Community update

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has tested close to 1,400 people for the coronavirus. In addition, the Kah-Nee-Ta system continuously made two major repairs to its water systems. The Kah-Nee-Ta system carries bottled water donated by Riley and Annessa Hartman, and their neighborhood group from Gladstone. The utility crew, under the guidance of Leslie and Governor Brown have the option to opt for distance learning, said Ken Parshall, district superintendent. “We are working mainly on an on-site plan, operating within the guidelines as set out by the state,” Mr. Parshall said. The district is planning to provide a model for distance learning, and the 509-J district is planning to implement the model for all district schools— including the Warm Springs Academy—in the fall of 2020. Families would receive details of the plan later this month or in early August. Families will then have the chance to give their input before the district board approves a final fall term plan.

Planning for new school year

Students of the Jefferson County 509-J School District have not been in a classroom since March, when the schools closed because of the virus. Three and a half months later—still with the virus still very much among us—the district is now planning for the fall of 2020. Families would then have the chance to give their input before the district board approves a final fall term plan.

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Timeless treasures at the museum

There was a time when life on the reservation was less complicated—Never easy, but not so complicated like today. If you visit the new exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs, you can see first-hand some Native ways from multiple decades ago, in some cases from more than a century ago. The exhibition is called Timeless Treasures, on display through the summer. Featured items include woven bags from the early part of the last century, plan head objects, a recollection of the Team of 1855, and more. All of the works are from the museum’s Permanent Collection and Archives Department.

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Resolution of Tribal Council —

(Note: The following Tribal Council resolution, passed on June 30, 2020, strengthens enforcement authority during the COVID-19 pandemic.)

Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is an indigenous, self-governing, sovereign Indian tribe, and is the legal successor in interest to the Indian signatories to the Treaty, which ceded approximately 640,000 acres to the State of America and the United States a national emergency; and

Whereas the Treaty between the United States and the Tribes of Middle Oregon, which was executed on June 25, 1855, and ratified by Congress, 12 Stat. 1099, 12 Stat. 965, and

Whereas pursuant to the Treaty, the Tribe santéed approximately 10 million acres of land to the United States and reserved approximately 640,000 acres for exclusive use and occupation of the Tribe and its members as a permanent homeland; and

Whereas the Health and Welfare of tribal members is of paramount importance to the Tribe; and

Whereas the United States has a trust responsibility to the Tribe to protect the health of tribal members; and

Whereas this trust responsibility is embodied in official declarations of policy contained in 2AC 1602 which provides:

“Congress hereby declares that it is the policy of the United States to preserve the highest possible health status to Indians to provide existing Indian health services with all resources necessary to effect that purpose,” and

Whereas recognition of the Tribe’s interest in tribal health and wellness and of the federal government’s trust responsibility to the same is further embodied by Congress’ approval of the Indian Health Service Joint Vietnam Construction grant, and approval of the Warm Springs IHS health and wellness center demonstration project; and

Whereas since January 2020, health officials in the region have been engaged in responding to the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus (Covid-19); and

Whereas Covid-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease, and the outbreak has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic and by the World Health Organization as a pandemic and by

Economic Security Act— the treaty. On the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, where Covid-19 is a serious public health concern, the policy of the United States is a national emergency; and

Whereas Covid-19 is a serious health concern to Indian populations, particularly on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, where Covid-19 rates are significantly higher than in the general regional population; and

Whereas the Tribal Council desires that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and will keep working on all the community’s priorities.”

This work would include passage of the pending Western Tribal Water Infrastruc- ture Act, which would direct urgently needed federal funds to ensure safe drinking water.

Regarding the Housing grant, Sen. Merkley said: “As people stay home to flatten the coronavirus curve, access to safe housing has only become more essential—especially in our hardest-hit communities.”

“Unfortunately, despite the fact that tribal commu- nities are bearing the brunt of this pandemic, the fed- eral government is not doing enough to provide them with critical resources and support. While I’m pleased that this grant funding will help the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs support their members by upgrading housing and reducing overcrowding, I know far more needs to be done. I’m com- mitted to fighting for all the resources tribal commu- nities deserve to help them get through this public health emergency.”
Summer youth work program cancelled

The Warm Springs Youth Work Program is cancelled until further notice. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, youth safety and health are more important at this time. The cancellation will continue until we have a work environment safe from Covid-19, said Melinda Poitra, director of the Workforce and Economic Development Department, and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program. Students with any questions may call the WEDRA office at 541-553-3324. Or email: melinda.poitra@wstribes.org

The decision to cancel the summer youth work program reflects the ongoing concern on the reservation regarding the virus. As examples of some recent developments:
- Since March, more than 100 people on the reservation have tested positive for the coronavirus. This month Tribal Council members agreed to self quarantine, and last week the Tribal Courthouse closed for two days because a person who visited the lower floor of the building later tested positive.

