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Enterprise community updates

The tribal enterprises next week are hosting district community update and discussion meetings.

The Simnasho District meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7 at the Simnasho Longhouse. The Seekseequa District meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall. And the Agency District meeting will be on Thursday, October 9 at the Agency Longhouse. The meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

The enterprise staff will provide the membership with updates on the year's activities, and budget updates. Refreshments will be served. The enterprises are:

Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza. Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort. The Power and Water Enterprises. Composite Products. Daminwa. Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation. Construction. GeoVisions. The Warm Springs Telecom. The Housing Authority. The Credit Enterprise.

Accepting bids for 2026 Miss Warm Springs Crown

The Miss Warm Springs Committee is accepting tribal member bids to bead the crown and banner for the 2026 Miss Warm Springs. If you are interested, please submit your bid by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 10. The crown is to be 6" tall minimum and 21" long; must have the tribal flag and the year 2026; and must be made with 13 cut beads (similar blue as the tribal flag).

The banner front must be fully beaded, size 11 or 13 cut beads (also similar blue as the tribal flag); minimum measurements 4"-5" wide and 30" long.

The 2026 crown and banner must be completed by December 31 of this year. When submitting your bid, please include a picture of your past work. Artists are to provide their own supplies. Drop your bid off at the Tribal Council office; or submit your bid at one of the emails:

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For the 2025 Miss Warm Springs Pageant, Laura Slockish McConville made the crown, and Kelly Moody made the sash.

Clinic expansion work is underway

Expansion work is starting this week at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. The expansion will create new space for medical exams, Pharmacy, the lab and other services.

Services will continue in the current location during construction, then that space will be remodeled for specialty and other use.

Some initial fencing is going in this week around the construction area, requiring that an

area of the clinic parking lot will have to be fenced off, said Tammy Wilson, clinic chief executive officer. That area is where the expansion construction will be, Ms. Wilson said.

The work will also require the main entrance to move to the area by Community Health, between pods A and B. Patients are reminded during the construction time to Please be sure to continue to check in with patient registration before any appointments.



D. McMechan

The clinic main entrance will not be open; instead, the entrance will be at the Community Health area.

Community support for tribes' radio station

A story in the New York Times in late September featured several public media organizations that are being impacted by the rescission of Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding by the federal administration. KWSO is one of the stations highlighted in the story.

KWSO entered into the CPB Community Service Grant program in 2004. Funding has supported station operations including some staffing, programming costs, purchase and repair of equipment, engineering and other service contracts, and conversion of KWSO's analog version of radio to new technology and platforms.

CPB is winding down its operations. Without their future funding, KWSO has initially asked for additional funding for 2026 from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The tribes already fund a significant portion of the station's operating budget.

Historically, KWSO spends about \$600,000 annually with 40-percent of that budget com-



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On the air with KWSO, Kiandra Smith, multi-media specialist.

ing from the tribes; about 40-percent in the past from CPB; and 20-percent from earned revenue like underwriting and sustaining memberships. CPB and earned revenue fund traditional programs for public radio stations.

Thanks to media coverage about the cuts and their impact on KWSO, donations and new memberships are up; so the work has already begun to raise the money needed to help offset the increased tribal share of the budget. The

goal is to do everything we can to generate our own funding to allow tribal dollars to go to other community needs.

On the air since September 1986, KWSO's mission is to provide Warm Springs with quality radio programming that: delivers local news and information; promotes education, cultural knowledge and language preservation; and increases awareness of social, health and safety issues.

KWSO is an affiliate of NPR



and Native Voice One. As part of the National Emergency Alert System, KWSO serves as a critical partner in the dissemination of information to the community in emergency situations.

Individuals can support KWSO by becoming a sustaining member, where you set up an automatic monthly payment for an amount of your choosing.

The website is:
kwsoradio.org/support/listener-support/sustainingmembership

You can also make a one-time donation at:
kwsoradio.org/shop

Businesses and organizations interested in supporting KWSO through our underwriting program can go to:
kwsoradio.org/support/business-support

To learn more you can also reach out by email at:
sue.matters@wstribes.org

— Sue Matters

Archival specialist helping preserve tribal history

by Gina Ricketts
Coordinator SB13 Curriculum

In the past, historical documents, recordings, pictures and more were controlled by outside sources, more than likely white professors, 'experts,' religious groups and others. Fortunately for Warm Springs and other tribes, that power has been taken back by Archival Specialists, such as Rosalind Johnson.

Rosie has worked for eight years in Culture and Heritage as the Archive Specialists. She began her work painstakingly sorting through over 5,000 photos, 897,000 slides and an untold

number of pieces of paper, handwritten documents, newspapers and more.

She has read every single piece of information that has come across her desk and can answer any question you might pose to her. If she doesn't know the answer right then, she knows where to find it.

Rosie believes that these archives "show proof of who we are and what we have as a tribe." The stories and pictures that she has from elders who have passed are irreplaceable in the history, especially the treaty history. She loves listening to the recordings of elders speaking in our language.

The archives show that for

many decades, whites used the treaty against the people of Warm Springs, and it was the wrong treaty! With the help of these documents the correct treaty was ratified and the tribe now has more power behind them.

Rosie is funded from an Early Childhood Education Fund and collaborates with other teachers and organizations for archival information.

For example, during the past few years when the SB13 Committee was working on curriculum for the Oregon Department of Education, Rosie's knowledge of what was available and what could be shared was invaluable.

Culture and Heritage is now

working on digitizing the information. They are working with Washington State University and their already established Plateau Peoples' Web Portal.

This will enable tribal members only, to access information that previously they could not. Tribal members can come to the Culture and Heritage Department and ask to see any of these documents, but they have to be viewed while Rosie is there, or sometimes a copy can be made.

There have been problems in the past with people not returning documents and photos, so the rules have become more strict in viewing this priceless information.

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