

December weather events around town

A clean-up crew with the BIA-Warm Springs was busy around campus last week, after a windstorm damaged trees, requiring their removal.

Meanwhile around the same time, the National Weather Service last week issued a 'Flash Flood Warning' for the Warm Springs Reservation.

Water was high at Elmer Quinn and the Museum at Warm Springs, with a significant streamflow from Shitike Creek pushing through those areas from the swollen creek, a result of heavy rain. Shitike Creek Road was closed due to water. The museum was closed last Thursday.



Composite Products had to send workers home and had to close for the day. Local bridges were being assessed due to the high water. Three residences had to evacuate. Warm Springs Emergency Management and the Branch of Natural Resources were conducting assessments of the flooding situation, and potential damage. HeHe Longhouse was also surrounded by water from overflow of the Warm Springs River. Travelers on the Beaver Creek Grade were on alert for any rock fall or downed trees due to the ongoing rain.

Crew on Campus, cleaning up after the high winds.

Radio: new funding

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Prior to the confirmation of BIA funding, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Health and Human Services committed to filling any funding gaps in 2026, to support KWSO, with the caveat that the radio station continue to seek additional funding from other sources.

Additional support from foundations, business and individuals is adding up. Matters says, "It looks like we are in good shape for at least the next three years, allowing us to continue with the same staffing and programming we currently offer."

The mission of



KWSO radio is to provide Warm Springs with quality radio programming and online content that: Delivers local news and information; promotes education, cultural knowledge and language preservation; and increases awareness of social, health and safety issues.

KWSO went on the air in September 1986. Initially the station was located at Kah-Nee-Ta but moved into the Warm Springs Media Center in 2009. KWSO is a department within the Tribe's Health and Human Services Branch.



A scene from the 2025 'A Bluey Christmas' Parade, hosted by the Community Wellness Center.

Cougars annual tourney in Jan.

The Twelfth Annual Warm Springs Cougars Christmas Co-ed Basketball Tournament is coming up Thursday through Sunday, January 1-4 at the Community Wellness Center.

Teams are for 8- and under; 10- and under; and 12- and under. For interested coaches and players, contact Austin Greene at Warm Springs Recreation, 541-553-3243.

Sanitation route during holidays

There are no garbage pickups this Thursday and Friday, for the holidays. Customers who usually have pickup on Fridays are being picked up this Wednesday, December 24.

Council seeks to fill board, commission vacancies

The Tribal Council is looking to fill a number of positions on tribal boards of directors and a commission. The positions close by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 16. You can apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to, by mail: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Or drop off at the administration building, addressed to S-T/CEO. Included with the letter and resume, please include a signed criminal and credit background check: Forms can be emailed or mail to you. Information will be confidential to the S-T/CEO.

Trial Credit: One tribal member, one non-member.

Tribal Employment

Rights Office commission: Four tribal member positions.

The Warm springs Indian Head Casino board of Directors: Three positions, tribal member and non-members.

Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors: Four positions, tribal members, and non-members.

Warm Springs Housing Authority Board of Com-

missioners: One position.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors: Two positions, tribal member and non-member.

The Telco Board of Directors: Three positions, member (one position); and non-members (two positions).

Water Board: Two positions.

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