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## Covid-19 community update

Tribal Council on Monday agreed to extend the current organization shutdown through May. The Council action followed the recommendation of the tribes' Covid-19 Response Team.

The recommendation and Council action were deemed necessary in light of the positive Covid-19 test results of residents of the reservation. The positive results happened in late April to early May.

After the first positive tests came in, Indian Health Services and Community Health partners responded with extensive contact tracing of individuals, and further testing. Everyone was cooperative during the process, including staying at home and following up with nurses, said Katie Russell, Community Health director.

As of earlier this week, the clinic and partners had conducted about 200 tests of local residents. Eleven of these had come back positive, Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer, said Monday, speaking by teleconference with Tribal Council, Management and the Response Team.

Four tests were still pending as of Tuesday of this week.

After the Response Team update, Tribal Council—for the health and safety of the membership—extended the shutdown for non-essential service tribal employees. Current administrative leave policies continue, Council agreed.

Council took other precautions upon the recommendations of the Response Team. These include the following Council orders:

All citizens on the reservation are to wear a face covering mask while in public and in public places, where social distancing of six feet or greater cannot be maintained.

Following a test result of negative or positive, all citizens of the reservation and employees working within the boundaries are to self-isolate and quarantine as directed by healthcare professionals. Essential employees and first-responders who have tested with a negative result will have additional guidance about returning to work.

Businesses within the tribal jurisdiction, and tribal enterprises should have public spaces clearly marked with special distancing of six feet on the floors, or other means of a visual spacing.

See **COMMUNITY UPDATE** on 5

**STAY HOME  
STAY SAFE  
SAVE LIVES**



From the Northwest Portland  
Area Indian Health Board

## Our reservation front line workers

Monitoring the Covid-19 situation on the reservation, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has by now tested about 200 residents.

Thankfully, many of the test samples came back negative; while eleven have come back positive, as of earlier this week.

The state lab where the samples are evaluated is taking between 24 and 48 hours for results, said Hyllis Dauphinais, Health and Wellness Center chief executive officer.

In a statement Mr. Dauphinais would like to add:

Today and every day since we stood up our incident command and our Tribal Partners Response Team, I have worked together with an amazing team of committed community members in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This team has been tasked with providing recommendations to the Tribal Council.

I would like to recognize the members of the current Tribal Partners Response Team.

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



Sue Matters/KWSO

A safety and parking logistics planning meeting at the clinic among Yvonne Iverson, Amy Whistler and Dr. Locker (from left).

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 Dan Martinez 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.

Our 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. His officers have joined our morning Incident Command briefing to review our traffic flow plan.

Our tribal Governmental Affairs director Louie Pitt continues to interpret the information he receives to ensure a consistent and clear message reaches the community around the Covid-19 response.

See **RESPONSE TEAM** on 3



Louie Pitt/CTWS Governmental Affairs

A gesture of thanks at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center.

## Meeting the Distance Learning challenge

In a broad sense there are three key components to student learning: The educators, the students themselves, and the families. "All three roles are important," Ken Parshall, 509-J school district superintendent, was saying recently.

"And the role of the family is greatly magnified during this time," Mr. Parshall was saying. A student now more than ever needs the family to help create a learning routine.

The school experience—class attendance and participation, testing, school sports and clubs, etc.—in normal times provides the learning structure for students. The hope is that this will return in the fall.

In the meantime, for the rest of this school year, educators and families must make every effort to help students keep up with assigned course work. Otherwise this coming



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Warm Springs Academy education assistants Urban Brunoe and Daydra St. John, and Academy principal Bambi VanDyke at the distribution site with students and families Tuesday morning.

fall term could be especially difficult.

During the present term, through June 4, "We need to en-

gage the students so they meet the essential standards," Mr. Parshall said. All three components—the students, educators and families—

work together on this. And it can be especially challenging for the family:

See **DISTANCE LEARNING** on 8

## Ballots arrive for the Oregon May Primary vote

Ballots are out for the May 19 Oregon Primary.