Water: long-term solution later this year or 2021

(The conclusion from page 1)

Currently, the crew is working with Buchanan & Associates and IHS to develop a solution that includes a 12-inch pipe running through the existing 14-inch pipe. The ultimate goal is to provide a permanent fix to conservation efforts, and continue the boil water notice until we can get solutions to the problematic mainline.

Simshoah Schoolie system

The Utilities Branch is currently replacing piping to order and install a booster pump to replace the antiquated booster station for the Schoolie water system. The Schoolie system remains a potential failure risk, requiring constant monitoring to ensure the existing booster station is operable.

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The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs seek to fill one or more positions on the Tribal Court of Appeals. The Warm Springs Court of Appeals consists of judges appointed for a term of three years by the Tribal Council. Minimum eligibility requirements include:
- Must be at least 26 years of age; and have a Jus Deoetor degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. Also
- No felony conviction; and no continued conviction under the Warm Springs Tribal Code for 12 months preceding application. And
- Demonstrate a high moral character, physically able to perform duties of a judge; and demonstrate the ability to solve problems and judge with fairness.
- Applicant must pass the tribal bar examination with six months of assuming office; and uphold the Oath of Office. An appeals court judge shall not serve on the Tribal Council or any other tribal board or committee.
- Compensation is set by Tribal Council. If you are interested, please submit the following documents:
- Letter of Interest, resume, background check form and credit check form. Applicants can pick up the credit and background check forms from the executive management office; or download online at the tribal website. All documents must be submitted to:

Melinda Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761

You may not have any symptoms during the 14-day incubation period, so it’s best to stay home and isolate just in case.
**Births**

Jule Rose Walls-Esquiro

William Wolfe Esquiro

and South Wolfe-Esquiro

of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Safe Rose Walls-Esquiro.

Jule Rose, born on Sunday, August 16, 2020, at 7:57 a.m. in Pendleton, OR, is 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

Grandparents on the father’s side are George Walls and Barbara Wolfe.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Lorena Walls and Ronnie Lewis.

**Day shelter**

The Health and Human Services Branch provides a daily day shelter for the homeless, or unhoused, experiencing homelessness in the Warm Springs community.

The shelter is open at 10 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday at the shelter at 1112 Wasco Street. You may call 541-553-0036 for an appointment.

The shelter is located on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. The needs of tribal people are addressed; or who may pose a security risk to other individuals; and who may pose a security risk to the shelter.

**Social Security Assistance**

If anyone needs Social Security assistance, no walk-ins are accepted at this time.

You must schedule an appointment by calling 541-553-4955 between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Resource Center.

If no answer, please leave your name and a call back number.

The building is under renovations at this time.

If you do not have an appointment, you will not be able to be seen. Sorry very sorry for any inconvenience.

Rosemary Alancon, 541-553-4955 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Wishes…**

Happy Birthday to Cassie Marie on July 19. I love you and the sun is well rising.

Happy 15th, Lacey, to Mario Llamas Brown.

**Skilled classes**

Registration is open for Central Oregon Community College’s summer term for Native American students.

StrongHearts is the first national helpline specifically designed and for Native Americans experiencing domestic violence.

We are here to help any individual impacted by domestic violence and dating abuse but our area of expertise is understanding the needs of tribal people.

When reaching out to StrongHearts, there are two options to reach us. For those whom are not Native American, you may call 1-844-762-8463. For some, it may be easier and safer to use the online chat advocacy feature.

You may also visit stronghearts.org

**Apologies**

To Naomi B.,

I am sorry for my actions in October of 1997. And I am sorry for lying to you in the original apology letter, acting like I didn’t do it, back in 2000. And I apologize to the community. Sincerely, Tammy Sisper Stone.

To the community of Warm Springs,

I am writing this letter of apology regarding my actions on March 23, 2020. I am very sorry for the pain and pain and putting the community in danger. I did this. We will continue to be here for you, for those who need us, and for those who need us at this time. I believe it will be a change in this country.

If you do not have an appointment, you will not be able to be seen. Sorry very sorry for any inconvenience.

**Art in the West**

The High Desert Museum in Bend will unveil a stellar collection of traditional and contemporary art on Saturday, August 1 in its annual Art in the West. This year’s exhibition features works by 50 artists. This year’s show features a wide variety of traditional and contemporary art on the West Coast. If you are interested in purchasing artwork at the museum, or you wish to visit the exhibition, please contact the museum for more information.

