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Year of a Census on the reservation

A goal of the Warm Springs 2020 Census organizers is to get an accurate count of the people living on the reservation. The Census determines the allocation of close to \$700 billion in federal funds—distribution based on the population of the particular place.

According to one estimate: For each person not counted who should be counted, some \$3,000 in federal support for services is lost. And reservations see an average estimated undercount of almost 5 percent.

According to a report released last week: Native Americans are the most undercounted group on

the U.S. Census. “This means they get significantly less of much needed funding from crucial federal programs—for improvements to reservation infrastructure and health care, for instance—even the loss of political representation.”

The group organizing the tribes’ participation in the 2020 Census is the Warm Springs Census Complete Count Committee. They are still recruiting people to help with the count. The work hours are flexible and the pay is competitive. For information call 855-JOB-2020 (855-562-2020).

The Census is a series of questions such as your age and date of



birth, your race, and sex. There are questions about the number of people in the household, and the relationship to the person answering the Census question. Another question is whether this a house or apartment or mobile home?

Census Day 2020 is April 1. Regarding the funding determined by the Census results:

The information guides the distribution of funds for transportation, housing, emergency response, social services and more.

The Census happens once every ten years, a requirement of the United States Constitution. Confidentiality is ensured: Federal law does not allow the Census Bureau to share private information with anyone.

Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and data that is then used by others.

Pageant seeking 2020 Miss Warm Springs candidates

The tribes are now taking applications for Miss Warm Springs 2020.

Miss Warm Springs serves as a cultural ambassador for the Confederated Tribes, and as a role model for the community.

Applicants must be 18 to 24 years old at the time of the pageant. Contestants can not have been married or co-habitated, or have dependents. The pageant is open to young women who are tribal members.

Applications, and details of additional requirements, are available online at:

warmsprings-nsn.gov/program/miss-warm-springs/

The tribes will be taking applications through February 28.

The Miss Warm Springs tradition started in 1955, during the 100 Year Anniversary of the Treaty of 1855. Atwai Kathleen Heath was selected in that capacity, and is considered the first Miss Warm Springs.

It was in 1969 when the tribes held the first Miss Warm Springs Pageant. In that year atwai Dorothy ‘Pebbles’ George was selected as Miss Warm Springs. Since then, the pageant has been held annually with few exceptions.

To the present year 40 women have served as Miss Warm Springs, including the current titleholder, Charisse Heath.

As the tribes’ cultural ambassador, Miss Warm Springs speaks at public functions in the community, regionally and nationally.

Additionally, Miss Warm Springs attends local events such as the Lincoln’s Birthday and Pi-Ume-Sha powwows, and powwows throughout the region, as time allows.

Miss Warm Springs meets guests at Museum at Warm Springs functions, tribal enterprise gatherings, and regional and national conferences. Nearly all titleholders compete annually in the Miss Indian World Pageant.

The Miss Warm Springs events provide the titleholder with the opportunity to craft her own experiences: This is especially relevant for those young women who are in college, and pursuing specific career objectives.

Interested candidates and titleholders are expected to have a strong cultural understanding of the tribes, including:

Tribal history, and traditional foods and food ceremonies. She is invited to share her own perspective on tribal ceremonies.

In most cases Miss Warm Springs must be a resident of the reservation. Exceptions are made for candidates who are attending school off the reservation.

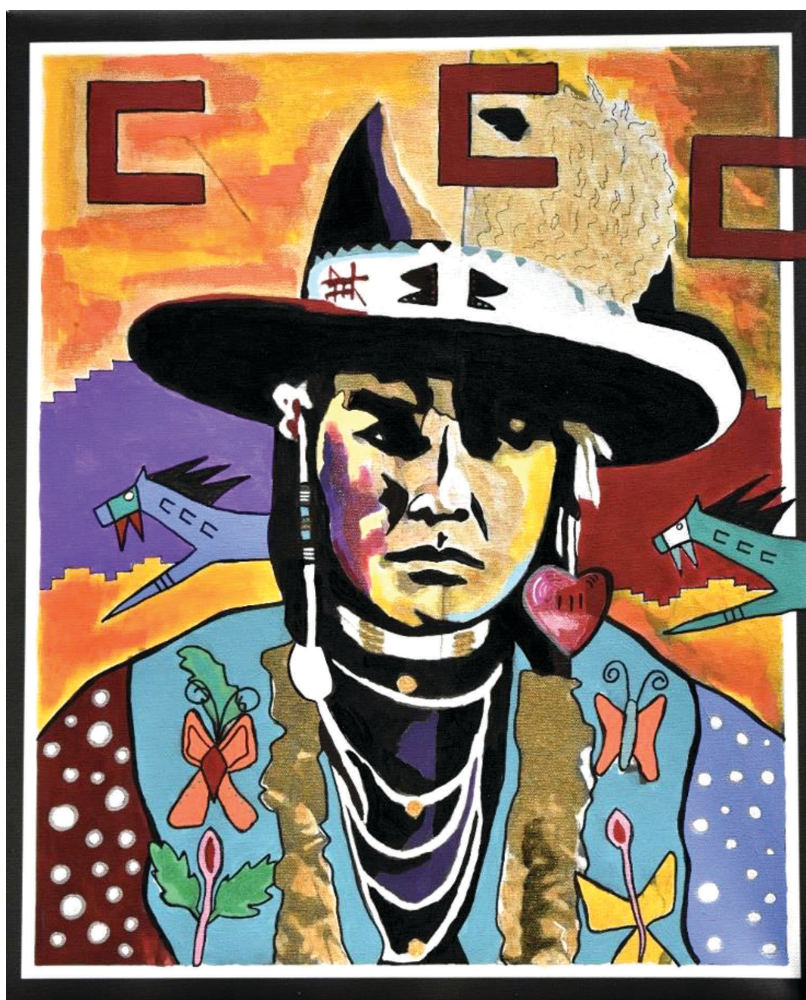
2020 Changing Exhibits at the museum

January at the Museum at Warm Springs brings the Twenty-Seventh Annual Youth Art Exhibit. “Each year we celebrate the creativity and talents of our tribal youth,” said Natalie Kirk, museum curator and exhibits coordinator.