There are local, state and federal candidates on the ballot, partisan and non-partisan. Examples of more localized races:

Carina Miller is running in the Democratic primary for Oregon State Senate District 30. Incumbent Lynn Findley is running in

the Republican primary for Oregon State Senate District 30.

A position is open on the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. The candidates for county commission position no. 3 are Kenneth Bicart, Wayne Fording and Kim Schmith.

Mr. Bicart lists previous employment as farm owner, and

Kah-Nee-Ta equipment operator, among other positions.

Mr. Fording is the owner of Madras Paint & Glass, and is a former county commissioner.

Ms. Schmith is the business owner and Oregon Medical Board licensed operator of Madras Acupuncture.

The Jefferson County District

Attorney position is on the ballot; and there is a question about a Jefferson County transient room tax increase. Important voting notices from the county clerk: Postage stamps are no longer required to return your ballot by mail. Postage is pre-paid by the state of Oregon. Please mail on or before May 13; or use a drop-box.

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Working last week with tribal Fisheries, Jasper Kalama, Dillon Spino and Albert Kalama Jr. dock at the Wyeth fishing access site upstream of Cascades Locks.

## Casino extends closure, Plateau serving

The Warm Springs gaming enterprise continues to monitor closely the Covid-19 pandemic. The enterprise has made the following statement:

After much consideration, extensive review of current situations with our

Tribal Council and board of directors, Indian Head Casino management has extended the voluntary closure until further notice. At this time, we cannot provide a definite reopen date.

Our top priority remains the health and safety of our communities, team mem-

bers and guests.

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## 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 graduates 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 Rohach, 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 make us all proud to be White Buffalos.”

**KIM SCHMITH**  
for County Commissioner

**FIGHTING FOR RURAL**

I am honored to have earned the following endorsements:

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Mel Ashwill

Rachel Avila

John & Dianna Barrett

Pinky Beymer

Adam Brown

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Fran Davis

Tina Deamon

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~ Bobby Begay ~

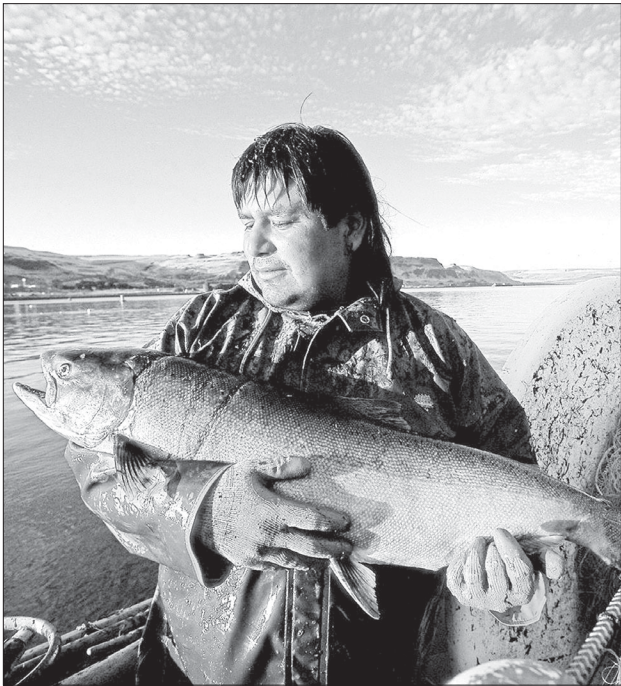
It is with heavy hearts the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission shares we have lost one of our own.

Bobby Begay—Celilo 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 Celilo community, salmon, the river and tribal culture.

He was a bridge builder, 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 Nez Perce tribes, as they worked together to form



CRITFC.

Mr. Begay was an incredibly generous person with willingness to share not only his harvest, but the message 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 the entire Celilo Village and mourn with them the loss of a remarkable man.*



## Statement from the Confederated Tribes

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

Mr. Begay was a Yakama tribal member who honored his tribal way of life in a place where his people had lived since time immemorial.

This sad news reached the tribes just as the Warm Springs Indian Health Service clinic reported the first four confirmed cases of Covid-19 on the reservation.

Clearly, since these events, health risks to tribal members have taken on the greatest of priorities for the Tribal Council, Management, and health and emergency workers.

