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Tribes- St. Charles agreement

Patients from the Warm Springs clinic are at times referred to service providers off the reservation—specialty care clinics, and in-patient hospital stays, for instance. This happens on a regular basis, so coordination among Managed Care and all care providers is obviously very important.

This week saw a great accomplishment in better coordination, with the signing of the Care Coordination Agreement between the tribes, Managed Care and the St. Charles Health System. The signing happened at the November meeting of the Joint Health Commission, representing the tribes and the Indian Health Service.

See **HEALTH CARE** on page 10



At the signing this week were Michael Collins, Managed Care director; Mike Marcotte, former Managed Care director and Joint Health Commissioner; Michele Miller, acting IHS clinic director; Heather Crow-Martinez, counselor and Health Commission chair; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager, commission secretary; Dr. Rachel Locker, commissioner; TJ Foltz, Health and Human Services, commissioner (back row from left); and Darren Binder, St. Charles legal affairs; Joe Sluka, president and chief executive officer, St. Charles Medical Center; Louie Pitt, director of tribal Governmental Affairs, acting S-T for the signing; and Bruce Anders, St. Charles Legal Affairs.

Indian Head giving for holidays

Indian Head Casino, partnering with the Warm Springs Food Bank, is hosting the fall annual Cans for Coins drive. The goal is to collect three tons of food.

The food drive will benefit the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Food Bank, said Belinda Chavez, Indian Head director of marketing. The three-ton mark would be the equivalent of providing 6,000 meals for those in need.

Indian Head Casino has a long history with the Warm Springs the Food Bank, supporting its mission to end hunger in Central Oregon.

Through partnerships with Food Bank and others, the casino makes giving back to the community a corporate priority.

"We recognize the need in our own community," Ms. Chavez said.

"As a company, we're in a unique position to do something about it. We ask that our guests and gamers get involved by bringing in cans of food. And in doing so, you earn slot play here at Indian Head Casino."

The Cans for Coins food drive kicked off on Monday of this week. Guests who bring in 10 cans of food earn \$10 in Bonus Slot Play every Monday through Thursday for the duration of the food drive. The drive will end December 19.

Canned goods must be a minimum size of 10 ounces, with an expiration date of beyond six months.

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Food Bank is a partner agency with the Oregon Hunger Prevention Coalition, Oregon Food Bank and Neighbor Impact. Indian Head Casino plans to deliver all donated canned goods to the Food Bank in both late November and in December, benefiting local families and individuals of the Warm Springs Reservation.

"The fall season is typically one of abundance," Belinda said. "By raising awareness of hunger in our community at this time of year, we make a lasting impact in hearts and minds. We remind people that hunger is present every single day of the year."

Veterans Day Parade

Veterans Day in Warm Springs will feature the Honor Parade, November 11, starting on campus at 11 a.m. The parade will finish at the Community Center. A meal will be provided at noon, followed by presentations and entertainment.

Listen to KWSO this Veterans Day for special programming to honor all Veterans.

Ventures resumes pursuit of hemp grow

Warm Springs Ventures has announced the enterprise is again actively pursuing the tribal cannabis-hemp project.

The project had been on hold for a time, as new and important USDA regulations regarding hemp were not yet in effect. The USDA will implement the new regulations—treating hemp much as a regular agricultural project, able to cross state lines,

for instance—in the near future.

The Ventures decision, announced by board chair Pamela Keo Douglas, means the enterprise will pursue the plan to purchase a greenhouse and office modular building.

The tribal hemp grow operation will be just off the reservation, on the tribally-owned Schoenhagen farm property, along Highway 26 across the Deschutes from the res-

ervation. Ms. Keo Douglas announced:

"On October 29 USDA issued the Interim Final Rule for the hemp regulations that will take effect once entered in to the Federal Register, and that is expected to happen by Friday.

"The tribe has submitted the plan for hemp production, under which the tribe will monitor and regulate the production of hemp

in the territory of the tribe, to USDA for review and approval. The office of USDA has 60 days to take action on the plan submitted by the tribe."

The board also reports that, in order to receive funding following the supplemental budget process, the enterprise must have its own bank account. The enterprise will continue to pursue local and credit union banking options.

Contemporary, Traditional Judges Choice Winners



Curahee—Copper Juniper Tree: Mixed media, shells, beads, concrete base, fur. Winner, Judges Choice Award—Contemporary Category. Artist: Marlanea Wagner, Waunanuba. Ms. Wagner says:

'This piece was created for the Redmond Community of Art in Public Places. I wanted to keep it and share it with the community.'



The Imulak—Cut beaded medallion. The artist is Clarissa Picard. Winner: Judges Choice Award Traditional Category.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit will be on display through mid January 2020. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday and Monday.

VETERANS DAY

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Native American Heritage Month at COCC

Tribal members and the Warm Springs community are a big part of the Central Oregon Community College higher education experience.

Each year more Native American students enroll at COCC, studying in a great variety of fields, graduating in successively higher numbers.

The COCC Native American Student program and First Nations Student Union are the support networks for tribal member students who are interested in these services.

And the program and union host special events throughout the year. They present the annual Native American Service Award, and sponsor the First Nations Union Scholarship.

Michelle Cary is the coordinator of the Native American Student program. You can reach Michelle at 541-318-3782; or email: mcary@cocc.edu

November is Native American Heritage Month, and in this honor COCC will



Navajo Code Talks documentary to air at Madras COCC on November 13.

present a number special events.

For more details on a specific contact Michelle.

Film screening

The Navajo Code Talkers are a fascinating story of World War II. A free screening of the acclaimed documentary *Navajo Code Talkers of World War II* will be at the COCC campuses in Madras and Bend.

The Madras campus screening will be on Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30-7 p.m. Light dinner provided.

The Bend campus screening will be on Thursday, November 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Light snack provided.

Native flute concerts

This month tribal member Clem Picard will per-

form an evening of Native flute music. The show will be on Monday, November 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the

COCC Madras campus. Light dinner provided.

Mr. Picard will then perform on Tuesday, November 19 from 6-7 p.m. at the Bend campus, in Wille Hall.

Blue Flamez concert

Scott Kalama, aka Blue Flamez, will perform rap, and share some of his hip-hop videos on Friday, November 22 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The show will be at COCC's Wille Hall in Bend.

Winner of the 2016 Native American Music Award for Best Music Video—for his video *Rez Life*—Kalama is the first Warm Springs member to have won a Nammy award. His COCC show is free and open to the public.



