

A note from 2024 Miss Warm Springs

Miss Warm Springs Kahmussa Green extends her blessing and well wishes to all for the year 2025.

She is well into her winter term and the start of her indoor track schedule.

If there are young women who are interested in stepping up to carry on the Miss Warm Springs crown and recognition, and able to positively represent the tribe and its people, Kahmussa encourages you consider applying.

“This experience has been amazing,” Kahmussa said. “I just wish I had more flexibility to do more, but my college requirements dictate what I can do.

“Please, step up and push the boundaries of your comfort level. Because it’s an amazing experience!”



Kahmussa Green and her college track distance team did a photo shoot recently, and here is Kahmussa’s.

Anyone interested, please contact Minnie or Sandra at the Tribal Council office. You can email: minnie.yahtin@wstribes.org sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org

Great increase in museum fundraising

Staff of the Museum at Warm Springs express their gratitude to everyone who donated so generously to the museum 2024 end-of-year fundraising campaign.

The total raised, as of mid January, was \$65,652: This is a substantial increase from the 2023 end-of-year campaign, which brought \$11,530.

“Our campaign was a tremendous success,” said Elizabeth Woody, museum executive director.

“We also received a number of physical donations of items to our collection and archives,” Ms. Woody said.

Some donations of special note:

Karla and William Cloran of Sunriver contributed \$1,000.

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLC of San Francisco, gave \$2,500.

Ronni Lacroute donated \$7,000. And there was a \$7,000 anonymous donation



through the museum website.

Priscilla Bernard Wieden gave \$10,000. This donation was ‘In loving memory of Dan Wieden,’

Reed Albright gave \$10,000.

Dr. Catherine Marie Ellison contributed \$10,000 through Schwab.

Museum board of directors members Bill Nicholson gave a gift of stock valued at \$10,192.

Ann and Bob Phillips gave a \$500 grant through Schwab Charitable. And

the Andresen-Mickelsen Charitable Giving Fund donated a \$1,000 grant through T. Rowe Price Charitable.

“We are so thankful to everyone who contributed,” Elizabeth said.

“Every gift that we received contributes in a very significant way to our museum’s operations, and enables us to continue our long tradition of sharing the history, culture and art of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and other Indigenous peoples.”

Positions on Election and Counting boards

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs would like to advertise the following: **Election Board:**

Three vacancies, and one alternate. **Counting Board:** Four vacancies, and one alternate.

Letters of interest and resumes of applicants interested in serving on one of the boards, submit to the following address by no later than **February 10, 2025:**

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, attn: Secretary-Treasurer/ CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

A criminal background check is to be completed and returned to Secretary-Treasurer’s office. Forms are available at tribal Management, or may be mailed or emailed directly to you.

Return signed forms back to the Management office. Informa-

tion will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

Ordinance no. 44 states regarding the Election Boards:

For each election, the Tribal Council shall appoint an Election board for each polling place, the Election Board to be composed of the following officials: Three members of the Election Board. One alternate member of the Election board...

The Tribal Council will appoint one of the three members as the as the Chairman of the Election Board, and in the event that any of the three members of the Election Board shall be unable to serve or shall resign, then the alternate shall replace any such member.

Counting Board: For each election, the Tribal Council shall appoint a Counting Board...

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Warm Springs welcomes new foodbank warehouse opening

NeighborImpact in January held a grand opening of the new foodbank warehouse, located in Redmond, as well as celebrating Neighbor Impact’s first forty years of serving communities.

The grand opening event included a tour of the main warehouse, new freezer, processing room and kitchen area. The warehouse is approximately three times bigger than the old one.

The grand opening began with an introduction and welcome by the president of NeighborImpact, Chad Carpenter.

Next was the prayer of gratitude given by Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene, who blessed the event with words of encouragement and a song.

Ellen Waterston, Poet Laureate of Oregon on hand for the day, then read one of her poems, reflecting on the effect of hunger, and the importance of addressing this problem.

Those at the gathering also watched a video, from U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, congratulating NeighborImpact on the new warehouse as well as understanding of how important this was.



From the tribes at the NeighborImpact dedication event, Chester VanPelt III, Feliciana conner, Britany Archer, Dot Thurby, Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene, Jed Governor, Health and Human Services general manager TJ Foltz (back row from left); and Laurie Danzuka, Caroline Cruz and Danny Martinez (front from left).

Carly Auten, NeighborImpact food program director, spoke on the subject of ‘Why I Care.’ She summarized some instances in her own life, and in the lives of others, who have experienced hunger difficulties. Chad Carpenter closed out the event

with words of wisdom and a big thank you to all the donors and partnerships.

NeighborImpact has partnered with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on many different projects such as the homeless shelter, the food bank, rent assistance,

energy assistance, and home weatherization.

The new foodbank is located at 2303 S First St., Redmond. If you have any questions about these projects please contact Dot Thurby at: dorotheat@neighborimpact.org

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