The Warm Springs Covid-19 health team works with neighboring health agencies, counties and communities to protect our health from this dreaded disease. According to an aggregate report compiled by Katie Russell, Community Health Service manager for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, says of the reservation and Celilo Covid-19 cases:

“The age range is from less than 18 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. Nurses are following up with individuals daily.”

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

Tribal government offices will be closed through May 31. This does not apply to essential services, typically defined as Police, Fire and Safety, emergency medical technicians, Public Utilities, etc.

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 Finance.

## Response Team: Heartfelt thanks to all

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Some other partners who continue to provide valuable contributions to the team include Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona, Managed Care director Mr. Mike Collins, and tribal Prosecutor Nancy Seyler. (My sincerest apologies if I forgot anyone.)

I cannot thank this group enough for their ongoing commitment, time and energy. *Thank you, Team.*

I also want to thank the members of the Indian Health Services incident command:

Michele Miller, Dr. Rachel Locker, Michelle Spaulding, Commander Amy Whistler, Yvonne

Iverson, Diane Fuller, Cpt. Jim Gemelas and Dr. Damon Pope.

Our tribal and community support team includes Katie Russell, Raymond Hurtado and Russell Graham, with an occasional visit from our Warm Springs Police Department, Corrections and Fire and Safety personnel.

What a great group to work with, and more importantly, What a committed group of individuals to take on the day-to-day task of our Covid-19 response and operations here at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

I have so much respect and appreciation for the entire Health and Wellness Center staff for their com-

mitment and love of community. Thank you, Team. I truly appreciate all that you do. Another shout out to Carlos Calica for blessing our team with a morning prayer. Beautiful!

**Hyllis Dauphinais**, Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center chief executive officer.

*This brief 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.*

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## Reservation Census reminder

The 2020 Census is under way on the reservation and among tribal members. Because of the coronavirus and stay-at-home requirements, the time to submit your census information is extended to October 31.

The easiest way to complete the 2020 Census during the Covid-19 pandemic is to do it online. Got to: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

If you don’t have the ability to do the census online, you can do the questionnaire by phone. Call 844-330-2020. They will begin by asking you for your census identification number. (You may be on hold for a while, so please be patient.)

Because the letters with the ID number were only mailed to people who get their mail at a street address, most people in Warm Springs do not have the census ID number: On the phone, just say you don’t have one.



They ask for your street address, if you rent or own your home, your sex, age and date of birth, your heritage and race.

They will also ask about who was living in your home on April 1; how they are related to you, their age and so on. For Native American households it’s best to have the census completed by someone who is Native American. Tribal members and descendants should fill in ‘Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon.’

Whether you do the 2020 census online or by phone, the Warm Springs Complete Count Committee asks that you take the time to submit your information, if you haven’t already done so.

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## Letters to the editor

### Kim Schmith for Commission

I am writing in support of Kim Schmith for County Commission in Jefferson County, of which Warm Springs is part of.

Kim has background of our reservation as her father worked here in the Roads Department and her mom in our school. Kim attended Madras High School and spent time on the reservation gaining some knowledge of our land and people.

I have known her for 30 years. She graduated from Oregon State University, spent time and effort in the United States, and traveled to other countries.

She has communication skills, is genuine in her efforts to become informed, listens, is respectful, ethical and involved in public service.

Kim returned to Madras and started her acupuncture and Chinese herb small business which is still operating since 1999.

She has volunteered her time for students, other citizens and local events knowing that this is the future and it's vital to invest in people. She can do the right thing which requires hearing all sides of the issue, and will make a decision. Kim keeps informed of local, state, national and world happenings.

This is our community and she is willing to listen, represent, make decisions and stand up for us. We need people who are willing to commit themselves and be a voice for us. Our reservation needs representation for our concerns.

Check out the Voters' Pamphlet. Kim is the only Jefferson County Commissioner listed. The other candidates did not get involved with this particular Oregon voters' system.

Also Kim made a stand against the proposed development along the Deschutes River, which borders our reservation, and we were never included nor asked for our input. But this will directly affect us. Some of our needs are similar to other communities which are on Kim's radar, health, housing, rural living, eco systems, clean air and water, education, small businesses, employment and sustainability.