Former Miss Warm Springs Thyreicia Simtustus, Michelle Cary, COCC Native American program coordinator, and Felician Conner, Umatilla member, at the 2018 Native American Heritage Month celebration.

Summaries of Tribal Council

October 7, 2019

Present: Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, and Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Today's meeting is cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Agenda items will be rescheduled to Friday, October 11.

October 11

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Tsumpti. Present at roll call: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Anita Jackson, Lincoln Jay Suppah, and Brigitte McConville. Records: Minnie Yahtin, morning; and Madeline Jim, afternoon.

Bureau of Indian Affairs update.

Office of Special Trustee update.

Kah-Nee-Ta discussion:

- Motion by Brigitte, as a Kah-Nee-Ta Board member, approving proposals 3, 5, 6 and 7. The Secretary-Treasurer will set up dates and times for a meet and greet with each so they can present their plans for Kah-Nee-Ta; Second by Anita; 7/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Other business:

- Letter from Matthew Drake, Mt. Hood Meadows. Federal and state legislative updates.
- Tribal attorneys update. Executive session, 2:10 to 3:10)

Indian Head Casino: Casino loan documents:

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,626 approving the loan agreement with Columbia Bank as stated in the resolution. Second by Delvis Heath. Question: 2/3/0: Glendon/yes, Delvis/yes, Brigitte/no, Jay/no, Anita/no, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.
- Due to the motion failing, Indian Head Casino general manager withdrew their proposal for Kah-Nee-Ta.

Motion by Anita to adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

October 14

The meeting started at 9:45 a.m. Present: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, and Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

The chairman and vice chair are absent today so the members present will only listen to Updates. The remainder of the agenda items will be rescheduled.

Business Investment Revolving Fund update.

Financial Education fall fair

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will host the Financial Education Fair starting Wednesday November 20, and continuing through Friday, November 22. The Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The event will feature the Financial Skills for Families series with the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Vital Tribal Economies staff, part of the Community Action Team.

Participants will receive raffle tickets for assorted gift cards, including a Thanksgiving meal for four from Safeway; or four meals from the Warm Springs Community Action Team food trailer.

All Oregon Individual Development Action clients should call Nettie for RSVP, and to sign up for modules you need to make up at 541-553-3148.

August financials update.

Justice Team update.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

October 16

The meeting started at 9:23 a.m. by Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer. Present: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Anita Jackson, Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Due to a lack of a quorum, and no chairman or vice chair present, the members will not have any action items today.

Civil Rights training by the Oregon Department of Education.

The Tribal Council Priorities. Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer discussion. Highway 26 Safety Corridor update will be rescheduled.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

October 22

The meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m. by Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer. Present: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Anita Jackson, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, and Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

509-J School update with superintendent Ken Parshall.

Tribal Farm update with Robert Brunoe and Zane Wilson.

Tribal Housing update with Danielle Wood, Housing staff board.

Broadband discussion with Tim York of the Warm Springs Telecom.

Taser Discussion with Public Safety general manager Carmen Smith, Ron Gregory and police officers.

Motion by Anita to adjourn at 5:02 p.m.



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- How to work with your physician to get a proper diagnosis
- The benefits of self-monitoring
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The presentation will be given by Mark Backus, MD, FACP. He is a graduate Duke University Medical School and has been in private practice for over 20 years. Dr Backus practices medicine in at Cascade Internal Medicine in Bend. He was named a national blood pressure control champion by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Million Hearts Campaign.



Madras Campus

CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COCC welcomes Blue Flamez!

Join us for a free concert featuring local hip hop artist Blue Flamez, from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, who won the 2016 Native American Music Award for Best Music Video.

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Friday, November 22
6 p.m.

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Veterans Day tribute with students of ROTC

The Reserve Officer Training Corps at Madras High School is a popular program with students from Warm Springs. This reflects the tribes' long tradition of service in the branches of the U.S. military.

The high school ROTC program is doing great again this year, under the guidance of Captain Briggs.

This Veterans Day—Monday, November 11—will feature the Warm Springs Veterans Parade, including students of the Madras High School ROTC.



Dominick Holliday (at computer, photo at left) during the Madras High School Reserve Officer Training Corps class; while Valencia Fisher-Benitez tends to the uniforms.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. by the courthouse, at the Warm Springs Veterans Memorial tribute stone. The parade will end at the community center, where the cooks will serve lunch. Listen to KWSO for special Veterans Day programs.

Employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Human Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to attach cover letter and resume with completed application.

Questions regarding application process can be directed to 541-553-3262. For full job descriptions see: warmsprings-nsn.gov

Maintenance – Limited duration
Laborer
Maintenance.
Wildlife biologist
Home visitor
Prevention coordinator
Fisheries secretary
Fish biologist
Patrol lieutenant
Wastewater plant chief operator
Probate/Vital Stats receptionist
Health coordinator
Limited duration – On call
Officer manage
Telecommunications

officer
Assistant juvenile prosecutor
Budget-contract and grant analyst.
GIS specialist
Corrections officer (three positions)
Fisheries department manager
Education coordinator/coach.
Range & Ag manager
Family/child service coordinator
Biologist
Community health services driver
Security officer (three

positions)
Fuels monitor technician (two positions)
Native plant nursery project leader
Day care substitute
Medical social worker
Chief of police
Fish Tech I
Tribal veterans representative
Lead custodian

Indian Head Casino
The following are positions advertised with the Indian Head Casino:
Players Club host -

Contact Naomi Shy - 541-460-7777 ext. 7734.
Slot keyperson (3 full-time positions) - Kyle Schackmann - ext. 7724.
Server (part time) - Heather Cody - ext. 7710.
Sous Chef - Peggy Faria - ext. 7726.
Line cook - Peggy Faria ext. 7726.
Server (2 part-time) - Heather.
Tule Grill attendant (1 full-time 1 part-time) - Alex Manzano or Christine Brunoe ext. 7725.
Tule Grill cook - Alex or Christine.
Cage cashier (2 full-

time) - Wyval Rosamilia - ext. 7737.
Security officer (2 full-time) - Tim Kerr ext. 7749.

Plateau Travel Plaza
The following positions are advertised with the **Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras:**
Server (part time) - Esten Culpus, 541-777-2817.
Cashier/Fuel attendant - Darrell Jones - 541-777-2815.
Custodian - Darrell.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, November 7
The Senior Wellness Center is having Senior lunch at noon. **On the menu:** Muffin omelets. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the Behavioral Health Center, and a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

There is a Food Handler class today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center Atrium at the clinic. The next Food Handler's Class will be on Thursday, November 21. If you have any questions contact 541-553-1196.

