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‘All in this together...’

The Warm Springs Academy and the other schools are closed at least through April, maybe longer. The Community Wellness Center is closed to the public. Children are home with parents and guardians. The casino is closed. Many restaurants and other businesses are closed. The tribal organization is implementing a shut-down.

Clearly, we are having to do without some things for a while. Some of the things we are familiar with are on hold for a time. As we work through this we will be better on the other side. Some elders in their wisdom would say, ‘What does not kill us makes us strong.’ So we follow their advice, and the advice of the health professionals: Wash your hands constantly. Sanitize everything. Keep a distance from people. Stay home.

Last week Tribal Council voted to close the tribal organization, with the exception of essential service providers. Most employees are encouraged to work from home.

The Tribal Council action happened following recommendations from Dan Martinez, director of tribal Emergency Management; Hyllis Dauphinais, director of the Indian Health Service Warm Springs clinic; Caroline Cruz, general manager of tribal Health and Human Services; and Louie Pitt, director of Governmental

Affairs.

As we work through this, Tribal Council and Management provide this memorandum:

To all tribal employees,

Our top priority is everyone's health and safety so please take the necessary precautions to look after yourselves and your loved ones. These measures are for your protection and are meant for you to limit your exposure to others. Please stay home during the closure.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the following are imposed:

Tribal government offices will be closed effective March 30, 2020 through April 10, 2020. This does not apply to essential services typically defined as Police, Fire and Safety, Emergency Medical Technicians, Public Utilities, etc. Administration leave will be allowed for tribal government employees (all employee classifications apply) during this shut down.

If you typically don't work an 80 hour pay period, your pay will be determined based on recent work hour history. More information will be provided by Finance.

During this week tribal government is preparing for the shut down. Please plan accordingly regarding the following: Purchase orders, payroll, invoices, etc. Payroll must be submitted by 5 p.m. on March 27.

Telework will be allowed for employees beginning March 23, if their job description can support working remotely. Employees with underlying conditions (see note below), and over 60 years of age are encouraged to take this option.

Telework will be allowed for three weeks and then will be re-evaluated.

Telework must be approved by your general manager or director. Daily logs/reports will be required to be turned into your immediate supervisor. Telework will continue during the closure.

An employee may elect to be furloughed per PER-704. Furloughed employees must have approval from the general manager or director. Unemployment benefits require a one-week waiting period. Furloughed employees will not be eligible for administration leave.

Flexible work schedules are encouraged. These include staggered schedules or shifts, working weekends, working nights, etc. Please work with your supervisor for balancing workloads and scheduling.

PER-702 6. Return to work: A doctor's note for three or more days absence from work, due to sickness, will not be required during this pandemic.

Administration leave of two weeks will be granted for an employee who either:

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Council Declaration of Emergency

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal membership,

The Warm Springs Tribal Council per motion declares a State of Emergency: “Warm Springs Tribal Council is responsible for the Health and Welfare of our people and promotes our general welfare. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service declares a State of Emergency as a proactive measure to ensure access to resources in addressing COVID-19 coronavirus.”

With the concerns of the coronavirus (COVID-19) increasing in our community, as well as across the nation, the tribal government is working closely with the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center to evaluate and ensure the health and safety of our community.

(As of this printing): There are NO confirmed or presumptive cases of the COVID-19 on the reservation, as of today. The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has activated their Incident Command Center.

This is to help the commu-

nity receive the best quality of care, and be able to service the community in an effective and efficient manner. They are having all patients come through the main entrance for triage screening.

The Tribal Council has passed a motion to restrict travel of all tribal employees to be determined by the general managers and directors. This was done for the safety of our community. This travel restriction will be in place until the Tribal Council removes the restrictions.

We ask that you utilize the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center call number at 541-5532-5512, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are ill, or a family member is ill, please stay home from work and try not to come in close contact with others. Please keep yourselves and your family safe by continuing to thoroughly wash your hands and use good hygiene practice.

Consider keeping your distance from others at 3 to 6 feet.

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New chief on board at police department

Community policing is a partnership: Law enforcement is a part of the community. The officers know the people, the neighborhoods, the customs. The officer response to crime, or potential crime is thereby informed, much more effective and long term. The philosophy of community policing is the priority of Warm Springs Police Chief William Elliott.

To the department Chief Elliott brings years of experience, from the region and around the world. He was among the forces in Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom, the War on Terrorism. His work at the Department of State took him to the territory of the West Bank and Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon. And at that point, Mr. Elliott says, “My wife buried my pass-

Stateside in law enforcement, after military service, Chief Elliott worked with the U.S. Border Patrol, Klamath County, and as Public Safety Director of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation. In the 1980s he worked with Warm Springs Police as a Special Agent of the BIA. Chief Elliott grew up in California. He is an enrolled member of the Kiowa, Native people of the Great Plains.

Community policing of the Warm Springs Reservation involves, as the phrase suggests, law enforcement transparency and involvement with the people. Mr. Elliott joined the Warm Springs Police Department in early March.

“Everyone has been very gracious,” Mr. Elliott says. “I have had not one bad experience since I’ve been here.”

From Warm Springs Community Health on coronavirus COVID-19

In response to questions from the members, the Warm Springs Community Health Services Department offers this information regarding what to do if someone thinks they have been in contact with someone who has coronavirus disease COVID-19.

As of this printing at least, We do not have any one who tested positive for COVID-19 in Warm Springs.

Scenario:

Someone in your department tests positive for COVID-19.

People who were within 6 feet of this person for over an hour will be asked to stay home and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

These people are considered contacts of the positive person.

People who were not within 6 feet of this person will continue to work and monitor symptoms twice a day.

If any symptoms develop, go home right away and stay there until three days after symptoms go away. These people are not con-

sidered contacts of the positive person.

Monitor yourself:

Everyone should monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever above 100.4 F
- With Cough
- Shortness of Breath

If you have any of these symptoms please stay home and away from people for three days after symptoms go away.

Please call the nursing triage line at 541-553-5512 to discuss your symptoms and receive instructions on what to do. You can also call the 24-hour nursing hotline at 866-470-2015.

If you do not use the Warm Springs clinic, call your medical provider for instructions.

Social Distancing means:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from people as much as possible.
- Use alternative greetings to handshakes.
- Stay away from crowds and gatherings (10 people is the most that should be around).

In general, please stay home and away from others.

Social distancing is supposed to decrease your exposure to others since we do not know who may have the virus but not showing symptoms.

Please stay away from crowds and gatherings of more than 10 people.

Testing:

Testing is being done in the region. Tests take 2-3 days to process.

People who were tested are asked to self-isolate until the tests results are received.

If it comes back positive, people who were contacts will be notified by community health nurses and asked to stay home to monitor for symptoms.

If it comes back negative, the person does not have coronavirus and no longer needs to self-isolate and no contacts will be notified.

Katie Russell, BSN, RN, Warm Springs Community Health Services manager, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.



The symptoms for COVID-19 are: a cough, fever and shortness of breath. If you have those symptoms, please **DO NOT** go to the clinic - but rather call **541-553-5512** to talk with a Nurse. They will recommend the best treatment for you.

Using the hotline helps to prevent the potential spread of the virus to you or to others.

The COVID-19 Nurse Triage Hotline is available 8am - 5pm Monday through Friday.

