

Comedian Gilbert Brown at COCC Madras campus



Gilbert Brown during powwow performance.

Courtesy photo

Comedian Gilbert Brown will appear at Central Oregon Community College’s Madras campus this Friday, November 17 from 6:30-7:30.

Also known as the ‘Naughty Rez Dog,’ Gilbert is a member of the Modoc, Klamath, Paiute and Warm Springs tribes. His storytelling style of comedy includes tales of rodeos and reservation life.

His comedy draws on the various facets of his rich life: He is a storyteller and he’s not afraid to tell it the way it happened.

His blue collar roots as a city facilities worker mean his voice reaches out to all regular folks and has them rolling in their seats with laughter.

When he’s not performing standup comedy, he is busy teaching the next generation the ins and outs of wild horse rodeo.

He’s a popular powwow emcee all across Indian Country. And he’s a strong advocate of his people’s traditions, taking the time to speak to Native youth through workshops and youth comedy shows.

His performance on Friday is part of COCC’s tribute to Native American Heritage Month.

For more information about Gilbert’s show on Friday, contact me at at 541-318-3782. Or email: rector@cocc.edu

You can also visit cocc.edu/multicultural for details. In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability should contact Caitlyn Gardner at 541-383-7237. **Jeremiah Rector**, COCC Native American Program coordinator.

On Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda during the rest of November (subject to change at Council discretion):

Thursday, November 16
2 p.m.: Tribal attorney update iwth Brent Hall.
3: Tentative date for 2024 budget approval/ pending possible U.S. government shutdown.

Monday, November 20
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe, S-T/CEO.
10: December agenda and review minutes with the S-T.
11: Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson.

2:30: Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.
3:30: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.
4: Manage Care update with Mike Collins.

Tuesday, November 21
9 a.m.: Approve 2024 budget.

Wednesday, November 22: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs shutdown at 12 noon. **Thursday-Friday, November 23-24:** Organization closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday.

Items for consideration: General Council meeting regarding 2024 proposed budget.

Water a focus of Council, Bend meeting

The Confederated Tribes rely on the Deschutes River for drinking water, and fish and wildlife, among other essential tribal interests. Ensuring the quantity and quality of water in the river is among the very highest priorities of the tribes, if not the highest.

Of the entities that rely on the Deschutes River, the tribes have the primary water right to the Deschutes, dating back to the Treaty of 1855. This applies to the reservation and the ceded lands.

The Tribal Council and management met tihs month with the City Council of Bend for discussion on issues common to both, such as the health of the Deschutes River.

“We draw water straight from the river,” said Robert Brunoe, secretary-treasurer and CEO of the Confederated Tribes. “This goes into our water treatment plant, and then serves our community.” For this reason alone, Mr. Brunoe said, “Water quality is very important.”

Addressing the Bend Council, the tribes’ Government Affairs director Raymond Tsumpti added, “Keep us in mind as to the water,



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Tribal secretary-treasurer Robert Brunoe, Chief Joe Moses, and Councilmen Jim Manion and Wilson Wewa with city of Bend officials, following the first meeting between the two governments.

always. I’m not asking you to cater to us, but to keep us in mind when we do submit comments. We would like to be heard,” Mr. Tsumpti said

The mayor of Bend, Melanie Kebler welcomed the tribal leaders to their council chamber.

“This is the first of what we hope will be many inter-governmental meetings between our two governments, to talk about shared

issues and concerns.”

Bend Councilman Anthony Broadman said, “This is a firm commitment from our government to work with the tribal government on issues of deep concern for both of our governments, and our mutual constituents.” Mayor Kebler said she hopes in the future that the Tribal and Bend councils can meet at least once each year.

New HVAC for Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs will be closed from Monday, December 18 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024. The closure is necessary for installation of the new heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or HVAC sytsem.

The museum will reopen on Thursday, February 1. Staff will be working throughout the closure, though the public will not be allowed into the building due to safety and health considerations.

“A new HVAC system has long been needed for the museum,” said Elizabeth Woody, museum executive director.

“And we are grateful for the generosity of our funders, including the U.S. Congress, the National Park Service, the Roundhouse Foundation, the Ford Family Foundation,

the Portland General Electric Foundation, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, and the Oregon Cultural Trust. We thank them for helping us make this monumental and expensive job possible.”

The museum will be closed during the HVAC installation, Ms. Woody said, “because it will simply be too cold for the public, as the doors need to be left open, and workers will be coming and going.

“However, our staff will still be working during this time, so tribal members who need to purchase ceremonial items from the museum’s gift shop during the closure will still be able to do that.”



She adds, “We appreciate the public’s understanding our need to make the museum warm and to protect our precious collections as well as our visitors.”

Ms. Woody notes that there may be a need to close the museum for another period of time after the initial six-week period closure due to potential uncertainty of equipment supply chains.

The Thirtieth Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member and Youth Exhibit is on display through early March 2.

The museum will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22; and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 for Thanksgiving.

Construction work on Quail Trail at Greeley Heights

Warm Springs Construction is hoping to finish the Quail Trail project at Greeley Heights perhaps within a week or two.

New sidewalks went in last week, though extra worked was needed to repair an apparent incidence of vandalism, the second such case in regard to the project.

The improvements will include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps for the sidewalks, and a guardrail section.

Twenty-two light poles will be installed, likely after the road reopens.



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