She wants to learn our other needs and promote these. She has said, 'I know I don't know what you need but I want to know and help attain that.'

Before Covid-19 started Kim came here looking for a

place to hold a get together and to put up her signs.

It's up to us to vote for our representatives, so get involved to help our reservation by voting and expressing your ideas and concerns. I urge you to vote Kim Schmith for Jefferson County Commissioner.

No matter how your vote, Vote. Exercise your right to vote, so many before us fought for your right to Vote.

**Pinky Beymer.**

### Births

*Kataleya Raquel Satanus*

Kurtis Satanus and Rayann Satanus of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Kataleya Raquel Satanus, born on April 25, 2020.

Grandparents on the father's side are Jessica Polk and Roger Satanus.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lyle Katchia and Marilyn Meanus.

*Angel Gabriel Wagner*

Marilyn R. Suppah of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her son Angel Gabriel Wagner, born on April 19, 2020.

Angel joins brother Jarred, 6; and sister Francine, 1.

Grandmother is Rena L. Suppah of Warm Springs.

### At St. Charles

Over these weeks my wife and I have received hundreds of incredibly kind messages from our community expressing condolences on the loss of my father-in-law due to Covid-19. I can't tell you how much it means to both of us. All of it has helped to make this difficult time a little easier to bear.

I feel similarly about knowing St. Charles has such a supportive community standing behind us as we work together to get through this pandemic.

Overwhelmed. Humble. Grateful.

While we have had some recent positive test results, our number of hospitalized Covid-19 patients remains low. We know this is because of you. Your social distancing efforts and sacrifices continue to make a difference.

In late April Governor Kate Brown announced that she relaxed her executive order, and is now allowing

hospitals to provide some expanded non-urgent health services.

This is good news for our patients who have been waiting for needed surgeries. We know the delay has caused anxiety, pain and distress, and we are very much looking forward to being able to provide you needed care.

It is also critical to note that if we start to see an uptick in Covid-19 cases in our community, or we start to run low on supplies, we will take a step back. Re-opening for services will be a cautious process over the coming months, as we consistently evaluate the safety of our team, our patients and our community.

In addition, the World Health Organization has indicated that it is too soon to know if recovered Covid-19 patients are immune to the virus, which makes it risky to rely on antibody information to relax social distancing measures.

For these reasons, St. Charles is not offering or recommending antibody testing at this time. However, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates as more information becomes available.

The best we can do today is to continue practicing safe social distancing, good hand hygiene and wearing masks when we do need to go out in public. It is important that each of us continue to act as though we have Covid-19 ourselves and that every person we meet also potentially carries the virus—simply keeping this in mind and acting accordingly will reduce exposure

## Voices of Family in Land and Sky

*With Emily Washines and Josiah Pinkham*

Join the Confluence Project for a conversation between two family members as they discuss finding resilience, comfort, and strength in times of challenge.

The conversation will be at 4 p.m. this Wednesday, May 6 on the Confluence project Facebook page, live streamed. Simply click on the link, and at 4 p.m., the live stream will start on our main Facebook page.

You don't need a Facebook account to attend. About our speakers:

**Emily Washines** is



Emily Washines

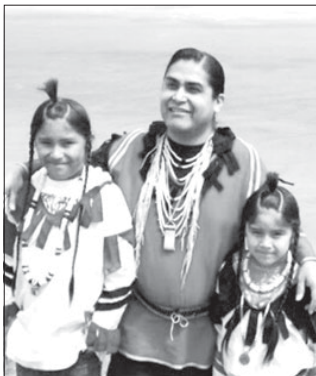
an enrolled Yakama Nation tribal member with Cree and Skokomish lineage.

A scholar, with a Master's in Public Administration, her work is in film, writing, speaking, exhibits.

Her blog, *Native Friends*, focuses on history, culture and building understanding and support for Native Americans.

Her research topics include the Yakama War, Native women, traditional knowledge, resource management, fishing rights, and food sovereignty.