About the upcoming show, opening on January 23, Mr. Kirk says, “Discover masterpieces created by the hearts of our youth of Warm Springs, and see first-hand how art can positively affect our community and young minds. The exhibition will cherish the vibrant creativity unlocked by local tribal youth.”

This Youth Art Show will close with the Young At Art Fair, March 24-26. The youth show is just the first of the new Changing Exhibits coming up at the Museum at Warm Springs in 2020.

Then the spring exhibit—from April through early June—will bring *Sacred Relations: The Art of Ellen Taylor*. Ms. Taylor is a member of the Cayuse-Umatilla-Walla Walla Confederated



An example of artwork by Ellen Taylor.

Tribes of Umatilla.

She began painting while in grade school, in time becoming an

accomplished contemporary artist. She approaches bold and large themes, saying her art “comes

from visions, feelings, life experiences, death, turmoil, new birth, illness, relationships and the history of life.”

Ellen is known for the innovative ways that her ideas are realized on canvas, with each piece coming from a different place of the heart, yet woven together in perfect harmony. Her art has been described as “Picasso meets Native American contemporary art in Andy Warhol’s living root...”

Ms. Taylor says, “The perfect balance comes from finding the time to create, articulate and harmonize these ideas onto canvas in an otherwise busy life.” Her innovation is phenomenal, and the way her ideas hit the canvas are like no other, Natalie said.

Then in June 2020 the Museum at Warm Springs will honor a long-standing and proud tradition among the tribes: Wild-land firefighters. The show is called *Into the Fray: Native American Wild-Land Firefighters of Warm Springs and Beyond*. The museum description of this exhibit explains:

See **ART SHOWS** on 5

State MMIP team to meet with community

The team working on the state Missing and Murdered Indigenous People initiative will meet with the Warm Springs tribal community in January.

The state legislature in 2019 created with the MMIP task force, providing resources to help address one of the most serious problems among tribes. Terri Davie of the Oregon State Police is leading the team.

She and Mitch Sparks, of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, met this past fall with Tribal Council.

Council welcomed the team, inviting them to hold a community meeting in Warm Springs. The date for the meeting is January 28, location to be determined.

The MMIP team also met last month with members of the Umatilla Tribes, hearing the tribal perspective on the problem epidemic.

A concern voiced by Umatilla members, Ms. Davie said, is that there is not sufficient communication between law enforcement and family and friends of victims of serious crime, such as kidnapping and murder.

Having full information about the victim can be critical in determining what happened.

Police may consider a case one of suicide or an accident, for instance; while knowing more about the person could lead to a different conclusion.

“People felt that a chance to share more information with police—the life back-story of the victim—is very important,” Ms. Davie said.

Pre-judging a victim because of the person’s lifestyle choice or choices—called victim blaming—was another concern, she said.

The Oregon MMIP law—

introduced as HB 2625, and signed last fall by Gov. Brown—commissions a report on the incidence in the state Oregon of missing and murdered indigenous people; and reasons why this specific group is being targeted.

Loop holes in jurisdiction are seen as a barrier to combating the crisis.

Federal law agencies are taking action as well. The MMIP initiatives are in part a response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, MMIW, movement.

— Dave McMechan



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Main valve project at Power and Water

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is planning a main valve replacement project at the Pelton-Round Butte hydro facility in 2020.

The current valve dates from 1964, the year the facility was built. These kinds of valves are very large—approximately 18 feet in diameter.

This is a long-term project, and Power and Water has been planning the replacement for a number of years, said enterprise general manager Jim Manion. When the replacement hap-

pens, the hydro power system will be shut off for a time, he said.

Power and Water is now at the point of seeking a contractor to do the work, and a manufacturer to provide the new valve, Mr. Manion said. Some other projects coming up in 2020 at Power and Water:

The enterprise is reviewing its power sales agreement, to determine whether another buyer may be interested in purchasing the tribal share of power from the hydro facilities. The current agreement is with Portland

General Electric. “PGE may still be the most interested. We’re testing the market,” Manion said.

In 2020 Power and Water will be weighing whether the tribes should acquire an additional one-sixth ownership interest in the Pelton-Round Butte power system. The enterprise board will weigh the benefits and costs, and make a recommendation to Tribal Council.

In 2020 Power and Water will continue exploring the idea of a large-scale solar project on the reservation. This would be a new revenue

stream for the tribes, and increase the renewable energy resource in the Northwest power system, Manion said.

Power and Water is also looking at the possibility of a lease-type of agreement regarding the tribes’ off-reservation in-stream water right in the Deschutes River. The tribes have a large and senior water right in the Deschutes. Meanwhile, irrigation districts face challenges in water supply for their customers.

— *Dave McMechan*

New Year’s sobriety powwow, and community notes...

The Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest presents the Thirty-Fourth Annual New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow.

The powwow will be this Tuesday, December 31 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland.

The NARA New Year’s Eve Sobriety Powwow is one of the largest sobriety new year powwows in the country, and is certainly the largest New Year’s party in Portland, where thousands close out the year with drums, songs and dance (all alcohol free).

The **Natives Got Talent Show** is this Friday, January

3 at the Youth Center gym. The show is hosted by the Prevention Team, the Opioid and Mental Health Initiative and JCP Aftercare. The show will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 3. Age groups are:

Kindergarten and under. First to third grades. Fourth through sixth. Seventh and eighth. High school. Adults.

For more information call Prevention at 541-615-0036.

Cascades East Transit provides transportation around Warm Springs and to Madras with Connections to other Central Oregon Towns.

You can see their schedule for Route 20 at kwso.org

Click on the Community tab and choose ‘transit’ from the drop down menu.

Summary of Tribal Council

December 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Brigitte McConville, Chief Delvis Heath, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

The **2020 Tribal Scholarship resolution** with Secretary-Treasurer, Michele Stacona:

- Motion by Anita to untable this resolution for a vote (action taken on November 27, 2019). Second by Glendon. Question: 8/0/1, Wilson/Abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- The discussion will continue with the Education general manager present.

