

## Serving community needs at Commodities



Working with the Warm Springs Commodities team are Brandon Bailie, Pedro Andrade, George R. Picard, Eldred Smith Sr., Troy Sam-Smith, George W. Picard Jr., and director Theodore Perez.

The tribal Commodities Department provides many services for the membership of the Confederated Tribes. There are the wide variety staple food items to choose from, rice, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy products, for example. They also have specialty items from time to time. At present, for instance, Commodities has elk bologna available to the

community.

Commodities on average serves about 900 participants a month, said Theo Perez, Commodities director. To keep up with demand, the team moves about 1,000 pounds of food per weekend, Theo said.

Besides regular food items, Commodities has a partnership with Fences for Fido. In stock now are pet food, and pet beds that are

about the size for medium or smaller dogs, or for cats. The pet beds come in a variety of styles as well. With Fences for Fido, the Commodities crew helps put up fences for residences of the community, among many other tasks they perform for the membership.

Commodities currently has a staff of seven, and they have job openings available, Theo said.

## Notes...

### Wolf depredation grants

The Jefferson County Wolf Depredation Committee is accepting depredation prevention grant applications until February 2.

Ranchers of the reservation

can submit their application to purchase depredation prevention tools such as fox lights, fladry—temporary, non-lethal tool using brightly colored flags on a fence—fencing materials for calving pastures, etc.

The application can be found at [jeffco.net/media/46831](http://jeffco.net/media/46831)

The application can be submit-

ted to Camille Wright, Wildlife Biologist with the Confederated Tribes. Stop by the Branch of Natural Resources and drop it off in person, or call 541-553-2029.

Papalaxsimisha is hosting a milestone celebration this month.

## Elk Bugling Contest at Center

The Community Wellness Center will host the 2026 Elk Bugling Contest, with dinner to follow, on Wednesday evening, January 28, in the Wellness Center gym.

Prizes will be awarded for both the adult and children's divisions, for first-place and

runner-up.

Sign-ups will begin at 6 p.m. for both divisions contestants; and the contest begins at 6:30, starting with the children's category first. For more information, please contact the Community Wellness Center, 541-553-3243.

## Tribal committee community updates

Several tribal committees will present community updates this Thursday afternoon, January 22 at the Agency Longhouse. The community meeting overall will be from 3 to 6 p.m., with a community giveaway to follow. The schedule is as follows:

From 3 to 4:30 p.m.: The Land Use Planning Committee. The Culture and Heritage Committee. The Timber Committee.

4:30-5:30: Light meal and snacks.

5:30-6: The Education Committee. The Water Control Board.

6-6:30: Community giveaway.

## ~ Home for Sale ~

Four bedroom, two bath single family residence with single car garage and fenced yard. All new kitchen appliances, washer and dryer, and wood stove. Completely remodeled in like-new condition. Located in the Agency area. Contact the Tribal Credit Enterprise at 541-553-3201 for inquiries.

Papalaxsimisha invites the people, the community and partners to join Papalaxsimisha to celebrate at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 29 at the Agency Longhouse.

There will be one Seven of

Washat, guest speaker and updates, dinner and cake. For more information contact the Papalaxsimisha program coordinator Jillisa Suppah at:

[jillisa@papalaxsimisha.org](mailto:jillisa@papalaxsimisha.org)

## Summaries of Tribal Council

(from the January 7 Spilyay)

### November 18

• Judge Pro Tempore discussion with Gayleen Adams: Daniel Ahern, Brian Hemphill, Anita L. Jackson. All approved unanimously.

• 2026 Fishing Guide Service with Mark Manion:

Tabled to get more information from the On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee on proposed changes to the tribal code.

• Warm Springs Cannabis Project Enterprise runding request for 2025 and 2026-Jim Souers:

Motion by Jefferson to table this resolution. Second by Alvis. All in favor.