She is a board member of the Museum of Culture and Environment, Artist Trust, and Columbia Riverkeeper. She is adjunct faculty at Yakima Valley



Josiah Blackeagle Pinkham and family

College.

She lives on the Yakama reservation with her husband and three children.

**Josiah Blackeagle Pinkham** was raised on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in north-central Idaho, and has worked in the cultural resource field for over 20 years as a Nez Perce tribal intern, tribal traditions technician, ethnographer, and a cultural specialist.

He has also worked on a variety of cultural resource workgroups with several federal, state, and county agencies, as well as private corporations and other tribes.

Mr. Pinkham regularly speaks to public schools, college classes and the public. He has travelled nationwide and has also travelled overseas for interpretative talks and cultural exchanges.

*Please join the conversation!*

**Colin Fogarty**, director, Confluence Project

and save lives.

Sincerely,

**Joe Sluka**, St. Charles Health Systems president and chief executive officer.

### Day of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer is happening this Thursday, May 7.

Locally, Everyone is asked to pray at home with a focus

on prayers for Warm Springs leaders and families.

### Notes...

Face coverings are now being required for riders on the Cascades East transit buses, and also for shoppers at Warm Springs Market, the Shell Station on Highway 26, the Rainbow Market and Three Warriors

Market in Simnasho. Cascades East Transit community connector service is suspended for Saturdays.

Warm Springs Agency BIA offices are closed to the public. If you would like to apply for general assistance, call Angela at 541-553-2406 to request an application that you will get in the mail.

## Two Oregon universities planning for fall re-openings

Two Oregon universities last week announced plans to have students return to campus in the fall.

The University of Oregon said it was making plans for on-campus instruction for fall term. While keeping the Covid-19 crisis in mind, classes could have reduced numbers, and students could be spaced further apart both in residence halls and dining areas. Intensive cleaning would continue on all campus facilities.

The letter to the Duck

community included that testing and contact tracing could be required for all employees and students. The university president said these plans will be coordinated with local, state, and even national leaders.

UO administrators said they expect about a 15 percent reduction in enrollments for the upcoming school year.

The University of Portland also released a statement about having students return to campus in the fall. The

university's president addressed the school's community in a video message.

"As of today, our energies are focused on a return to in-person instruction this fall," said Father Mark Poorman in his video message.

"Face-to-face interaction is critical to our mission at the University of Portland, and we're going to do everything we can to safely bring our students, faculty, and staff back onto campus. Doing so will require adapt-

ability on the part of all community members."

Additionally, UP's graduating class of 2020 will not be left behind. The university president said they plan to hold an in-person graduation for seniors as soon as it's feasible for everyone to gather.

Graduating students will still get their degrees this month, and a virtual commencement ceremony happened this past Sunday, May 3.

## From the archives of the Spilyay Tymoo

**A look back on the reservation—Thirty-Four years ago this week—From the May 9, 1986 Spilyay Tymoo:**

The newest Tribal Council took office on May 5, 1986, as Warm Springs Bureau of Indian Affairs superintendent Bernard Topash conducted the swearing-in ceremonies in Council chambers. All but one of the new Council persons, Mickey Brunoe, have sat at the oak table and governed tribal affairs in the past. Taking the oath were Council members Chief Nelson Wallulatam, Karen Wallulatam, Rita Squiemphen, Ellen Jonson,

Zane Jackson, Mickey Brunoe, Harold Culpus and Chief Delvis Heath. In other news:

A proclamation was issued by Oregon State Governor Vic Atiyeh designating May 18-24 as American Indian Week. And this:

In 1974 the first overall economic development program in Warm Springs introduced the idea of a community shopping center. A market analysis in 1977 presented the center as being feasible but the project never reached the implementation stage.

Interest and support for the shopping center has been

increasing over the years, and a recent market analysis by Portland urban land economists, based on the community survey, show that population growth and need could support such a neighborhood shopping center.