2020 Fund 122 and Joint Health Commission

resolution with Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services.

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,647, that the Chairman of the Tribal Council is authorized to confirm Heather Crow Martinez to continue to serve an additional three year term on the Joint Health Commission ending September 28, 2022; Second by Brigitte; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.
- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,648, that the Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to provide for the allocation of Health Services Fund collections (third party billings) for the Calendar Year 2020 as indicated in Exhibit A; and to program such savings as are expected at the end of Calendar Year 2019 for the one year budget plan for

the year 2020. Second by Jay. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

2020 Scholarship Funds continued with Valerie Switzler, Education general manager; and Carroll Dick, Higher Education director:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,643, that an amount not to exceed \$650,000 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Scholarship Fund for calendar year 2020. Second by Captain. Question: 6/0/3, Glendon/Abstain, Delvis/Abstain, Alfred/Abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Sampson, director Vital Statistics:

- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,649, enrolling six individuals. Second by Brigitte. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

2020 master jury list and Pro Tempore judges

Chief Judge Lisa Lomas, and Court clerk administrator Eliah Sorrelhorse:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,650 approving the list of potential jurors for 2020. Second by Wilson. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,651 appointing Barbara Haslinger to serve s Tribal Court Judge Pro Tempore to hear and preside over cases in which the Tribal Court judges have conflicts of interest, and to which she may be assigned from time to time by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court; and to perform all services required in such cases, with full authority in such matters as a Judge of the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Second by Anita. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,652 appointing Thomas Howes as Tribal Court Judge Pro Tempore to hear and pre-

Still time for a flu shot

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic in recent weeks has seen a rise in visits by patients with flu and flu-like illnesses. The increase reflects an increase noted statewide in Oregon.

During mid- and late December, Central Oregon saw a rise of more than 10 percent in ‘positive results’ in flu tests.

Similarly, the Warm Springs clinic saw a significant increase in clinic and emergency room visits for flu-like illness, especially among school aged children.

It is not too late to get a flu shot. The season is at its peak from about December through February.

On average a flu vaccine becomes effective two weeks after you receive the shot. The vaccine protects you and those around you. Stop by the Warm Springs Clinic for a vaccine.

The flu is something to take very seriously: The Centers for Disease Control estimates that each year approximately 56,000 people die from the flu. Last year saw a spike in the mortality rate from flu, with an estimated 80,000 U.S. residents succumbing to the illness.

Most people who get sick with flu will have mild illness, will not need medical care or antiviral drugs and will recover in less than two weeks.

Some people, however, are more likely to get flu complications that can result in hospitalization and sometimes death. Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications.

Flu also can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have flu and people with chronic congestive heart failure may experience a worsening of this condition triggered by flu.

side over cases in which the Tribal Court judges have conflicts of interest, and to which he may be assigned from time to time by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court; and to perform all services required in such cases, with full authority in such matters as a Judge of the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Second by Anita. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center modernization Phase 1 update with clinic director Hyllis Dauphinais.

January 2020 agenda, and review minutes with the Secretary-Treasurer.

- Motion by Anita approving the January Agenda, subject to change. Second by Brigitte. Question: 9/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Review of Organizational Chart with the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Joint Venture budget analyst will be added under the Secretary-Treasurer.
- Chief Operations Officer is taken off the Organizational Chart.
- Fish and Wildlife Committee On-Reservation, and Fish and Wildlife Committee Off-Reservation will be noted (split) in the Organizational Chart.
- The budget for Fish and Wildlife Committees are split 60/40: 60-percent going to On-Reservation, and 40-percent going to Off-Reservation.
- TERO will be added on the agenda for monthly updates.

Management Plan discussion among the Tribal Council.

Ventures update/hemp plan with the Ventures Board of Directors:

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,653, that the Tribal Council hereby appoints the directors of Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation dba “Warm Springs Ventures” to the

board of directors of CP Enterprise. Second by Captain. Question: 3/4/0, Brigitte/No, Anita/No, Wilson/No, Alfred/No, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.

- Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,654, that the Tribal Council hereby determines that with the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill that removes hemp as a Schedule 1 substance under the federal Controlled Substance Act, and as a controlled substance or drug under WSTC Chapter 305 and the affirmative exercise of tribal regulatory jurisdiction under the 2018 Farm Bill, the provisions of the 2015 Referendum that prohibit the sale of controlled substance on the reservation no longer apply to hemp or hemp products. Second by Anita. Question: 3/4/0, Captain/No, Jay/No, Wilson/No, Alfred/No, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.
- Tribal Council consensus to have the Cannabis Board serve until new members are appointed, and the Cannabis board positions will be advertised for two weeks. A resolution will be presented first week of January.

Public Utilities carryover fund request with Utilities director Travis Wells:

- Motion by Anita approving the capitalized request to purchase equipment. Second by Brigitte. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Kah-Nee-Ta bank account matter with the Secretary-Treasurer:

- Tribal Council is the acting resort board of directors.
- Motion by Captain approving the closure of the Kah-Nee-Ta bank account (checking), and any funds will be applied to inter-company receive able #2 and #1, and putting remaining funds to the tribe receivable accounts. Second by Jay. Question: 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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Letters to the editor

509-J student success survey

The Jefferson County 509-J school district is seeking your ideas and priorities on how to best support the students of the district.

The Student Success Act marks a turning point for education in Oregon, and when fully implemented the state will see an additional \$1 billion investment each year.

This investment will provide new opportunities for every student in our state, particularly students who have been historically underserved.

Your voice does matter in how to move forward with helping our students grow: Jefferson County 509-J school district is hosting an online survey that will run through January 12.

You can take the survey by going to:
jcsd.k12.or.us

Tribal scholarships

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Scholarship application deadline is July 1, annually.

The Tribal Council just approved the 2020 scholarship budget in late December. For information contact Carroll Dick at tribal Higher Education: PO Box C, Warm Springs, 97761.