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Wild West Summer by Kathleen Frank

This year’s Canton’s Choice Award is presented to Kathleen Frank for her painting of Old West summer farmer. A Santa Fe-based landscape artist whose family moved exposed her to a diversity of cultures and artistic styles. The jury’s Choice Award goes to Millie Whipple’s Plank for her painting of Rapture. Informed by her coastal upbringing, Whipple’s Plank’s work elucidates biodiversity and the preserv-
Two wildfires recently in the area

Two wildfires broke out recently in the region, one of them on the reservation. The Milepost 91 fire broke out on July 9 on the reservation, closing Highway 26 for 12 hours. The fire burned approximately 800 acres, and threatened two structures. The Warm Springs fire crews protected the structures, avoiding property damage, said Troy Leonard, Fire Management Officer. Five 20-member crews were on scene. Then this past weekend a fire broke out near Highway 26 six miles south of Warm Springs. The Potom Dun fire burned about 60 acres, and again required closure of Highway 26. During the day the fire de- vided at a 40-mile stretch of the high- way was closed for several days, delaying traffic.

Dynamic approach to warming up

by Alicia Oberholzer

V.S. Holistic Health

A dynamic warm up is a se- quence of controlled movements performed at the beginning of a workout. The goal of a dynamic warm up is to improve perfor- mance and reduce risk of injury. It is a more active approach than traditional static stretching. In- stead of holding static positions for long periods of time, dynamic warm-ups incorporate faster paced movements specific to the sport. Incorporating a dynamic warm up into a pregame routine can have several powerful benefits. Studies have shown that dynamic warm-ups increase the blood flow and transport of oxygen to working muscles. Research has also indi- cated: better balance, improved muscle flexibility, and joint lubrication, allowing for working muscles. Dynamic warm ups have also been linked with enhancement in coordination, higher level move- ments, and reaction speed. Here are a few examples of ex- ercises that can be incorporated into a dynamic warm up:

Side shuffling. Jogging.
Circles. Jumping Jacks.

COCC okays fall reopening plans

The Central Oregon Community College board of directors last week approved the college’s Re- opening Operational Plan for the Conduct of In-Person Instruc- tional, Residential and Research Activities.

The college had been closed to nearly all in-person activities as a necessity at the end of March. Since Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s executive order in March.

In mid-June, the Oregon Health Authority released guidance for the reopening of Oregon’s colleges and universities. Among the higher education requirements was a man- date for every institution to secure board approval of a reopening op- erational plan prior to September 1.

With the COCC board approval, the college will prepare to resume in-person learning across its four campuses for the 2020 fall term beginning September 21.

COCC plans to offer in-per- son instruction at all campuses this fall, along with online, remote and hybrid options for students. To help students find the courses when they will feel most comfortable, the college has updated its credit class schedule so that students can search for classes listed by cam- pus or by modality (online or hy- brid). COCC is also prepared to move to fully remote or online in- struction if altered to do so by the rules.

One of COCC’s principles of community is “To Promote a Healthy and Safe Learning Envi- ronment.” In the spirit of this principle, the college requires the use of face coverings across all campuses when in an indoor setting, or in outdoor areas where physical dis- tancing is not easily maintained, unless an exception per OHA guidelines is met.

To support this face coverings policy, COCC will provide free and readily available washable and dispos- able face coverings to faculty, staff, students, and visitors to campus.

COCC’s reopening plans are available via its website, cocc.edu.

Regional drought conditions

The YouthBuild fast-track educa- tion and job training program is recruiting Warm Springs youth for the 2020-2021 school year at all campuses for the 2020 fall term.

YouthBuild will hold its infor- mation sessions as follows at

YouthBuild, 68797 George Cyrus Rd., Siuslaw.
July 21 and August 25, and September 1, 8, and 15. Call Briana at 928-274-2128 for infor- mation.
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Troy Sam-Smith, Respondent; Case No. CR5-20.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

A hearing on this matter has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 10th day of August, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

CTWI, Petitioner,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 August, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

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Data tallies Native testing for virus

The Indian Health Ser-
vice updated its coronavirus
testing data for the U.S. Na-
tive population, as excerpted
by IHS.

According to the data, as
of earlier this month: 20,260
tests had returned positive
for Covid-19. That represents an
increase of about 1.7 percent from
the 20,197 cases previously re-
ported.

Alaska, 33,158 tests had been
administered through early July; the
IHS data shows:

Overall, 6.9 percent of IHS
program participants had
returned positive, accord-
ing to the data. However, the
rate was far higher in the
IHS Phoenix Area, where
17.4 percent are positive.

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largest reservation in the
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Last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision reaffirms that understanding.

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Essays are between 300 and 400 words.

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