Tribes’ census under way

Households of the reservation are now submitting their 2020 census information online. Some have already done so, using the computers that were available at the March Warm Springs Census kick-off event. As soon as feasible, making more computers available, and providing any needed assistance with the submission, is part of the outreach of the Warm Springs Complete Count Committee.

The enumerators of the 2020 census will bring the submission information door-to-door on the reservation in coming weeks. For caution, this will be done by leaving the information at the front door.

Please see **CENSUS** on 5



At the Agency Longhouse in mid March, tribal elder George Aguilar opens the 2020 Census Count for the tribes, and for the state of Oregon.

Message from the Chairman

‘Stay home, save lives’

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Membership,
The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council encourages social distancing measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and encourages individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence, and to minimize travel.
If you need to leave your homes or residence for food, medical, and essential job services, we encourage you to maintain a social distance of at least six feet from any person not a member of

your immediate household. We also encourage you to stay as close to the exterior boundaries of the reservation when shopping for food or medical services.
We are directing all major roads to have signage which limit access to local traffic only.
Camping, fishing, recreational activities, etc. at our parks, rivers, lakes for non-tribal members are not allowed at this time.
And last, please be aware of Executive Order No. 20-12 that was issued by the Governor of the State of

Oregon, Kate Brown, on Monday, March 23. Per Kate Brown, “Today, I am issuing a new executive order further requiring social distancing measures because we know this is the most effective way to flatten the curve and slow the spread of this virus.
I hope everyone in Oregon abides by its core message: Stay home unless absolutely necessary.”
Continue to thoroughly wash your hands and use good hygiene practice. Avoid contact with your face, eyes, not or mouth, and

cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue. Please clean and disinfect surfaces of your home and the points of entry to your home and vehicle.
Stay safe,
Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Chairman, Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

From Indian Head Casino

We are currently going through an unprecedented period in our country and across the world, we have been working diligently to remain ahead of this quickly evolving situation. Our first priority is how this impacts the lives of our tribal members, valued employees, and our guests. Therefore, we have made the decision to voluntarily suspend operations at Indian Head Casino for 15 days, effective today, March 18th at 6 p.m.
At the Plateau Travel Plaza:
The Plateau Travel Plaza’s Three Teepees Café will be serving to go orders only: Order at

541-777-2826 and we will have your order ready for pick-up.
Our fuel service, propane, gaming room and retail operations will be available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We have increased cleanliness protocols throughout the property, including the deployment of additional hand sanitizers.
Indian Head Casino Enterprises is committed to supporting all of our employees at Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza during this difficult time.
As we progress through this rapidly developing situation, we will provide updates through email. Also, please keep an eye on our

web site and Facebook page for additional announcements.
I am truly grateful for you, our guests, and our valued team members. Please take care of yourselves, each other and your families.
Jeffrey Carstensen, Chief Executive Officer, Indian Head Casino.
Note: The Plateau Travel Plaza is in the Jefferson County Industrial Park at 215 NE Cherry Lane in Madras. Call 541-777-2815.
Please add the website guestservices@indianheadgaming.com to your address book.
Owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

From W.S. Corrections

Due to the tribal declaration of emergency and national emergency declaration, any contact visits, no-contact visits and groups are cancelled at the Warm Springs Correctional Facility, to prevent potential introduction of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19.
These actions are a precautionary measure for staff, prisoners, and the public; and are effective immediately until further notice.

There have been no exposures at the facility to date, and again this is a precautionary measure.
The corrections staff will continue to provide cleaning supplies daily to the inmates to clean and sanitize their housing areas, with special attention given to common areas, sinks, toilets, doors, phones, door knobs, tables, benches, counters, etc. Staff will provide additional disin-

fection sprays to the inmates housing areas.
Staff will continue to disinfect their work areas and other common areas in and around the facility as well as, taking precautionary measures during booking procedures.
We will provide the inmates contact with their loved ones during this uncertain time.
Crystal Greene, Acting Corrections Lieutenant.

Summary of Tribal Council

March 11, 2020
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., and Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.
Nuclear waste/radiation at Arlington - Oregon Department of Energy
Environmental Justice Pathways Summit with Lisa Arkin, executive director Beyond Toxics.
Tribal Housing Policy (call) – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
Kah-Nee-Ta discussion with Wakinyan.
• Executive session, 4 to 5:33 p.m.
Coronavirus update with Louie Pitt, Jr., Hyllis Dauphinais, Katie Russell,

Caroline Cruz, Danny Martinez, and Diane Fuller:
• Motion made by Anita, approving a letter from the Tribal Council Chairman to be sent to the tribal organization with the following: Tribal Council discussed the virus epidemic issues and determined to implement a travel policy to essential/non-essential travel by employees to be determined by the Branch heads, so the Branch heads who signed off on employee travel would determine if the travel is essential/non-essential, effective immediately. Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
• Tribal Council chairman and committee chairs will also make that determination on perspective travel.
Motion by Captain to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

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Serving at the Plateau Travel Plaza

The Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras is open. The Plaza Three Teepees Cafe is serving orders to go only. You can call to order at 541-777-2826.

All other Plateau operations are open 24 hours a day. The Plateau staff encourages people to do what you can to avoid spreading the COVID-19 virus:

Wash your hands frequently, cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

from other people, stay home as much as possible. The Plateau Travel Plaza, a business of the tribes and Indian Head Casino—for *Food, Fuel & Fun*—is located on N.W. Cherry Lane, just off Highway 26 in the Jefferson County Industrial Park.

Recovery Walk

by Sarah Frank
Behavioral Health Center

Steven Ford Jr. is a Spokane tribal member and a senior at Welpinit High School. Steven wanted to take a stand against drug abuse after seeing the destruction and even death of friends and family members.

This month he asked tribes from around Indian Country to either join him in their walk, or to coordinate a walk on their reservation. The Warm Springs Behavioral Health Program coordinated a Walk on the campus area on March 13.

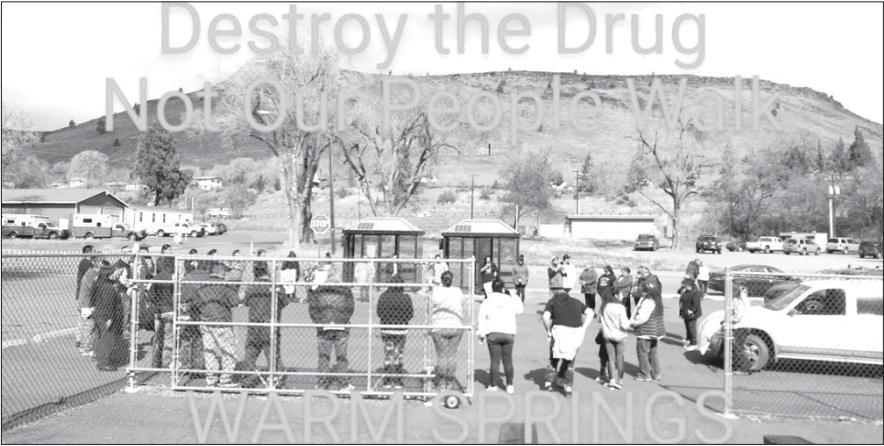
Opening prayer was led by Pastor Larry McKinney. Aldo Garcia led the Wellbriety WAR Group to sing prayer songs.

Colleta Macy and Brian Renfro both shared a brief testimony and apology to the community. Caroline Cruz



Courtesy Sarah/Behavioral Health

The Warm Springs Recovery Walkers.



shared encouraging words. Tribal inmates—the 30 Block Boys—shared a song.

