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## Wasco Chief election

Families and individuals of the the Agency District last week nominated candidates for the Wasco Chieftainship election. There are seven candidates at this time:

Leona Ike, nominated by Lena Ika and seconded by Natasha Ika DeBiaso.

Alvis Smith III, nominated by Mona Smith Cochran and seconded by Leona Ike.

Garland Brunoe, nominated by Urbana Manion and seconded by Cecelia Brunoe.

Wissie Smith, nominated by Marcia Smith Soliz and seconded by Alfredine Smith.

Danny Martinez, nominated by Rosemary Alarcon and seconded by Caroline Cruz.

Dondi Hoptowit, nominated by himself and seconded by Austin Smith Sr.

John Katchia Sr., nominated by Sharon Katchia and seconded by Rayann Satanus.

A suggested timeline and the Agency voting list is available for review. By the timeline, the election is scheduled to happen in April.

## Free water filters with the Chuush Project

Learn more about the Chuush Project on Friday, March 1 at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

The evening will include an opening song and blessing, and a meal. There will also be information and a demonstration of water filters for homes and community locations. This will be a chance to sign up to receive a free water filter.

The PacificSource and Columbia Gorge Health Council are continuing to work with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Health and Welfare Committee, Emergency Preparedness, Prevention, and Fire and Safety to help find reliable, cost effective and sustainable solutions for distribution and access to safe drinking water for the tribal nation and community.

## Free pet health clinic in April

A Warm Springs spay-neuter clinic is coming up in April, for both dogs and cats. Free services include spay or neuter, vaccines, microchip, and flea and tick preventions. The clinic dates are April 20-21 at Warm Springs Fire and Safety. To register call 503-451-0765, or see the website:

Firstnationsvet.com/warm-springs-nation

## New vehicle for optimum fire response

A new addition at Warm Springs Fire and Safety is a class 3 fire response vehicle—the first brand new Fire and Safety truck in more than 20 years—equipped with four-wheel drive, allowing crews to respond to both structure and nearby wild land fires.

“This is a tremendous help,” said Scott Spaulding, Chief of Fire and Safety. “We can now respond to areas where before we couldn’t.” Fire and Safety had been limited in fully responding to a fire burning in grass or trees with the blaze moving toward a structure or neighborhood, for instance. The new vehicle helps with these and similar situations.

Chief Spaulding consulted with Public Safety General Manager Nancy Seyler, Secretary-Treasurer Robert Brunoe, and assistant fire chief Chelsea Beaver in determining the type of new vehicle that would best serve the community. The class



Fire crew members Chelsea Beaver, J'Von Smith, Cayden Martinez and John Brown by the new fire truck.

3 four-wheel drive, also providing greater water and equipment capacity, was the clear choice.

The vehicle is top of the line, coming in at \$315,000. Chief Spaulding worked with the Oregon Fire Marshall in Salem to secure the funding.

Fire and Safety often works in

coordination with Fire Management, and in mutual aid with other agencies of the region, in responding to fire emergencies. The new truck is a great addition to the fire safety resources of reservation community, Chief Spaulding said.

Another project that is in the planning phase is a new fire station,

as the current FEMA trailer facilities are getting old, and the brick part of the building is currently unusable.

“A new station would be tremendously helpful,” Spaulding said, “so we could fit everything inside, and always have the vehicles warmed up and ready to go.”

Meanwhile, a new four-bay structure will be going in across the street from the current facilities, in order to help house the vehicles and equipment. The department and Public Safety worked on this project with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Fire and Safety strives to have the best tribal member recruitment program. “We bring on qualified tribal members,” Chief Spaulding said, “and we can also bring on people with no training who have shown an interest in our field. We can put them through school, and we’re doing that here in-house. It’s specifically for tribal members.”

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## A vote to determine CP expansion

The Daminwa health and pain relief products are the tribes’ first hemp-based market items. Daninwa, Kiksht for ‘of all time,’ is a collection of hemp tinctures and topical lotions or ges, as marketed by the Warm Springs CP Enterprise. The items are available online and at the Plateau Travel Plaza.

A proposal from Warm Springs Economic Development and the CP Enterprise is to expand the availability of this and possibly other hemp and cannabis products at a retail



Toya Pérez, showing some of the Daminwa products, works at the Plateau Travel Plaza, where Daminwa is available.

store or stores, located on trust land, such as at the Travel Plaza, or on the reservation. That is the referendum question the membership will answer on April 3. The effort could help further carry out the tribal referendum of 2015, allowing the tribes to operate in cannabis production.

“Shall the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation authorize the Tribal Council to: Allow, license, regulate and operate a tribally-owned retail sales facility to be located on-reservation and/or on trust land for sales of marijuana and related products for the legal possession and use of small quantities of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older on-reservation,” is the specific question of the April 3 referendum.

## At the Simnasho Traditional Powwow

The Simnasho Traditional Powwow committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the assistance in seeing through a successful alcohol- and drug-free event and social gathering. A special thanks to Indian Head Casino for their contribution in recognizing our veterans and elders; to Papalaxisha, Vio Vaeth, Charlotte Herkshan and committee for Tiny Tots; and to those who we honor and, of course, our upcoming future.

Thank you to Master of Ceremony, Mr. Carlos Calica, and our floor managers (Whips); our cooks for making the wonderful meals: Amy Suppah and Shamona Charley, also Charlotte Herkshan and Minnie Yabtin on meal contribution; and outgoing Lincoln’s Powwow Royalty Cha Ramirez, many thanks for



In place of the annual Lincoln’s Powwow, this year Simnasho hosted the Simnasho Traditional Powwow. Visitors and locals enjoyed specials including Inter-Tribal, the Owl Danc, and more. The event was a great one, enjoyed by all!

carrying our title as Lincoln’s Powwow ambassador.

As powwow chairman, for the hard work of the committee in the planning process to make this event successful: You are appreciated. A good time was had by all! Austin

Greene.

### Simnasho Traditional Powwow

The following are the official champion results of the 2024 Simnasho Traditional and Social Powwow (in order of finishing, first,

second, third etc.):

### Friday Specials:

**Women’s Put’laPah Contest.** Katrina Miller, Yakama. Audrey Olney, Yakama. Kristina Kal.

**Men’s Round Bustle Contest.** Xander Danzuka, Warm Springs. Cecil Jackson. Wilbur Oatman.

**Tiny Tots,** sponsored by Papalaxamisha, Charlotte Herkshan and Vio Vaeth.

### Saturday, February 10 powwow

**Junior Girls’ Fancy-Jingle:** Alexis Payre, Alimae Jackson and Laritta Culp.

**Junior Girls’ Traditional:** Joletta Begay, Katterra Jackson and Marlene Miller.

**Junior Boys’ Fancy-Grass:** Darrius Walsey, Amader Tewee and Wocatsie Kolano.

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