

Year in Review ~ 2022 ~ (from page 3)

March

The membership in March chose the **new Tribal Council**.

There was an excellent voter turnout for all three districts, the Election Board reported. The ballot counting process also went smoothly, with every single ballot cast included in the final tally, the board reported.

There are five new members on the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council. Meanwhile, three incumbents of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council won re-election to the tribes' policy decision-making body. The results by district:

Agency District: James Manion, Alvis Smith III, and Jonathan W. Smith.

Seekseequa District: Rosa Graybael and Wilson Wewa Jr.

Simnasho District: Carlos Calica, Raymond Moody and Lincoln Jay Suppah.

The elected members join the three life-time members, the Chiefs of the Warm Springs, the Wasco and the Paiute.

April

In April of this year, **Jim Manion** announced his retirement from the Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises. Mr. Manion had been with the enterprise since the age of 21.

He was with Power and Water

for 41 years, the last several as the general manager, having overseen among many changes, the tribes' acquisition of half of the over hydro project. A very short time after his retirement, Jim was elected as a Tribal Council member of the Agency District. Also in April:

A commercial moving crew carefully towed the **Commissary building** in early April to its new location by Highway 26, at the corner of Wasco and Paiute streets on the campus area. Moving the two-story, 126-year-old structure took a few hours. There was a light rain during the move, which nevertheless went smoothly.

During the morning and afternoon of the move, people were pausing to take pictures and videos, witnessing the rare site of a 5,000-square-foot structure making its two-block trek. The Warm Springs Community Action Team is now well on the way toward fulfilling its Commissary business development plan. Over the coming year the building will see a complete three-stage remodel.

April at the Museum at Warm Springs saw the opening of **Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes**. The show explores common stereotypes about Native peoples that are falsehoods, followed by the truths behind them. The artists use the unexpected—humor, emotion



People stopped to take pictures in April of the Commissary building in transport to its new location by the highway.

or shock—to encourage viewers to question and challenge stereotypes, even unspoken, unacknowledged ones. And in some positive health news:

Tribal Council at the recommendation of the Response Team dropped most the **Covid-19 protocols** for tribal buildings. There had been a promising decline in the number of reported cases of the virus in the community, prompting the change.

May

The **Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council** of the Confederated Tribes took office in early May, with many tribal members on hand to show their support. The new Council then held their first meeting of their three-year term. The Council chose Jonathan W. Smith, Agency District, as the new chairman; and Raymond 'Captain' Moody, Simnasho District, as the vice chairman. In other tribal government news from early May:

Former Tribal Councilman **Raymond Tsumpti** accepted the position as the tribes' new Governmental Affairs director.

Mr. Tsumpti had been a long-serving Councilman, choosing in 2022 not to run again. Through his lifetime adventures, including a distinguished military career, Mr. Tsumpti brought to the Tribal Council table his knowledge of tradition, dedication to service and good work for the betterment of the tribes.

Continuing a disheartening theme that began in 2020, the **Pi-Ume-Sha** Committee announced that once again the full powwow could not happen again this year. Explaining the unfortunate yet necessary decision, the committee announced,

"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." In May education news, as graduation day is approaching June:

Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie was initiated recently into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Ms. Squiemphen-Yazzie was initiated at Portland State University, where she is receiving her Master's in Social Work Degree. Phi Kappa Phi membership is by invitation only, and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

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Image from *Savages and Princesses: The Persistence of Native American Stereotypes*. The exhibit was on display at the Museum at Warm Springs in April and May of 2022.

Simnasho Lights Parade Thursday

The *Second Annual Simnasho Christmas Lights Parade* is this Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The parade line-up will be at the Simnasho Longhouse.

The community invites everyone to decorate your rez cars, and meet at the longhouse parking lot.

From Warm Springs Credit Enterprise

The following check cashing policy applies to this Thursday, December 15:

Bank doors will be locked.

The drive-through window will be available to cash checks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Checks will be cashed only in the person's name on the check; and you must have ID. Conservators must present documentation.