

Oregon tribes receiving \$1 million in food help

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek has directed the Oregon Department of Human Services to give \$1 million in emergency assistance to the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon to address the food security emergency across Oregon.

The governor’s office said the federal government shutdown and

uncertainty surrounding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, funding is the reason for the emergency funds being used.

The money will help address food security needs in the tribal communities.

“We are moving quickly to ensure that tribal governments

and local partners have the resources they need to meet immediate food security needs,” the governor said.

“Given the urgency of the situation, ODHS is implementing a streamlined grant process to ensure funds can be deployed as quickly as possible while maintaining transparency,

collaboration, and respect for tribal self-governance and sovereignty.

“Oregon remains committed to continued consultation, coordination, and open communication with tribal governments as the situation evolves,” Gov. Kotek said.

Member day at Kah-Nee-Ta in November

Warm Springs Tribal Appreciation Days at Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort are offered on the first and last Sunday of each month.

Tribal member discounts include free admission for day use, half off of all cabana rentals, 25-percent off all food purchases and 10-percent off of pool house store items. Included in your day pass is: Use of all seven pools and cold tubs, mini golf, pickleball, basketball, bocce ball, spike ball, four-square volleyball and interactive video games.

The next tribal appreciation days are coming up Sundays, **November 30 and December 7.**

Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort also offers daily tribal member discounts and amenities for day and twilight passes, cabana rentals, Spa Wanapine, overnight lodging, the tribal picnic pavilions and tribal bathhouse. Call 541-553-1112 for more information.

Member, Youth Show: on display at the musuem

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And an Honorable Mention for Aurolyn’s *Double Beaded Necklace with Celilo Commemoration Coin* (not for sale). And her Pink Rose Beaded Bag (also not for sale).

The Member and Youth exhibit is curated by Warm Springs Museum Curator and Exhibition coordinator Angela Anne Smith. This year’s judge is Susan Brunoe.

Susan started working for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in 1995 where she was initially a Health Systems Specialist in the Managed Care program. She retired as case manager of that program in June after 30 years of service to the tribes. Susan enjoys doing beadwork and growing herbs.

Selected artworks are available for sale with a 20-percent commission going toward the museum.

Upcoming museum closures: Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, for Thanksgiving. Saturday, November 29, museum closed. Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day; and Thursday, January 1, 2026.



Honorable Mention award winners: Men’s Denim Coat (right), for sale \$300, by Aurolyn Stwyer; and *Girls Fancy Dance Sequins Yoke* by Marjorie Kalama.



Around Indian Country

Geothermal could power data centers in central Oregon

A venture capitalist-backed energy company has made what it’s calling a technological leap in geothermal at its facility in a volcanic crater south of Bend.

Texas-based Mazama Energy is building a pilot plant for the firm’s “enhanced geothermal systems” (EGS) near the Newberry Volcano, south of Bend. The area is considered one of the largest geothermal reservoirs in the United States.

The company is touting its facility as a clean energy solution to growing power demands of data centers and artificial intelligence.

Google completes water mitigation measure at The Dalles

As conditioned in a 2021 agreement to build two new data centers, Google has completed \$28 million worth of water infrastructure upgrades in The Dalles, including an aquifer storage and recovery system intended to offset increasing demand as the corporation’s campus expands.

Google officially transferred ownership of the system, which functions by pumping excess treated water underground for later use, to the City of The Dalles during an October ribbon-cutting ceremony. Along with existing groundwater rights donated by Google, the city will soon have an additional 100 million gallons of water to distribute annually.

Social Dance classes are held Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Community Center Aerobics Room. Classes are open to all ages, and no sign-up is required. If you have questions, contact Deanie Johnson at Culture and Heritage, 541-553-3290.

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