Friday, November 8
A senior citizen fitness class is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 at the Senior building. After class, participants can eat brunch. **On the menu** today: Beef Barley Soup.

There is a **Behavior Health Walk-In** clinic today. Appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. The

medical social workers at the clinic can help with screenings, assessments, crisis intervention and many other things for children, adolescents and adults.

Saturday, November 9
There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at the Behavioral Health Center.

Class two of two for the Warm Springs Community Action Team **Indianpreneurship** class is today at the Community Action Team office.

Sunday, November 10
Warm Springs **Christian Fellowship** meets this morning at 10 at the Senior Center.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Sunday School** at 10, and **Worship Service** at 11 this morning.

The **Warm Springs Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open from 11:30-1:30 today after services. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Childbirth Education class is Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. This is a

3-week series that focuses on Pregnancy, Labor and Delivery, and Mom and Baby Care. To learn more or find out when the series starts, contact Nurse Allie Anderson at 541-553-2460.

Monday, November 11
Veterans Day - No school, and the tribal organization is closed.

Tuesday, November 12
Today's **Senior Lunch** at noon is baked salmon. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

The **Jefferson County Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street in Madras. They are open for distribution this afternoon.

There is a **Warriors for Wellbriety** meeting this evening at High Lookee Lodge. They have drum practice at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30.

Wednesday, November 13
The Native American Program **Legal Aid** Services of Oregon will be at the Community Action team office today from 10 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins are wel-

come, or you may arrange an appointment by calling 1-800-546-0534 or 503-223-9483.

There is **Senior Fitness** class this morning at 10:45 at the Senior Center. Following class participants can enjoy a meal. **On the menu:**

Meat ball subs.

Warm Springs **Christian Fellowship** has Bible study at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Bible Study and Prayer** this evening at 6.

Thursday, November 14
The Senior Wellness Center is having Senior lunch at noon. **On the menu:** Beef enchiladas. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

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Letters to the editor

Youth survey

We R Native is making a monumental push to enroll 1,500 American Indian teens and young adults nationwide—15-24 years old—to participate in a study that will evaluate the impact of our text messaging service.

For more information see: npaih.org/brave/Best,

Michelle Singer, Navajo, Healthy Native Youth Project Manager, Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. Email: msinger@npaih.org



For health

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center will host the Lunch and Learn this Thursday, November 7. The lunch is free, and the topic of discussion will be blood pressure care and prevention.

You will learn the signs and symptoms of high blood pressure; how to work with your physician to get a proper diagnosis; the benefits of self-monitoring, and treatment options.

The guest presenter will be Dr. Mark Backus, graduate of Duke University Medical School. Dr. Backus has been in practice for over 20 years.

His practice is at Cascade Internal Medicine in Bend. Dr. Backus was named a National Blood Pressure Control Champion by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Million Hearts Campaign.

To students

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal scholarship guidelines require all students to submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and at least five other scholarships. In the guidelines, see page 3: “Federal Financial Assistance/Other Scholarships to supplement the Tribal Scholarship.”

Apply for FAFSA by March 1. If your eligible for the Pell grant, you may be eligible for the Oregon Opportunity State need grants. Their deadline is June 1.

Send you questions to: carroll.dick@wstribes.org

Or call Higher Education at 541-553-3311.

Nature

A year and a half ago—following months of careful planning—the U.S. Forest

Service and Deschutes National Forest conducted a prescribed burn on the grounds of the High Desert Museum. More than a year later, visitors can see nature rebounding as wild strawberries, rabbitbrush and manzanita grow anew.

How did a seemingly destructive event such as fire support new growth and biodiversity? A new exhibit at the museum—*Nature’s Resilience*—highlights the valuable role of ecological disturbances. The original exhibit opens on Saturday, November 23.

Nature’s Resilience will feature large-format photography illustrating the dichotomy of devastation and new life. It will highlight a variety of high desert habitats, including the pine forests, riparian ecosystems and sagebrush steppe.

The ecological health of various landscapes relies on fire, floods and pine beetle outbreaks. The heat of a wildfire opens the seeds of native plants such as manzanita. Wildfires create snags—standing dead trees—that offer valuable wildlife habitat. From the ruins, new life is born.

Nature’s Resilience will also address the unintended consequences of humans actively increasing some disturbances and suppressing others. For instance, after generations of fire suppression and overgrazing, the spread of native juniper trees can be seen throughout the region. After channelizing rivers to prevent flooding, floodplain species dependent on the river can experience significant impacts.

The exhibit features the work of photographers Bruce Block, David Bahr, Ashley Duffus, Paul Glasser and others.

Birth

Merlin Yellowtail Jr. and Alicia Pedraza of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Carla Mae Yellowtail, born on October 23, 2019.

Carla joins four brothers and one sister.

Grandparent on the father’s side is Merlin Yellowtail Sr. of Lodgegrass, Montana.

Grandparent on the mother’s side is Richard Tohet of Warm Springs.

Shelter

Due to the recent dip in temperatures, a temporary warming shelter has been opened at the former Youth Center in Warm Springs, the former elementary school, where the Boys and Girls Club was located. The club is now at the Academy.

The shelter at the youth center gym will be open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The hours could change, depending on circumstances.

Capacity for the shelter is estimated at 13 people. Each person wanting to utilize the shelter will be screened before being admitted.

School supplies

Students in need of school supplies can pick some up at the Warm Springs Library at the Family Resource Center. Basic supplies are available to students during the library’s regular business hours.

Candidate

Oregon State Senator Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, announced last week that he will be running for the Republican nomination to the Oregon Second Congressional District, which includes the reservation. The seat is currently held by Congressman Greg Walden, a long-time friend of the tribes, who has decided not to seek re-election.

Sen. Bentz this year was co-sponsor of law providing close to \$8 million for improvements to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs water system.

Announcing his run for the U.S. House, Sen. Bentz said, “Congressman Walden has done, and is still doing a great job as Oregon’s only Republican Congressman. It was a surprise to learn that he has decided not to run again.”

The Oregon Primary will be in May of next year.



Some of the Fire Management team, past and present.

On behalf of the Wildland Firefighter Memorial Committee, we want to thank the following individuals and businesses who contributed to the memorial and helped make the event a success:

Warm Springs Composite Products. Health and Human Services. Bonafide. Savagethread. Warm Springs Fire Use Module. DMJ Automotive. Medina’s Coffee.