“The only way to destroy the drug is to replace it with hope,” said an adult in custody at Recovery Jail Class the day before the Walk.

Other comments shared:

“Some people are blind to our addiction, they cannot relate because they have never personally experienced addiction.”

They all agreed that “One night of fun can lead to addiction, prison, death, regret, shame and missed opportunities with children.”

Most of the 50-plus Walk participants are in active recovery from alcohol and/or drugs, which made the Walk powerful.

We must create a Healing Forest and we must forgive the unforgivable to heal.

Three Warriors Market update during shutdown

Three Warriors Market is an essential service to our tribal membership. As an essential service, Three Warriors will be open during the tribal shutdown, scheduled for March 30-April 12.

We will alter our schedule and be open during the

following times:

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please be safe,
Three Warriors

Employment

In the future—when the tribal organization and enterprises are back to a normal work schedule—the following some of the kinds of jobs that were advertised most recently.

When going to apply, you are encouraged to attach cover letter and resume with completed application. Questions regarding application process can be directed to 541-553-3262, when the organization is open.

For full job descriptions see: [warmsprings-nsn.gov](#)

Protective Care Provider. Wildland fire module crew member (six positions). Firefighter Hot Shot crew member (two positions).

Crew boss - Fuels.

Fish tech I. ECE secretary. After school/part-day work. Transportation specialist. **Cook.**

Fish tech II. **Day care lead teacher.**

Range and Ag manager.

Fisheries department manager. Health coordinator. **Day care teacher.** Day care substitute.

TCHP and AP project assistant—Area Indian Health Board.

CPS Specialist. Wastewater treatment plant chief operator.

Native plant nursery project leader.

Foster Care certifier. Telecommunications officer. **Corrections officer** (two positions).

INDIAN HEAD CASINO

The following are positions advertised with the Indian Head Casino:

Travel Plaza Manager - Contact Margie Tuckta at 541-460-7777 ext. 7713.

Marketing Systems Administrator - Belinda Chavez 541-460-7735.

Slot keyperson - Kyle or Rebecca - 541-460-7724.

Revenue auditor - Sean McLane, 541-460-7777 ext. 7705.

Players Club Host lead - Janell Smith 541-460-7777 ext. 3498.

Players Club host - Kapri Moody, ext. 7700.

Bartender - Heather Cody ext. 7710.

Tule Grill cook - Alex Manzano / Christine Brunoe 541-460-7777 ext. 7725.

Guest Services operator - Kapri at ext. 7700

Coffee stations attendant - two positions

- Heather.

Server - part-time - Heather.

Cage Cashier - Wyval Rosamilio ext. 7737.

Security officer - Tim at ext. 7749.

PLATEAU TRAVEL PLAZA

The following positions are advertised with the Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras:

Cashier/Fuel attendant part-time - Jamasa

at 541-777-2815.

Dishwasher part-time - Esten at 541-777-2817.

Slot keyperson - Kyle or Rebecca at 541-460-7724.

Office assistant - Jamasa - 541-777-2819.

Fuel attendant - Jamasa.

Custodian - Contact Jamasa Sattler - 541-777-2819.

Cashier - Jamasa.

Declaration

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Be aware of personal contact and limit handshaking or high fives, and be aware of potential exposures by limiting your activities that involve large crowds or groups of people, elders and others that have compromised immune systems. You can find more information about COVID-19 at [cdc.gov](#)

Keep in mind the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19 is to prevent the spread by frequent and thorough handwashing, avoiding contact with your face, eyes, nose or mouth. Cover your cough or sneeze with tissue then dispose of the tissue. Please clean and disinfect surfaces of your home and the points of entry to your home and vehicles.

The COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, please call the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center at 541-553-5512.

Please do not go straight to the clinic: Call first so that your condition can be assessed.

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Guidelines

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1) Contracts COVID-19, 2) must care for someone with COVID-19 in their immediate family, 3) must care for a child whose school (k-8) and daycare facility has closed (applies to only one working parent).

Hiring freeze will be effective March 23, 2020 for non-essential positions. A waiver can be requested from the Secretary-Treasurer regarding this hiring freeze.

Tribal campgrounds, parks and lakes will be closed to the public effective immediately, and enforcement will be conducted by the Branch of Natural Resources and Warm Springs Police Department.

Tribal enterprises: Their respective management and board will determine their own guidelines and policy regarding COVID-19.

Note: Underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age may include the following: Blood disorders, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, compromised immune system, current or recent pregnancy in the last two weeks, endocrine disorders, metabolic disorders, heart disease, lung disease, and neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions.

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Letters to the editor

From the museum

The Museum at Warm Springs closed to the public on March 18, and will remain closed at least through the beginning of April, and possibly longer.

The museum is committed to the safety of our visitors and staff members. This is a precautionary measure regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus.

In the event you are requiring an emergency sale in the gift shop, such as a ceremonial purchase, you can call the museum to make arrangements for an appointment with our sales staff. The number is 541-553-3331.

During the public closure of our building, our staff will thoroughly clean and sanitize the entire building.

We will be monitoring this ongoing emergency development and will follow the suggestions and guidance of the Emergency Response Team.

Thank you for your understanding. We are more than a building, we are decades of dedication to the preservation of the history, culture and heritage of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Sincerely,

E l i z a b e t h Woody, executive director, and the staff of the Museum at Warm Springs.



A thank you

Coming together—Family, relations, community at this time of remembrance of loved ones, late Joey and late Danell.

Thank you to Sandra and girls for taking care of the longhouse, so that we were able to go ahead with the ceremony.

Thanks you for the donations, nephews Anson and family, Austin, Mackie and family, Margie Ora and family, Sandra and family. Angie and family, aunt

Marcia Macy.

Thank you to Sinuck and Drummers for the beautiful songs. Thank you to Captain and Margie for the wonderful words. Also thank you to the wonderful cooks.

God Bless,
Queahpama, Tailfeathers, Haywahe, Johnson, Macy.

From St. Charles

The arrival of COVID-19 in Central Oregon has forced us to make some tough decisions at St. Charles Health. And we are not done making them. More are coming as more COVID-19 cases are discovered in our region.

Right now, our most urgent priority is keeping our frontline caregivers healthy and our facilities safe and functioning so we can deal with COVID-19 cases, as well as all the people who come to us with other medical issues.

We need to continue to care for all, including pregnant women, trauma patients and people with cancer or heart disease. Those things will not stop because there's a global pandemic.

Protecting our health care resources is very much at the heart of some of our recent decisions:

Visitor restrictions

Simply put, we cannot allow most visitors to St. Charles hospitals at this time. It is crucial that we limit who is entering our facilities, for both the safety of the people working inside and for the health of our community.

There are a few exceptions. But for the foreseeable future, we must tightly enforce these restrictions, including our new rule that no visitors below age 12 be allowed on premises and that no visitors will be allowed for patients in isolation for infection prevention.

If you have a loved one at a St. Charles hospital, we understand you may have a very strong desire to come see them in person. For now, please use the telephone or video to call them. Our caregivers can help get them connected to our Wi-Fi if needed.

Elective surgeries

All elective surgeries and other select non-urgent outpatient services have been postponed to free up as much space as possible in our facilities, and to preserve critical supplies in case there

is a surge of COVID-19 patients.

