

Tribal Council election in spring 2025

In the spring the tribal membership will elect a new Tribal Council.

The current Tribal Council set Wednesday, March 26, 2025 as the date for the next Council election. The Council also approved the timeline of events leading up to the election:

- Nominations will be on Tuesday, January 7 for all districts, with certification of the nominees the following day.
- Tribal Council on January 9 plans to advertise positions for the Election and Counting boards.
- The deadline for new voter and district changes will be January 24.
- The election team will begin

preparing the ballots in late January. Absentee ballots are to be mailed out no later than February 12.

Thirtieth Tribal Council

The membership in the spring will choose the Thirtieth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes, as the tribes have been conducting Council elections once every three years since 1938. The process is carried out under the terms of the Constitution and By-Laws: The Constitution defines the powers of the Tribal Council, the length of terms, qualifications, etc.

Regarding the process the tribes use to conduct an election, the Constitution refers to the

'prevailing customs' of the tribes.

The upcoming nominations and election will be a return to a normal process, as some covid protocols were still in place during early 2022.

Regarding the composition of Tribal Council, the Constitution states: "Representation from the districts shall be as follows: Simnasho District, three elected members and the recognized chief of the district, or his successors; Agency District, three elected members, one of whom shall represent the Sidwaller Flat area, together with the recognized chief of the district, or his successors; Seekseequa District, two elected members and the recognized chief of the district, or his successors.

Round Dance to Remember, Holiday Bazaar in December

The **December to Remember Round Dance** is coming up Friday and Saturday, December 6-7 at the Warm Springs Academy.

Friday will open with a Pipe Ceremony starting at 4:30 p.m., and doors open at 5:30 followed by a feast and the Round Dance at 7.

Doors open on Saturday at 5:30 p.m., with the spaghetti feed and Hand Drum contest, the Round Dance beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be raffles, 50-50, midnight lunch and giveaway; friendship songs, Apple dance, concession and security on-site. The Masters of Ceremonies are Donnie Speidel and Mackie Begay; Media Man—Suite 1491. Stickman by Sage Scabbyrobe and Dasan Begay.

Specials are Men's Lele/Women's Warcy on Friday; Women's Side Step, and Three-Man Hand Drum contest on

Saturday; Best Ribbon Shirt and Best Ribbon Skirt, Friday and Saturday.

Invited are the Cree Confederation of Alberta; Joey Chief, Saskatchewan; GreyEagle Cardinal, Alberta; John Syrette, Ontario; and Cherish Weenie, Saskatchewan; Kaidynce Goodwill, Saskatchewan; Stacy Thunderchild, Saskatchewan; and Rowena Stienhauer, Alberta.

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Forty-Eighth Annual **Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar**, this year on Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center. For sale by vendors will be unique Native American jewelry and many other holiday gift items and ideas.

Admission is free to the public, so you can bring the entire family. For information call Recreation at 541-553-3243.

Warm Springs Recreation Department Presents:

Christmas Ndn Night out MC: Ray "Captain" Moody

Open to all Dancers for Exhibitions

Open to all Drum Groups

Raffle for Prizes- Need to be present

Family Fun Games



Monday December 16, 2024
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Bring your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy at the 5:15pm potluck

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Community notes...

The Warm Springs Recreation **Christmas Tree Lighting** starts at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3.

Everyone is welcome to join in the lighting of the Community tree; and enjoy the hot dogs and chili, hot chocolate and s'mores.

There will be a **Christmas and New Year's Senior Ball** on Friday, December 27 at the Agency Longhouse.

Community members of all ages are invited to celebrate with the elders. Semi-formal attire is encouraged but not required.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. They will have dinner, snacks, refreshments, games, raffles and dance contests.

The **Native American Student Union** at Madras High School will meet for lunch on Wednesday, December 4 from 12:01 to 12:31 p.m.

The student union will also meet after-school on December 11 from 3:20 to 5:30 p.m.; and for lunch on December 18 from 12:01-31 p.m.

The Madras High School Native American Student Union mentor is Jillisa Suppah. You can reach her at: suppahjillisa@gmail.com

The Native American Student Union meets in Mr. Kollen's classroom, number 17.

The next **Jefferson County School District 509-J School Board of Directors** meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 9 at the district office-support services building, 445 SE Buff Street in Madras.

Regular school board meetings usually happen on the second Monday of every month

and are open to the public. Meeting agendas are posted 24 hours prior to each meeting and corresponding minutes are posted after board approval.

Warm Springs **Commodities** is open weekdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Commodities provides eligible individuals fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy meats, pastas and other healthy food. To apply, stop by the Commodities warehouse located in the Industrial Park. Individuals who currently receive SNAP Food Benefits do not qualify for Commodities.

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