Madras Erickson’s

Sentry. Peggy Gomez. Natalia Kirk. Inez Jones. Tommy Fuentes. Lucille Suppah. Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises. Indian Head Casino. Warm Springs Engine Crew. The Warm Springs Hotshot Crew, and Warm Springs Fire Management.

Juniper Cove Bar & Grill. Warm Springs Community Center. Terry Stradely. Angela Sampson. Star Horse Singers. Tyler Anderson. Jason and Charice Begay. And the cooks and everybody who

assisted in preparing the meal.

There were a lot of people that helped make this memorial a great success. We apologize if we forgot anyone that may have contributed.

Thank you to the community members and visitors that were able to attend and show support for the Warm Springs Firefighter Memorial.

The Firefighter Memorial Committee.

Acupuncture

There will be a free Acupuncture session on Wednesday, November 13 at the Community Center Aerobics room. The session will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Provided by an experienced, licensed acupuncturist.

Veterans Concert

The Madras High School Music Department will per-

Howlak Tichum

In loving memory ~ Tracy D. Fuentes ~ 1980-2019

Tracy D. Fuentes, born on June 11, 1980, of Warm Springs, was taken from the world on September 5, 2019. He was 39.

Tracy loved anything that had to do with the wood. He was an avid gunman who loved to shoot his guns. He also loved hunting, camping and the occasional fishing. We can definitely remember his love for ATVS.

He was the type of



person who could always bring your spirits up no matter the situation, always being the jockey.

Tracy is survived by his

children, his twins Isabelle and Evalyn, Tylasha, Kalyssa, Fontain, and one son, Trayvon.

Tracy will be greatly missed by his mother Meleah Miller and his father Tony Fuentes. His siblings Antone, Angelo Sluggo Fuentes, Jade, Carlos, Toni, Rianna, Pamela and all family and friends.

He will always be remembered by all who held him close in their hearts.

‘Parralel Lives’ reading with Ed Edmo and Lani Roberts



During their childhoods, signs in the windows of businesses read, ‘No dogs or Indians allowed.’

Their juxtaposed stories give a full picture of rural Oregon and the separate experiences they had along the N’chi-Wana River.

There is no charge for admission. Visit the Confluence Community Calendar at: confluenceproject.org

Or call 360-693-0123, to register.

About the speakers

Internationally acclaimed poet, storyteller, actor and clay artist, Ed Edmo uses puppets to tell Indian legends to children and adults—helping people learn to laugh again.

Since 1981, Ed has traveled to colleges, pre-schools, trade shows, pow-wows, and more as a Native consultant. In 1984, Ed earned top prize at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center One Act Play Festival for his play, *Through Coyote’s Eyes: A Visit with Ed Edmo*. In addition to co-authoring *Celilo Falls: Parallel Lives Along N’Che Wana—Seeing Color: Indigenous Peoples and Radicalized Ethnic Minorities in Oregon*, he is also the author of *A Nation Within*.

Lani Roberts, Philosophy major of the University of Oregon, was a faculty member in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University from spring 1989 through spring 2011.

She has now retired and moved east of the Cascades, back home to the Columbia Gorge where her family settled in the 1860s.

During her time in the OSU Philosophy Department, Professor Roberts directed the Graduate program, coordinated the Applied Ethics Certificate, and directed the Peace Studies Program.

She was a founding member of Faculty and Staff for Peace and Justice at OSU, and a member of Association of Faculty for the Advancement of People of Color.

About Confluence

The mission of Confluence is to connect people with the history, living cultures and ecology of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices.

Confluence is a community-supported nonprofit that works through six art landscapes, educational programs and community gatherings in collaboration with northwest tribes, communities and artist Maya Lin.

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Performance at L’Arche



Jeremy Doney performs at L’Arche Portland.

Jeremy Doney of Warm Springs gave a feature performance at a recent L’Arche Portland fundraiser, leaving the audience in awe of his talent.

Mr. Doney is a piano player, known for his album *In the Garden*. He plays special events around the region. Jeremy has performed and recorded with composer Michael Allen Harrison.

Over his lifetime Jeremy has developed a virtuoso piano style. He has been blind since a very young age. Today he lives in Warm Springs with his grandmother Ramona Starr.

The mission of L’Arche Portland is to make known the gifts of people with intellectual challenges, revealing these gifts through transformative relationships:

“Mutual relationships, and trust in God are at the heart of our journey together,” reads the L’Arche Portland mission. “We

celebrate the unique value of every person, and recognize our need of one another.”

L’Arche Portland has many members in over 150 communities around the world. The recent fundraiser, featuring the Jeremy Doney performance, supports the mission of L’Arche Portland. As L’Arche executive director Andrew Noethe says:

“For 30 years L’Arche Portland has supported people, sharing life across differences in our Nehalem and Neahkanie homes. In recent years we have embraced and emphasized the importance of our larger circle of friends.”

L’Arche Portland is working toward a new home, designed to emphasize the natural friendship, rather than paid care between housemates. And they are working on one-on-one supports for people with intellectual disabilities, beyond the L’Arche homes.

Community notes...

If you are experiencing issues with your **Warm Springs Telecom** services, please call them at 541-615-0555.

Become a **SMART** Reader. SMART—Start Making a Reader Today—is a volunteer program that pairs adult readers with first-grade students in Warm Springs.

On Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. the readers and students get together at the Warm Springs Academy Afterschool TwentyFirst Century Learning program.

If you are interested, call 541-797-7726.

Central Oregon **Thrive** connects individual needs to community resources: They can help with housing, health, employment, social security and more.

Thrive is in Madras on Tuesdays at the Jefferson County Health Department from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.; and again from 2 to 4 p.m. Thirty-minute walk-in meetings are available, first come first served

The **Individual Indian Money**, or IIM, office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Warm Springs Agency will be closed on Veterans Day. Otherwise if you need assistance, call the Trust Beneficiary Center at 888-678-6836; or Kevin Moore at the Umatilla Agency, 541-278-3786.

In Warm Springs the **Grow** program is available to connect individuals to community resources.

You can stop by the Grow office and talk with Lorien or Isaac. Their office is located in the trailer on Wasco Street next to Warm Springs Children’s Protective Services.

If you have unused or expired medications you need to get rid of, the Warm Springs Health and

Wellness Center now has a **MedSafe** drop box to dispose of old meds. Bring them to large blue box located in the pharmacy waiting area to safely dispose of unneeded medications.