Patients impacted by this decision will be contacted by St. Charles or their physician to discuss next steps.

Testing

The swabs we use to test for COVID-19 are running very low throughout the state of Oregon. Therefore, we simply cannot test people who are worried but feel fine.

This is important to remember: If you have symptoms of COVID-19—cough, fever, shortness of breath—but you are not so sick you need hospitalization, the best thing you can do is stay home and call your primary care physician or your county's public health department.

That brings me to a term that may be new to you: **social distancing**. Not only do we need you to stay away from St. Charles unless you are a patient in need of hospitalization, we need you to stay away from each other. Social distancing means staying away from each other, especially by avoiding public gatherings and public places.

This is not 'just a suggestion.' Social distancing is the one thing that experts say will help the most in combating the spread of COVID-19.

If we don't slow COVID-19, we face the very real risk of our facilities filling up, our staff being overwhelmed and our supplies running out. That is the disturbing scenario playing out in some areas of Europe right now.

To be clear, you can still do things like going outside, enjoying nature, playing board games with your family and video chatting with friends. But we need you to avoid public gatherings and public places for the time being.

As I'm sure you know by now, this public health situation is evolving not just daily, but hourly, and we need everyone's help in managing it. Truly, we are all in this together. Sincerely,

Joseph Sluka, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Charles Health System

Holiness

One time the Holy Spirit picked through his garden. A bunch of us were chosen. We were brought together and all bonded on a bright, sunny day. We were placed in a field. The Holy Spirit appeared with instructions. We stood in a line with each other: "You are to walk across a field of demons. Do not be tempted. Remember the evil one is a liar and a falseface. You are going to walk through the Seven Sins!"

There was a girl standing on my right. I was on the left end. All of a sudden Demons appeared in front of us. The false faces came. People started seeing their parents and dead loved ones being beaten and punched! People screamed and started slugging it out—They were all stuck in a

Howlak Tichum

Evaline E. Patt 'Wii'Slixlyt' ~ 1946-2020

Ms. Evaline E. Patt 'Wii'Slixlyt' passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020. She was 73.

Ms. Patt was born on April 20, 1946, granddaughter of the late Henry Thompson and daughter of Chief Amos Simtustus.

Ms. Patt was greatly respected in our community. For more than 50 years she served in many capacities within the tribal organization, starting in 1969 up to her passing this month.

She was a Councilwoman of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council, serving as vice chair. For several years she was the archivist of the Museum at Warm Springs, known for her expertise in tribal history and the cultural practices of the tribes.

Recently, she was serving on the Warm Springs Housing Authority and Credit enterprise boards; and the Land Use Planning Committee.



form of Hell!

My mother appeared in front of me. A demon walked up to her and punched her in the face. I wanted to go into a death move! A bald eagle appeared in front of me and said, "Your mother wouldn't be in Hell!"

I went into prayer. All of sudden her face changed. Snakes came out of her, all over her. I ran into this demon before in a house that needed to be blessed. I walked through these demons, next came the punishers! Low self esteem, pride of life, empty vessels raised with no prayer in the home. I have a jail for you! Self-enlightenment, manifest destiny! Remember there are two false gods fighting—We are the aftermath. The separation of Church and State!

A preacher stepped in front of me, "Come to my religion."

"No," I replied, "Jesus was not just a philosopher." I walked on. All over this field people that I bonded with were stuck in forms of Hell! We were almost to the other side. The girl on my right said, "I have to look back."

"No, Don't." It was too late! She hollered, Mom! I looked to the side. I was the only one left! I crossed and dropped on my knees crying. I heard a voice call, "Spirit on Mountain." I looked back. Everyone was free—No more demons. A voice called out, We only needed one to make it! No more demons! God wants the reflection of his son on you! To attain holiness it takes small acts of compassion and love.

Cooney-Nye
Talks to Spirit on Mountain. LeRoy Bobb.

High Desert

Out of deep commitment to our community, the High Desert Museum has closed to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Museum will remain closed at least through March 29. The situation will be evaluated to determine a potential reopening date.

The Museum is also now postponing or canceling all programs at least through April 11.

County precautions

Jefferson County is committed to make every effort to prevent, slow, and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. County officials encourage everyone to limit their contacts in the community in the days ahead and conduct as much business as possible online and by phone.

All Jefferson County buildings other than Sheriff's office and County Courthouse are now restricted to employees and prearranged appointments with citizens. Citizens may request an appointment for urgent business.

This is an effort to reduce the potential risk of exposure between employees and the public. County services will continue through phone calls, email, facsimile, on-line payments, regular mail and drop boxes at buildings.

While this restriction includes the Public Health building, preventive health services, not related to COVID-19, will continue. Clients will check-in via phone from the parking lot, then be escorted into the building.

Departments may be reached by using the numbers listed below. For more information or to make an appointment please call.

- Adult Probation 541-475-6145
- Assessor's Office 541-475-2443
- Board of Commissioners 541-475-2449
- Buildings/Cemetery 541-475-6288
- Clerk/Elections 541-

- 475-4451
- Community Center 541-475-1148 or 541-419-1275 (leave message)
- Community Development 541-475-4462
- District Attorney's Office 541-475-4452
- Health Department 541-475-4456
- Human Resources 541-325-5002
- Fairgrounds 541-325-5050
- Finance/Treasurer's Office 541-325-5023
- Juvenile Department 541-475-3463 Public
- Works/Roads 541-475-4459
- Public Health 541-475-4456
- Senior Center 541-475-1148 or 541-419-1275 (leave message)
- Veteran's Office 541-475-5228
- Open:** The Sheriff's Office and Jail, 541-475-6520
- Circuit Court 541-475-3317

Postponed

The Warm Springs Community Action Team has postponed the 2020 Small Business Conference 2020. The conference is now planned for the fall.

At COCC

Central Oregon Community College's staff and faculty have largely shifted to a teleworking structure, running at least through April 28.

Despite the virtual workspace, the college is committed to ensuring that its resources—from tutoring center advice and student records access to admissions questions and research consultations with librarians—will continue to remain responsive to the needs of students and community members alike.

For more information, contact Ron Paradis, executive director of College Relations, at 541-383-7599.

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Census: 2020 count under way on reservation

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The official start date of the 2020 census is Wednesday, April 1. Warm Springs began early, with the first submission—the first submission for the tribes and for the state of Oregon—happening in mid March. The tribes, the Census Bureau and others marked the occasion with a gathering at the Agency Longhouse. George Aguilar Sr., Korean War veteran and life-long Warm Springs resident, was the first person counted in the Oregon for the census. He recounted:

The allotment numbers of 1887 marked a first census enumeration of the tribes; members were then counted again in 1930, with the start of the enrollment process. Mr. Aguilar just turned 90: Joking he said, “It’s an honor to be chosen number one, before I die.”

At the Longhouse kick-off, Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti addressed the gathering. “The Census happens once every 10 years,” Chairman Tsumpti said. “In the past our reservation has been undercounted. We don’t want that to be the case in 2020. I encourage all our tribal members and Warm Springs residents to participate in the census, to help provide a better future for our community and future generations.”

The once-a-decade census dictates how much money the federal government will allocate to tribal services on the reservation. Funding can be for housing, transportation and other infrastructure, health care and other services.

“And it’s not just the money,” said Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager and Warm Springs Complete Count Committee chair. “It’s the fact that we’re important enough that the federal census wants us to be counted.”

