American curricula that will be taught in public schools.

Warm Springs Culture and Heritage, a department of the new Education Branch, is devel-

oping the curriculum of the Confederated Tribes.

Working with tribal elders, Deanie Smith at Culture and Heritage is coordinating the Warm Springs project. The group meets at the Education building, and has developed a draft curriculum that will be refined over the coming months.

The team also hosts community meetings, seeking input. The most recent, for instance, focused

on the three Native languages of the Confederated Tribes.

Five specific topics are covered in the overall curriculum: Tribal History, Sovereignty, Culture, Languages, and Tribal Government. Three levels of study—for elementary school students, middle and high school—are included.

The final curriculum will be complete and submitted to the Oregon Department of Education by August. This will then be

incorporated into the lessons of the public school system, replacing the versions that are incomplete or inaccurate in regard to the Native people.

Culture and Heritage for years now has been teaching tribal languages, history and culture in schools. The new curriculum will broaden this approach, giving students a better understanding of the tribal experience.

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Lincoln's turning 42

The Simnasho community will host the Forty-Second Annual Lincoln's Powwow, February 8-10. Memorial releases and opening of the longhouse floor is this Saturday, February 2.

Dance competition categories are Tiny Tots, Junior Boys and Junior Girls, Teen Boys and Teen Girls, Adult Men and Adult Women, and Golden Age Men and Golden Age Women.

Specials include the Mother and Daughter Special; Outgoing Junior Queen Special; Outgoing Senior Queen Special; and more specials to be announced.

The Johnson family will sponsor host a Men's Traditional Special, Honoring Fathers, in memory of David Johnson. Traditional dancers 18 and up are invited to participate on Saturday night of the powwow.

The Lincoln's Powwow Raffle grand prize is a 32-inch television.

Royalty candidate is Feliciano Conner, who is selling raffle tickets.

You can purchase tickets from Feliciano in person or through Paypal ([paypal.me/felelianaconner](https://www.paypal.com/felelianaconner)). You can also purchase tickets from Alyssa Macy at the tribal administration building.

There will be a stone-setting for Emery Ross Yallup at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 2 at the Simnasho Cemetery, followed by a Memorial at the Longhouse.

Tribal Council meeting with state officials

Tribal Council this week is planning an important government-to-government meeting in Warm Springs with state of Oregon officials.

As part of the meeting, Council was expecting to welcome Oregon Governor Kate Brown.

The meeting was scheduled for Thursday of this week, January 31.

Gov. Brown, the thirty-eighth governor of Oregon, is serving in her second term, having won re-election in 2018. She has also served in the Oregon House and Senate, and as Secretary of State.

Other items on the Tribal Council agenda this week include draft resolutions and enrollments, discussion of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe vs. Clark County lawsuit, and the February agenda.

Some items for future consideration, as stated in the January Council agenda:

A government-to-government meeting with the Yakama Nation. The Tribal Fishing Code, and financials from the end of 2018.

Construction work on Veterans Memorial



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Warm Springs Construction this week began preparing the ground for the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park. The memorial will be at the far end of the north field by the museum.

The Confederated Tribes and the Spirit Mountain Foundation have provided initial funding for this project. Additional funding will be needed to complete the project as planned, but resources are in place to begin the long-planned memorial.

The park will be in honor of all veterans from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, representing all military branches and all major conflicts, from the early tribal Scouts to the present day.

The memorial will display the official seals of all the branches of service, along with seven flags. According to the design, there will be 10 pillars on a raised mound with the names of the veterans inscribed on the pillars. And there will be walkways of bricks inscribed with the names of donors.

Tribal Council approved the project last year, as presented by the Veterans Memorial Park Committee.



Courtesy Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Architects conceptual drawing of the Veterans Memorial Park.

Council to consider cannabis funding proposal

The Tribal Council agenda for the end of January includes consideration of a resolution to fund the hemp project. Council was scheduled to meet this Wednesday, January 30, on a funding resolution.

CP Enterprise, a project of Warm Springs Ventures, is proposing the hemp, or non-recreational cannabis operation on the tribes' Schoenhagen farm property.

The CP Enterprise team would like to have the funding—made possible by the carbon sequestration revenue—soon, in order to start growing.

The hemp operation would be overseen by the tribes' Cannabis Commission, responsible for ensuring compliance with all regulations.

Tribal Council late last year approved the CP Enterprise-Ventures hemp plan. The supplemental budget process is also complete, with the final piece in the funding process being the resolution to transfer the funding.

Ventures and CP Enterprise last year changed from the initial recreational cannabis proposal to hemp, which is less strictly regulated and less crowded.

Hemp produces non-THC, CBD-based products that have many applications, especially through medicinal and health products. The 304-acre Schoenhagen property is trust land, located across the river off Highway 26. The grow operation, storage and processing facilities, and an office space would be located on site.

ATNI winter meeting

Tribal Council members this week also joined other tribal leaders from around the region for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest

Indians Winter Conference.

A focus on the agenda this winter was the tribal response to climate change.

Addressing the conference, the president of the Quinalt Nation told the delegates that Northwest tribal governments have the sovereign authority to regulate and tax big oil as a response to climate change.

Quinalt president Fawn Sharp said tribes are taking the lead on this because other governments are not willing to take the steps necessary.

— Dave McMechan



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