

New power lines transformative for tribes, region

Tribal, federal and business leaders gathered for initial discussions regarding the large-scale transmission lines improvement project; and its impact on and benefits to the tribes, the state and the environment. The meeting marked the start of a multi-year collaborative project to unlock new renewable energy development, and job and economic opportunities.

“We look forward to expanding how our tribes can shape Oregon’s renewable energy future,” said Jonathan Smith Sr., Tribal Council Chairman.

The one-day meeting set the stage for the next several years’ work, bringing together tribal and federal officials, and program partners such as Portland General Electric and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The tribes with PGE are leading the effort, including new transmission lines between the reservation



The current Bethel-Round Butte transmission lines run 98 miles between the reservation and the Willamette Valley. The lines are supported by wooden power poles, while the new lines, with much greater capacity and efficiency, will be supported by metal poles.

and Willamette Valley; and the installation of high-capacity fiber optic cables. The cables will bring broadband access to communities and tribal families alongside the transmission route, many of whom

are rural and under-served.

The power project will include new substation facilities with supporting capacity for additional renewable energy facilities.

The tribes and U.S. officials re-

cently finished financial negotiations, following the award last year of a \$250 million Grid Resilience Innovative Partnerships program grant. This grant opportunity is through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, through the U.S. Department of Energy. Additional funding will be from the tribes, PGE and other investors, and likely future grants. Total eventual build-out cost of the project is about \$614 million.

“What this transmission line upgrade represents is more than just increasing capacity,” said Cathy Ehli, executive director of Power and Water Enterprises. “It’s about unlocking opportunities for the tribes and our enterprises in the future of energy.”

Regarding the long-time and ongoing financial importance of Power and Water to the tribes, especially new opportunities opening through the transmission lines

project, Mrs. Ehli said, “At their core, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are energy tribes.”

At the recent partnership meeting, the participants learned more about the tribes and the tribal collaborative approach to resource management. The event included a helicopter tour of their reservation and the Pelton-Round Butte hydro-electric system.

The new transmission lines will help meet the growing demand for renewable electricity, at times mandated by law and always growing.

An education note: There are plans for a renewable energy curriculum at the Warm Springs Academy, and a high school mentorship program with coaching from energy industry professionals. There will be a partnership with Oregon Tradeswomen, providing pre-apprenticeship programming and access to road construction jobs throughout the reservation.

Veterans Day events

Veterans Day is coming up on Monday, November 11. This year the tribes will, as by tradition, mark the day with the Veterans Day Parade, and a lunch honoring all veterans.

This year the parade route will be a little different from previous years’ parades. The new route will be shorter, for instance. And there will be one float to carry veterans who want to be in the parade but not able to or wanting to walk.

The Grand Marshal this year is ‘All Veterans.’ Parade line-up will be as follows: The Veterans with the Flags, and the Horse with No Rider, to be led by Mr. Tom.

The veterans float will be provided by the Indain Head Casino for veterans only; then all other veterans who want to walk, along with family and friends to cheer them on.

Parade line-up will be at 10:45 a.m. The route will leave the Emergency Management area, walking past the Commissary area, around the Fire Station, then to the Court House for services at the Memorial Stone.

The Memorial Stone commemorates the very first tribal member military veterans from early wars.

When the parade finishes, those on hand can then proceed to the old cafeteria on campus for lunch. The menu will include:

Deer, roast salmon, ribs, two types of fry bread; coleslaw, baked beans and other side dishes; Hawaiian rolls, pumpkin pie, apple pie, marion berry and more.

Let us make this Veterans Day a special one for keeping us free!

The parade committee.

Land Acknowledgment, Native Market at St. Charles

St. Charles Madras in November is hosting the Native Market—featuring a presentation of Land Acknowledgment in the Galleria—in recognition of Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The event will include the Land Acknowledgment unveiling, talks by interested parties involved, plus complimentary fry bread tacos, local vendor booths, Roc your Mocs and more. The Native Market happens at St. Charles Madras from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 14.

The Land Acknowledgment at St. Charles Madras is a cooperative project between the St. Charles Health System and the Confederated Tribes.

Dr. Shilo Shaw Tippet is the St. Charles Clinic Psychologist and OHSU Assistant Professor, and also works at the tribes’ Behavioral Health on Fridays. For the Native Market project she has been working with the hospital team, event planning com-

mittee member Vanessa Culp, and Robert Brunoe, Secretary-Treasurer-CEO.

They worked with tribal community members, including members with St. Charles, on designing the Land Acknowledgment honoring.

The Acknowledgment tributes will be displayed at all of the St. Charles facilities in the region, and some clinics. The particular one to be unveiled November 14 at St. Charles Madras will be the largest display, Dr. Tippet said.

The unveiling event will include talks by tribal representatives, and hospital officials including the St. Charles Health System Chief Executive Officer Dr. Steve Gordon. Kiksht speakers with Madras High School will also be hand, for instance.

The complimentary fry bread tacos will be prepared by the St. Charles Madras Juniper Ridge Café and St. Charles Food Services. There will be also vendor booths in the Metolius Conference Room.

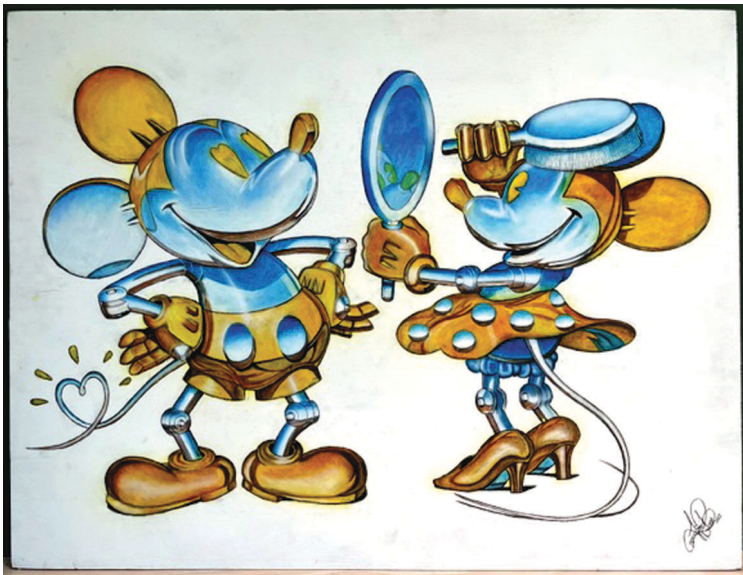
Member, Youth exhibit opens soon

The opening day of the Tribal Member and Youth Art Exhibit is on Wednesday, November 6. The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Grand Opening of the show from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The museum is celebrating the Thirty-First anniversary of the member and youth ex-

hibit—each year one of the best and most interesting.

This show, curated by Angela Anne Smith, features the talent and artistic mastery of adult members, and youth in a separate category. Selected artworks will be available for sale with a 20-percent commission going toward the museum.



2023 Judges Choice Award—Traditional, *The Cougar with Green Eyes* by Delcie Scott. 2022 Judges Choice art show winners: *Sorayama* by Travis R. Bobb, Contemporary (left); and *Good Medicine and the Rose* by Terry Lynn Stradley (below).



Midnight Messenger (above) by BK Courtney, an Honorable Mention piece from last year’s show.





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