Jeffrey Enos, deputy regional director for the Census Bureau Los Angeles region, including the reservation, then addressed the gathering:

“For every man, woman or child missed in the census, thousands of dollars are lost in those communities every year,” Mr. Enos said. “So if you multiply that over 10 years—the time between each census—that’s tens of thousands of dollars for every person missed. It’s so important that every man, woman and child—everyone—is counted.”

The census information is sub-



Youth mini-powwow at the Census kick-off; and (below) at the Complete Count Committee census computers, Dan Martinez, Emergency Response manager, completes a census form, with Scott Kalama, Prevention specialist, and Minnie Yahtin, Tribal Council Recorder, next in line.



mitted in strict anonymity. These are some examples of the questions of the 2020 census:

How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2020?

Were there any additional people staying here on April 1, 2020, that you did not include in question 1?

Is this house, apartment or mobile home owned by you or some-

one in this household with a mortgage or a loan? Is it owned free and clear? Rented? Occupied without payment of rent?

What is person 1’s name? What is person 1’s sex? Age and date of birth?

Is person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

What is person 1’s race?

— Dave McMechan



Delayed W.S. Work Readiness classes

The Work Readiness classes and workshops scheduled for students who are first-time workers have been cancelled until further notice.

The After-School Work Readiness trainings are on hold also, until further notice that is safe to gather together.

An online application process is being worked on at this time and the public will be informed when it available and where to access it once it has been completed.

Also, look forward to some online Work Readiness training. Please be patient as we work through the COVID-19 pandemic.

WEDD/WIOA Programs

COCC business resources

As Central Oregon continues to deal with the arrival of COVID-19 in our community, the impact on local companies is growing. We wanted to let you know that Central Oregon Community College business advising is still available through our Small Business Development Center.

Phone or video conference appointments can be scheduled by calling 541-383-7290 or emailing sbdc@cocc.edu.

Our long-time advising staff live in the area and have experience with both urban and rural industries. They have worked through tough times in the past and coached businesses in challenging situations.

We hope to continue to support our fellow business owners during the current uncertainty as we all move through uncharted territory together.

Here are some state and federal links that might be helpful as you gather information and weigh your options. Use these search phrases:

Oregon SBDC Network COVID-19 resource list

America’s SBDC COVID-19 Small Business Resources

From the Social Security Administration

The Social Security Administration wants you directly from people how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting its services. The first thing you should know is that Social Security continues to pay benefits.

Be aware that scammers may try to trick you into thinking the pandemic is stopping your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Please do not be fooled.

To protect yourself and help stop the spread of this coronavirus, Social Security cannot accept visitors in its offices at this time. There are several other ways you can get help. Many services are available online at socialsecurity.gov

If you have a critical need that you cannot address online, help is available over the phone.

To find out what services Social Security is continuing and which ones we are suspended, how to contact the administration, and important information about deadlines that are being extended to ease the burden on you and medical providers during this pandemic, please visit socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/

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March youth rodeo postponed for a time

The spring Junior Rodeo season was to buck this month at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds arena in Madras. This has now been delayed into April, at the earliest, due to the virus pandemic.

Events will include bareback, ranch and saddle bronc, mini- and junior bulls, barrels, poles, team roping and breakaway. All events will be 18 and under. Riders will be able to enter each event twice unless the event fills up. This is going to be an International Miniature Rodeo Association (IRMA) rodeo. As the event day approaches, call or text entries to 541-280-1342; or see ‘kokelsoutlawponies’ on Facebook. Entries will be \$45 for rough stock; \$50 a run for breakaway; and \$60 a team.

Heart of Oregon cancellation

Dear Partners,

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, all Heart of Oregon Corps youth programs and events have been canceled and or postponed. This cancellation includes the YouthBuild information session on March 31, and our Home Completion Ceremony for our Prineville House on April 3.

Please let the youth and

families that you work with know that they have been canceled, and that they can attend an information session in April. We will continue to monitor the situation and as soon as we get a go ahead we will be adding new dates, possibly in April.

Thank you so much!

Warm regards, **Kara Johnson**, program director.

Coronavirus layoffs: What to do if you’ve lost your job

Until recently more than 155,000 people in Oregon were working in restaurants and bars. There are a number of examples on the reservation: At the Cottonwood Restaurant and Juniper Grill, Eagle Crossing, Re-Use It, and the food carts, for example.

Across Oregon many employees, and the establishment owners, have lost or soon will lose their livelihoods.

In emergency response to the coronavirus, Gov. Kate Brown last week ordered all eating and drinking establishments shut down, except for takeout and delivery service.

This was done to help control the spread of the coronavirus. The economic fallout is, and will continue to be severe.

Some of the dramatic events throughout the state: Powell’s Books laid off hundreds of employees, shutting its five landmark stores in the Portland area. Apple, Nike and many other retailers have also closed their stores.

The NBA is closed down, as are concerts, leading the Moda Center to stop work indefinitely.

Museums—including the Museum at Warm Springs—amusement parks, movie theaters and many other attractions are also closed, with employees at home.

Then last week: The sudden surge in layoffs triggered a massive rise in jobless claims, overwhelming the state’s website for filing unemployment insurance claims.

The site was intermittently offline last week.

Before the coronavirus, the Oregon jobless rate was at an all-time low of 3.3 percent.

And an added worry: Expect higher unemployment numbers in the coming weeks.

No one knows for sure how the situation will de-

velop: It all depends on how widespread the outbreak becomes, and how long it lasts.

The Oregon Employment Department website is a good place to start: oregon.gov/employ/unemployment/

The department offers this initial guidance:

Is anybody hiring?

Amazon, Fred Meyer and Safeway-Albertsons are all struggling to keep up with customer demand, and want nearly as many workers as they can hire. Amazon says it will hire up to 100,000 and is offering a temporary, \$2 hourly raise.

Safeway and other grocery stores want to hire employees immediately. See their site. The jobs include everything from check-out, stocking, and meat cutter to cake decorator.

Where do I file for benefits?

Unemployment insurance is available for most workers who lose their jobs “through no fault of their own.”

File online and do it as soon as possible: It takes a week for benefits to kick in, and three weeks before payments start.

Do I need to seek a new job if my layoff is temporary?

The Employment Department says that if an employer expects a layoff will last for four weeks or less, workers do not need to seek a new job to receive unemployment benefits, so long as they’re in contact with their employer and available to return to work when called.

What if I’m sick or quarantined, or want to stay away from work so I’m not exposed to the virus?

See **UNEMPLOYMENT** on 7

OSAA spring suspension through April

The Oregon School Activities Association—the OSAA—has extended the suspension of inter-scholastic practices and contests for sports and activities for all member schools at least through April 28.

The action of the OSAA follows the March directive from Gov. Kate Brown.

The OSAA executive board has clarified the language regarding usage of high school facilities and communication between coaches and participants during the moratorium-like suspension period.

The OSAA Executive Board had general discussion around each spring activity and sport, and issues with following Center for Disease Control, state and local protocols for gatherings—especially given event formats, and that some events are indoor and some outdoor.

The board made the following determinations regarding the ‘Speech’ and ‘Solo Music State Championships’:

Speech State Championships, were scheduled for April 23-25: Only four of the 14 special districts were able to complete qualifying events prior to the school closures.

The event’s cutoff date for entries of April 11, and the event itself fall within the school closure window.

Western Oregon University remains open but delaying the event does not fit within the school’s current schedule of events.