Or stop by the Education building, 1110 Wasco Street. You can reach Carroll at 541-553-3311. Email: carroll.dick@wstribes.org

Native Food Sovereignty grants

The First Nations Development Institute is now accepting grant proposals through the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant Program. First Nations will award up to eight grants of approximately \$32,000 each.

Grants will support community-driven food sovereignty work that advances local food system control by Native communities leading to improved economic, health or community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing tribal food sovereignty, but all programs can apply.

The Gather Food Sovereignty grant is made possible through the Indigenous People's Fund of Tides Foundation, accelerating the pace of social change, working with innovative partners to solve society's toughest

problems.

The request for proposals can be found at: firstnations.org/rfps/6549/

The application deadline is Thursday, February 27. All applications must be submitted via the First Nations online grant application system.

First Nations recognizes that Native food systems are important assets to Native communities. As a result, First Nations has long supported Native communities as they fortify traditional food systems, seek to increase access healthy and fresh foods, increase awareness of and involvement with where food comes from; and expand knowledge of the linkages between foods, Native cultures and contribute to tribal economic growth and development of entrepreneurially related food ventures.

First Nations serves Native American communities throughout the United States. For more information, visit: firstnations.org

For information call **Rana LaPine**, First Nations program officer, 303-774-7836 ext. 209. Or email: rlapine@firstnations.org

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To family, friends

I would like to take the time to apologize to my family for letting them down 'again.' Although if it wasn't for the love of the Creator, and all the trials and tribulations that this human being has been through, and continue to go through, I would not know happiness, sadness, grief, joy, generosity, humility, strength, love and compassion. Today, I love my people of Warm Springs and Turtle Island. In a drug and alcohol coma I loved nothing.

I write this from the Deer Ridge Correctional Institute, the hole E146. In segregation you get a lot of time to pray, contemplate and change, and for me this is a change. To our young people, ask a trusted friend or family for help. The only dumb question is the one not asked. You are not alone. I too was that scared child, youth and adult with low self-esteem who ran from myself for 49 years. There is someone out there who understands.

I wouldn't say these things if I didn't care. You can even write to me. I love you all, even my enemy. Happy belated Thanksgiving, and Have a Merry Christmas! **Emiliano G. Williams**, 17963868, DRCI, 3920 East Ashwood Rd., Madras, 97741.

A year in pictures with Indigenous voices of Confluence

What an incredibly eventful year it was at Confluence:

With support from the Friends of Confluence we were able to advance our mission in so many ways, connecting people with the history, living cultures and ecology of the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices.

We strengthened our partnerships with tribes, Native artists and educators, schools and teachers, and the communities around the Confluence river sites.

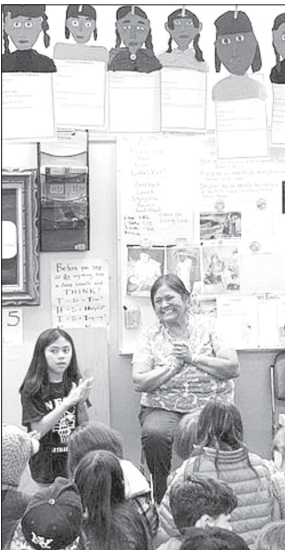
Presented here are images from the Confluence events of the past year. Stay tuned for rundown of the 2020 season of Confluence programs and events.

In the meantime, enjoy the highlights of 2019. Thank you for your support!

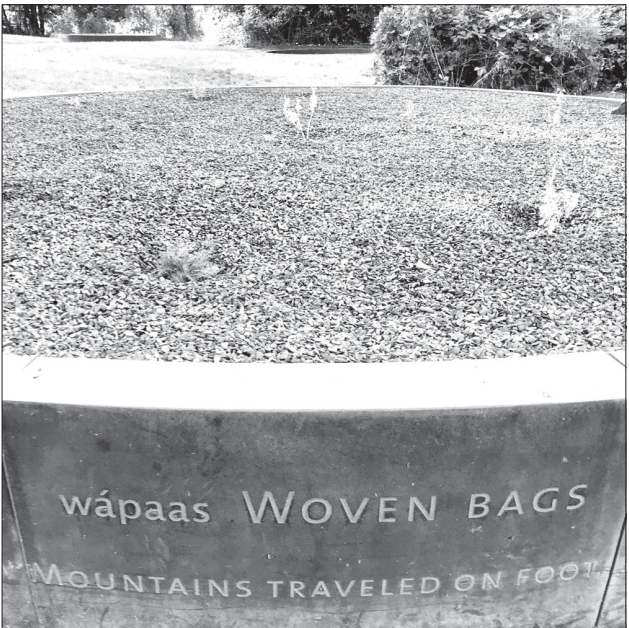
Colin Fogarty and the Confluence community.

The Confluence Project is a series of outdoor installations and interpretive artworks located in public parks along the Columbia River and its tributaries in Oregon and Washington.

Each art installation explores the confluence of history, culture and



Photos courtesy Confluence



ecology of the Columbia River system, as seen through the Indigenous perspective.

Beadwork calls needed attention to the MMIWG cause

Beadwork by a Sagkeeng First Nation member was featured on talk show *The View*, helping call attention to the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, MMIWG.

Co-host Whoopi Goldberg wore the medallion beadwork, made by Sagkeeng First Nation's artist Mish Daniels.

Goldberg told viewers that the red jingle dress medallion commemorates the cause addressing murders and disappearances of indigenous

- 506** MMIWG cases were identified across 71 selected urban cities
- 128** were cases of missing Indigenous women
- 280** were cases of murdered Indigenous women
- 98** were cases with an "unknown status"
- 29** The median age of MMIWG victims



Statistics regarding missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG).



women.

Ms. Daniels had originally made the necklace for activist Connie Greeyes, who met Goldberg and offered the necklace as a gift.

Daniels said the international attention garnered her roughly 1,500 commissions from customers ranging from a member of the House of Commons to Indigenous elders in New Zealand.

She may have to leave her regular job in order to meet the demand for beadwork, Ms. Daniels said.

