Near- and far-term water solutions

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Hoping to reopen in August

Like the tribal organization, the Museum at Warm Springs has gone once again closed. The tentative re-opening date is Tuesday, August 4. This date may be extended.

The museum reopened on July 7 after being closed since mid-March. During the closure staff has routinely and thoroughly cleaned and sanitized the entire building.

The museum has been following strict guidelines for public facilities, which have been regularly updated and closely monitored by the Warm Springs Covid-19 Response Team.

Following the museum’s possible re-opening, public on August 4, admittance to the museum’s main exhibit wing will be limited to 10 people with no more than five in the gallery at any time. Visitor to the Museum Gift Shop will be limited to two people unless the visitors are in one car or unit.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council will require all museum visitors and staff to wear masks while in the building.

A number of other health precautions have already been established at the museum, all designed to keep the public and museum staff safe.

“We will get through this together, and are looking forward to once again opening our museum’s doors, but only what it is absolutely safe to do so,” said Elizabeth Woody, museum director.

“The public can be assured that we will do everything possible to ensure visitors have a safe and enjoyable time while they are at our museum,” Ms. Woody said.

The Museum at Warm Springs new exhibition is titled ‘The Path of Reflection.’ This will be on view through September, Sunday 26.

The Central Oregon Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (COIC) is offering limited physical therapy and acupuncturists. For more information and updates, please visit coic.org.

The museum’s Facebook page.

For the first time ever the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission elects in its new chairman by teleconference.

The new commission chair is Jeremy Takala (Yakama). Mr. Takala was sworn in by teleconference by outgoing chair Jeremy Red Star Wolf. The commission officers rotate among the four member tribes on an annual basis.

The other 2020-2021 officers are Vice chair Fortis Paiwan (Nez Perce), secretary Ryan Smith (Warm Springs), and treasurer, Jeremy Red Star Wolf (Umatilla).

CRITFC provides the tribes and region with valuable biological research, fisheries management, hydrology, and other science to support the protection and restoration of Columbia River Basin salmon, lamprey, and sturgeon.

The vision is to reverse the decline of salmon, lamprey and sturgeon, and rebuild their numbers to full productivity.

This work is guided by the holistic principles outlined in the K’áan- Kii Shik-Ma-Ws-Kul-Wit (Spirit of the Salmon), the tribal salmon plan that addresses recommended restoration actions in every phase of the salmon’s lifecycle from stream to ocean and back.

The Warm Springs Tribal Council is advertising for the following board positions:

- The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Officier (TERO) has one tribal member position.
- The Warm Springs Ventures, the economic development enterprise of the tribes, has two non-member positions.
- The Warm Springs Telecommunications has two non-member positions.
- The Warm Springs Housing Authority has two positions.

There is also a vacancy on the Warm Springs Court of Appeals.

The deadline to apply for any of these positions is August 3.

Submit a letter of interest and resume to the office of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Secretary-Treasurer/CEO PO Box C, Warm Springs, 97761.

Free vegetable kits are available today morning at 11 a.m. at the Warm Springs Community Action Team on Campus.

They are partnering with the Stein Seed to Table project to provide more fresh produce options to the community, increase food sovereignty and support Tribal agricultural development.

The Warm Springs Ho-locast Health Center, located on campus next to the courthouse, is offering limited physical therapy and acupuncture services. They are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Appointments are required. You can call 541-777-2663 to learn more. The center is located in the building across from the courthouse.

The 509 J school district Summer Meal Program for youth 18 years of age offers: free; grab-and-go meals, on weekdays through the summer.

This program takes place Monday thru Friday 11:30-12:00 p.m. at the Warm Springs Academy. Delivery goes out to pick up points in outerlying areas as well.

For medical advice outside of Warm Springs ISS regular hours, you can call the Registered Nurse Health Advice Hotline 24 hours a day. The number is 1-866-470-2015.

If you missed any of our Distance Learning Eagle News segments this spring, you can hear the Eagle News Podcast on the KFXX website, kfxw.com.

If you want to catch our Summer Reading stories, go to the website and click on the storybook area.

The theme of the Jefferson County Library Summer Reading Pro- gram this year is Imagine Your Story!

On Monday, Summer Reading Program kids are distributed at the 509 J Free Meal sites. The kits will contain a book or craft kits.

Learn more online at jldg.org.

The Central Oregon Inte- r-Tribal Fish Commission and re- gional partners have emerg- ency grant funds for small businesses and non-profit impacted by the eco- nomic downturn caused by the spread of Covid-19.

Eligible businesses and non-profits can receive from $2,500 to $25,000 in grant funds, depending on number of employees and other fac- tors.

A complete list of program guidelines and a link to the grant application can be found at COIC’s website: coic.org.

The grant program closes Monday July 20.

AmbelsCorps at Heart of Oregon Corps is a 3 month program with youth 17-24. Call Wayne Miller at 541-555-2235.

