Meeting the Distance Learning challenge

A broad sense there are three key components to student learning: The educators, the students themselves, and the families. “All three roles are important,” said Hyllis Dauphinais, director of Student Health and Wellness Center.

The recommendation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Dauphinais, has by now tested about 200 residents. Eleven of these had back positive. Hyllis Dauphinais, director of Student Health and Wellness Center, chief executive officer.

In a statement Mr. Dauphinais would like to add: everyone was cooperative in the process, including staying at home and following up with nurses, said Kurti Russell, Community Health director.

As of this week, the clinic and partners had conducted about 200 tests of residents. Eleven of these had came back positive, Hyllis Dauphinais, director of Student Health and Wellness Center, chief executive officer.

According to an update from the Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz the tribal Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz continues to work on grant funds and other federal CARES Act funding for the tribe to ensure we can pay for our COVID-19 response. Ms. Cruz does this while also addressing the ongoing needs of the community while we are in the “Stay at Home and Save Lives” order.

Emergency Response director and partner Incident Commander Chele Martin continues to actively reach out to the state and local partners for supplies to support our operations. Amazingly he does this with such ease and fluidity. The Public Safety general manager and partner Carmen Smith provides daily briefs about the status of our Police Department’s response to our community needs and the safety of our community. Our officers have joined our meeting Incident Command briefing to review our traffic flow plan.

Our tribal Governmental Affairs director Louis Pitt continues to interpret the information he receives to ensure a consistent and clear message reaches the community around the COVID-19 response.
For the MHS Class of 2020

A unique year requires a unique recognition for the graduating high school class.

The Madras High School Class of 2020 will be celebrated by our communities with personalized banners—one for each graduating student—to adorn the Madras street light poles.

Approximately 180 students will be graduating next month from Madras High School, and the Bridges High School.

The graduating recognition is a coordinated effort between the school district, high school, Bridges High School, the city, and Rip Q Signs and Graphics.

“We are so proud of the class of 2020,” said Madras High School principal Brian Crook.

“We are so grateful for these amazing students and their high level of integrity and class during these challenging times.”

Rip Q Signs and Graphics produced the banners for the high school, and donated a portion of the project cost to the cause.

“I love helping out our students. I wish I could do more,” said Brandon Searcy, Rip Q Signs and Graphics owners.

“These are hard times for everyone, and hopefully this will help boost morale amongst the kids and our community.”

Staff will be putting the banners up on Monday, May 25. “Our crews are happy to be involved in a feel-good project for our graduating seniors,” said Rick Rebik, operations manager at City of Madras.

School principal Crook added, “These banners are a token of our appreciation of the senior class at Madras High School that makes us all proud to be White Buffalos.”
It is with heavy hearts the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission announces we have lost one of our own.

Bobby Begay—Culiko Village leader, Yakama tribal member, and the CRITFC lead fish technician—passed away on April 24, 2020 from Covid-19 complications.

Bobby was dedicated to his family, the Culiko community,浊河，and tribal culture. He was a bridge building, helping connect many groups and individuals across cultural divides.

His example of inter-tribal brotherhood embodied the hopes and values envisioned by tribal leaders from the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Confederated Tribes, as they worked together to form the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The seriousness of the Covid-19 threat to our ways of life was brought to reality in the death of life-long resident of Culiko Village, Bobbie Begay.

Mr. Begay was a Yakama tribal member who homesteaded his tribal way of life in a place where he and his wife, Verna, and their five children lived since 1981.

Covid-19 reached the reservation just as the Warm Springs Indian Health Services clinic reported the first four confirmed cases of Covid-19 on the reservation.

Certainly, the health risks to tribal members have taken on the greatest of priorities for the Tribal Council, Management, and health and emergency workers as they worked together with tribal families and communities to protect our health from this deadly disease.

According to a recent report compiled by Katie Russell, Community Health Services manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, says of the reservation and Covid-19, “We are seeing more deaths from Covid and other health conditions. The age range is from less than 10 years to elders. Symptoms: Some have had symptoms, some did not.”

Regarding those who may have been exposed, “All individuals fully cooperated with instructions given to them, including staying at home. Nasal swabs are following up with individuals daily.”