Wednesday, November 13: There will be an **agricultural seminar** Wednesday morning, November 13 at the Inn at Cross Keys, from 9:30am-2:30 p.m. with lunch provided. This seminar is provided by SAIF, Oregon’s not-for-profit workers’ compensation insurance company. For More Information you can visit saif dot com slash ag seminars or call 503-373-8213.



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Holiday Bowling will roll for Forty-Third Anniversary

The Warm Springs Indian Holiday Bowling Tournament is one of the longer sporting traditions of the Confederated Tribes, the first tournament rolling in 1976.

The Forty-Third Annual tournament continues this holiday season, from Thanksgiving Day, November 28, through Saturday,

November 30. The Holiday Bowling Committee hosts the three-day tourney at Lava Lanes in Bend.

The Grammz Special—3-6-9 auto, 9 pin no tap, Regular Scotch Doubles—is at 8 p.m., Thanksgiving evening.

The Holiday Masters Event is Friday, November 29 at 6 p.m. Little Puppies

Masters Special (150-) is in Memory of beloved Daleena M. Stevens. Prize is a Champion Coat and \$200 cash. Sponsored by Jerry and Sadra.

The Big Dog Challenge, and the Doubles and Singles are on Friday (*see the flyer below*). The Holiday Roll-Off is on Saturday at 2 p.m.

For the tournament prize fee is 100 percent returned. The tourney is USBC certified—Don't chance being disqualified: Please bring your verified average.

For information contact Austin Greene, Margie Tuckta or Birney Greene-Boise (*contact information below*). Or find the tourney on Facebook.



Jayson Smith photos

It was Seniors Day in late October for the Madras High School varsity girls soccer team. Family and friends paid tribute to the students who will graduate in June. Above are family and friends of goalkeeper Cheydon Herkshan, on hand for the Seniors Day game.



Hoops over the holidays

The Eighth Annual Warm Springs Cougars Youth Christmas Co-Ed Basketball Tournament is coming up December 20-22. Divisions: Youth co-ed divisions for 10 years and under; 12 years and under and; and seventh-eighth grade grade co-ed divisions.

For all three divisions the first six teams to register will play. Deadline to register is December 5. Entry fee is \$150 per team.

The tournament will be at the Warm Springs Community Center. Tourney director is Austin Greene, Recreation director. His email is: austin.greene@wstribes.org

You can reach him by phone at 541-553-3243 (w); or 553-1953 (h).

Tournament awards include ten champion hoodies for each division; runner-up crew necks; finalist t-shirts, All Tourney; and coaches t-shirts.

Guarantee of three games for each team; round robin then single elimination bracket.

Age deadline is December 20. Bring tribal identification.

At the Warm Springs Community Center gym, the New Year will bring the Fifty-Ninth Annual All-Indian **Men's Holiday Basketball** tourney, January 1-4, 2020. The deadline to register is December 13. Entry fee is \$375. Awards will be:

First-place, Pendleton jackets. Second, wool jackets. Third, jackets. Fourth, hoodies. Fifth, crew neck sweatshirts.

Other awards: Most Valuable Player. Mr. Hustle. All Tourney selection.

For information contact Austin Greene, tournament director, 541-553-3243(w); or 541-553-1953(h). Or you can email: austin.greene@wstribes.org

MHS winter sports

Winter sports at Madras High School are starting a little more than three weeks from now.

The girls varsity basketball season begins on Wednesday, December 4. This will be an away game at Hidden Valley High School.

The first home game will be Friday, December 6 against Woodburn High School; followed by another home game against Crook County on Tuesday, December 10.

The boys' season opens at home against Hidden Valley on December 4; followed by an away game on December 10 at Crook County; with a home tournament starting on December 10.

The JV teams, Frosh/Soph and Freshman basketball seasons—and the Swimming and Wrestling seasons—all begin in early December.

The **Madras High School Native American Student Union** will meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 13. The meeting, in Mr. Jones classroom, will start at 3:15 p.m. For more information contact Gordon Scott at 503-347-5778.

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Many horses treated at W.S. gelding clinic

by Beth Matanane
Warm Springs
Horse Network

Gelding is a practice long-entrenched in the world of tribal wild horse herd management. However, the practice of gelding—or castration—represents far more than simply a medical procedure, performed on stallions to prevent future breeding.

The entire equine castration activity is heavily steeped in tribal tradition.

Forty of 50 years ago Warm Springs family members practiced equine castration as a necessity for healthy herd management.

It was time of celebration for Warm Springs family members, as they worked together for the preservation of the herds that would also preserve the tribal traditions and lifestyle.

Both men and women rode together, gathering horses from the wilds, gathering them as selected for branding and the castration procedure.

All young men were expected to participate as well, learning how to work with the horses, and become productive members of the family.

The practice still exists, connecting families and upholding tradition.

I was privileged to witness a tribal castration activity. I did this in conjunction with Oregon State University.

I heard many stories of how the entire family’s men, women and children would ride together on their saddle horses, gathering and bringing in wild horses from reservation lands.

Tribal member Tacu Lee Wich is proud of his heritage, ancestry and family. His eyes sparkled as he shared his own story with me, “Even my grandmother Annie was part of the day.”

Mr. Wich expressed his pride in family stewardship, as he explained that the younger boys were not allowed to play until the day’s chores were finished.

At the OSU horse clinic in October, Tacu Lee was a happy man today, watching all his family work together.

The Lincoln Jay Suppah family also rides together, gathering up wild horses for many weeks prior to the cas-



Vaccine injection at the Gelding Clinic.

... Once the horse accepted the sedative affects and laid down, its legs were secured with ropes, the steady tension skillfully managed by the mounted tribal members surrounding the sedated animal.

tration clinic. Fay Hurtado is considered the matriarch of this family.

Her equine knowledge and organizational skills are one of the driving forces behind this family’s successful place in the equine world.

Most importantly, Fay has always kept the traditional tribal ways at the center of what is being accomplished with the horses.

Fay strongly believes in the importance of keeping tribal horse herd numbers manageable and healthy, through good practices and gelding young stallions.

She said that in the early 2000s there were so many reservation horses that one stallion could claim up to 35 mares.

Fast forward to 2008—when in a moment of ‘past meets the present’—Fay contacted the OSU Department of Animal Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine. Together they orchestrated a well-planned castration clinic in Warm Springs.

Fay remembers how the restoration of ‘the lost art

of family gatherings’ was aided by the Oregon State program. It was a historical event that combined tribal members working on horseback and OSU staff and students, who took turns gelding.

Lunch was provided to all, as we formed positive partnerships.

