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Lincoln's at Simnasho in February

The Lincoln's Powwow returns to Simasho early next month, Friday through Sunday, February 7-9. The grand entries will be Friday evening at seven o'clock, Saturday afternoon at one, and Sunday at 1:30.

The categories of competition are Tiny Tots (paid daily), Junior Boys and Junior Girls, ages 7-12; Teen Boys and Teen Girls, 13-17 years; Adult Men and Adult Women, 18-59 years; and Golden Age Men and Women, 60-and-up. The master of ceremonies is Carlos Calica. Specials include:

Sweethearts Specials with Valentine's Day themed prizes. The Carol Craig Kuthla Special, for ages 60 years and older. First-place wins \$800 and a Pendleton coat; second is \$500 and a Pendleton shawl; and third, \$300 and a Pendleton bag. Other Specials to be announced (*updated on the Lincoln's Powwow Facebook page*).

First-place in the Drum Contest wins for \$3,000; second-place, \$2,000; and third, \$1,000.

Vending spots are first-paid, first-serve basis. The vendor contact is Sandra Greene. Email: sandra195977@gmail.com

A reminder from the powwow committee: No walking sales, and no parking lot sales.

For powwow information, contact Austin Greene at 541-553-3243. Or contact Margie Tuckta: margie.tuckta@gmail.com

Lincoln's Powwow is a drug- and alcohol-free event.

The 2025 Miss Warm Springs Crown and Sash are ready for this year's Pageant, and the 2025 Miss Warm Springs. Laura Slockish McConville made the crown (right) with her very beautiful beadwork. And Kelly Moody made the sash, also of great beauty. Currently, Kahmussa Green has been a great cultural ambassador for tribes, as the 2024 Miss Warm Springs. Interested candidates who would like to participate are asked to have a good cultural understanding of the tribes, in areas such as history, traditional foods and ceremonies, and the candidate's own respective tribal ceremonies. Any young woman 18 to 24 who is interested in



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becoming the 2025 Miss Warm Springs, please contact the Tribal Council office, and talk with Minnie or Sandra. Their emails are: minnie.yahtin@wstribes.org sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org Historically regarding the Pageant: The Miss Warm Springs tradition started during the One Hundred Year Anniversary celebration of the Treaty of 1855. Atwai Kathleen Heath was chosen for the role, and is the first Miss Warm Springs. The tribes then held the first Miss Warm Springs Pageant in 1969, about the time of the first Pi-Ume-Sha. In the 1969 Pageant, atwai Dorothy 'Pebbles' George was selected as Miss Warm Springs. Since that time, the Pageant has happened annually with few exceptions.

Districts choose Tribal Council nominees

The three districts of the Confederated Tribes have chosen their nominees for the Thirtieth Tribal Council.

About 75 people attended the Agency District nomination meeting, and there were 13 nominations. The nominees are:

Alvis Smith III, nominated by Mona Smith Cochrane and Tracy Graybael.

Davis Sohappysr., nominated by Lola Sohappysr. and Angelena Smith.

Ladonna Picard Squiemphen, nominated by Marcelina Picard and Raynele Palmer.

Theo Perez, nominated by Eldred Smith Sr. and George Picard Jr.

Ryan Smith Sr., nominated by Lepha Marie Smith and Regan Smith Morales.

Jonathan W. Smith Sr., nominated by Danni Katchia and Naomi Brisbois.

Caroline Cruz, nominated by Jackie Minson and Rosemary Alarcon.

Marcia Soliz, nominated by Toni Made and Frank Smith.

James Halliday, nominated by James Greeley and Speakthunder Berry.

Speakthunder Berry, nominated by Michael Speakthunder and Austin Smith Sr.

Cyrille Mitchell, nominated by MartiRae Ramsey and Robinson Mitchell.

Dennis White III, nominated by Angie Stacona and Marcie Foltz.

James Manion, nominated by Danielle Wood and Jeanea Frye.

About 50 people attended the Simnasho District nomination meeting, and there were seven nominations. The nominees are:

Carlos Calica, nominated by Judy Charley and Reneva Dowty.

Levi Van Pelt, nominated by Eliza Jim and Marella Sam.

Raymond Tsumpti Sr., nominated by CR Begay and Judy Charley.

Taw Foltz, nominated by Tia Cree and Vanessa Knight Crane.

Raymond Moody, nominated by Tamera Coffee and Raneva Dowty. Lincoln Suppah, nominated by

Daniel Gilbert and Tamera Coffee.

Oueida Colwash Jimenez, nominated by Reneva Dowty and Charlene Moody.

About 40 people showed up for the Seekseequa District nomination meeting, and there were five nominees. They are:

Marjorie Kalama, nominated by Julie Quaid.

Ruben Henry, nominated by Leah Henry.

Wilson Wewa, nominated by Faye Hurtado.

Brigitte McConville, nominated by Shanna Johnson.

Rosie Tom, nominated by Shirley Allen.

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Basketball tournament celebrating 59th year

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Warm Springs All Indian Men's Holiday Tournament starts this Thursday, January 23, and runs through Sunday, January 26 at the Community Center gymnasium.

The tournament is an all-Indian competition meaning players are asked to bring their proof of Native American descent. The proof can be an official CIB, or a tribal enrollment card (only if questioned).

Players who can't prove certificate of Indian blood, or official tribal affiliation, will not play, if protested. High school age players are not eligible to participate in this tournament.

The game will be a double-elimination 12 team-18 game bracket.

If you have any questions, please contact the tournament director **Austin Greene** at 541-553-3243.

\$2.5 million for electric vehicle charging stations

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will receive more than \$2.5 million to add 18 new electric vehicle charging stations: Ten of the stations will be on the reservation, and eight will be at the Plateau Travel Plaza.

There are also two EV charging ports currently operating at Indian Head Casino, available 24 hours.

Regarding the new stations, the recent investment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2022 will improve the overall reliability and accessibility of charging infrastructure.

Also notably, every 24 hours on average close to 10,000 vehicles pass through Warm Springs on Highway 26. The new charging stations on the reservation would also add to the EV infrastructure for the tribal community.

"The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs expresses our gratitude for the Federal Highway Administration's award of



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An EV charging station at Indian Head Casino.

\$2.6 million in funds that will allow for the construction and maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations on our lands," said Jonathan Smith Sr., Tribal Council

Chairman.

"We appreciate that this grant supports our sovereign interests by allowing our government to control pricing and benefit from the generated revenue at the charging stations," Chairman Smith said.

"It falls in line with our long-term vision to take care of the Creator's gifts and sustain our way of life, while also helping us to invest in more jobs, housing and infrastructure for our people."

The allocation for the charging stations was sponsored by Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

"Electric vehicles mean cleaner air, healthier communities, and a whole lot less climate pollution, and it's important that tribal communities are not left out of the transition," said Sen. Merkley. Sen. Wyden adds,

"This much-deserved investment in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recognizes the important role Tribal communities play in the climate crisis battle and the increasing significance of elec-

tric vehicles to win that fight."

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration to deploy EV charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations.

The total allocation to the Warm Springs tribes is \$2,556,496. Additionally in the recent allocations to the region, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe is receiving a federal grant to boost EV charging infrastructure in both Oregon and Washington:

\$15 million for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Northwest Tribal Zero Emission Vehicle Charging and Fueling Network to install 172 electric vehicle charging ports across six tribal sites in Oregon and Washington. Each site will also include chargers for e-bikes and e-scooters. Locations are chosen for their strategic importance along key travel corridors in rural and disadvantaged communities.



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