

170th anniversary this year of Treaty of 1855

Seven or so generations ago, on June 25, 1855, the Wasco and Warm Springs people agreed to the 'Treaty with the Middle Tribes of Oregon,' with the United States government. Terms included ceding ownership or possession right 10 million acres of land located south of the Columbia River from the Cascade Mountains to the Blue Mountains, the traditional land of the tribes.

The treaty reserved 644,000-acres in Central Oregon exclusively for the tribes, now the Warm Springs Reservation. Importantly, the treaty also reserved to the tribes the rights to fish, hunt, gather, and pasture livestock in their usual and accustomed places within the ceded lands. Still, even with these reservations, the terms were clearly one-sided for the federal government, agreed to by the tribes because of no other real choice: By the mid-1800s the unending migration of non-Native settlers to the region was well underway.

This year marks the One-Hundred and Seventieth anniversary of the Treaty of 1855, signed by 89 delegates of the Wasco and Warm Springs people, on behalf of the tribes, at a place called Treaty Oak near The Dalles. This was by Celilo Falls, the area where the tribes had lived since time immemorial. In fact, "Celilo Falls

and the Celilo settlement were the oldest continuously inhabited place in North America..." according to archaeologists.

Pi-Ume-Sha tradition

The Confederated Tribes began celebrating Treaty Days in the late 1960s, during the Vietnam War, as a way of remembering the treaty and sacrifices of ancestors, and also honoring veterans, traditions that continue today.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow this year—the Fifty-Sixth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha—will be Friday through Sunday, June 27-29. All dancers and singers are welcome. Pi-Ume-Sha Specials this year include:

The Cassie Katchia Shell Dress Special. The 60-and-over Short Fringe Special. The Miss Pi-Ume-Sha—ages 7-11 Girls Traditional Special.

The Men's Round Bustle Special. Team Dance. The 3-Man Old Style Hand Drum. The Miller Family Hoop Dance Special.

The EJ Denny Grass Dance Special (all ages). And the Jingle Dance Special.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Dress Parade is Saturday, June 28, honoring Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr. The parade is from the campus area to the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds, line-up at 10 a.m. and the parade at 11.

The 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Master of

Ceremonies is Council Carlos Calica; and the Whipman is Councilman 'Captain' Moody. Following is the contact information for

Pi-Ume-Sha:

Traditional Dress Parade, Ramona Greene-Baez, 541-460-0077. The Stickgame Tournament,

Vanessa Knight-Crance, 541-460-0105. The Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo, Alfredine Smith, 541-460-3257.

Powwow Chairman is Gorkey Mitchell, 541-325-2968. Vendor information, Sharon Katchia, 541-295-6046. Powwow information, Cyrille Mitchell, 541-460-0241.

Saturday June 28, 2025
Pi-Ume-Sha Parade
Honoring Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr.
WARM SPRINGS CAMPUS TO PI-UME-SHA GROUNDS

Image from Beadwork by Marjorie Kalama

Divisions:
Adult, Teen & Youth

Categories:

- Riders on Horseback
- Walkers
- Traditional Floats
- Contemporary Floats

Line Up at 10am
Parade at 11am

For more information contact Ramona Baez 541-460-0077

Peters Pasture Culture Camp

The Culture Camp at Peters Pasture is coming up soon. Sign up and enjoy sharing the tribes' culture and heritage with friends. The camp this year is June

12-14, Thursday through Saturday. You can sign up with Culture and Heritage at the Education building, 1110 Wasco Street; or call 541-553-3290.

Tribal Council summaries

The following are summaries of recent proceedings of the Tribal Council:

April 7

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jonathan W. Smith Sr. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chief Jefferson Greene, Vice Chairman Raymond 'Captain' Moody, Alvis Smith III, Carlos Calica, Chairman Jonathan W. Smith Sr., Chief Joseph Moses, James 'Jim' Manion. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Carlos.

• Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Kenneth Brochert, acting Superintendent.

• State legislative update with Michael Mason. Federal legislative update with Matthew Hill.

• Tribal attorney update with tribal attorneys Josh Newton and Ellen Grover: Executive session, 1:56-3:31 p.m.

Motion by Carlos to authorize the tribe to file motion to intervene in *Pinnacle Utilities, L.L.C. v. Oregon Water Resources Department et al.*, Marion County Circuit Court No. 25CV07127, for the sole purpose of filing a motion to dismiss for failing to necessary and indispensable parties. Second by Alvis. Question: Jim, Jay, Alvis, Jefferson, Carlos, all in favor; 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Other Business:

Motion by Jim approving paperware, garbage bags, toilet paper and paper towels for the Celilo Salmon Feast. Second by Carlos. Jim, Jay, Alvis, Jefferson, Carlos, all in favor; 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Tribal Attorney update with Brent Hall: Executive session, 3:40-4:35 p.m.

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56TH ANNUAL PI-UME-SHA TREATY DAYS POW WOW

"170 YEAR OF CONTINUATION OF CULTURE"

ALL DANCERS & SINGERS INVITED

Thursday 6/26 (6 PM)- Memorials/ New Joiners/ Rejoiners

Grand Entry:

Friday (6/27): 7 PM

Saturday (6/28): 1 PM- 7 PM

Sunday (6/29): 1 PM

MC: Carlos Calica

Whipman: Ray "Captain" Moody

-SPECIALS-

- * CASSIE KATCHIA SHELL DRESS SPECIAL
- * 60+ SHORT FRINGE SPECIAL
- * "MISS PI-UME-SHA" AGES 7-11 GIRLS' TRADITIONAL SPECIAL
- * MEN'S ROUND BUSTLE SPECIAL
- * TEAM DANCE
- * 3 MAN OLD STYLE HAND DRUM
- * "MILLER FAMILY" HOOP DANCE SPECIAL
- * EJ DENNY GRASS DANCE SPECIAL (ALL AGES)
- * JINGLE DRESS SPECIAL

| TRADITIONAL DRESS PARADE | STICKGAME TOURNAMENT | Rodeo | Pow Wow Chairman | Vendor Coordinator | Pow Wow Information |
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Drug & Alcohol Free Event

Pow Wow Committee Is Not Responsible For Theft, Damage, Or Stolen Items!