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic the following has been accomplished:

- Tribal government offices will be closed through May 31. This does not affect essential services, including Police, Fire, and Safety, and other departments.
- Essential workers have taken on the greatest of priorities for the Tribal Council, Management, and health and emergency workers.
- Administrative leave has been allowed for tribal government employees 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 is provided by Pay

In the wake of Covid-19, all individuals have been asked to wear face coverings when interacting with others, practice physical distancing, and wash hands frequently.

The Warm Springs Covid-19 health team works with neighboring health agencies, communities and to present our health from this dreadful disease.

One of the warmest and kindest individuals to work with was Mr. Begay. He was a bridge builder, helping connect many groups and individuals across cultural divides. He embodied the hopes and values envisioned by tribal leaders from the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Confederated Tribes, as they worked together to form the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

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Mr. Begay was an incredible, generous person with a willingness to share not only his harvest, but the messages of why salmon, lamprey and the river are central to our culture.

He did so for countless groups with enthusiasm and humor.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to his family, Megan, Daisy, Steven, Henry and Jackie, and to the entire Culiko Village and marijuana those left behind.

In closing, this report from Mr. Dauphinais is from the heart. And while we take a breath, our Warm Springs community is thankful for his tremendous leadership. He has proven to be a very capable and professional leader in this most trying time.

Hyllis Dauphinais, Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center chief executive officer.
Kim Schmith for Congress

I am writing in support of Kim Schmith for Congress.

Kim Schmith is the only special election candidate who is working to ensure that those on the reservation have representation, and we were never Edwards. She has said, “I know I have campaigned in the communities of Warm Springs for years. While the reservation has made some progress since 1999, there are still challenges that need to be addressed. Kim Schmith is the only candidate who has not only lived on the reservation but also worked in the community. She understands the needs of the reservation and stands up for us. We need someone who is not only represented in the community but also works to improve it. Kim Schmith has the experience and dedication to make a real difference.”

Kim Schmith has been involved in issues affecting the reservation—Thirty-Four years ago, she was appointed to the Council by Portland urban land planner Bernard Topash. Kim served on the Council for 12 years and was elected by the Warm Springs Tribal Council to represent the Warm Springs community for Jefferson County Commission District 2. Kim is a member of the United States Air Force Reserve and retired with the rank of Colonel. She has been recognized for her service to the community and has received numerous awards for her efforts. Kim Schmith has been a strong voice for the Warm Springs community and has always put the needs of the community first. She fights for our right to vote and for our local, state, and national representatives.

Thank you for considering Kim Schmith for Congress. She is the only candidate who truly understands the needs of the Warm Springs community.

Sincerely,
John Brown

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Two Oregon universities planning for fall re-openings

Two Oregon universities have announced plans to re-open for the fall semester. Western Oregon University and Portland State University both announced plans to allow students to return to campus in the fall.

Western Oregon University announced plans to allow in-person classes to return to campus in the fall. The university plans to offer a mix of in-person and online classes, with the majority of classes offered in-person. The university will also implement safety measures to ensure the health and safety of students and faculty.

Portland State University announced plans to offer a mix of in-person and online classes, with the majority of classes offered in-person. The university will also implement safety measures to ensure the health and safety of students and faculty.

In addition, both universities have announced plans to offer support services to students, such as counseling and academic advising.

The two universities are part of a broader trend of universities across the country planning to re-open for the fall semester. Many universities have implemented safety measures and are offering a mix of in-person and online classes.

In Oregon, the University of Oregon and Oregon State University have also announced plans to re-open for the fall semester. Both universities have implemented safety measures and are offering a mix of in-person and online classes.

Overall, the trend of universities re-opening for the fall semester is positive, but there are still concerns about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on higher education.

One concern is the impact of the pandemic on students, particularly those who are remote learning. Another concern is the impact of the pandemic on faculty, who may be dealing with illnesses or other health issues.

Despite these concerns, the trend of universities re-opening for the fall semester is promising, and it is important to support these efforts to ensure the health and safety of students and faculty.
Boil water notice

Loss of pressure - Schoolie Flat system: This notice is issued to all resi-
dences and businesses in the Schoolie Flat area.

On May 3, 2020, water for three min-
utes before using. Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for three min-
utes, and cool before using. Or use boiled water certified for sale by the
Oregon Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for
drinking, mak-
ing ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food. This
appeals until further notice—Lo-
to in KFKE 94.9 for updates.