**Twenty years ago—From the May 4, 2000 Spilyay Tymoo:**

A new gaming facility in Madras represents the best possible answer for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, according to tribal leaders. Council has set May 23 for a referendum of the membership on a proposal to

expand the tribes' gaming program by developing a new casino on tribal trust land in the industrial area just north of Madras. And this:

At a national gathering of American Indian community leaders the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced nearly \$5.5 million in grants and low interest loans to six Indian Country drinking water and sanitary sewer projects in five states, including Oregon.

A \$600,000 grant to improve the existing wastewater treatment plant serving the Warm Springs community was among the award recipients.

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

Educators are making calls to students and families, letting them know to submit their packets. Academy eighth-graders who have done, Thank you! For students who still need to get these packets turned in, please contact one of the following: For Academy eighth-grade students with last names beginning with A through L, contact Jess

Swagger. Email: jswagger@509j.net Or call the school at 541-475-7265 ext. 2318 For Academy eighth-graders with last names beginning with M through Z, contact Stacey Bruce: sbruce@509j.net Or call 541-475-7265 extension 2313

## Boil water notice

**Loss of pressure - Schoolie Flat system: This notice applies to all residences and businesses in the Schoolie Flat area.**

Boil your water for three minutes before using: Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for three minutes, and cool before using. Or use bottled water certified for sale by the Oregon Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food. This applies until further notice—*Listen to KWSO 91.9 for updates.*

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

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

With the small reservoir, it is already difficult to maintain an adequate supply for domestic use. The excessive use for livestock water surpassed the system’s ability to maintain an adequate supply, causing a significant loss of pressure.

When water mains lose pressure, it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes can enter your water.

Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms; and may pose a special risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. However, these symptoms are not just caused juts 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 afternoon of this week the anticipation was the return of adequate

pressures within the next couple of days, at which time the BacT samples will be drawn and sent off to be tested.

Once the BacT samples meet the EPA requirements the Boil Water Notice will be lifted. For more information please contact Chico Holliday, Branch of Public Utilities, Water and Wastewater division, 541-553-3246.

## Community update

(Continued from page 1) By Council order the response team also agrees with the Oregon Health Authority reporting of Covid-19 results by zip code.

Council had not yet acted on a final recommended order regarding funeral ceremonies and memorials. Council will review and consider details of this order upon further discussion by staff with the Culture and Heritage Committee, and spiritual leaders.

### Going into June

Through the contact tracing and testing in April and May, the Confederated Tribes may have ‘flattened the curve’ of the recent local contagion, said Mr. Dauphinais. This can only be confirmed over the coming weeks, he said. So the continued organization closure, and eventual re-opening plan involves these provisions during May:

Firstly, some of the essential workers of the organization had been required recently to stay at home and isolate. They are to return in mid May, following healthcare approval.

General managers and directors

in May are also to plan for a phased-in return of employees and safe re-opening of the organization.

If there is no upward trend in cases on the reservation during May, then 25-percent of all employees could return to work starting June 1. The following week would see another 25-percent return; and so on to the point when at the end of June the tribal workforce would be back on the job.

All of this, though, is contingent on the continued downward trend of Covid-19 cases on the reservation. So the safety precautions—staying home, washing hands, wearing a face covering, avoiding groups, etc.—are vital.

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### 3 Warriors hours

The Three Warriors Market hours of operation are now Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and closed on Sundays.

We apologize for any inconvenience during this complex situation; and hope that our customers understand how difficult this decision has been.

Face masks or face coverings are required for an individual entering the store. Thank you for your support and understanding.



## Warm Springs officer involved shooting

This past Sunday, May 3, at approximately 2:20 p.m. the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department Dispatch received several complaints from citizens living in the West Hills area concerning a male subject brandishing a firearm.

Officers responded to the area in an attempt to locate the aforementioned subject, who was subsequently identified as a Macklin Kalama.

As Officers approached Mr. Kalama he was told to show his hands, and at which time a weapon was observed to be in his possession.

During the encounter Mr. Kalama exclaimed several times to officers “just shoot me,” and then subsequently was alleged to make a movement that led officers to believe that Mr. Kalama was about to use deadly force against them. It was at this time that one of the Warm Springs officers fired their service handgun, wounding the suspect.

