



On the Fourth of July in W.S.

There will be the fireworks display in Warm Springs on the evening of Monday, July 4. And earlier this week, organizers were working with veterans to plan for a Fourth of July Parade, said Dan Martinez, Emergency Management director.

Warm Springs Recreation is hosting the Fourth activities. Meanwhile, fire safety is always a concern this time of year, especially as temperatures are warming up and the chance of rain is minimal.

The fire danger level for the reservation this week increased to 3.

People who wish to light off their own fire works are encouraged to do so at the Community Center parking lot or the parking area at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Great community day for Treaty of 1855

The Honoring Veterans Parade in Warm Springs happened on June 25, the Treaty Anniversary Day, honoring all veterans and this year commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The parade included the Horseback Riders, the Floats and Walkers. Parade entries were in the Traditional Pi-Ume-Sha style, and Honoring Veterans.

The parade, followed by a community gathering at the powwow grounds at the Community Center, was hosted by the Pi-Ume-Sha 2023 committee, KWSO 91.9 FM Radio, VFW Elliott Palmer Post 4217 and Eugene 'Cougar' Greene Sr. American Legion Post 48, the Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Health and Human Services.



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Images from the Honoring Veterans Parade on Saturday, June 25, Treaty Day. The parade ended at the Community Center, where there was lunch and a gathering.

Covid remains a risk in the community

Recent numbers from the Warm Springs Covid Reponse Team showed there were 11 active cases among the community. Last week there were 15 local cases, showing the virus remains a potential health risk to the community. Testing of wastewater also demonstrates the virus is still among us, said Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager. Fortunately as of earlier this week, no one from the local community was hospitalized with covid.

Vaccination for youth

Very young children are eligible for a Covid-19 vaccination. The Food and Drug Administration earlier this month granted emergency use authorization to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months to 5 years; as well as to Moderna's vaccine for kids ages 6 months to 6 years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention soon after recommended the vaccines, which are now available.

Approval of covid vaccination for very young people naturally raises a number of question: Are the vaccines safe? How effective are they, especially against Omicron? Should a child who recently had Covid-19 get vaccinated?

Vaccination in young children has not been high to date. Nationally only about 29 percent of children ages 5 to 11 are fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. This compares to a vaccination rate of 60 percent among kids ages 12 to 17. Parents are encouraged to speak with your health provider in making this important decision.

'Faces from the Land' exhibit at the museum

You will see some familiar faces from the Warm Springs community and around Indian Country at the new Museum at Warm Springs exhibit.

Faces from the Land: A Photographic Journey Through Native America is a traveling exhibition documenting the pride, spirit and identity of Native American powwow dancers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The exhibit is the creation of Ben and Linda Marra. The

exhibit features 36 of Ben Marra's large color portraits of powwow dancers.

Each photograph is accompanied by personal written narratives, composed by the subject, compiled by Linda Marra, describing the tribal significance of their regalia and dance. The striking images along with the text vividly detail the beauty of the powwow, which juxtaposes tradition and modern culture.

Working together as photographer and producer-documentarian respectively, Ben and Linda began

Examples of the Ben Marra photographs that are the feature of *Faces from the Land: A Photographic Journey Through Native America*, on display into September at the Museum at Warm Springs.



to document powwows in 1988.

Always an integral part of Native life, the powwow offers the opportunity for people to gather and celebrate their spiritual connections to ancestors, the planet, community and traditions through drumming, dance and song.

The Marras produce two international calendars annually—*Native American Dance and Powwow* and *Portraits of Native Americans*—that are available at a discount to Native youth groups for fund-raising projects.

Their award-winning book, *Powwow: Images Along the Red Road*, was published by Abrams in 1996

and is in its eighth printing.

The Marras' work has been featured in numerous museums and national magazines, and was included in *The Handbook of North American Indians* published by the Smithsonian Institution.

Their second book, *Faces from the Land: Twenty Years of Powwow Tradition* was published in 2009, also by Abrams. For more information visit: benmarra.com

Faces from the Land be on view through late September at the Museum at Warm Springs. The museum is now in



Leona A. Ike, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, one of the featured dancers at the exhibit.



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