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## Rodeo action ready to buck

The Open Ranch Rodeo is coming up soon at the newly renovated Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds. This will be the first rodeo in Warm Springs in more than three years.

JE Florendo, Alfredine Smith and family, and the Ranch Rodeo Club are presenting the event.

They spent the summer fixing up the grounds, which have not been used for rodeo since the summer of 2019.

The Ranch Rodeo—starting at noon on Saturday, September 3—will be a welcome return to the more fun gatherings and activities on the reservation.

The rodeo will include Ranch bronc riding, Muley team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, breakaway, wild cow milking, two-man wild horse race, 'St. Paul Style,' the calf scramble (free) and mini bulls. There is a 100-percent payout, and prize buckles. Entry is open until 5 p.m. on August 31. Admission is \$10 per vehicle.

The Florendo and Suppah families are providing the livestock. The show is presented not for profit, instead as a community booster, so the rodeo club is taking donations to help with event. For entries call 541-771-0656. Or email: [dadsrodoerigl@gmail.com](mailto:dadsrodoerigl@gmail.com)

## Filmmaker documenting Commissary project

Filmmaker LaRonn Katchia is working on a project to capture the transformation of the Warm Springs Commissary building. Most recently, Mr. Katchia, working with the Warm Springs Community Action Team, received a \$72,500 grant for the project from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The 2022 Creative Heights grant provides funding for Katchia to write, film and edit the full-length documentary entitled *A Bridge to the Future*.

The documentary will capture "the transformation of community in the re-construction of the 125-year-old Warm Springs Commissary—a symbol of a tribal community claiming a new future," Mr. Katchia said.

"With the Creative Heights grant we will be able to tell our story, transforming the oldest building on the Warm Springs reservation into a business incubator to help tribal entrepreneurs thrive.

"It is important to help build our economy within the reservation and to document this journey through an authentic indigenous lens."

The contribution to the Community Action and to the Oregon Community Foundation is part of a \$1 million investment in "visionary Oregon arts and culture projects."

Many of this year's Creative Heights grantees are elevating cultural voices, shining a light on little-known history and launching significant new structures for artists to thrive.

This is a perfect description of the tribes' and Community Action Team's Commissary project itself.

The Commissary is the oldest standing structure on the reservation, dating back 125 years. Decades ago, as the name suggests, the building was used for BIA Commodities. In more recent time, tribal Natural Resources used the structure for offices.

DOCUMENTARY continues on 7



Courtesy OCF

Director LaRonn Katchia and film crew; and (below) architectural conception of the finished Commissary business incubator.



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Commissary in April during move to current site by the highway.



Courtesy WSCAT

## Airshow taking off

The Airshow of the Cascades Festival is this Friday and Saturday, August 26-27 at the Madras Airport. All are invited, free entry for veterans kids under 5. The organizers are asking Warm Springs veterans to attend for tours of aircraft, and perhaps to ride in one (see page 4 for details).

The show this year will feature the U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt Team, and the U.S. Navy F-18 Growler Legacy Team.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team will give a performance; and there is free entrance to the Erickson's Aircraft Collection. Other features of the 2022 Airshow are the Les Schwab Classic Car Show, and the Pacific Power Fireworks display on Friday night.

The band Precious Byrd will be playing live on Friday evening, free with entry. Precious Byrd has been voted the number one party band in Oregon multiple years running.

Saturday live music will be provided by another local favorite, Sweet Red & The Hot Rod Billies. And music for the Thursday kick-off evening is by 56th Army Band from Joint Base Ft. Lewis McChord

Airshow tickets are available online: [airshowofthecascades.com](http://airshowofthecascades.com)

**2022 WARM SPRINGS  
BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ**  
**Thursday, September 1st**  
**4-6PM**  
at the Warm Springs  
K-8 Academy

**FOOD - SCHOOL STAFF & FAMILIES  
BACK PACKS & RESOURCE FAIR**

**This is a great event for the  
community to come together to get  
excited about a new school year!**



## School events coming up

Labor Day is coming up on Monday, September 5, and the first student day for the school district 509-J will be Tuesday, September 6. During the school year, the Warm Springs Academy bus drop-off time will be 7:50 a.m. with school start time at 8. School will start on late days at 9:30. End of school is 2:50 p.m. The Warm Springs Academy Back to School Barbecue is next Thursday, September 1 from 4 to 6 p.m.

This year, the school district is also providing all necessary basic supplies for students. School officials want to ease some of the costs associated with sending your child back to school. A list of the supplies for all grades k-12 are found on the district website: [jcsd.k12.or.us](http://jcsd.k12.or.us)

Meanwhile at the high school, the Buffs are Back Barbecues are this week. The barbecues are from 5 to 7 p.m. this Wednesday and Thursday, August 24-25. The Wednesday barbecue is for incoming ninth-graders; and the Thursday barbecue is for all students.

There will be hotdogs, chips and water provided for everyone who attends. Snow cones, popcorn and other snacks can be purchased at the student store. All proceeds will go to the leadership group.

Also during the barbecue events, staff will give a tour of the school and show ninth-graders where their classes will be, and the school will give students their schedules. School supplies will be provided to all high school students.

All of the school activities, clubs and sports groups will have tables set up to showcase their group and recruit new members. Students can meet teachers and principals. Families will be able to purchase year-books.

Students who drive can get a parking pass and a parking spot assigned. This is required for anyone that plans to drive to school. Passes are free and current proof of insurance and a driver's license is required.

Students and families do not need to attend the entire time. They can stop by anytime during the two hours. *Come on down and Go Buffs!*

In other school news: The district Future Farmers of America program is doing an outstanding job.

Six more students showed at the county fair this year compared to last year.

Middle school students competed at the fair for the first time in nearly a decade.

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