COCC Culinary puts food truck into gear

The Cascade Culinary Institute of Central Oregon Community College has unveiled its newest teaching tool: A food truck designed to show students how to succeed in one of the fastest growing segments of the restaurant industry.

Customized with Culinary Institute's specifications, the mobile kitchen will serve a range of cuisines to the community beginning in January. You can track its location at cascadeculinary.com or through the institute's social media channels.

The program purchased and customized the new truck with an earmarked donation made to the COCC Foundation by longtime culinary program supporter and Bend resident Shirley Ray.

Ms. Ray passed away earlier this year at age 91. The COCC Cascade Culinary Institute christened the truck with her name.

Ms. Ray's own history has deep connections to the local culinary scene: Her aunt co-founded Bend's Pine Tavern Restaurant in 1936, where as a young girl Shirley began working, shelling peas. Decades later, she helped manage the business.

The 'Shirley Ray' food truck features interior cameras so that instructors can observe from outside during training to offer input and feedback. A full range of kitchen equipment fits into the large-scale vehicle, meaning that students can prepare dishes that tap into their complete culinary curriculum, from French cuisine



Courtesy

The Shirley Ray food truck of the COCC Cascade Culinary Institute.

to fine pastries.

"The majority of our students want to work in or own this kind of business," said chef instructor Thor Erickson, chair of COCC's culinary department. "Our state-of-the-art truck will not only help train students how to launch their own mobile business, it will also give the community a better chance to taste that success, literally."

Erickson noted that a number of former students have

gone on to successfully launch food truck businesses, such as the Jerk Kings, now a sauce enterprise, Sopa and We're the Wurst.

The food truck sector has been fast expanding nationwide over the past decade, due in part to a smaller upfront investment and ease of business liftoff. For more details contact Thor Erickson at 541-977-1286 or terickson@cocc.edu.

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Art shows

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Native Americans across Indian Country align to the basic elements of the earth: Weather, the stars, water and fire are essential elements of change in the live of Native American.

Fire purifies. Tribes used it to hunt, for cooking and cleaning the land. It was a tool with significant impact in Indian Country throughout ancient times. *Into the Fray* will examine the lives of our Native brother and sister firefighters of Warm Springs and beyond.

From training, operations, the grueling hours of intense physical exertion—They form bonds, share the rewards and tell stories of their elite corps. They are part of our contemporary culture, and contribute to our land's story and the safeguarding and preservation of our land for future generations.

For the Museum at Warm Springs, the Changing Exhibits of



Curahee—Copper Juniper Tree: Mixed media, shells, beads, concrete base, fur. Winner, 2019 Tribal Member Art Show Judges Choice Award—Contemporary Category. Artist: Marlanea Wagner, Waunanuba.



The Imulak—Cut beaded medallion. The artist is Clarissa Picard. Winner: 2019 Tribal Member Art Show Judges Choice Award Traditional Category.

2020 will conclude with the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Member Art Exhibit, opening in October.

Looking toward the new year at

the museum, know there is still some time to visit the current exhibit, the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Member Show. This will close on Saturday, January 11.

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Cosmic Tubing with Prevention



The Warm Springs Prevention team in December hosted a youth Cosmic Tubing evening at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl. Cosmic Tubing features hundreds of thousands of lights, making for a colorful night of tubing. Prevention in December also hosted a youth swim day at the Madras Aquatic Center. If you would like information on upcoming Prevention activities, call Scott at 541-615-0123, or 541-615-0036.

New jobs at Fish Commission

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is recruiting for the following new positions:

Travel Coordinator. Salary Range: \$41,893 - \$44,685. Location: Portland. Closing date: January 17. Application procedure:

Send a complete application materials include a cover letter, CV/resume, completed job application with signature, electronic or typed in signature is accepted (available on our website at www.critfc.org "employment opportunities" on the bottom left corner or by calling 503.238.0667, a copy of relevant certifications and a list of at least three professional references.

Submit to: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission -Attn: Human Resources. 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1200. Portland, Oregon 97232. Email: hr@critfc.org. Fax: 503.235.4228.

Conservation Fishery Scientist. Salary Range: \$74,312-\$94,134. Location: Portland. Closing date: January 24.

Same procedure as above, although phone 503.238.0667; plus a copy of relevant certifications and a list of at least three professional references.

Fishery Technician III. Salary Range: \$41,893. Portland. Closes January 17.

Application procedure same as first job listing above.

Fishery Technician II. Salary: \$16.26 to \$17.34 per hour. Temporary 3.5 months (February – May). Portland. Closes January 17. Application procedure same as above.

Natives Got Talent

January 3, 2020
6:00 pm -8:00 pm
@ The Youth Center Gym

Age Groups:

- Kindergarten and under
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Registration open for W.S. Little League

Early bird registration for Warm Springs Nation Little League is now open.

You can sign up at the Warm Springs community Center. For more information contact Edmund at 541-325-3856. You can find the flyer on kwso.org

Click the 'news and info' tab and choose 'event flyers' from the drop down menu.

Buffalos hoops in January

The Madras High School boys varsity basketball team travels to Sisters High School on Tuesday, January 7. Game time is at 7 p.m.

The boys are at Mountain View in Bend on Friday, January 10; and at Valley Catholic in Beaverton the following Friday, January 17. The boys varsity has a home game against Corbett on Tuesday, January 21.

The girls varsity team is also at Sisters on Tuesday, January 7. Game time at 5:30 p.m. The girls are home against Mountain View on January 10; and home against Valley Catholic on January 17. Game times are 7 p.m.



Congrats to the December 2019 Seaside tournament Most Valuable Player, Warm Springs' own Dapri Miller, pictured here with his Madras White Buffalos teammates.

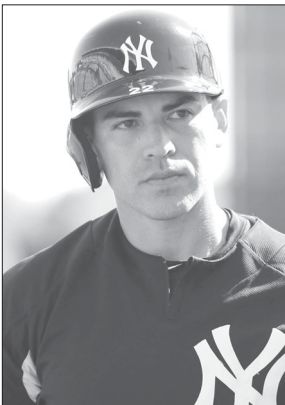


Congratulations to the Lil' Tigers, 10-and-under Co-Ed champs at the December 2019 Cougars Holiday Classic, Warm Springs.