Due to these factors, along with no clear option for technology solutions to be implemented, the OSAA executive board voted to cancel the Speech State Championships for 2020.

Solo Music State Championships, scheduled for May 2: All 15 Oregon Music Education Association districts were able

The following are frequently asked questions relating to OSAA’s policies regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. If you have a question, please contact Peter Weber at peternw@osaa.org or contact the OSAA office at 503-682-6722.

Question: May schools participate in out-of-state practices or contests and events during this suspension period?

Answer: No, the suspension period for practices, contests and events applies to all OSAA member schools, regardless of where the practice, contest or event occurs.

Question: May coaches hold ‘voluntary’ or ‘optional’ practices during this suspension period?

No, coaches are not able to work directly with students during this suspension period. Coaches may not be involved in circumventing this policy.

May coaches communicate with students and

athletes?

Coaches can communicate with students in accordance with local school district policy, but not organize or participate in workouts. We encourage coaches to provide support to students during this stressful time.

Does this suspension period apply to public schools only?

The suspension period applies to all OSAA member schools, public and private, in all OSAA-sanctioned activities.

How should schools correctly mark baseball and softball games during the suspension period on the OSAA website?

Games should be marked as cancelled, not deleted. This keeps the game on a team’s schedule in case it’s able to be made up at a later date.

May students or coaches access school facilities during this suspension period?

During this moratorium-like period, there shall be no high school facility usage by activity or athletic staff and

students or teams. Field maintenance is allowed.

May groups of students gather to workout?

A. While the OSAA encourages students to stay active, we discourage groups of students from getting together in alignment with local and federal social distancing guidelines.

Will OSAA State Championships that have been cancelled be rescheduled?

No, due to the numerous issues regarding rescheduling including, but not limited to, site availability, staffing, scheduling conflicts, etc., cancelled OSAA State Championships will not be rescheduled.

Does the suspension period apply to off-season fall and winter activities?

All OSAA sports and activities fall under this guidance. There will be no practice or gatherings for any OSAA sports or activities. This includes Rule of Two, 6A/5A Pilot, and individual sports.

to complete qualifying events prior to the March 17 district deadline.

The rest of the deadlines for submitting school information, accompanist changes, etc. all fall within the statewide school closure window.

Pacific University has notified the OSAA that all on-campus events are cancelled, and the OSAA Solo Music State Championship cannot be held on their campus.

The OSAA relies heavily on the arts programs at Pacific University, along with staff and student personnel, to facilitate the event.

Due to these factors, along with no clear option for technology solutions to be implemented, the OSAA executive board voted to cancel the Solo Music State

Championships for 2020.

“As parents and former participants, the executive board and staff share in the disappointment of students, schools and communities regarding the cancellation of these state championships,” said Peter Weber, OSAA executive director. “We all remain committed to the health and safety of students throughout Oregon during this evolving public health emergency.”

The OSAA executive board has committed to meeting on April 1, and again on April 15, to re-evaluate the suspension of spring activities and sports, along with the remaining Spring State Championships. This will allow the board to review any updated guidelines and directives in collaboration with the

Governor’s Office, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Department of Education, the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and member school administrators from throughout the state as this situation continues to evolve.

The OSAA Track and Field State Championships, originally scheduled to be held at the University of Oregon, will be split out and moved to different venues due to construction timelines for the completion of Hayward Field.

New arrangements have the 6A, 5A, 4A events being held at Mt. Hood Community College and the 3A, 2A, 1A events at Western Oregon University, both on May 29-30.

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Warm Springs Extension Service seeking an artist for a traditional foods project.

We are searching for artists to do commissioned artwork for a calendar and posters of traditional foods. An advisory committee will select the artists from a pool of submissions.

What to do?

- Submit sample of your drawn or painted work to the OSU Warm Springs Extension Office by April 1st, 2020 or email digital artwork to warmsprings.extension@oregonstate.edu
- Selected artists will be offered a commission for the work
- After the selection process, submitted works will be returned to the artist.

For more information, contact the OSU Extension office at: (541) 553-3238 or warmsprings.extension@oregonstate.edu



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Shutdown message from Finance

As stated by the Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Executive Officer, our top priority is the health and safety of our employees and community members. The Tribal Council took action last week to close the tribal organization from March 30 through April 10. The closure applies to all non-essential personnel.

During this two-week closure, Finance will provide limited services that are essential to this organization and community. Employees will work from home as much as reasonably possible, but we will maintain a small workforce in the office during this period of time. The building will be closed to the public, but we will have staff available via email or phone, and if necessary, by appointment.

First off, any Finance employee with underlying medical conditions is encouraged to work from home (or stay home) and not report to the office during this time period.

Secondly, we will institute thorough cleaning processes to ensure areas are disinfected multiple times daily. I will explain what the plan is for each area in regards to this two-week closure:

Payroll

We understand that employees will need to be paid during this two-week closure, so Payroll's top priority will be processing the bi-weekly payroll. Timesheets are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020.

During the week March 30-April 3, the Payroll staff will be checking time sheets and entering time into payroll. Normal payroll activity will occur until the bi-weekly payroll is processed.

We encourage you to submit payroll electronically whenever possible. If you can scan your payroll and email to payroll@wstribes.org, that would be the preferred

method. If you are not able to scan and email, then you may submit paper copies at the Payroll office.

Accounts Payable

The tribe still has financial obligations to employees deemed essential by the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO or your respective general manager or director. Accounts Payable will maintain a skeleton crew during the closure. Invoices, payment authorizations and other A/P documents should be submitted electronically. Scan and send invoices to invoices@wstribes.org

Invoices can also be faxed to 553-3256. Check runs will continue to run on Thursdays. All checks will be mailed out to limit foot traffic, and because the building will be closed.

Warehouse

The tribal Warehouse will provide limited services during this time. Somebody will remain at the Warehouse to receive shipments, and will provide delivery service to the tribal organization. The Warehouse will be closed to the public. They will only provide service to the tribal organization. The only exception will be for funerals.

All Warehouse orders should be sent electronically. You can send and email order forms to Clint Smith: clint.smith@wstribes.org Or fax 541-553-3256.

Budgets, Contracts and Grants

We will have limited services provided during this two-week shutdown. One staff will work each day to help ensure paperwork is routed for processing, especially for emergency and essential services to the tribal government and tribal membership. The following will be implemented:

Purchase requisitions,

budget modifications, grant applications, and other documents should be sent electronically. Please scan and send to budgets@wstribes.org

You may fax to 541-553-3256. If you need to submit in person please contact Dennis Johnson at 541-553-3479.

Cash Management

There will be limited Cash Management services provided during this two-week period. We understand there is still a need to collect payments for various things (bail/bond, child support, Three Warriors Market, etc.). The following will be implemented:

Deposits will be accepted daily from 1:30 to 3 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule an appointment call 541-553-3479 or 553-2595.

When you arrive at the building, please wait outside by the north entrance (not the Council entrance). A staff member will allow you in the building to complete your payment or deposit.

Deposits not accepted after 3 p.m. Tribal Court payments can also be made online at warmsprings-nsn.gov

There is a \$5 processing fee for paying online. If you use this option, please be sure to include your case number or citation number in the description.

Office of Information Services

OIS will perform essential support and address emergency work orders. All non-essential work orders may be delayed. The staff will work remotely, but can be on-site if needed.

