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Students getting ready for graduation

The Madras High School graduation is coming up on Saturday, June 1 starting at 9 a.m. at the high school stadium. Doors will open at 6 a.m. for seniors.

Graduating seniors must report to the high school Commons by 7 a.m. Stadium gates open at 8 a.m. for family seating. Some other items and dates for students to keep in mind:

Senior speaker and performer tryouts are this Wednesday, May 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the high school Choir room.

Music in May is Thursday through Saturday, May 23-25 at the high school. Junior ROTC awards ceremony is at 6 p.m. at Crosskeys Station in Madras.

Wednesday, May 29: Last day of school for seniors. All semester 2 coursework is due: Please turn in textbooks and clean out your lockers. Senior final grades are due by 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 30: Seniors must report to the high school by 7:45 a.m. for line-up instructions. Senior awards and scholarship cer-

emony begins at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Seniors will be wearing their caps and gowns to this even (caps and gowns only, no stalls, cords or tassels for this event please). This event is mandatory for seniors wanting to walk at graduation.

A school staff barbecue is scheduled for Thursday, June 13.

At the Academy

A Warm Springs Academy Eighth Grade Celebration Day is this Thursday, May 23 from 1-2:30

p.m. at Trout Lake. The students will attend the *Classical Music in the Wild* concert with pianist Hunter Nowak.

The Third Annual Ich'inun Summer Jam Powwow Slam is coming up on Thursday, May 30 at the Warm Springs Academy.

The social powwow will be from 6-9 p.m. honoring all 2019 graduates. All drums and dancers, and the public are welcome.

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Health team earns national recognition

Immunization vaccination is an important part of health promotion and disease prevention.

A vaccine, or immunization, is a way to build up the body's natural immunity to a disease. Especially for young people this helps prevent the contracting and spreading a disease.

The Confederated Tribes' Community Health Nurse team works with the nursing and medical teams of Warm Springs Indian Health Services in assuring that children and adolescents receive scheduled vaccinations.

Recent data by Oregon Immunization Alert—comparing immunization rates in the state—demonstrate the success of this partnership.

Warm Springs Comprehensive Immunization rates for 24-month-old children was 81 percent. This exceeds the Health People 2020 goals. By comparison the Jefferson County rate for this was 71 percent.

For adolescent immunization the Warm Springs rate also exceeded the Health People 2020 goals for all required immunizations.

Eighty-four percent of Warm Springs adolescents had up to date HP (human papillomavirus) vaccinations—a significantly higher rate than the Jefferson County rate of 57 percent.

Meningitis vaccine rates for Warm Springs adolescents was 98 percent in contrast to the 87 percent for all Jefferson County.

Clearly, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Community Health nurses with the IHS medical and nursing teams are working together to keep children and adolescents healthy.

For this effort, the team has received national recognition, earning the 2019 IHS Area Director's Award—Fostering Relationships. The award presentation will be in June.

The Confederated Tribes Community Health team includes the program manager Katie Russell. The Community Health Nurses: Marc Mason, Sandra Franks, Brenda Howe and Jane Seaders.

The IHS Medical Providers: Dwight Carpen, Thomas Creelman, Raneva Dowty, Rachel Locker and Ruth Willis.

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Boarding schools focus of upcoming exhibit

Today, the Chemawa Indian School near Salem is the only Indian boarding school in the Northwest.

An accredited high school, Chemawa is now the oldest continuously operated off-reservation boarding school in the U.S.

In the late Nineteenth century the situation was different.