MLB grievance on behalf of Ellsbury

The Major League Baseball Players Association has filed a grievance against the New York Yankees on behalf of Jacoby Ellsbury.

The grievance is to regain the remaining \$26 million due to Mr. Ellsbury, outfielder.



Jacoby Ellsbury

Jacoby grew up in Warm Springs, where he played Little League ball. He then played at Madras High School and Oregon State before joining the Major Leagues.

Mr. Ellsbury is an enrolled member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and the first American Indian of Navajo descent to play Major League Baseball.

In 2011 Jacoby was named American League Comeback Player of the Year, and was named to the American League All-Star team. He won a Gold Glove and a Silver Slugger Award, becoming the first Red Sox player in history to be a member of the 30–30 club. That year he was the runner-up to Justin Verlander for the American League Most Valuable Player Award.

He led the American League in stolen bases three times—in 2008, 2009, and 2013—and was on the World Series championship Red Sox teams of 2007 and 2013.

He then joined the Yankees in 2014.

The Yankees converted Ellsbury's \$153 million, seven-year contract to non-guaranteed, contending he violated the deal by getting unauthorized medical treatment, then released the 36-year-old outfielder on November 20. The Yankees said he was treated by Dr. Viktor Bouquette of Progressive Medical Center in Atlanta without the team's permission.

Ellsbury contends any treatment he received without authorization was for a non-baseball-related injury or condition, which does not require the club's consent.

Ellsbury has not played since 2017 because of a variety of ailments. He is owed more than \$21.1 million for 2020 plus a \$5 million buyout of a \$21 million team option for 2021.

Students invited to WSU Native appreciation game, summit

All sixth- through twelfth-grade students are invited in February to the Washington State University Native American Appreciation Basketball Game and Sports Summit. The game and summit will be on Sunday, February 23 at the Washington State campus in Pullman, Washington.

The event is hosted by the Washington State University Native American programs and Cougar Athletics. Sixth- through twelfth-grade students of the Confederated Tribes are invited to the campus for the Cougars women's basketball game against USC. Following the game will be the sports summit, featuring keynote speaker Mack Strong, former Seattle Seahawk fullback.

Students are then invited to join in the discussion with a panel of current Washington State student athletes. Middle and high school students who plan to attend: Be sure to bring lots of questions, and get the lowdown on the skills—and grades—it takes to get a college athletic scholarship, along with tips on how to be a successful college student athlete.

All students attending the Native Youth Sports Summit will receive a t-shirt and complimentary admission to the Cougars vs. Trojans women's basketball game. Here is the February 23 schedule:

11:30 a.m.: Washington State vs. USC at the Beasley Coliseum.

1:30 p.m.: Lunch at the Bohler gym.

2:30-4 p.m.: Sports Summit at the Bohler gym.

4 p.m.: Optional campus tours.

The event is open to students in grades 6-12. Family is welcome too. Deadline for registration is February 16. Register at native.wsu.edu/sports-summit/



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Indian Child Welfare Act court hearing scheduled for January

Oral arguments in a closely-watched Indian Child Welfare Act case are set for January 22, 2020. The case is *Brackeen v. Bernhard*, and will go before a panel of judges in New Orleans, where the first round of arguments took place earlier this year.

The initial hearing resulted in a major victory for the #DefendICWA campaign.

A panel of three judges largely upheld the law, enacted in 1978 to address the high rates of Indian children being taken from their families without consideration of the impact on their tribal nations.

Over the last 40 years, ICWA has been held up as the “gold standard” in child welfare policy. But some state governments, along with non-Indians who are trying to adopt, or have already adopted, Indian children claim the law violates the U.S. Constitution because it takes race into account.

Some time ago, a federal judge stunned tribes and their advocates by agreeing with the race-based premise. Indian Country quickly came together and appealed the disastrous decision to the 5th Circuit.

“This is what we need to do when sovereignty is threatened: to come together,” Gil Vigil, a citizen of the Pueblo of Tesuque who serves as president of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, said at the National Congress of American Indians Seventy-Fifth annual convention, where the case was a major topic of discussion. The two organizations are among those leading the ICWA defense.

The stakes are higher now that ICWA is being presented to a larger group of judges, increasing the chances of a negative ruling for Indian Country. Regardless of the way the en banc panel rules, experts believe an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is all but certain.

“No matter who wins at the 5th Circuit, we are certain that the losing side is going to try and bring this case to the Supreme Court,” Dan Lewerenz, a citizen of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and a staff attorney at NARF, said at NCAI’s meeting in Albuquerque.

NARF is another partner in the #DefendICWA campaign.

The Cherokee Nation, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Nation have been allowed to intervene in the case, as has the Navajo Nation. Additional copies of the tribal briefs—22 to be exact—were circulated among the judges on the 5th Circuit last month in preparation for the upcoming hearing.

The defendants in *Brackeen* are officials at the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services. The Trump administration has defended ICWA at every step of the case.

The plaintiffs challenging ICWA are the states of Texas, Indiana and Ohio, along with several non-Indians. The lead named plaintiffs are Chad Brackeen and Jennifer Brackeen, who have had two Navajo Nation children—siblings—in their care. They have succeeded in adopting the boy sibling and are attempting to adopt his sister.

Senators announce bill that would increase IHS funding

Tribal health care services would see an increase in funding under a federal bill introduced in December.

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden made the announcement last week.

Specifically, the Indian Health Service received \$6.047 billion, \$243 million more than fiscal year 2019.

IHS provides health care to thousands of Oregon tribal members. Other tribal program aspects of the spending bill:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education would receive \$3.223 billion, an increase of \$142 million to the fiscal year 2019 level.

Some other key provisions in the bill impacting tribes and Oregon:

Forest health restoration:

The bill includes funding increases for several programs that reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires on public and private lands.

