

Summer season tribal fishery

The four Columbia River Treaty tribes announced a June fishery plan and the Columbia River Compact agreed. The tribes have taken a cautious approach to the initial summer season fishery to address uncertainties in run size and catch rates in an effort to avoid risks of fishery closures. The tribes will work to provide additional fishing opportunities as more certainty is available.

For platform and hook-and-line fishery for all of zone 6, fish caught after 6 a.m. on Monday, June 17 may be sold as follows:

Standard platform and hook-and-line gear as determined by tribal regulations: Salmon, any species, and steelhead may be sold or kept for subsistence. For the zone 6 commercial gillnet fishery the fishery is from 6 a.m. on Monday, June 17 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19; and 6 a.m. June 24 through 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

Employee Appreciation Day June 21

The confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is hosting the Annual Employee Appreciation Day luncheon from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 21 at the tribal administration building. There will employee awards, food including cake; plus a raffle, door prizes and fun. Any questions please Human Resources-Comp and Benefits at 541-553-3262.

Cannabis referendum falls short

The cannabis retail business proposal, as presented in the referendum last week, did not see enough voter turnout. The Tribal Constitution states in regard to a referendum, "The will of the majority of those voting shall be the law, provided at least one-third of the eligible voters actually vote."

There are a total of 3,349 eligible voters, and the cannabis retail referendum fell fairly well short of the one-third mark; though a majority of those who did vote were in favor. The cannabis retail proposal, by the CP Enterprise with Economic Development, would have addressed a provision of the 2015 referendum that expressly excludes any retail cannabis operations from an on-reservation site.

The recent referendum asked whether such a business, as licensed, owned, regulated and operated by the tribes, should be allowed.

Tribes welcome Wasco Chief Greene

Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene took the oath of office to serve on Tribal Council during a ceremony May 29 in front of the administration building.

He began his welcoming remarks with a greeting in the Wasco Kiksht language; then as Wasco Chief addressed the gathering:

I'm very humbled to be standing before you. I'm very honored to be chosen by the Wasco people.

I'm honored to be guided into this position by many of the elders who were then, and the many who are here today.

I stand before you not because I know everything, but because I'm a student to the people. I'm here to listen, to honor, to work and be with you. Whatever it takes for us to grow as a nation, I promise to be there.

I want to hear your words, to be guided and formed into a leader. I want our children to be motivated and mentored; so when they become my age at 40, we will have many leaders to choose from. That we will have many leaders who speak the language, which is one of my biggest hurdles but my greatest journey, to assure that I know the language, that I participate



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in the ceremonies, that I'm here to see our children grow, to see our businesses and enterprises grow.

That I will form friendships with everyone. I will see no difference in the color of our skin, the quantum of our blood, the age of our people, and that I will value each and every one of you, because I love you just as our elders loved me.... We will be a family together. I love you all and thank you.

Chief Greene received the most votes during the Wasco Chieftainship special election of the Agency District, held in May.

Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene addresses the gathering following the swearing in. Wasco headress presentation (below left) by Ramona Baez, his mother, and aunt Sarah Gonzalez.



Inspiration and awareness through art

Behind each of the paintings is the voice of an Indigenous person who has suffered the impact of violence, and each painting is an act of remembrance and healing.

"Life has been my inspiration," artist said Nayana LaFond says. "Through challenges and surviving seemingly insurmountable odds, art has been my outlet and the place I could express that which could not be said."

Ms. LaFond is a Massachusetts-based Indigenous artist, and domestic violence survivor

Her exhibit, the *Portraits in Red: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Painting Project* is now on display at the Museum at Warm Springs.

This is a national traveling exhibition, making a stop this summer at the museum.

The exhibition features 40 paintings by Ms. LaFond, citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario. Her art focuses on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.

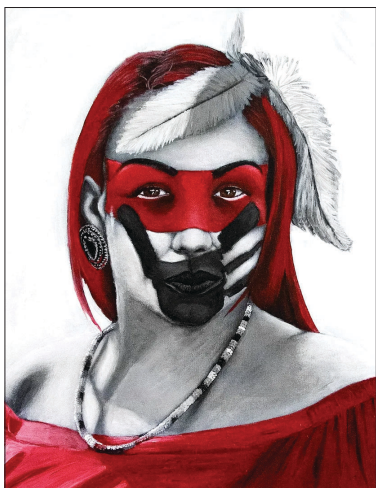
Nayana's painting project began in 2020 with one painting *Lauraina in Red* created for the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native



The artist Nayana LaFond with *Portraits in Red*.

Women and Girls, observed in May and now known as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day. Since 2020 Nayana has painted more than 50 commissioned portraits, having at present completed more than 110.

Every portrait is of someone who is missing, was murdered, survived, a family member or friend, or an activist-hero fighting for the cause. Nayana hopes to make sure the missing and dead are never forgotten, and to provide help with healing for families.



Stacey in Red (above); and Kateri in Red (right).

Ninety-eight percent of Native people experience violence during their lifetime. Native women face murder rates 11 times the national average. These crimes are under-reported by the media and under-prosecuted by law enforcement. The exhibition brings visibility to this ongoing crisis.



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