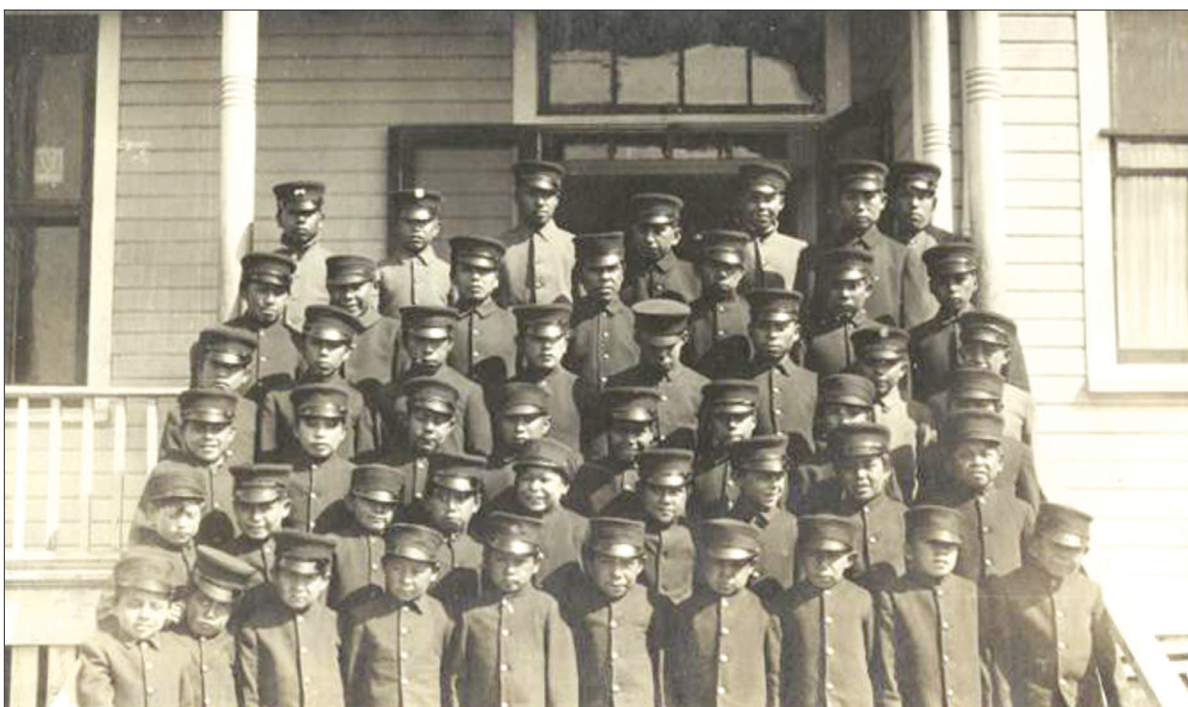
At that time there were a number of the Indian boarding schools: On the Warm Springs Reservation, at Umatilla, Siletz, Grand Ronde and Yakama, for instance.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs built the Warm Springs Indian Boarding School in 1874.

A typical daily schedule at a boarding school began with an early wake-up call followed by a series of tasks punctuated by the ringing of bells.

Students were required to march from one activity to the next. There were regular inspections and drills, outdoors with platoons organized according to age and rank. Everything happened by bells, 'triangles' they were called.

The Museum at Warm Springs will examine the Indian Boarding School, and Warm Springs schools in particular,



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Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute boys in uniform at government boarding school, Warm Springs.

with a new exhibit opening in June.

The exhibit is *Resilience: The Boarding School Experience of Warm Springs and beyond*. According to the museum literature leading up to the exhibit opening:

Boarding Schools have had lasting impacts good and not so good for many Native American children.

You will see and hear first hand

observations from some that have lived the boarding school experience.

Some memories will be heart-felt, poignant, sad, bitter, but most important, it will be the truth, as remembered by the students, now parents and grand parents.

In the decades past, families were not given the choice for their children to attend boarding schools. Over time, it became a choice,

tribal high school students are now opting to attend boarding schools, finding positive learning experiences. You will see and hear their memories as well.

You do not want to miss this meaningful, candid account of Boarding Schools, then and now.

The museum will open *Resilience* on June 27.

Tribal Council hearing organization reports

The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council has been at work becoming familiar with all of the departments, enterprises and projects of the Confederated Tribes. By the end of May they will have met in chambers with the department, enterprise and project heads.

On the agenda this week, for example, are Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Education, Public Safety, Development and Tribal Court; gaming, TEERO, and Kah-Nee-Ta.

They met earlier this week with Warm Springs Ventures, the economic development corporation of the Confederated Tribes. Ventures includes Construction, TERO, Geo Visions, Eagle Tech, and projects such as carbon sequestration and

cannabis.

Eagle Tech is the unmanned aerial systems project of the tribe, established a few years ago, when the FAA designated the reservation as a UAS, or drone testing area.

This project is taking time, as the FAA has not yet established full regulations for the commercial use, as opposed to hobby use, of drones. It could be a few years before the regulatory system is in place, said Ben Bisland, of Warm Springs Ventures.

Once the rules are established—expected to be extensive—the demand for use of the reservation for testing will be great, Mr. Bisland said.

Laurie Danzuka updated Council on the cannabis project. This will

be a non-THC grow and extraction facility at nearby tribal trust property.

The non-THC hemp products, or CBDs, will be much less regulated than recreation marijuana, able to moved across state lines and overseas, Ms. Danzuka said.

An issue is that the USDA has not yet developed the regulations implementing the 2018 federal Farm Bill, which established the CBD products as similar to regular agricultural crops.

This might not happen until 2020, she said. So there is another waiting element in implementing the 2015 tribal cannabis referendum. Until the USDA Farm Bill regulations are approved, a tribal CBD operation

at the trust Schoenhagean property would have to follow the more stringent THC-cannabis regulations, Ms. Danzuka said.

Meanwhile, Ventures is minimizing costs associated with the project, while working on opening a bank account for the project. This would allow negotiation toward the financial transaction that would fund the start-up of the CBD project.

The \$2 million start-up money for the grow and extraction operation would come from the carbon sequestration revenue, which over time is expected to bring in several million to the tribes.



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