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management received an additional \$19 million and \$5 million, respectively, for hazardous fuels reduction, bringing the total funding level to \$639 million.

In addition, the bill maintains funding for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program at \$40 million.

Wildfire management:

In anticipation of the next fire season, the bill includes \$1.414 billion for fire suppression at the Forest Service and Department of the Interior.

Fiscal year 2020 is also the first year that the bipartisan ‘fire borrowing fix’ comes into effect, resulting in \$2.25 billion of additional funds available for fire suppression and other priorities within the Interior bill.

Columbia River basin restoration program:

The EPA will receive \$1.2 million to continue implementation of the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program. Merkley created this program, and has secured funding since fiscal year 2019 to provide grants to business owners, farmers, ranchers, local governments, and others in the Columbia Basin to clean up and reduce toxics for a cleaner, healthier basin.

Klamath Basin water and wildlife conservation:

In continued efforts toward a long-term solution in the Klamath Basin, the bill includes \$6.5 million—a \$2.5 million increase—to support strategies to restore fish habitat and scale up ongoing efforts to restore healthy populations of shortnose and Lost River sucker fish. The agreement also included \$5 million habitat restoration in advance of the removal of Klamath River dams.

Supreme Court adds another Indian Country jurisdiction case to docket

The U.S. Supreme Court Justices agreed in December to hear *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, an Indian Country criminal jurisdiction case.

The *McGirt* case had not been one of the more prominent Supreme Court Indian cases: Tribes had been paying more attention to *Sharp v. Murphy*, a criminal jurisdiction case that was heard over a year ago.

The justices shocked Indian Country by failing to issue a decision in the *Murphy* at the end of their term this past summer.

The nation’s highest court further kept tribes and their advocates in the dark by failing to schedule a new hearing for *Murphy*.

Even though the October 2019 term began two months ago, the case has so far not appeared on the argument calendar, which currently runs through early March.

McGirt vs. Oklahoma

Jimcy McGirt is currently serving time in the Oklahoma correctional system for crimes committed in 1997.

McGirt is a 71-year-old inmate at the James Crabtree Correctional Center in Helen, Oklahoma. McGirt and the Supreme Court surprised tribes and legal scholars by granting his petition—which he filed from prison himself—despite repeatedly putting it off since early September.

And while the Seminole Nation citizen has been convicted of heinous crimes—the sexual assault of a child—his case might finally answer the question that’s been on a lot of minds: Is about half of Oklahoma still Indian Country?

Murphy was supposed to have resolved the issue on behalf of Patrick Dwayne Murphy, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation who is on death row in Oklahoma. He was convicted in state court of murdering a fellow Creek citizen in 1999.

Two years earlier, McGirt was convicted in state court of crimes involving a four-year-old Indian girl. But since the incident occurred within the boundaries of the reservation that was promised to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by treaty, and since the reservation has never been disestablished or diminished by Congress, he argues that the federal government—not Oklahoma—has jurisdiction over the matter.

“Oklahoma courts have a long history of ignoring federal statutes,” McGirt asserted in the petition he wrote to the Supreme Court.

“States have no authority over Indians in Indian country, unless it is expressly conferred by Congress,” he added.

Murphy had already advanced similar arguments to the Supreme Court last year. Since his 1999 crime occurred on an Indian allotment within the Creek Reservation, and since both the victim and the offender are Indians, he believes the state lacks jurisdiction.

The high stakes have many worried: In addition to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Seminole Nation signed similar treaties with the U.S. that promised them reservations in eastern Oklahoma—an estimated 19 million acres altogether.

But the justices couldn’t come to a clear conclusion in *Murphy*. It didn’t help that the case was down to just eight of them, following the recusal of Neil Gorsuch, whose knowledge of Indian law and policy is unprecedented in Supreme Court history.

Without his influence and experience—during his time on the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals he ruled favorably when another tribe’s reservation was questioned by a state government—his colleagues appeared to be deadlocked, confused, or worse.

Addressing addiction, mental health in Indian Country

Before leaving Washington, D.C., for the congressional Christmas recess, a number of senators introduced a bill to help tribal communities across the country access resources support people who are struggling with mental health issues or substance use disorders.

Tribal communities have been hit hard by the opioid epidemic. According to a leading health agency, American Indians and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest drug overdose death rates. However, many tribal communities don’t have the resources they need to tackle this public health crisis.

The bill—The Native Behavioral Health Access Improvement Act—would create a behavioral health program to help tribes develop solutions that include culturally-appropriate efforts aimed at prevention, treatment, and recovery.

The bill would set up the Special Behavioral Health Program for Indians—the SBHPI—modeled after the successful Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

“Native communities have been hit hard by the opioid epidemic, yet too many aren’t able to access the behavioral health services necessary to tackle these challenges,” said Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota, a member of the both the Senate Health and Indian Affairs Committees.

“Tribes need to be able to access the resources necessary to address the opioid crisis, and other mental health and substance use crises. I’m putting this bill forward to help leaders in Indian Country, and those closest to the work, create programs that leverage their unique strengths and cultural resources.”

“Far too many families in Native communities Indian Country have been hurt by the opioid crisis, suicide, and other behavioral health emergencies,” said Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico, vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. “Any successful response to behavioral health and substance abuse issues in Indian Country must be driven by tribes. That’s why I’m proud to join Senator Smith on this bill to give Tribes the resources to design treatment and prevention solutions that work for their communities.”

“The federal government has an obligation to empower tribal nations with the resources they need to address mental health and substance use in Indian Country,” said Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. “I’m glad to join my colleagues on a bill to help tribal nations develop and implement behavioral health programs that best suit the needs of their communities.”

“Substance use disorder has touched every corner of this nation, but few communities have been hit as hard as Native Americans and Native Alaskans. This legislation will empower tribes to provide quality, culturally competent care to treat addiction and behavioral health issues and help individuals on the path to recovery,” said Sen. Chatherine Cortez Masto of Nevada.

Rick Hill, former head of NIGA, passes suddenly

Rick Hill, former leader of the National Indian Gaming Association, died suddenly December 12 at his home. He was 66.

