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June 25 a parade of riders honored the one-hundred and sixty-sixth anniversary of the Treaty of 1855. They traveled from the Education building area to the powwow grounds.



## More prizes in vaccine lottery

With the deadline nearing for the cutoff to get at least the first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine to be entered into Oregon's \$1 million lottery, Gov. Kate Brown announced four travel packages to be given away statewide, as well as more cash prizes.

People who have been vacci-

nated through the IHS and the Confederated Tribes program are automatically entered in the lottery.

If you received you vaccine from another health service, you can register to enter the lottery at [takeyourshot.oregon.gov](http://takeyourshot.oregon.gov)

Lottery winners will be announced in July.

## Air quality readings during fire season

With the threat of wildfire during the summer months, air quality can become a health risk.

Online you can check the current air quality of the Warm Springs community.

There are two Warm Springs Purple Air Sensors—provided to the tribes by the Environmental Protection Agency—in place that you can access from your phone or computer: *At the search engine type 'Warm Springs Purple Air Sensors'.*

The Branch of Natural Re-

sources installed the Warm Springs Purple Air Sensors last summer, during the very smoky season of the massive Lionshead fire, that burned on the reservation last August and into September. The specific website address for the sensor at Indian Health Services is: [www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/m/i/mAQI/a10/cC4&select=59961#12.19/44.72248/-121.25415](http://www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/m/i/mAQI/a10/cC4&select=59961#12.19/44.72248/-121.25415)

And the site for the Branch of Natural Resources: [www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/m/i/mAQI/a10/cC4#12.19/44.75178/-121.23597](http://www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/m/i/mAQI/a10/cC4#12.19/44.75178/-121.23597)



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Sensor at Natural Resources.

Another sensor is designated for the Simnasho community: This one has yet to be placed.

Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	100 to 151	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.

Air quality index chart corresponding to the readings of the two Warm Springs sensors.

## Suspicious 45-acre fire near fish hatchery

Fire crews quickly contained a suspicious fire near the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery, Monday, June 21.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Warm Springs Police Department anonymous tip line, 541-553-2202.

The fire burned about 45 acres on a hillside near the fish hatchery.

The tribal police department received a report around 9 p.m. June 21. No structures were burned, and no evacuations were required.

A preliminary investigation determined the fire's start was suspicious in nature, said Police Chief Bill Elliott.

The FBI was notified, as the crime of arson in Indian Country is a federal offense, Mr. Elliott said.

"We will do everything needed to arrest people intentionally starting fires," Elliott said. "We will ensure they are



Courtesy WSPD

Warm Springs Police on the scene of the suspicious fire.

prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The police chief added that

tribal police will increase patrols in rural areas, to provide for the safety of residents.

## Support for Native Arts and Cultures

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, soon to be based in Portland, has been awarded a multi-million dollar gift in support of its mission to advance equity and cultural knowledge.

A Native-led organization, the NACF focuses on the power of arts and collaboration to strengthen Native communities and promote positive social, cultural and environmental change. NACF is one of 286 high-impact organizations nationwide that received \$2.7 billion in gifts from philanthropists MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett.

"We are at a pivotal moment in Indigenous communities in which creative forces are aligning for the good of all," said Lulani Arquette, NACF president. "As we grow our organization and programming, we believe art is a powerful force to bring about transformative change, healing and understanding."

While Native-led nonprofits are often overlooked in philanthropic giving, Native artists and organizations are doing profound work to strengthen Native communities, change misconceptions about Indigenous peoples and create space

and opportunities for Indigenous voices to be amplified.

NACF is pleased to receive this gift in the company of other valued Native recipient organizations, and is inspired by the support, recognition and visibility this will bring to Indigenous issues.

"We are grateful to be included alongside so many vital organizations in our collective efforts to uplift the strengths of American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native people and support positive social change," Ms. Arquette said.

The gift comes as NACF transitions to a new national headquarters in Portland, after taking ownership of a historic building in the city's vibrant southeast neighborhood. The Center for Native Arts and Cultures (CNAC) will be a robust community asset and gathering place for Native artists and local partnerships. NACF has distributed over 500 grants since 2009 to artists and arts organizations in 34 states and the District of Columbia. To learn more about NACF and CNAC, visit: [nativeartsandcultures.org](http://nativeartsandcultures.org)

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