What happened: The Schoolie flat water distribution system lost pressure due to excessive use of the
potable water supply for liv-
estock purposes. This happened this past Monday, May 4.

This has been an on-going issue for the Schoolie Flat water sys-
tem—One that we have tried to mitigate in the past by informing
residents in that area to only use the potable water supply for hu-
man consumption only.

With the small reservoir, it is al-
ready difficult to maintain an ad-
esquate supply for domestic use. The excessive use for livestock water
surpassed the system’s ability to maintain an adequate supply, caus-
ing a significant loss of pressure.

When water mains loss pressure, it increases the chance that un-
trated water and harmful microbes can enter your water.

Harmful microbes in drinking
water can cause diarrhea, cramps,
afe, headaches, or other symp-
toms; and may pose a special risk
for infants, some elderly, and people
with severely compromised immune
systems. However, these symptoms
are not just caused by the by
microbes in drinking water. If you
experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek
medical advice.

What is being done: The Branch of Public Utilities water crew is running the booster pumps 24-7 to bring the reservoir levels back up to safe levels. On Monday after-
noon of this week the anticip-
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pressures within the next couple of days, at which time the Boil Water
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tions—staying home, washing
hands, wearing a face covering, avoiding groups, etc.—are vital.

Educators are making calls to students and families, telling them
how to submit their packets. Academy eighth-graders who have
done, Thank you!

For students who still need to
get their packets turned in, please
contact one of the following:

For Academy eighth-graders
with last names beginning with A through L, contact Jess
Stugger. Email: jessuggers109@hotmai.com

Or call the school at 541-475-
7267 ext. 2318.

For Academy eighth-graders
with last names beginning with M through Z, contact Steven Bus-
hnaccez5890@509.net

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May 6, 2020

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Important for Academy 8th-graders

The eighth-grade students of the Warm Springs Academy need to
have the same access next school year to high school elec-
tives as other eighth-graders.

To ensure this outcome for the
2020-21 school year, Malheur
High School is seeking the ‘high
school forecasting packets’ from
all Warm Springs Academy eighth-
graders.

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Limited tribal fishery open at Sherars Falls

For more information you can contact Mark Mation in the Warm Springs Fisheries Department at the number 541-460-0727.

Lynden Harding was named Golden Valley Conference All-League average player of the year, 8.8 seconds, 8 assists in five rebounds for the College of Idaho.

Lynden, a 2018 graduate of Madras High School, will continue her collegiate career at Southern Oregon University next year.

Emergency forgiving loans to small Native Oregon businesses

With support from the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund, the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund, Ltd., has received a $10,000 loan as part of the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund. The funds will be used to provide financial assistance to small Native Oregon businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency forgiving loans will range from $1,000 up to $5,000. For more information on the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund, visit: OregonCares.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/oregon-small-business-stabilization-fund/.

Warm Springs Market and the Warm Springs Shell Station are now offering curbside pickup service.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms—such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing—call your healthcare provider or go to a hospital emergency department. Indicate that you have COVID-19 symptoms. For more information, visit: oregon.gov/health/covid19/community/index or call your healthcare provider.

If you need assistance, call 211 or 1-888-211-9832.

The things you can do to protect yourself from spreading COVID-19 is to:

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Our tomorrow is now.

According to us, we’re resilient...

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.

Complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

2020CENSUS.GOV

Shape our future
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## Distance learning

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Some parents might be at work during the day, for instance, leaving students to study on their own.

Consider the idea of ‘summer learning loss,’ defined as, “The loss of academic skills and knowledge over the course of the long summer holiday.” This kind of learning loss happens every year, as the students are away from school for the summer.

The goal is present to make sure that ‘summer learning loss’ is not magnified by these lost school days of spring.

The district workers on Tuesdays and Thursdays distribute the Distance Learning materials at the drop-off sites (see page 6). The educators meanwhile engage the students and parents as much as possible, under the circumstances.

For now about half of the 509-J school district families have home internet access, meaning that education platforms like ‘Google Classroom’ are available only to some. Others have access to through Smart Phones, “and that is also a great strategy,” Parshall said.

Ideally, the home internet access would make it available to all student households. And this is a goal in the long term for a district like 509-J, covering many square miles, much of it rural. Yet like all aspects of society, education is becoming more computerized and digital; young people especially are aware of this.

‘... and I believe the district will come through this even stronger than before.’

- Dave McMechan