In 2011 Fay provided participants with printed tee-shirts that read ‘I Survived Dirt, Dust and Dragging.’ That statement proudly represented that day’s accomplishments.

The clinic in October was the thirteenth successful year for the event: Twenty-one horses were successfully gelded.

This fall’s event team included Warm Springs Agriculture, Range and Ag and the Branch of Natural Resources, and the OSU Veterinary School.

Natural Resources organized and facilitated this exceptional day of learning, sharing and communication.

Among the participants were Dr. Jacob Mecham, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and assistant professor of Clinical Equine Science Faculty; and Dr. Jorge Vanegas, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, associate professor of Clinical Science and Rural Veterinary Practice.

On hand was Dr. Vanessa De Souza, resident, graduate student in Theriogenology, specializing in reproductive medicine and provided guidance.

Dr. Mecham summed up the results of this par-

ticular clinic as a win-win for students and horses. “The Warm Springs gelding clinic is a large portion of the experience the students receive regarding gelding,” the doctor said.

All participating gelding clinic students were women this year—A first in its history.

Undergraduate student Jaymie Belcher owns a mustang and she would always own a mustang. Jamie is now considering a Warm Springs tribal horse as her next horse.

At the clinic safety was of the utmost importance, and clear instruction was provided to all on the necessity of being alert, and having a conscious and constant awareness of their surroundings and activity.

A variety of techniques and procedures were taught and implemented by students, including the use of the ‘Henderson tool’. This tool is a specialized, stateof the art castration clamp, aiding in minimizing blood loss for the animals.

In addition to gelding processes, some tribal members branded their horses. Vaccinations were administered by OSU students, including the West Nile virus vaccine.

Dr. Mecham’s assistant and OSU Veterinary Technician Kim Veldman prepared and dispensed vaccines and sedation for administration.

Each horse was given appropriate sedation according to weight approximation, plus temperament assessment. Kim spent

many hours preparing for this event.

One tribal member asked to have his mare branded and vaccinated, and mentioned she might possibly be carrying a foal.

When palpated for pregnancy by Dr. Vanessa De Souza, the beautiful bay mare was confirmed to be at three months gestation. This discovery added to the excitement on Gelding Clinic day.

Another horse was found with an injury. While sedated the animal underwent a tooth extraction.

I liken the entire operation I witnessed to be ‘a dance as old as time—A precision dance that incorporated traditional methods, skilled hands and experienced riders on proven saddle horses.

It was obvious that the tribal members were entirely familiar with the operation unfolding before me. And they understood the necessity of carefully orchestrated teamwork.

It was a dance, a song of precision with all dancers proficient in the steps of accuracy and history’s melody. The teamwork among tribal members, OSU and the other participants was astounding.

Each horse was initially guided into a hydraulic chute, front and rear gates were closed with the horse standing inside. OSU students then expertly administered sedation, medications, blood draws and vaccines.

I remember hearing the harsh, metal-on-metal sound of the release gate opening, seeing the horse’s first preliminary reaction, indignant steps towards its perceived freedom.

A single, mounted tribal member would shadow the horse, watching carefully as the horse became woozy under the sedation, as its hoof placement became less accurate.

Once the horse accepted the sedative affects and laid down, its legs were secured with ropes, the steady tension skillfully managed by the mounted tribal members surrounding the sedated animal.

Steady pressure on the ropes was applied from their saddles, with each man

... the cherished Pacific Northwest American Heritage horses from the Warm Springs Reservation...

and his saddle horse literally locked onto the job they were performing.

Another tribal member would sit at the horse’s head, holding it and covering its eyes.

Each person was affixed on the timing and the precision needed for the process to be successful and without incident—It was a true dance to behold!

The day’s experienced tribal members, working alongside the skilled OSU veterinary team and students, made this clinic a well-planned and very successful event.

There were no injuries to either human or horse. The impact of stress to the horses was at a minimum; and all horses were up and walking within a short time.

Special recognition goes to Avon ‘Von’ Garcia, a young man 14 years of age.

Von made sure the leg ropes were secure on the horses as they lay down under sedation. He assisted in meeting any need his team requested.

Von has learned the tribal way, and observed the precision and compassion in which the OSU students applied their own skills to the work. Von has proven he is a valued team member for tomorrow’s future.

He and his uncle Dustin Suppah were recently featured in an OPB news article. See it at:

opb.org/news/article/wild-horses-warm-springs-oregon-chase/.

The tribal members and their roles in the Gelding Clinic were many and varied:

Jay Suppah, Range Management ride boss for the Simnasho Grazing District, oversaw all the tribal men who participated. Terry Stradley, Maynard Jim and Terry Squiemphen operated the panels that guided the horses into the chute.

See HORSES on page 8



The Warm Springs gelding clinic saw many participants, and more that 20 horses treated.

Film tells of 30-year fight for justice

Most tribal members have heard the name Elouise Cobell, also known as Yellow Bird Woman.

It was Ms. Cobell's groundbreaking class action lawsuit—*Cobell v. Salazar*—that challenged the federal government mismanagement of trust funds belonging to more than half-a-million Native Americans across Indian Country.

The late Ms. Cobell, of the Blackfoot Confederacy, passed away in 2011, before the final settlement of her lawsuit filed in 1996.

You can learn more of Ms. Cobell's 30-year fight for justice with *100 Years: One Woman's Struggle For Justice*.

The Fort Vancouver Visitors Center will show the film on Saturday evening, November 9. The center is located at 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, Washington.

Doors will open at 5



Courtesy
The late Elouise Cobell

p.m., and the film begins at 5:30.

The presentation will be followed by a talk with education leader Patsy Whitefoot, of the Yakama Nation.

Tickets are \$10, and \$5 for students and elders. You can reach the visitors center at 360-816-6230.

Horses: valuable partnership for health of the animals

(Continued from page 1)

Ricky Greybael operated the hydraulic chute's functions as each horse entered, was worked on, and then departed the chute, leaving it open for the next horse to enter to repeat the process.

Men who rode horseback were Anson Begay, Dustin Suppah, Trevor Suppah, Daniel Gilbert, Attcity Begay and Alvis Smith IV.

Wes Smith and Temo Hisatake assisted in holding the horses' heads, and covering their eyes as the procedures on the animals were accomplished.

Also in attendance was Maura Gibson, Veterinary medical officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Maura took blood samples from each horse, testing for equine infectious anemia—EIA—and Coggins disease.

EIA is a potentially fatal, blood-borne infectious viral disease that produces a persistent infection among equids nearly worldwide.

