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Warm Springs Seniors Day on May 9

The Confederated Tribes and Senior program will host the Twenty-Fifth Annual Honor Seniors Day on Friday, May 9. Registration opens at 8 a.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

There will be many door prizes, fun and games, the vendors, and the King and Queen for the Day. Honors will be for the Eldest Man and Woman, local; Eldest Visiting Guest; an honor for the farthest travelers, among the tributes. The day features a line-up of entertainment and games, traditional and other music, a youth mini-powwow and more. The Senior Program can be reached at 541-553-3313.

Expansion, enhancements at casino, travel plaza

Indian Head Gaming, the Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza tribal enterprise, is announcing major expansions and remodeling at both the casino, and the travel plaza in Madras.

"These upgrades reflect our commitment to investing in both our communities and our guests," said Shawn McDaniel, Indian Head Gaming general manager.

"Whether you're stopping at Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras or visiting Indian Head Casino here in Warm Springs, you'll see a fresh new look, new games, and new ways to enjoy your time with us."

The upgrades, Mr.



Indian Head Casino and Cottonwood Restaurant at the Plaza.

McDaniel said, mark a bold and new chapter in delivering a next-level experience for guests and travelers alike.

As part of the expansion, guests can anticipate a multitude of exciting new slot machines added across both locations, bringing

more variety and more chances to win at each stop.

At Indian Head Casino, there is also the addition of craps and roulette, more ways to play and win. Spanish 21, Three-Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold'em, and Mini-Baccarat will also be available in future expansions.

In addition to gaming enhancements, both Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza are undergoing full restaurant remodels, with new dining options, for guests on the go or staying to play.

Both locations will remain open during the renovations.

For more information, visit the websites:

indianheadcasino.com
plateautravelplaza.com

Native Market at St. Charles Bend in May

The St. Charles Health System has hosted two annual Native Markets at the St. Charles Madras campus. Both events were successful and beautiful, with over 400 people attending. The Land Acknowledgement presentation was a feature at St. Charles-Madras during last year's market.

This year's Native Market will be on Thursday, May 15, as St. Charles is getting ready to roll out their new Land Acknowledgement, at the largest St. Charles hospital, in Bend during Healthcare Week, May 11-17.

The Native Market at St. Charles-Bend on the Thursday of that week, May 15, will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The market showcases and celebrates local Native American art and culture. The event also includes the Land Acknowledgment presentation, this year at the Bend hospital.

Vendors who may be interested, please contact Dr. Shilo Shaw Tippett.

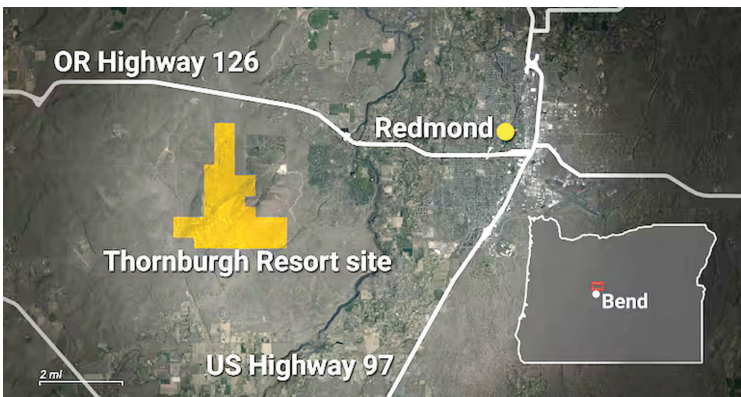
More concern in dispute over resort development

The Deschutes County commission ignored Warm Springs' request to re-schedule the hearing date regarding the Thornburgh Resort.

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners has refused a written request by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to move a meeting date, submit additional evidence and expand testimony time for a proceeding involving treaty-protected rights. This is a further demonstration of Deschutes County ignoring the tribe's sovereignty, tribal officials say.

The proposed 2,000-acre Thornburgh Resort proposed site is about 20 miles north of Bend near Redmond, and would include 950 single-family homes, private lakes, a luxury hotel and two golf courses.

Water supply in the region has been the key issue for the Confederated Tribes, as the resort would rely extensively on ground water, increasingly in short supply.



Location of the proposed resort near Redmond.

Without consulting the tribes, the commission scheduled the next hearing on the Thornburgh application for May 7. This falls upon the same week that the Confederated Tribes will seat the Thirtieth Tribal Council, leaving little time for the tribes to fully prepare for and participate in the proceedings.

These concerns were outlined in an April 10 letter submitted by current Tribal Council Chairman Jonathan W. Smith Sr., to the board of commissioners following a notice of the hearing received on April 9. The board did not share or reference the letter in later proceedings in April.

According to representatives of

the tribes, this decision is not consistent with the clear direction from the Oregon Court of Appeals to allow an "opportunity for the tribes to present evidence."

Warm Springs also states that the commission vote causes harm to the relationship between Deschutes County and the tribes.

"As a matter of respectful inter-governmental relationships, the Deschutes County board's decision demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding of the tribes' constitutionally recognized role as a sovereign co-manager of the Deschutes Basin's resources," Chairman Smith said.

"The land and water impacted

by the proposed modification of Thornburgh Resort's Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan lies within our ceded territory, where we retain treaty-protected rights to take fish and to have fish to take."

The Treaty of June 25, 1855, is federal law and guarantees Warm Springs the right to take fish throughout the Deschutes Basin. It also requires that the states ensure there is a harvestable population available to the tribes.

"The Deschutes River and its tributaries are in our homelands," Chairman Smith says in the letter, "and we have lived and fished on these waters since time immemorial."

"Our tribal knowledge—both scientific and cultural—is essential to deliver a healthy fishery for our people. The county simply cannot understand the full picture of this project's impact without our perspective." Following is the full text of the letter from the Chairman to the board of commissioners:

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New Tribal Council takes office on May 5

The Thirtieth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be sworn in on the morning of May 5, during the Oath of Office Ceremony and Celebration.

New members of the Council will be Dennis White III, Agency District; and Brigitte McConville, who had served earlier on Council, and Rosie Tom, both Seekseequa.

Re-elected to the Council are Alvis Smith III and Jonathan W. Smith Sr., Agency; and Lincoln Jay Suppah, Carlos Calica and Raymond 'Captain Moody,'

Simnasho District.

The newly elected Tribal Council members will join the three chiefs, Wasco Chief Jefferson Greene, Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath, and Paiute Chief Joseph Moses.

The swearing-in ceremony happens in front of the Administration building.

The Confederated Tribes adopted the current Tribal Council structure in 1938, following the passage of the Indian Reorganization Act and the tribes' formal incorporation.

Between the years 1937 to



1938, the tribes adopted a constitution and bylaws, formalized their self-governance, and received a corporate charter from the U.S., taking over tribal governmental directive from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

We acknowledge that the St. Charles campuses are located within the **10 million acres** ceded to the Federal Government, also usual and accustomed areas, when the 1855 Treaty was signed with the **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs of Oregon.**

We offer this acknowledgment to honor all Native Americans that live in this area and who are the **original people of this land.**

Image of the St. Charles Medical Systems Land Acknowledgement. St. Charles Madras will host the Native Market on Thursday, May 14 starting at 11 a.m.

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