Alfred Estimo, Director of Finance.

Oregon considers unemployment benefits for parents off work with kids

With students staying home while school is canceled due to coronavirus concerns, a lot of parents are forced to stay home too. And that may keep some of them from working.

As of this printing, parents in Oregon are not receiving any assistance from their state governments, the employment office said it is working on a plan.

The statewide closure of schools in Washington and Oregon started last week, with the start of spring break. The closure will remain in place until April.

With kids out of the classroom, some parents may have no other choice but to stay home from work to care for their children.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said the state is considering offering unemployment insurance or workers' compensation to parents caring for children.

"We want to ensure that Oregon families have the resources they need to pay their rent," Brown said, "and they can buy basic essentials: food, medicine and toilet paper."

Currently, Oregon doesn't offer resources for those parents.

Several schools in California have also closed in response to the coronavirus outbreak. California is offering unemployment benefits to qualifying families.

Brown has a task force working on a plan. She said the group will meet Tuesday.

Portland Area IHS positive test

Last week Michael Toedt, the chief medical officer for the Indian Health Service, confirmed three "presumptive positive" cases of COVID-19 within IHS.

According to Toedt, the three cases are in the following areas of IHS:

Portland Area. Great Plains Area (Charles Mix County/Yankton Sioux Tribe). Navajo Area.

Very little other information was available, as patient privacy is respected.

"The individuals who tested positive were referred to higher levels of care with our partner institutions," Mr. Toedt said.

"All contacts are being thoroughly investigated as appropriate testing is being done."

Native Helpline continues service

StrongHearts Native Helpline knows this is a very difficult time for all Native people.

We are very concerned about those most vulnerable including those who may be in unhealthy or abusive relationships; therefore, we will continue to operate and offer our services as long as possible.

At the StrongHearts office, we are taking the directed social distancing protocols very seriously. As such, callers may experience longer call wait times. Callers may press one at any time to be transferred to The National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native Hotline. The Hotline is also responding to the directed protocols so callers may experience extended call wait times.

Please note that the StrongHearts website and social media sites are not equipped for support services.

We hope that this situation is temporary. Again, we will continue to operate and offer our services daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Daylight Time. We apologize for any disruptions in service and thank all of our Native communities for your patience and understanding.

We are here. We are ready to listen.

1-844-7NATIVE

Declaration

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Medical professionals will be standing by and available to talk to your and help determine whether you should be seen by a doctor at the clinic; or if someone needs to potentially come to you.

If you are showing signs of COVID-19, please express those concerns on the phone to the staff so we can triage you properly and safely.

We will continue to assess our community and keep you informed of any changes that are recommended, and how we will operate as the situation progresses.

Stay safe,

Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Tribal Council Chairman, March 15, 2020.

Na-ha-shnee Summer Institute June 14-June 26,2020

Na-ha-shnee is a free 12-day career exposure and college preparation experience for Native American who have completed 9th-12th grade and are interested in health careers.

Students engage with life on the WSU Health Sciences Spokane campus, stay in a dormitory at Gonzaga University, gain exposure to health care professions, and participate in health care courses training. The courses range from basic science, leadership, to Native American Education.

For more information please visit: spokane.wsu.edu/about/community-outreach/na-ha-shnee-summer-institute

Or contact the Native American Health Sciences Coordinator, Evanlene Melting Tallow at e.meltingtallow@wsu.edu or 509-358-7833



Census Kick-off in Warm Springs



Jonie Wallulatam distributes the Census t-shirts at the March kick-off.

Unemployment

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Such people are not usually eligible for benefits under current law—though state and federal authorities are considering changes.

However, the Employment Department encourages people staying away from work to avoid exposure to file a claim anyway.

The department says it will gather information to see if any benefits apply.

If I'm getting paid during the layoff, or using vacation pay, can I receive benefits?

Generally not.

If I contract the

coronavirus disease, COVID-19, on the job, am I eligible for benefits?

In that case, file a workers' compensation claim.

If a doctor or government authorities order me to stay home, can I collect unemployment benefits.

Yes, usually.

How much do unemployment benefits pay?

The state has an online calculator for making an estimate.

How long do the benefits last?

Generally speaking, 26 weeks.

I have more questions. Who do I ask?

Write to the Employment Department: OED_COVID19_Info@oregon.gov

Our tomorrow is now.



It is time for the 2020 Census and we need to participate now. Our children are counting on us as it helps shape the future of our communities. Census data is used for programs and grants that are important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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Mary Dodds Schlick ~ 1925-2020

Mary Dodds Schlick passed away on March 17, 2020 at Rock Cove Assisted Living Community of Stevenson, Washington.

Mary was born on October 31, 1925 and was 94 years of age at the time of her passing.

Due to concern of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, friends are encouraged to leave a note or message of condolence for family at www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com. Mary's web guestbook will be updated with her future service details once determined.

Family is asking that in lieu of flowers that you make donations of money, food or assistance to the Fish Food Bank of Hood River or to your local food bank in memory of Mary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center , 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River.

Mary became interested in the basket-making traditions of the mid-Columbia River's Native peoples while living on the Warm Springs, Yakama and Colville reservations with her husband, a forester with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Although not a Native American herself, she gained the trust of several elder Indian weavers who generously shared their basket-making knowledge with her.

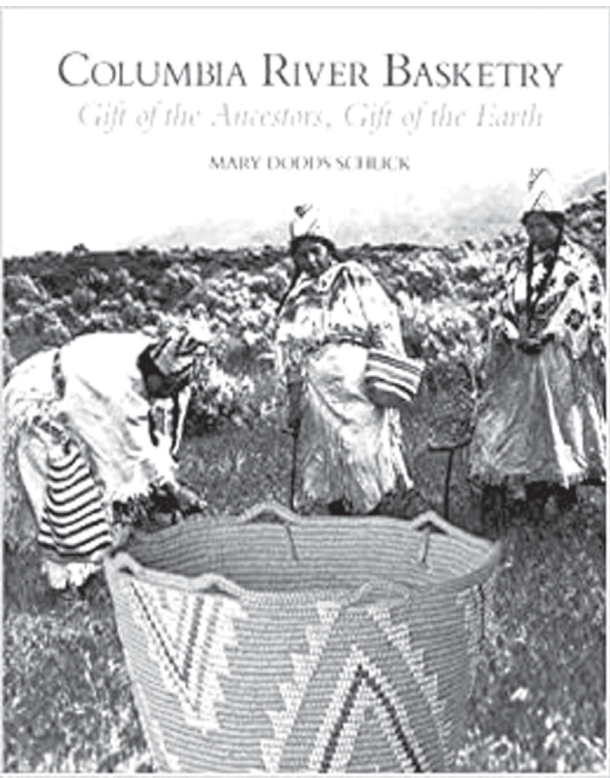
As her weaving skills improved, under the tu-



This photograph was taken by Nancy J. Nusz on February 8, 1991 to document Mary D. Schlick training apprentices (left to right) Pat Gold, Bernyce Courtney, and Arlene Boileau in the art of full-turn twining. The four women worked together through the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program of the Oregon Historical Society Folklife Program.

telage of artists like Julia Sohappy (Yakama), Schlick became increasingly concerned that the basketry traditions of the mid-Columbia's people were being lost.