Mr. Hill was also a former chairman of the Oneida Nation, and film producer. He served as executive producer for *Bright Path*, a motion picture film currently in production.

Under Hill’s leadership, NIGA became a nationally recognized voice in Washington, D.C., and successfully initiated the development of a national set of minimum regulatory standards and policies for tribal governmental gaming.

After he retired from Oneida politics, Hill worked on various economic development projects, including negotiating tribal investment in the first ever off-reservation hotel in Washington, D.C. The Residence Inn by Marriot is a 13-story, 233 room, 24,000-square-foot hotel.

“He was a skilled negotiator, politician, leader and jokester. Most importantly, he was a loving brother to us all,” said the Oneida Nation.

“The Oneida Nation circle of generational leadership will be greatly impacted by the passing of one of our most respected and prominent leaders.”

Mr. Hill’s latest endeavor involves telling the Jim Thorpe story in a way that honors his legacy.

The film *Bright Path* is co-produced by actress Angelina Jolie and award-winning producer Todd Black with funds from nine different tribes. It is named for Thorpe’s Sac and Fox name, Wa-Tho-Huk, which means ‘Bright Path.’

The film’s production crew—including executive producer Martin Sensmeier, who also will play the role of Jim Thorpe—spent much of last week at the Forty-Third Annual Lakota Nation Invitational filming basketball games, as well as other sports and academic competitions.

Speaking before hundreds of students, fans and educators last week, Nedra Darling, *Bright Path* executive producer, described Mr. Hill’s passing as a “true loss to Indian Country, and he will be in our hearts forever.”

Around Indian Country

Okla. governor stands alone in tribal gaming compact negotiations

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is growing increasingly isolated as he continues to demand a larger share of gaming revenues from tribes.

State lawmakers from both parties had already voiced doubts about Stitt’s Class III gaming compact negotiation tactics. Then last week the state’s lead legal official—Attorney General Mike Hunter—announced that he will no longer take part in the disputed talks, leaving the governor standing alone in his controversial quest.

The development led Stitt to cede a tiny bit of ground to the tribal nations who already contribute millions of dollars to the state. During a news conference last week, he said he wanted to sign an “extension” of the compacts while discussions continue.

At the same time, he refused to concede on the major sticking point in the dust-up. He continues to insist that the agreements expire on January 1, 2020, thus

threatening tribes unless they agree to his point of view.

“If we do not take action, all Class III (Las Vegas-style) gaming activity will be illegal on January 1, 2020,” Stitt said.

“This creates tremendous uncertainty of Oklahoma tribes, for those conducting business with the casinos, for casino patrons. I cannot put Oklahomans in this position.”

Immediately following Stitt’s appearance, the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association held its own press conference in front of the iconic Allan Houser sculpture at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. Tribes do not accept the January 1 deadline because they believe the compacts automatically renew if a new agreement can’t be reached.

“We don’t need an extension to operate after January 1,” said OIGA Chairman Matthew Morgan, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, the tribe with the largest gaming enterprise in the state.

Tribal leaders also said

the idea of a temporary extension to their Class III gaming compacts was new to them. They remain open to discussions with Stitt, who took office last January, but remain adamant that he accept their interpretation on the automatic renewal.

“Tribal leaders remain open to negotiations about exclusivity fee rates,” Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton said in a press release distributed by United for Oklahoma, a group formed by tribes to show their united front on the matter.

“We have not received a formal proposal from the State. We have always been open to a fair and reasonable discussion on rates and still are today as long as Governor Stitt is willing to honor the plain language of our existing agreement, which includes automatic renewal.”

Since 2004, when voters approved Class III gaming, tribes have paid \$1.28 billion to the state, according to the Oklahoma Gaming Compliance Unit’s most recent report.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

CELESTE WHITE, Petitioner, vs TRISTON SMITH, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO146-19. TO: CELESTE WHITE, TRISTON SMITH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION 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 20th day of **JANUARY, 2020 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DASHINA LAWRENCE, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV41-19. TO: DASHINA LAWRENCE, CPS & JV

PROSECUTION:

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 22nd day of **January, 2020 @ 11:00 AM**



New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

When
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019
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12pm-8pm

The following is the 2020 Master Jury list of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Court, as approved this week by the Tribal Council:

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Billey, Kristine Christine
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Boyd, Patrick Herman
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Law to improve in-lieu sites

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act, sending it to the president’s desk to be signed into law.

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, and Congressman Earl Blumenauer, along with Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, announced passage of the bill in December.

The legislation would enable the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make important safety and sanitation improvements at the tribal treaty fishing access sites along the Columbia River, which are on lands held by the United States for the benefit of the four Columbia River Treaty tribes.

The bill, authored by Merkley and Blumenauer, was unanimously passed by the U.S. Senate on June 28.

“The current conditions at Columbia River fishing sites are unacceptable, unjust, and must be fixed,” Merkley said.

“I’ve personally seen the shocking conditions at Lone Pine. We owe better to the tribal communities in the Northwest, and the very least we can do is uphold our commitments to tribes and ensure basic sanitation and safety. I’m pleased that our colleagues in the House of Representatives have joined us in passing this bill, and I urge

the president to sign it into law without delay.”

“Congress has a responsibility to address the egregious misdeeds committed against the tribes who have lived along the Columbia River since time immemorial,” Blumenauer said.

“We cannot pretend that this bill rectifies all of these injustices, but passing it is an important step in helping improve the lives of those who still reside there. This is just the start, and Congress must continue its work to right these wrongs.”

“It is the federal government’s duty to ensure our tribal communities along the river have access to safe, sanitary housing and infrastructure at historical fishing access sites—a critical component of their culture and heritage, as well as an important source of sustenance—and this bill takes another vital step toward fulfilling our government-to-government obligation,” Murry said. “As a representative for our state’s tribes in the Senate, I urge the President to sign this bill into law.”

“Improving the health and safety at tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River is an important and long overdue step toward righting historic wrongs,” Wyden said.



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