• Enrollments/Relinquishment with Vital Stats:

Motion by Alvis adopting Resolution No. 13,288, enrolling eight applicants. Second by Rosie. Question: Rosie/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/abstain, Alvis/yes, Jonathan/yes, 4/0/1, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Resolution No. 10,934 Amendment discussion with Lucille Suppach-Samson:

Motion by Jefferson to table this resolution to continue this conversation. Second by Jonathan. All in favor. Vice Chairman encourages all Tribal Council members to be present at the table during this discussion.

• Indian Health Service update with Tammy Wilson.

• Health and Human Services update with Taw Foltz.

• Managed Care update with Michael Collins.

Motion by Captain to adjourn, Second by Jay at 5:51 p.m.

### November 19

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Carlos Calica. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond Captain Moody, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Chief Jefferson Greene, Jonathan Smith Sr., Alvis Smith III. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Michael Collins, acting Secretary-Treasurer.

• Fish and Wildlife Committee Off-Reservation report with Bruce Jim Sr., Sam Wolfe, and Ryan Smith

Sr.

• Irrigation, Range and Ag Committee report with Una Johnson.

• Fish & Wildlife Committee On-Reservation report with Cy Jim and Kevin Blueback.

• Legislative Commission on Indian Services discussion with Patrick Flanagan.

Motion by Jonathan to adjourn at 3:35 p.m.; Second by Alvis.

### November 24

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond Captain Moody, Alvis Smith III, Chief Jefferson Greene, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Brigitte McConville, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Vice Chairman Calica.

• Culture and Heritage Committee update with Starla Green and Priscilla Frank.

• Education Committee update with Deanie Smith and Gordon Scott Jr.

• Health and Welfare Committee update with RaNeve Dowty and Shawnetta Yahtin.

• Land Use Planning Committee update with Levi VanPelt and Starla Green.

• Timber Committee update with Yvette Picard, Levi VanPelt, and Phillip Florendo.

• Water Control Board update with Ryan Smith Sr. and Tamara Coffee.

Motion by Alvis to adjourn at 4:21 p.m.; Second by Captain

### November 25

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis White III. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Chairman Dennis White III, Raymond Captain Moody, Chief Jefferson Greene, Alvis Smith III, Vice Chairman Carlos Calica, Brigitte McConville, Lonnie Rosie Tom, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Invocation given by Chief Greene.

Pamela Keo-Douglas, acting

Secretary-Treasurer.

• Cultural Resources Department runding request discussion with Austin Smith Jr.

• Proposed 2026 budget discussion Pamela Douglas:

Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution NO. 13,291, that the foregoing budget is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2026; That the sum of \$27,494,923 is hereby appropriated for expenditure pursuant to the foregoing annual budget for the twelve-month period January

1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and the Secretary of Interior of his/her authorized representative is hereby requested to approve such budget; That the Tribal Council will pay close attention to the areas of Forest Management Deduction, Public Safety, Public Utilities, Health & Human Services, Housing & Infrastructure, and Salary Administration, enterprise dividend amounts, safe drinking water, revenue, economic development, and wastewater treatment and sanitation facilities, Pur-

suant to Resolution NO. 7720 and Articles V and VI of the "Warm Springs Revenue Reserve Fund" policies, the Tribal Council further reserves the authority to appropriate \$2,000,000 or such amount as is required to maintain a General fund Working Capital Reserve Balance of \$6,000,000, from current and accumulated prior year earnings from the "Revenue Reserve Fund" to be made available as a source of funds in this Tribal Budget;

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## Warm Springs Health & Human Services Point in Time Count January 28, 2026 9am - 2pm Old School Gym

By living in an unfit building, automobile, or RV without hookups.

Living in a camp or tent.

"Sofa Surfing" due to addiction or lack of employment.

Ways People experience Homelessness in Warm Springs

Staying at the Homeless Shelter or a Transitional Home.

The Point in Time is a count of the truly homeless in Warm Springs.

• Meals provided for Participants • Resource Booths available

• Health Screenings on site

Incentives for Survey Participants



For more information, please contact Dayle at [dayle.tufti@wstribes.org](mailto:dayle.tufti@wstribes.org) or 541-777-2787.

Alcohol & Drug Free Event