Emergency medical technicians were immediately requested to respond to the scene; and once the site was deemed safe, officers secured Mr. Kalama and moved him to a location where EMTs could have immediate access to this subject.

Once EMTs arrived, and an initial medical assistance provided, the subject was transported to St. Charles Medical Hospital in Bend for further treatment. At this time, Mr. Kalama is in stable condition, and has been transferred to Portland, to another health facility to further his recovery.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations and United States Attorney’s Office were notified, and upon the request of the Warm Springs Police Department, the FBI dispatched their Evidence Recovery Team to process the incident site, which was completed on May 4.

The Warm Springs Police Department is conducting the administrative review as to the officer’s use of force, and in furtherance of this review, the department arranged for another tribal police agency to conduct this review in order to ensure impartiality.

The officer was wearing a bodycam, which was operational, and the footage will be made part of the administrative review.

## Around the community...

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center continues to screen everyone upon arrival. IHS spokesperson Diane Fuller reminds folks to call the clinic before showing up:

“We would like people to call before they come to the clinic so that we can direct their care needs to the appropriate area,” Ms. Fuller said. She continues:

“We are still scheduling for well child clinic, prenatal visits, some preventive and health maintenance issues. We also would like to know if someone is coming in thinking they may have been exposed to Covid-19, or thinking they are symptomatic, so we can direct them to the care they need.”

People are directed to the outdoor screening area when they first drive up. The person is then directed from there, with the provider determining what care and testing is needed.

Ms. Fuller reminds those who need to refill prescriptions that the pharmacy is offering curbside delivery service. “When you pull in at the clinic, and you tell them at the front gate that you are here for Pharmacy pickup, they will direct you to a Pharmacy parking area. There is a phone number there to dial: The pharmacy staff will gather up your medicine and walk them out to you in your car.” Elsewhere around the community:

The **Warm Springs Market and the Warm Springs Shell Station** are now requiring customers to wear a face covering to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The Warm Springs Market continue to serve the community six days a week. Other policies at the store: Shoppers should limit their numbers to one person per household; to not bring children into the store; and to maintain six feet distance as possible.

Recently the market installed clear barriers between their cashiers and customers, as an additional protection for both employees and those shopping.

**Cascades East Transit** is also requiring that riders wear a face covering while using public transportation. They remind riders that Saturday community connector service is suspended.

## Emergency forgivable loans to small Native Oregon businesses

With support from the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation has established an Emergency Forgivable Loan to assist Native-owned small businesses with Covid-19 relief efforts.

Emergency forgivable loans will range from \$1,000 up to \$5,000. For more information on the Oregon Small Business Stabilization Fund, visit:

[oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/oregon-small-business-stabilization-fund/](https://oregoncf.org/grants-and-scholarships/grants/oregon-small-business-stabilization-fund/)

## Limited tribal fishery open at Sherars Falls

The Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources has announced a limited fishery for spring chinook at Sherars Falls.

Due to the small predicted return of spring

chinook to the Deschutes river, the Off Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee has decided to limit the fishery at Sherars Falls.

Fishing will be open from dawn until dusk each week

from Thursday to Saturday through June 30.

Wild fish must be released.

Hatchery salmon with no adipose fin may be kept for subsistence use.

For more information you can contact Mark Manion in the Warm Springs Fisheries Department at the Branch of Natural Resources. The number is 541-460-0272.



Courtesy

Lynden Harry was named Golden Valley Conference All-League averaging 17 points, 8.8 assists, and five rebounds for the College of Siskiyous.

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

## Pick up meals, student materials in Warm Springs

Distance Learning materials are available online at [jcsd.k12.or.us](https://jcsd.k12.or.us)

Distance Learning paper packets being distributed at the free youth meal sites on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kindergarten registration packets are also available at meal sites on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Kids who will be 5 on or before September 1 can attend kindergarten in the fall at the Warm Springs Academy.

The 509-J meal program is being offered to youth 1-18 years of age.

The free, grab and go meals, are being provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner available together.

Kids can pick up meals weekdays between 9:30 and 10:30 at the Warm Springs

Academy; in Madras at the high school or at Bridges.