Although the disease has been recognized for centuries, its prevalence began to rise in the 1930s, reaching its destructive peak in the U.S. between the 1960s and '70s.

This year one case of EIA in Grants Pass was identified and reported. Records are maintained



Lassoing at the Warm Springs grounds.

for EIA. The results of all testing performed at the October Warm Springs clinic are soon available.

Scott Duggan is the OSU Extension service agent for the Central Oregon region, with the Animal and Rangeland Science Department. Mr. Duggan was on hand for the clinic.

Scott was there to assist with the process of holding horses. He was instrumental in communicating tribal needs and service assessments.

Scott's facilitation services are invaluable to the Confederated Tribes. He also provided lunch, very much appreciated.

My presence at the Gelding Clinic was a representative of the Warm Springs Horse Network, or WSHN.

The Horse Network has been a part of the equine community since its inception in May 2014. The WSHN is dedicated to helping raise awareness to benefit the Warm Springs Reservation foals and horses.

Our continued communication with tribal members and the general public—combined with educational opportunities and special events that make a difference—have helped to make the horses of Warm Springs the cherished Pacific Northwest American Heritage horses from the Warm Springs Reservation.

These WSHN horses are sought after for many disciplines, and have even been relocated to various parts of the world as far away as England.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs follows many traditional beliefs, holding the horse in high esteem.

The WSHN is exceptionally proud of our attempts to help elevate these beautiful, talented horses.

We treasure the continued communication, friendships and partnerships formed with the Warm Springs tribal members.

The October 2019 Gelding Clinic is a perfect example of successful cooperation, combining traditional ways with today's world innovations.

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Excel training in W.S.

The Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and WorkSource will host free Microsoft Excel workshops in November.

An introductory level Microsoft Excel class will be on Friday, November 11 starting at 1:30 p.m. The second class will be on Friday, November 22 also at 1:30. The classes are at the Warm Springs Education building.

Each class is free and will last about two hours.

You must attend the first class in order to take the second class. Must be 18 or older. Bring picture ID or other proof of age.

Seats are limited. To reserve a spot call Deanna at 541-777-0286; or email: dfender@coic.org

Around Indian Country

Keystone pipeline leak in North Dakota

Several members of the Confederated Tribes visited North Dakota during the Standing Rock Sioux stand against the Keystone XL pipeline.

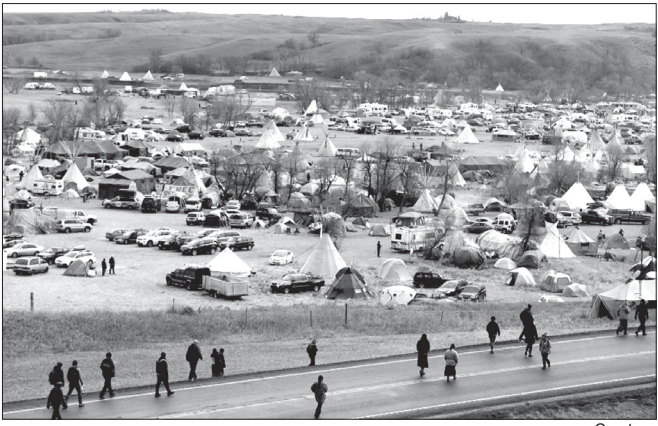
The issue was that the pipeline would cross traditional sacred land, including a burial ground.

A fear was that the pipeline could pose a threat to the land, and this has proven to be a well-founded concern.

Last week TC Energy’s original Keystone pipeline leaked an estimated 383,000 gallons of oil in northeastern North Dakota.

Crews then shut down the pipeline that carries tar sands oil from Canada through seven states after the leak was discovered. It remained closed a number of days.

The Calgary, Alberta-



Protest scene at North Dakota pipeline site, 2017.

based company, formerly known as TransCanada, said in a statement the leak affected about 22,500 square feet of land near Edinburg, in Walsh County.

The company and regulators said cause was being investigated.

Crude began flowing through the \$5.2 billion pipeline in 2011.

It’s designed to carry crude oil across

Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri on the way to refineries Patoka, Illinois and Cushing, Oklahoma.

It can handle about 23 million gallons daily.

The pipeline spill and shutdown comes as the company seeks to build the \$8 billion Keystone XL pipeline that would carry tar

sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Texas.

The proposed Keystone XL pipeline has drawn opposition from people who fear it will harm the environment.

Together, the massive Keystone and the Keystone XL network would be about five times the length of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

The original Keystone is designed to carry crude oil across Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri on the way to refineries in Patoka, Illinois, and Cushing, Oklahoma.

It has experienced problems with spills in the past, including one in 2011 of more than 14,000 gallons of oil in southeastern North Dakota, near the

South Dakota border.

In 2017, the pipeline leaked an estimated 407,000 gallons of oil onto farmland in northeastern South Dakota, in a rural area near the North Dakota border. The company had originally put the spill at about 210,000 gallons.

Federal regulators said at the time the Keystone leak was the seventh-largest onshore oil or petroleum product spill since 2010.

North Dakota’s biggest spill, and one of the largest onshore spills in U.S. history, came in 2013, when 840,000 gallons spilled from a Tesoro pipeline in the northwestern part of the state. The company spent five years and nearly \$100 million cleaning it up.

Around Indian Country

Indian student count finally being updated for the modern era

Slowly but surely, the Trump administration is working to modernize the popular Johnson O’Malley Program for Indian students.

The program helps pay for a wide range of initiatives, from school supplies and learning competitions to field trips and powwows, for Indian students across the nation.

But funding levels have been stuck at 1995, despite rises in costs and growth in tribal populations.

Thanks to a new federal law that tribes, Indian educators and supporters in Congress fought for, the situation is finally changing.

The Johnson-O’Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act requires the Bureau of Indian Affairs to update the student count for the modern era.

“An accurate count of eligible students is the first critical step to advocating for adequate JOM funding across the country,” Marita Hinds, a citizen of the Pueblo of Tesuque who serves as president of the

National Indian Education Association, said during the National Congress of American Indians 76th annual convention last month.

Marita Hinds, president of the National Indian Education Association, addresses the National Congress of American Indians Seventy-Sixth annual convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico in October.

Consultation under the new law began a few months ago and already it’s proven to be a complex affair. A preliminary report released by the Bureau of Indian Education last week shows just how much has changed since 1995, when the student count was frozen at 271,884 American Indians and Alaska Natives.

“Braveheart won Best Picture that year, the Macarena went viral and Amazon sold its first book,” Sen. Steve Daines, R-Montana, once said of the outdated numbers during consideration of the JOM bill he co-sponsored during the last session of Congress.