Notice to tribal fishers

This tribal fishery announcement applies to all of Zone 6:

- Out of an abundance of caution for the safety of tribal fishers, and lower than expected catches, the tribes have opted not to set another commercial gillnet open- ing in the Columbia River.

- The platform fishery, however, will remain open for both subsistence and com- mercial use.

- The tribes urge fish- ers to stay healthy, ob- serve social distancing, wear masks, and practice for the upcoming fall sea- son.

- If you have law en- forcement or safety con- cerns please contact Co- lumbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at 1-800-487-3474 or 541-360-6363.

- For information on marketing tribal caught fish, contact Buck Jones, Salmon Marketing Spe- cialist at 503-238-6667. For CRITFC text alerts: Subscribe by sending the keyword “critfc” in a text message to the number 103- 555-488.
The bill to nullify the 'treaty of 1865' is making its way through the federal legislative process. The bill has been introduced, having been introduced last year in the House by Rep. Greg Walden (R-Hood River) and in the Senate by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-East Portland). The hope is that the bill will be finalized and sent to President Trump for signing before the August Congressional recess, said Louis Pitt, director of tribal Governmental Affairs.

Tribal Council and Mr. Pitt have advocated for years that the 1865 'supplemental treaty'—also called 'the fraudulent hunting document'—be formally repealed by the federal government.

Terms of the Huntington document have never been enforced by a federal court or agency, and the tribes have never recognized it as binding. The document, drafted, was ratified in 1867. During the past 154 years, the federal government has never formally declared it as binding. The 1865 document was enforceable or had any legal effect.

The Treaty of 1855 created the Warm Springs Reservation while recognizing the tribal right to hunt, fish and gather at usual and accustomed places and an "unclaimed lands" within and beyond the 11,000 square miles of the Columbia Lands.

Then a decade later the Oregon superintendent of Indian Affairs, one J.W. Huntington, orchestrated the so-called 'treaty of 1865.' This document—with no apparent compromise to the tribes, and with hardly any tribal signatures—purported to extinguish tribal off-reservation rights as enshrined by the Treaty of 1865. A provision in the 1865 document also says tribal members could only leave the reservation with written BIA permission.

In the mid-1990s the tribes and U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield were working on a project for the repair of a critical water line over Shitike Creek. The federal grant would provide temporary fix. A recent break in the water line, this grant will help the repair of a critical water line over Shitike Creek. The federal grant would provide temporary fix.

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Confluence online

Confluence had planned a busy spring and early summer this year of Story Gathering, citizenship-building projects, youth field trips, a volunteer work party, a tribal canoe race and finally, field school field trips for educators to visit indigenous communities throughout the Columbia River system.

Like so many events, all of that had to be cancelled, postponed or moved due to Covid-19. We suddenly found ourselves learning the technical skills of Zoom meetings and live-streaming. It was challenging at times, but we also have been inspired to have the opportunity to connect with folks online and include indigenous voices we may not have otherwise been able to hear because of distance and busy schedules.

The result was a new series called Confluence Conversations with some amazing speakers. Thanks to them for taking on their time and insights.

If you didn’t get a chance to join us in person, check out the recordings of Voices in Land and Law and Try. What Does It Mean To Be American, and Parallel Lives.

We continue our season with the Confluence Field School in June and July with a diverse group of educators from across Oregon and Washington.

Originally planned as a masked, COVID-safe event with tribal leaders and tradition keepers, we instead gathered on Zoom and Webex.

These were powerful, in-depth discussions. Thank you to all of our tribal colleagues and partners.

As challenging as this transition was, we all learned a lot.

To the Voice.

From VOCS

Youth work

We are excited to announce our new YouthBuild program as of date of September 21.

Interested Neckers please sign up online and come to an information session that we will be hosting. This link to apply and the date of the information session are below.

We have worked hard to include important Covid-19 protocols and procedures that we will have in place to protect our members and staff to ensure the safety and health of all.

Please feel free to contact our Program Assistant Briana Binder at 541-553-3171 with any questions or need more information.

We look forward to welcoming a new group of Neckers.

Questions? Call our program assistant Briana Binder at 541-553-3171.

With this program youth will learn the skills of their peers and gain valuable job training. The students earn course and scholarship credits by learning for their GED or high school diploma.

YouthBuild at Heart of Oregon Corps is a 12-month program designed to engage young people ages 16-24 who wish to complete their high school education and learn construction skills through building affordable housing in Central Oregon.

Dates and locations for upcoming YouthBuild Information Sessions:

- Tuesday, August 25, YouthBuild, 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.
- Tuesday, September 1 sam's location.
- Tuesday, September 8, sam's location.

“#Confluence19 Mnt Montana” Tour starts date Monday, September 21.

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Rehabilitation service at W.S. Holistic Health

By Dr. Mary Ellen Moreland, Ph.D.

W.S. Holistic Health

Rehabilitation service at W.S. Holistic Health offers unique, evidence-based, holistic mental health care services.

