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On Rez Cannabis 2025 vote

The membership will decide by referendum on June 16

from Daminwa of the Confederated Tribes

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal membership approved a referendum in December 2015 to own and operate a cannabis production, processing, wholesale and retail sales of these products.

The referendum also authorized the production, sale, wholesale and retail sale of industrial hemp for future development.

These activities will be highly regulated through licensing requirements and a tracking system that will track the products from seed to sale to ensure they are sold only at approved outlets for off reservation use.

Purpose of Cannabis Economic Development Project

This project will promote tribal employment opportunities, serve as a source of revenue and diversify the tribal economy. The Cannabis Project will create much needed jobs on and off the reservation for Tribal members.

The referendum will ask whether the tribes should develop a 100-percent tribally owned, operated, and regulated tribal cannabis cultivation (growing) and extraction (extract oils from plant) facility for recreational cannabis and hemp on the reservation.

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'Pathfinders' film discussion at museum in Bend

Pathfinders, a short video by filmmaker and storyteller LaRonn Katchia, from Warm Springs, greets visitors outside the High Desert Museum's exhibition, *Frank S. Matsura: Portraits from the Borderland*.

Mr. Katchia's video showcases contemporary stories of three young and accomplished women from Warm Springs.

One of the women featured in the film is Kahmussa Green, 2024 Miss Warm Springs and advocate for missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Another is Thyreicia Simtustus, who is an aspiring aviation pilot breaking barriers in aviation.

Also featured is Kiahna Allen, who is a passionate kayaker launching her own

non-profit.

The women appear in the video in both contemporary dress and traditional regalia, "showcasing the continuum of culture and tradition from the past to the present day, and how they are finding their own paths in balancing Native and non-Native worlds," the museum explains.

"These women are not only redefining leadership, as Indigenous people today but are also bringing their traditional values with them, embodying the essence of who we are today," LaRonn says.

You can join LaRonn and the three featured inspirational young leaders for a discussion session at the High Desert Museum.

The discussion time will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at the High Desert Museum in Bend. Admission is free



Kiahna Allen



Kahmussa Green



Thyreicia Simtustus



La Ronn Katchia

admission for Warm Springs tribal members; and \$5 for the general public.

The program is part of the High

Desert Museum 'Indigenous Speakers Series' and is made possible by The Roundhouse Foundation.

Coming up at Tribal Council this month

The Thirtieth Tribal Council will be sworn in on Monday, May 5. The new Councilmembers will be Dennis White III, Jonathan W. Smith, and Alvis Smith III, with Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene, for the Agency District. Lincoln 'Jay' Suppah, Carlos Calica and Raymond 'Captain' Moody, with Warm Springs

Chief Delvis Heath for the Simnasho District. Rosie Tom, and Brigitte McConville, with Paiute Chief Joe Moses for the Seekseequa District.

The following month, in June, the membership will see two referendums: A referendum regarding retail cannabis sales on June 16, and an Adoption Election for June 30.

Meanwhile, the following are some of the items coming up on the current Tribal Council agenda for the rest of the month of April:

Wednesday, April 16—Committee updates continue:

9 a.m.: Timber Committee. 10: Heath and Welfare Committee. 11: the Water Board.

1:30 p.m.: The Land Use Plan-

ning Committee. 2:30: Education. 3:30: Early Childhood Education center compliance discussion.

Monday, April 21: 9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update. 10: The May agenda. 11: Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

Tribal Council continues on 7

State lawmakers hear budget testimony in Warm Springs

The Oregon legislature Joint Ways and Means Committee budget hearing in Warm Springs was the first on a reservation in 20 years. Tribal Council vice-chairman Raymon 'Captain' Moody gave the opening prayer at the start of the hearing.

Councilman Moody then commented to lawmakers that they had driven a long way for the hearing, both on the 644,000 acres of the reservation, and the millions of acres of the tribes' Ceded Lands.

"We hope that you understand our reach, not only through our own boundary but the land that we call Ceded territory, over 10 million acres, that the things you do in the state affect us all the time," Councilman Moody said.

"Our people are very humble and it is often hard to ask for assistance, but we will come to you when we need to. We will ask you, and we appreciate those who work hard to help us."

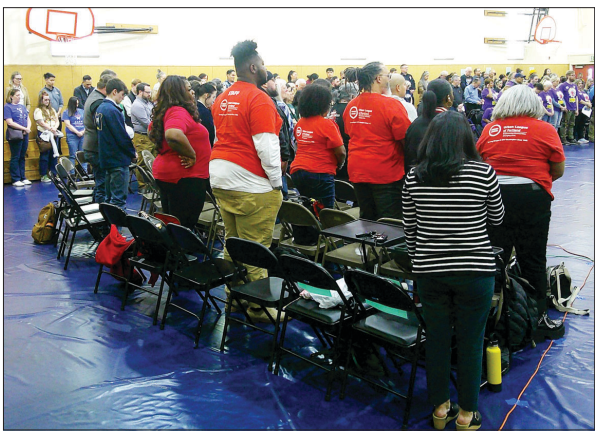
Louie Pitt Jr. is the former director of tribal Government Affairs director for the Confederated Tribes. During the state budget

meeting, he thanked the lawmakers on the budget-writing Joint Ways and Means Committee for work on laws to investigate the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous people. Mr. Pitt added that tribal members and their neighbors in Central Oregon still need help accessing clean drinking water and affordable housing. "Welcome to Indian Country," he said. "It's all Indian Country, of course."

The hearing at the former elementary school was one of six



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The Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee and audience meet in Warm Springs, the first such meeting on an Oregon reservation since 2005.

throughout the state for lawmakers to hear community feedback in developing the state's budget.

About 200 people were in attendance.

Representative Tawna Sanchez,

who is of Shoshone-Bannock, Ute and Carrizo descent, is the co-chair of the joint committee. "We want to thank you for your hospitality," Rep. Sanchez said. "This is the first time we've been to Warm Springs, and the first time we've been to any reservation."

Several members of the joint committee stayed at Kah-Nee-Ta overnight after the meeting, then took a tour around the reservation the following day.

The group toured two renovated homes in West Hills, the Permanent Supportive Housing project, and the Tenino Apartments area, where site prep is underway for 5- and 4-bedroom homes, part of the Housing home ownership program. The state has helped in providing funds for tribal affordable housing, including \$4 million from the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services for the supportive housing project. The group next toured the Commissary building by Highway 26. The building is under remodel as the Small Business Incubator program of the Warm Springs Community Action Team.



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