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## The Miss Warm Springs Pageant 2026

The Miss Warm Springs 2026 Pageant is scheduled for 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, January 31 at the Agency Longhouse.

The committee invites young ladies 18-24 years of age to apply (*more details on page 3*). Stop by the Tribal Council office in the administration building, or call 541-553-3257 for an application or more information. Or send an email to either:

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## 59th Annual hoops tourney

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Warm Springs All Indian Men's Holiday Tournament is this Thursday through Saturday, January 22-24 at the Warm Springs Community Health Center. For information contact Austin Greene at 541-553-3243.

## Homeless count survey next Wednesday

The Confederated Tribes' Health and Human Services is getting ready for the annual Point in Time Count: This year the count happens from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28 in the former Warm Springs elementary school gym.

The Point in Time gives the tribes an idea of the tribal community homeless situation. This is important for future planning to help address this problem; to help determine what resources are working best at relieving the situation; and what additional resources may be available, said Dayle Tufti, office coordinator with Health and Human Services.

For the Count: Starting at 9 a.m., participants can register for the event with staff. Please bear in mind this event is for the homeless population. Screening questions will be asked at registration.

The survey counts unsheltered community members who are living in tents, camps, vehicles, RVs with no electrical or water hook-ups; living temporarily 'couch surfing' with relatives; as well as sheltered members who are in the shelter-transitional homes.

Residents residing in the new Permanent Supportive houses are not considered homeless.

For the January 28 event, meals are provided to participants. There will be resource booths; health screenings on-site; and incentives for survey participants. For more information, please contact Dayle at 541-777-2787; or email: dayle.tufti@wstribes.org

## Work continuing on Power Pathway

The Warm Springs Power Pathway is a proposal to rebuild the infrastructure and expand the capacity of the existing Bethel Round Butte transmission line. The project is jointly coordinated by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Portland General Electric.

The Bethel Round Butte line spans approximately 100 miles between the Madras area and Salem; and more than 30 miles of the line passes through the Warm Springs Reservation.

The upgrade project is currently underway with project permitting planning and engineering design.

In 2023, the tribes received a \$250 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to pursue this project, representing approximately one-quarter of the project cost.

Power and Water Enterprises and PGE are about one year into the project, and have been working with partners and leaders within the U.S. government to ensure continued access to the federal funding.

In particular, Power and Water would like to thank Oregon U.S. Congressman Cliff Bentz.

Rep. Bentz wrote a letter directly to Secretary of Energy Chris Wright in support of the grant and its many benefits Power Pathway to the region and nation



The Power Pathway will upgrade the Bethel Round Butte line built in the 1960s, to address transmission constraints and increase access to electricity generated east of the Cascade mountain.

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in pursuit of grid resilience and national security.

In late 2025, the Warm Springs Power Pathway team began meeting with stakeholders along the transmission line pathway. The team will be scheduling more meet-

ings this year.

To keep updated on progress, find meetings in 2026 as they are announced; or to contact the project team, please visit the website: warmspringpowerpathway.com

## Housing projects adding many new homes

The Warm Springs Housing Authority, during the first part of this year, is completing the construction of several new homes for the community, while initiating a number of new residential endeavors.

By about the end of next month, for instance, the first new houses will be finished at the Housing development on Kalama Lane, located just past Deer Loop. This project is on seven and a half acres, and when finished will include 10 new four- and five-bedroom homes.

The Housing Authority team obtained the funding for the \$7.5 million development through a competitive U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant process. This is a significant new development, with the initial construction including fairly large-scale site-grading, road and infrastructure for water, sewer and electrical; followed by the home construction.

The residences will be for income-qualified homebuyers, based on the standards of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as



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Construction work is finishing up on the first of 10 new houses at the Kalama Lane development.

a HUD grant was the source of the \$7.5 million cost. The Housing Authority started the grant process in 2023, said Danielle Wood, Housing director. The competition for the funding was nationwide among tribes. Project manager for this development is Joel Holliday.

Tribal members interested in qualifying to buy can stop by Housing for an application.

### Trailer Court projects

Meanwhile, Housing continues work on a longer-term plan to replace some of the older Trailer Court trailers with new stick-built residences. This work is using two grants: the first to build eight new two-bedroom houses, and the second for six additional homes for a total of 14. In time, the long-term plan includes 45 new houses at the Trailer Court, Ms. Wood.

The first two phases are along Kuckup and Oits Loop at the Trailer Courts. Some of these houses are finished and occupied, with more nearly finished. The homes are affordable for families; and include energy efficient lighting and windows, said Mr. Holliday, project manager for this development as well.

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## GoVisions seeks tribal input regarding wind, solar projects

Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs are invited to attend a community meeting to learn about the proposed Speedway and Saddle Butte hybrid wind and solar projects.

The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 at the Greenly Heights Community building. Dinner will be provided.

The meeting is hosted by Warm Springs GeoVisions, a tribally-owned and operated

enterprise of the Confederated Tribes, in coordination with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information about the energy projects; and to invite tribal members to recommend knowledgeable individuals and families to participate in oral history interviews as part of a Historic Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes identification study.

The proposed projects are lo-

cated in Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties, within the tribes' ceded and traditional homelands.

Under tribal law, the Integrated Resource Management Plan, and state and federal historic preservation requirements, culturally important places must be identified and protected before development proceeds.

The Historic Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes process centers tribal knowledge, including history,

cultural practices, plant use, travel routes, and family connections to the land.

Information is gathered through oral history interviews recommended by the community and conducted under tribal protocols.

All information shared through this process is confidential and remains the property of the tribes.

The meeting is open to all tribal members and families.

For more information or questions, please email: hello@wsgeovisions.com



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