Schlick took a special interest in reviving the art of full-turn twining, a rare weaving method mastered by basketmakers of the mid-Columbia. The last known maker of the traditional Wasco-style cylindrical baskets, Louise Van Pelt Sconawah Spino, died in 1971. Schlick first studied old baskets that had been preserved in private and museum collections, and after much trial and error, learned the basics of the full-turn twining technique. She then fine-tuned her understanding of the weaving tradition by talking with tribal elders who had observed the baskets being



made. In 1990, Schlick was awarded a grant through the Traditional Arts Apprentice Program of the Oregon Historical Society Folklife Program to teach the three

women. The apprenticeships were successful and the basketmaking tradition has been effectively revived on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Covid-19 cases grow in Indian Country as tribes push for action in Washington, D.C.

With the number of coronavirus cases in Indian Country growing by the day, tribes are pressing the federal government to abide by its treaty and trust responsibilities and ensure their communities are not left out of relief efforts.

The Indian Health Service was aware of 14 positive COVID-19 cases within the federally-run system. The number is significantly higher than the four that were known earlier in the week.

The positive and presumptive positive cases are spread across five IHS service areas. That means the coronavirus has impacted nearly half of Indian Country.

The Navajo Area, which serves the Navajo Nation, appears to have been hit the hardest. So far, the IHS there had seen three COVID-19 cases, with all of them coming from the same community of Chilchinbeto, located on the Arizona portion of the reservation, which is the largest in the United States.

Chilchinbeto is small—only about 500 people lived there in 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Though the local chapter house offers some health services, the three COVID-19 patients reported with symptoms to the Kayenta Health Center, which is about 24 miles away.

The Kayenta Health Center, an Indian Health Service facility in Kayenta, Arizona, has

been at the center of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Navajo Nation.

From there, the patients—a 46-year-old woman, a 40-year-old male and a 62-year-old male—were taken to facilities in Phoenix, off the reservation. That's where further testing has occurred, according to tribal and federal officials.

Altogether, the IHS had facilitated testing for more than 330 people, according to a tribal official who was made familiar with the data. Of those, 14 returned positive and 89 returned negative, meaning results are still in progress on the remainder of the cases.

IHS officials, however, have warned that the number of positive cases will surely rise in the coming days and weeks as the coronavirus upends daily life in Indian Country. More than 50 tribes have declared emergencies, including Warm Springs. More than 40 have imposed travel restrictions, also including Warm Springs, and dozens have attempted to close their borders to outsiders and non-residents in hopes of slowing the spread of the potentially dangerous disease.

With economic and social engines grounding to a halt, tribes are pushing the federal government—as their trustee—to live up to its obligations. So far, the U.S. Congress has responded by enacting two pieces of legislation to address the coronavirus pandemic.

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W.S. Housing Authority

Warm Springs Housing Authority is taking precautions due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

For the next three to four weeks, the Warm Springs Housing Authority staff will **not** be entering any homes to do routine maintenance or inspections. Emergency workorders for electrical and water issues will be addressed on a case by case basis during this time. All other repairs will be on hold until the pandemic warnings have passed. Please call in your workorders, they will be logged and completed in the order they are received.

The Housing Authority office will be on reduced hours with the office open to the public on Monday and Friday only.

No one at housing is sick right now but we want to ensure safety for our staff and the community.

The Housing Authority is responding with an abundance of caution for everyone in our community. Any questions or concerns please give Warm Springs Housing Authority a call at 541-553-3250.

Indigenous PACT launches COVID-19 support center

Indigenous PACT is launching an online information center in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

This knowledge hub will supply daily progress reports, provide public health resources, tools tailored to tribal and urban audiences, and offer an exclusive ability to go behind the front lines with healthcare experts via video live stream in the Response Support Center to help provide real-time solutions to tribal communities. Washington State and

Seattle's healthcare systems are in the first epicenter, dealing with one of the largest caseloads of COVID-19 in the United States.

It is Indigenous PACT's intent to educate the Native community and the whole of Indian Country about this evolving situation.

Please visit our website for the latest updates from our team: indigenouspact.com

Indigenous PACT provides oversight to the tribally owned clinic, which runs

a location in Auburn, Washington. Daily operations are ongoing in an area highly affected by COVID-19, enabling their clinics' healthcare experts to provide unique insights and lessons learned about this outbreak as it spreads across the United States.

The Live Support Center aims not only to educate, but also to provide a deeper look for tribal health programs, communities, governments, and leaders about developing best practices to prevent the spread of

COVID-19 and how a resilient healthcare system can fight back during the pandemic.

Indigenous Pact's CEO and Founder, Kurt Brenkus, says, "This is an unprecedented event in modern public health. We want our organization and our clinic to act as a resource for communities near and far.

"And on behalf of Indigenous PACT, I extend our gratitude to the healthcare workforce on the front lines during this trying and strenuous time."

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 Juanita Smith-Lopez, Respondent; Case No. CV42-19. TO: Juanita Smith-Lopez, 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 **27TH day of April, 2020 @ 4:00 PM**

L E E V I HERKSHAN, Petitioner vs DANNI KATCHIA, Respondent; Case No. DO123-19. TO: LEEVI HERKSHAN, DANNI KATCHIA, TASHA HERKSHAN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW, MODIFICATION, 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 **24th day of APRIL, 2020 @ 11:00 AM**

M I S T Y D A W N JENSEN, Petitioner, vs SUSAN WOMMACK, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO147;148-12. TO: M I S T Y D A W N JENSEN; SUSAN WOMMACK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUS-

TODY 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 **15TH day of APRIL, 2020 @ 3:00 PM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Patrick Mitchell, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2013-PR21. To Carmen Mitchell: You are

hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2020 at 3 p.m.

In the matter of the estate of Cori F. Yahtin, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR50. Notice is hereby given that Cori F. Yahtin, who at the time of his death last known residence was 7252 Schoolie Flat Rd., Warm Springs, OR, died on the 29th day of October, 2019, and the court has

appointed Valerie Squiemphen as administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Theda E. Charley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2010-PR-18. To Alias Charley, Benjamin Charley, Caramiah Charley and Alveda Charley: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **April 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**

Indian Country, and virus legislation

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But tribes remain uncertain about the \$40 million authorized by H.R.6074, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.
The new law directs the funds to be provided to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has not yet informed Indian Country of how soon the money will be distributed and in what form, whether it be grants, or other methods.

The second legislative package offers a bit more certainty. H.R.6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, puts \$64 million into the IHS budget to cover the costs of COVID-19 testing. The new law also contains provisions to cover the costs of COVID-19 testing when it takes place under purchased/referred care, which happens when patients—like the ones in the Navajo Area—are taken to partner facilities outside of the federal system. It further provides \$10 million for programs that provide nutrition assistance to elderly Native Americans.
With a third package in the works, tribes and key members of Congress are working to ensure Indian Country isn't left out. The overarching goal is to alle-

viate the huge financial pain being seen as a result of the closures of Indian gaming establishments across the nation.
“We cannot ignore the elevated risks faced by Indian Country from this virus,” National Congress of American Indians Chief Executive Officer Kevin Allis, a citizen of the Forest County Potawatomi Com-

munity, said.
“The federal government’s chronic underfunding of its treaty and trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives must end – lives are at risk.”
“In the wake of the global pandemic, tribal nations have been left out of the conversation.”



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At the Plateau Travel Plaza it's business as usual for fuel service, propane, game room and retail operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently the Three Teepees Café is only doing take-out food. You can call to place an order for pick up at 541-777-2826.



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