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Miss Warm Springs 2019 Charisse Heath

Charisse Heath gave a demonstration of skills—one of them rare and potentially life-saving, the other lighter and more familiar—at the recent Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

She first demonstrated her skill in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, a life-saving technique she learned at school. She followed this with the more familiar Native youth skill of basketball, which Charisse excelled at in high school.

At the Pageant last week she also gave a talk on traditional foods, and food preservation techniques. Charisse is the 2019 Miss Warm Springs.

A graduate of Yakama Nation Tribal School in Toppenish, she now attends Yakima Valley Community College.



She first became interested in being Miss Warm Springs some years ago. "When I was younger we would go to the powwows, like Lincoln's Powwow," Charisse says. "And I always looked up to the powwow royalty."

Her friend Thyreicia Simtustus, 2018 Miss Warm Springs, suggested Charisse give this year's Pageant a try. And the judges agreed that she would make a great 2019 Miss Warm Springs.

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Miss Warm Springs 2019 Charisse Heath with aunt Colleen and uncle Roosevelt Johnson.

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Members choose new Council

In choosing the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes, the membership elected an almost wholly new Council.

Six new Council members will join two members who were re-elected, plus the three Chiefs who serve for life.

The turnover on the new Tribal Council is the biggest among at least the past several recent Council elections.

This week the Tribal Council and Election Board are finalizing the overall final tally. This will process will not effect the outcome in terms of who was elected.

Swearing-in of the new Council is planned for the first Monday in May. These are the members of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes:

Agency District: Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith and Lola Sohappyy.

Simmasho District: Captain Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah and Raymond Tsumpti.

Seekseequa District: Brigette McConville and Wilson Wewa.

First Chamber business conference

The Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Inaugural Business Conference on Saturday, May 4 at the Warm Springs Community Center. Topics for discussion will be:

Small businesses on the reservation; business success; and resources available for business success on the reservation. The conference begins at 8:30 a.m.

For more information contact Dustin Seyler at the Warm Springs Community Action Team, where he is the small business coach and financial counselor, 541-553-3148.

In another item with Community Action Team, the Tananawit community of Warm Springs artists will host their membership kick-off event on Thursday, April 18 at the Museum at Warm Springs. Dinner will be at 5 p.m.

The evening will include a silent auction, vendors, artists recipients awards ceremony, and guest speaker to be announced. Call the Action Team for information.

No flood damage

Consecutive days of rain early this week caused some worry about flooding on the reservation. Rivers and creeks were running high, but there were no reports of serious damage.

During a peak river time this week, Power and Water Enterprises reported the Deschutes River flowing at 9,750 cubic feet per second. For comparison: The flood of 1996 saw 19,000 cubic feet per second at the re-regulating dam.

Plan forms for new water plant

The tribes have made recent improvements to the domestic water treatment plant, located in Dry Canyon on the Deschutes River.

These significant improvements have allowed the tribes to continue to provide the safe drinking water that currently serves the membership.

The improvements—a cooperative effort of Council and management, Utilities and federal agencies—were designed to prolong the life of the treatment plant. The long-term solution for the growing community, though, will be a new treatment plant.

The process to answer some initial questions about the new plant began in 2017, said Alyssa Macy, Chief Operations Officer.

Ms. Macy, tribal Utilities manager Travis Wells, and Mathew Martison and Derek Hancey of the Indian Health Services reported this month to Tribal Council.

The new plant will cost at least \$30 million, Macy said. There are outside funding sources—IHS, HUD and the BIA, for instance—but the tribes will share



Steve Courtney knows the water plant as well as anyone, as he has worked there since it opened.

in some of the costs. And once the new plant is online the Utilities Branch would need a budget to reflect the added responsibility.

Utilities has seen a mostly flat budget of \$2.2 million for many years, Macy said. This in itself has led to some problems associated with deferred maintenance, ultimately costing more to address, she said.

According to the timeline, construction of the new plant would begin in 2022, and come online the following year. In the meantime will be the work on funding, planning and design. "So the time frame is short," Macy said.

After their report, the project team asked Tribal Council for action on some preliminary questions. For instance, Council approved the recommendation that

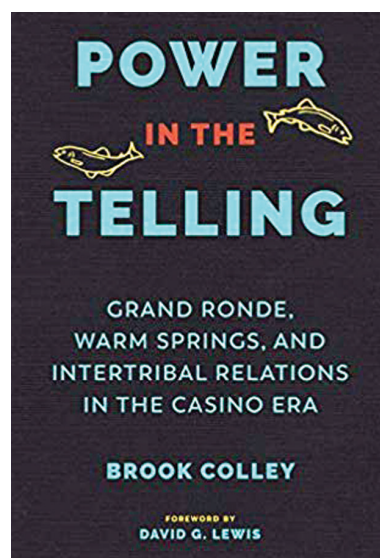
the new plant use the Deschutes River for the water source. This was the viable option of several that were looked at.

Other decisions: The new plant will be located next to the existing one; and will use the best available technology in order to provide the membership and businesses with "safe and pleasing water."

Book examines legacy of Cascade Locks project

A new book—*Power in the Telling* by Brook Colley—examines the story of the Warm Springs Tribes, inter-tribal relations, and the effort to build a casino on Ceded Land at Cascade Locks.

The author is now the assistant professor of Native American studies at Southern Oregon University. Brook spent several years researching and writing *Power in the Telling*. She is known to many on the reservation, as she interviewed many members for the book. Her heritage is Wasco/Eastern Cherokee, enrolled in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



Since its publication, *Power in the Telling*, published by the University of Washington Press, has been well reviewed. The opening sentences set the stage for the narrative that follows:

This story begins with a place. The Cascade Falls is a geographic location in the Columbia River where it flows westward between present-day Oregon and Washington states, in an area known as the Columbia River Gorge. It was identified in two treaties negotiated in the 1850s between the United States and Native peoples who would afterward become the Con-

federated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The section of the river that contains the Cascade Falls, sometimes called the Cascade Rapids, runs alongside the present-day city of Cascade Locks, located approximately halfway between Portland and the city of The Dalles, accessible from Interstate 84. It was here, in Cascade Locks, that the Warm Springs tribe proposed to build a casino, the Bridge of the Gods Columbia River Resort Casino, in a bid that would extend for fifteen years....



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