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To all a Happy Pi-Ume-Sha

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow opens this Friday, June 27 at 7 p.m. with the first Grand Entry.

The celebration this year marks the one-hundred and seventieth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855.

The Saturday Traditional Dress Parade begins at 11 a.m., with line-up starting at 10 and judging at 10:30. The Pi-Ume-Sha Parade this year honors Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr.

Parade registration opens at 7 p.m. this Friday at the powwow grounds, and closes the next day at 10 a.m. at the parade starting place on campus.

Weekend Grand Entries are at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and one o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The powwow Master of Ceremonies is Councilman Carlos Calica; and the Whipman is Councilman Raymond 'Captain' Moody.

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.

Open Rodeo

The Pi-Ume-Sha Open Rodeo is on Saturday, June 28 starting at 1 p.m. at the rodeo grounds; and the Pi-Ume-Sha Open Youth Rodeo starts at noon on Sunday, June 29, also at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds.

Saturday events are team roping, barrel racing, mixed broncs, breakaway, Wild Horse race, 2+1 Wild Horse race, bull riding, ribbon roping, watermelon race and War Hoop contest. Spectator entry will be \$20 per vehicle.

The Youth Rodeo events are Junior and Senior colt races, mini bulls, barrel race, calf scramble, stick horse race and toy race. Entry for spectators is \$5 per car on Sunday.

Call-ins for both days open June 15 and close June 25 for the Open Rodeo; and June 28 for the Youth Rodeo.

You can message the Warm Springs Ranch Rodeo Association Facebook page; or call or text 541-460-8687 for call-ins, more information or to inquire about vendor spots.

Endurance Horse Race

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An end to cooperative fisheries deal

The federal government last week dropped its commitment to the long-negotiated, comprehensive agreement to help save and restore salmon populations of the Columbia River basin. Parties to the potential \$1-billion agreement were the federal government, two Northwest states, and a number of Northwest Indian

tribes including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The parties signed the Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement in late 2023, after more than two years of negotiation. They were seeing it as a breakthrough and unprecedented commitment; and the best hope for the fish and river health, more stable power production, and the end of decades of litigation.

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With the federal government this month abolishing its commitment, the issues will most likely have to go back to court, where the tribes have been successful in litigation, based on treaty rights, regarding hydropower production versus water for migrating fish.

The court cases, however, take

time, in itself the biggest problem for imperiled fisheries.

Tribal Council Chairman Dennis White III summarized the tribes' reaction as follows:

"The right to take fish from our traditional usual and accustomed fishing areas was reserved in our 1855 Treaty with the United States government."

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Showcasing Native language proficiency

by Gina Ricketts
Coordinator SB13 Curriculum

Close to 200 students gathered to compete in the 2025 Language Bowl at the Warm Springs Academy.

There were two different brackets during the May competition: Second- through fourth-grades, and fifth-through eighth-grades. They were joined by one high school team of Ichishkiin speakers.

The Language Bowl was organized by new teacher Illante Smith, with a cadre of volunteers, including those from Madras High School, and the tribes' Workforce Education and Development program.

The event also has great support from the Jefferson County 509-J School District and Warm Springs Academy Principal Lonnie Henderson.



Students of the 2025 Language Bowl at the Warm Springs Academy.

The Language Bowl is an excellent opportunity to show the progression that students are making in their classes, plus a little healthy competition spurs them on even more. "I don't believe there's anything wrong with healthy competition," said Valerie Switzler, tribal Education general manager.

"Our parents, grandparents and others have been competitive in all sorts of situations," Valerie was saying. "Especially in games like horseback riding, stick games and

foot races, and those were all just building and competing in a way that was good for everyone who was involved."

The Language Bowl is not only a celebration of Native languages, but is an important reminder of the healthy way that language is a part of building leadership skills.

Students who participate in this type of competition learn camaraderie, develop skills in speaking up and speaking out, and develop a sense of who they are and where

they come from.

They listen to their teachers and hear about culture, tradition and history of the language they're learning.

Janaya Adams, Caroline White, Marie Tom and Darrell Ball, students at the Warm Springs Academy, all believe that the language they are learning helps them to carry on the traditions that their ancestors had.

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'Saddle Up' rodeo exhibit at the musuem ~

The Museum at Warm Springs opens its major 2025 exhibition—*Saddle Up: Ranchers and Rodeo Life of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*—this Thursday, June 26.

Saddle Up highlights the history and experiences of Warm Springs ranch families and rodeo culture. The exhibit illustrates through historic documents, art, objects, family interviews and photographs, the experiences of Warm Springs ranchers.

The show also demonstrates the economic and cultural transition from a way of life based on hunting, fishing, gathering of food on the land and trade to one based on cash.

"This is a perfect way to highlight an important part of the museum's extensive collections related to the Warm Springs tribes' longstanding traditions around ranching and rodeos, which have always been an important way of life for us," said Elizabeth Woody, museum executive director.



"The exhibit will illustrate the history and lives of Warm Springs families who depend on the land for access to the first foods; how the broad themes of ranching and rodeos are shared among both tribal and non-tribal people, and are deeply grounded in Central Oregon."

Saddle Up coincides with the Warm Springs Tribes' Fifty-Sixth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow and Celebration, June 27-29, and the weekend Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo.

This year also marks the 170th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855, establishing the Warm Springs Reservation.

Saddle Up is curated by Warm Springs Museum Curator and Exhibition Coordinator Angela Anne Smith.

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Some of the Saddle Up rodeo items that will be on display at the Museum at Warm Springs, opening this Thursday. The new show, the museum's major 2025 exhibit, celebrates the rodeo history and culture of the Confederated Tribes.

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