To find out what was

happening in 1995, Daines said he relied on the search engine Google, which didn’t even exist at the time.

Popular culture isn’t the only new data point: According to the new document, announced to the public last week, the Indian student population, unsurprisingly, has grown significantly in the last two decades.

The highest estimates come from the U.S. Census Bureau, the federal agency currently preparing for the 2020 Census.

According to the report, anywhere from 581,241 to 600,217 American Indian and Alaska Native students are enrolled from preschool to grade 12 across the nation.

Figures from the U.S. Department of Education aren’t too far behind. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the clearinghouse for public school data, between 502,152 and 570,825 American Indians and Alaska Natives could end up in the JOM student

count.

Finally, the BIE itself has some numbers to share but the report warns of incomplete information. By contacting entities that received JOM funds, the agency counted 341,126 American Indian and Alaska Native students in 2014.

The BIE is doing the same this year and so far has counted 200,000 students. The figure is low because not every recipient of JOM funds, whether it be a state government, a public school district or a tribe, has not provided information for the count.

“The diversity of data sources and their associated methods for estimating numbers of American Indian and Alaska Native students introduces a great deal of complexity when considering combining or using multiple data sources together. “the preliminary report states.

Despite the difficult task, the report presents a recommendation to Indian

Country. According to the BIE, the JOM student count should be based on the higher estimate from the National Center for Education Statistics, or 570,825 students.

“The U.S. Department of Education-National Center for Education Statistics is based on actual reported numbers from schools across the nation,” the report reads.

For the last few fiscal years, Congress has provided less than \$15 million for JOM, according to BIA budget data and testimony from the National Johnson-O’Malley Association, one of the many advocates for the modernization law. A student count of 570,825, though lower than the U.S. Census Bureau estimates, could lead to a significant increase in funding for the program.

In contrast, the JOM contractor responses are believed to be unreliable, the report states. So even if the BIE manages to get data from every single en-

tity, it’s likely to be a significant undercount, according to the report.

“The Bureau of Indian Education believes the number of eligible Indian students is much higher than current contractor data due to low response rates from contractors in the field and the short turnaround time for reporting,” the document states.

So what’s next? Indian Country has until December 30 to provide comments about the preliminary report, according to an October 29 notice in the Federal Register.

The December 30 deadline is close to the December 31 deadline imposed by Congress on the BIE. A ‘final’ report is supposed to be due on the latter date.

In addition to engaging in consultations for an update student count, the Trump administration has proposed a new JOM rule.

The comment period closed on August 26. A final rule hasn’t been released.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Please note: All hearings are conducted at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Warm Springs Ventures, Petitioner, vs. Noree Guerin, Respondent; Case No. CV24-17. TO: Noree Guerin, Warm Springs Ventures:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CIVIL COMPLAINT has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **9TH day of December, 2019 @ 10:00 AM**

CHARLENE SMITH, Petitioner, vs KRISTY GILBERT, RESPONDENT; Case No. EPO13-16. TO: CHARLENE SMITH, KRISTY GILBERT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been filed with

the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3RD day of DECEMBER, 2019 @ 9:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs VICTORIA MEDINA, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO176-06; DO177-06. TO: VICTORIA MEDINA, AGUSTIN PEDRAZA JR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11TH day of December, 2019 @ 11:00 AM**

Tiffany Hunt, Petitioner, vs Aaron Hunt, RESPONDENT; Case No. RO45-19. TO: Tiffany Hunt/ Aaron Hunt:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING

ORDER SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of December, 2019 @ 11:30 AM**

Tiffany Hunt, Petitioner, vs Juliene Govenor, RESPONDENT; Case No. RO44-19. TO: Tiffany Hunt/ Aaron Hunt:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of December, 2019 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALICIA YAZZIE, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV22-12; JV23-12. TO: ALICIA YAZZIE, GARRETT SUPPAH JR., DEECE SUPPAH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has

been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7th day of NOVEMBER, 2019 @ 3:00 PM**

LOIS SQUIEMPHEN, Petitioner, vs SYLVIA SPINO, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV22-12; JV23-12. TO: LOIS SQUIEMPHEN, SYLVIA SPINO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019 AT 9:00 AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Leontyne Tanewasha-Davis, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no.

2018-PR45. Notice is hereby given that Leontyne Tanewasha, who at the time of her death last known residence was 3108 Highway 3, Warm Springs, OR, died on the 15th day of November, 2018, and the court has appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate

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of Tammy M. Robinson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR22. Notice is hereby given that Tammy M. Robinson, who at the time of her death last known residence was 1188 Shitike Creek Rd., Warm Springs, OR, died on the 27th day of May, 2019, and the court has appointed Valerie Squiemphen as the administrator.

Health care: Agreement with St. Charles

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In the past, when a patient was referred to an off-reservation provider, Managed Care would not hear back from the provider as to the service provided, diagnosis, future treatment, etc. In order to get this information, Managed Care would have to rely on the patient: This would involve the patient providing a release of information, for instance.

The situation was inconvenient, requiring additional and at times unnecessary contact with the patient.

The new Care Coordination Agreement now allows Managed Care and the clinic to hear directly from the provider without the need of inconveniencing the patient, or creating additional hurdles for Managed Care.

The billing for the off-reservation services will also be streamlined. Billing for patients covered by Medicaid can now be covered directly and 100-percent by the federal program. In the past the Oregon Health Plan was a partial payer, and would then seek reimbursement from the federal program. The new agreement creates the more direct billing option.

In the end the goal of the agreement is to improve care for tribal patients of the clinic, said Michael Collins, director of Man-

aged Care.

The Care Coordination Agreement was about three years in the making, with the finalization coming together over the past several weeks.

On hand for the signing at the Joint Health Commission was Joseph Sluka, president and chief executive officer of the St. Charles Health Care System. “We’re privileged to have this agreement, and to serve the Warm Springs community,” Mr. Sluka said.

Other business

In some other business from the Joint Health Commission meeting:

The commission elected

the officers. Heather Crow-Martinez was nominated and approved to continue as chairwoman. Caroline Cruz will continue as secretary; and the vice chairwoman is Michelle Miller, acting clinic director. Ms. Miller will serve as vice chair until the new permanent clinic director is on board in a few weeks.

The new director, Chippewa tribal member, is moving to Warm Springs from North Dakota, and will be here in mid December, Michelle reported.

She said there will be two new nurses, and a new dental assistant starting also in December.



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