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Graduation on June 4

The Madras High School and Bridges High School graduation ceremonies are coming up on Saturday, June 4. The ceremony will start at 9 a.m. at the school athletic field.

Graduates need to arrive at 8 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center to prepare. Gates for guests will also open at 8 a.m.

The graduation ceremony will be live-streamed and recorded for family and friends to enjoy.

W.S. jail preferred site

The plan for a new Warm Springs jail is moving ahead. The preferred site for the facility, as approved this month by Tribal Council, is at the industrial park, with two alternatives in case of unforeseen circumstances. The previous Tribal Council approved the preferred site by resolution early in May. Timing was important, as the U.S. Department of the Interior last year approved the funding, contingent on the project moving forward.

James Halliday, Land Services director, and Nancy Seyler, Public Safety acting general manager, conducted the community outreach over the past few months. Based upon the responses, the industrial park site, off of Highway 3, was identified as preferred. Factors under consideration were infrastructure, access and site location, for instance. Fourteen locations were considered before the decision to go with industrial park.

The proposed jail facility will house up to 60 inmates. Through BIA Facilities, the construction project will be funded by the federal government, according to terms of long-standing tribal-U.S. agreements. The Confederated Tribes currently contract for jail services with NorCor in The Dalles, a cooperative arrangement.

The former corrections building, located by the Police Department, is unsuitable for incarceration purposes, in terms of both inmates and Corrections staff. Warm Springs Corrections Lt. Crystal Greene over the past years documented the inadequacies of the existing structure, leading to the successful funding application by Public Safety and the tribes.

The Tribal Council "supports the construction of the Warm Springs Detention Center" at the location as legally described in the attachments, according to the resolution. The tribes agree to a commercial lease to the federal government of the industrial site acreage for 25 years.

Through the planning process, the siting team, including the BIA, determined that five acres would be needed for the jail facility. The industrial park site fits just within this requirement, Mr. Halliday said. Beyond the construction itself, some infrastructure work will be required, such as water and sewer, roads, etc.

Full Pi-Ume-Sha again not possible this year

In the summer of 1969 the United States was at war in Vietnam. Servicemen were fighting overseas, while families at home were waiting for a return to daily life, the traditions, the food and good times of the reservation. In late June '69 the sky was clear, temperatures in the mid 90s, the setting for the first Pi-Ume-Sha. The words themselves, 'Pi-Ume-Sha,' translate roughly from Ichiskeen as 'celebration.' In those days the now legendary atwai Nathan 'Eight Ball' Jim was among the organizers, with families of the Calica, Katchia and Mitchell households, among other families and friends (*apologies if names are not mentioned; it was not intentional*). Eight Ball was the original great Master of Ceremonies of many gatherings, very funny and smart.

At the start, the 1969 June celebration was above all a tribute to the families of the Vietnam War. And yet a greater tradition was born, Pi-Ume-Sha, at first a humble gesture to the men and women fighting for freedom, in time growing into a celebration of Native American traditions as observed here in the Northwest.

By chance the month of June happens to be the anniversary



Statement of the Powwow and Parade Committee

The following is the statement from the Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow and Parade Committee, regarding the need to limit the June activities:

To honor and respect the health and welfare of our community and potential visitors from other places, the Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow will not be held in 2022. Our most precious resource is our people and we wish them all good health and well-being. We will work towards coming back the summer of 2023.

However, there will be a Parade on Saturday morning, June 25 to honor our Veterans; you can contact Ramona Baez at 541-460-0077 for more information.

Following the parade, we encourage our local community to have a 'Fun Time' with drumming and dancing, so our people can continue our time-honored traditional dances. If there are families that need or want to release themselves to join the dancing and drumming, that can be done just prior to, or during the powwow.

The 2022 Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair is also scheduled. For more information, contact the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, 541-553-1196.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Powwow and Parade committee have not been able to have fund raising events to fund the full three-day powwow contests, honorariums, for Elders and Veterans, the meals, etc.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow and Parade Committee

sary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855: Under extreme duress the Treaty Signers—by the Treaty Oak near the Columbia River—agreed to the document. The Treaty formally recognizes the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs as sovereign, equal among other governments and nations. In legal terms the Treaty creates the boundaries of the reservation; yet also removed most of the river

people from the N'chi Wana homeland. The terms acknowledge Native rights to fish, hunt and gather upon the Ceded Lands.

Every year since 1969, until the pandemic began in 2020, the tribes celebrated Pi-Ume-Sha, making the event among the premier festivities of the Northwest.

This summer, as we seem to be returning to normal, covid-wise, Pi-Ume-Sha will be in a somewhat

different fashion, as explained here in the statement from Ms. Louise Katchia and the Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow and Parade Committee. An issue this year has been fundraising. Earlier in the year the pandemic prevented the necessary fundraising, which takes several months. The change this year also acknowledges the passing last year of the late atwai Cassie Katchia, powwow organizer, greatly missed.

— Dave McMechan

2022 Ceremonial Fishery



Albert Kalama Sr. crew returning with a load of ceremonial fish to the Wyeth treaty fishing site.



Michael McConville crew at the Koberg treaty fishing site, as Bruce Jim Sr., Ron Suppah and Tiger Van Pelt monitor and assist; and below, William Slockish crew with Tiger Van Pelt at Lyle treaty access site.



Mark Manion photos ~ Harvest Manager, Tribal Fisheries.

Busy first weeks with the new Tribal Council

Since taking office as preliminary business, the new Tribal Council has met with departments and enterprises of the Confederated Tribes.

Council also decided that at least six members must be present, with the chairman or vice-chair, for all action items. The chair, Jonathan Smith, or vice-chair, Raymond Captain Moody, can be among the six to establish the voting

quorum.

In other initial business, Council decided to begin all regular morning meetings, requiring a quorum by 9:30 a.m.; otherwise, the meeting is rescheduled. For the organization updates:

Council met first with Brenda Bremner, superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Following were updates from the Office of Special Trustee, and the federal

and state legislative updates.

In the area community health Tribal Council met with Hyllis Dauphinais, chief executive officer of the Warm Springs Indian Health Services Clinic; the Covid-19 Response Team; and with Michael Collins, director of tribal Managed Care.

The tribal organization is large, so the full update was a matter of some days, including reports from: Human Resources, Fi-

nance, Government Affairs, Education, Procurement, Tribal Court, Health and Human Services, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Veterans Service office, High Lookee Lodge. And on Wednesday of last week:

Public Utilities, including the water treatment plant; the Tribal Employment Rights Office, the Gaming Commission and Surveillance. And earlier this week:

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