**Additional Warm Springs sites and times are:**

- West Hills at Poosh adn Upper Dry Creek at 9:30.
- Tenino Apartments and Sunnyside at 10.
- The Trailer Court and Wolfe Point at 10:30.
- Kah-Nee-Ta Hamlets at 11.

- The Seekseequa Fire Hall at 11:15.
- The Simnasho Longhouse at 11:40.
- And the Sidwalter Fire Hall at 12:25.

Additional sites in Madras are by St Patrick’s Catholic Church at 9:30; Tops Trailer Park at 10:15; and in the 97 Mart parking lot at 10:45.

## COCC Nursing program now nationally accredited

The Central Oregon Community College nursing associate degree program recently attained national accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing—status that puts the program on a new level of recognition and quality.

The action follows a lengthy and in-depth application process, beginning with candidacy status in August 2018. The accrediting body will revisit the program in fall of 2024.

“This is a big moment for us, a new era,” said Jane Morrow, COCC nursing department chair.

“And it comes just as

we’re expanding our cohort size to 56 students. I feel that we’re well-positioned to be a top-tier program in Oregon, and beyond.”

The college took a proactive move to be on the front end of the growing shift toward national accreditation, according to Julie Downing, instructional dean at COCC.

“This wasn’t stipulated by the Oregon Legislature or the Oregon State Board of Nursing,” she said. “It reflects our aim to be on the leading edge.”

With an ACEN-accredited degree, COCC nursing program graduates will be able to seek employment at

Veterans Hospitals nationwide, a sector of health care that requires that level of accreditation.

“Nursing’s new programmatic accreditation will expand upon the reputation of the program and open more employment opportunities for our graduates,” said COCC President Dr. Laurie Chesley.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer this level of recognition.”

The college announced just last month that it was expanding its annual cohort size from 48 to 56 students, a change that will be implemented with this year’s admissions process. The shift

comes as a response to a widening RN shortage in the U.S.

This year’s graduating cohort is expected to finish on time despite coronavirus obstacles, made possible by health care training provisions in an Oregon executive order.

COCC’s nursing program began in 1954.

For more information, contact Julie Downing, instructional dean, at 541-383-7238. Or email: [jdowning@cocc.edu](mailto:jdowning@cocc.edu)

Or Jane Morrow, nursing department chair, at 541-383-741. Email: [jmorrow1@cocc.edu](mailto:jmorrow1@cocc.edu)

## Warm Springs Community Health, IHS safety reminders

Indian Health Service and Warm Springs Community Health are providing services daily 8:30 until noon, except Wednesday mornings; and afternoons 1 to 4 p.m.

The Indian Health Services clinic is offering telemedicine, as well as clinic appointments with all providers.

Services continue to be provided for family planning, well child and immunizations.

Please call the appointment line at 541-553-2610 **before** you go to the clinic, so they can determine how to best meet your healthcare needs.

- If you have Covid-19 Symptoms—a cough, fever and shortness of breath—call the IHS Covid-19 nurse triage hotline at 541-553-5512.
- Outside of IHS regular hours, you can call the Registered Nurse Health Advice Hotline at 1-866-470-2015.
- Please remember when you go to the Health and Wellness Center, you will be stopped at the gate.

For everyone’s safety, reduce your speed as you turn in. They will simply ask if you are sick or not and what you are at the clinic for.

They will then direct you for where to go next.

**The things you can do to protect from spreading the Covid-19 virus is to:**

- 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 from other people
- Wear a face mask, even a homemade cloth mask, when in public.
- Stay home to avoid others.
- If you feel sic, stay in a room separate from others

in your home.

**Things everyone should be doing is to:**

- Stay home as much as possible—kids, too.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces routinely.
- Stay at least six feet away from others any time you are out
- Go out only for essentials like groceries, medical care or work.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Do not get together with friends.
- Do not have play dates for kids.
- And do not make unnecessary trips.



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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 at present is 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 be 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.'*

The current health crisis is showing how education may change in the not so distant future; and the school district is planning to make this shift. In spite of all challenges, “I think there are good things that will come from this,” Mr. Parshall said.

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