At W.S. Holistic Health, our team offers individual, couples, family, and group therapy to help people overcome the challenges of addiction.

The rehabilitation process begins with a thorough assessment to identify each client’s unique needs. This assessment includes a comprehensive medical history, physical and psychological evaluations, and substance use screening.

Based on the assessment results, a personalized treatment plan is developed to address each client’s specific needs. This plan is tailored to meet the individual’s goals and may include medication management, nutrition and exercise programs, and alternative therapies such as acupuncture and yoga.

Our team of highly trained and experienced professionals provides compassionate care in a setting that promotes healing and recovery.

To learn more about our services and how we can help you or a loved one, please contact us at 541-553-3171 or visit our website at wsholistichealth.com.
During the tribal organization closure, you can reach the Hu- man Resources Department at 541-533-3262 during the day. Cheryl Tom, department director, c.moses@wstribes.org

Spilyay Tymoo, Warm Springs, Oregon                         July 29, 2020                                                                         Page 5

Dear Jefferson County families and staff members,
We have received significant re-
visions to “Readies Schools, Safe Learners” guidance. The updated guidance is 69 pages in length and contains 65 changes, additions, revisions and deletions to the previous guid-
lines.

The most significant updates in-
clude requirements for all students and staff to wear masks at school, and cohort—groups of people who interact closely—may not ex-
cede 100 people in a week. In other words, the group of students or staff who the student interacts with closely dur-
ing their week may not be more that 100 people.

In June, schools and districts in Oregon were asked to plan to re-
open schools in the fall under one of three models:

1. On-Campus 2.
2. Hybrid model—some at school and some on a dis-
rance learning model.
3. Distance Learning model.

These three choices, or combi-
nations of these choices, remain the same, but the new guidelines must be reviewed carefully to de-
termine impacts on these options for reopening our schools.

District leaders, Health De-
partment leaders, school admin-
istrators, teachers, school nurses and support staff will review the three choices and we are working to get a draft plan for reopening by families by this Friday, July 31.

This is later than we had hoped to distribute our draft plan for in-
put, but the late changes from the states require us to revisit our plan-
ging in great detail.

Athletics
On another note, the Oregon Schools Activities Association re-
leased updated information on ath-
letics and activities for the school year.

The most significant change is moving the date of the first ath-
letic contact back approximately one month, and continued precau-
tions related to football competi-
tion.

Finally, we will continue to ask for further feedback from our com-
munity to assist in the planning pro-
cess. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Go to the site: jcsd.k12.or.us

We appreciate your support during these unique times. I hope all of you are healthy and well. Sincerely,
Ken Paxton, district super-
intendent.

Cheryl Tom, department director, c.moses@wstribes.org

St. Charles Health Services feeling covid impact

July brought increasing ups and downs on the COVID-19 front. Our hospitalizations had stabilized in mid-June, with 16 people in the hospital in the month, but positive test re-
aults from those not in your immediate family are learning how to live in this next normal. As of July 20 of our 30 ICU beds in the system are occupied.

When virus numbers climb, we do become concerned about the long-term health of our community and caregivers and community. This is where your actions continue to make a huge difference in our suc-
cess. We appreciate all of those who are doing your part to stay healthy so that when possible, wear a mask when in public, wash your hands frequently and physically distance from each other in your immediate households.

When asked how it was living in this next phase of our reality, you for your ongoing support through-
out this very difficult journey. Sin-
cerely,
Joe Stika, St. Charles president and chief executive officer.

“The Treaty of 1855 remains the only document describing the rights of the Warm Springs tribes. As a matter of policy, the Forest Service recognizes only the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, 1855.”

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541-923-3545

Latest IHS covid data

The Indian Health Service has updated its coronavirus data, showing new cases through late July 22. According to the data, across Indian country, 20,078 new tests have returned positive for Covid-19. That represents an increase of 1.2 percent from the 28,638 cases previously reported.

Altogether, 435,535 coronavirus tests have been administered through late July; the data shows. That marks an increase of 1.8 percent from the data prior.

The relatively low growth in positive tests and cases is un-
usual for a day-to-day comparison during the week. Typically, the rates only drop during weekends, but the growth rate might reveal a trend.

Overall, nearly 6.7 percent of IHS coronavirus tests have returned positive, according to the data. But the rise is far higher in the Phoenix Area, where about 37 percent are positive.

Sadly, we also experienced the death of Central Oregon n- nodiatives from the virus.

In another development, Deschutes County reported the first known outbreak in a local memory care fac-
tory. Our team was happy to pro-
vide testing and other support as part of the response effort, and has been proud of how Mt. Bach-
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 CVS Pharmacy

450 NE 11th Street
Redmond, OR 97756

Get your flu shots here! We have three locations in Redmond: the Walmart, the Redmond Shopping Center, and the Family Planet. Please call 541-622-6952 for hours.

Some services available during shut-down

While the current "stay-at-home" order is in effect, the Oregon Health Authority is allowing some businesses to continue to serve customers.

Restaurant staff are allowed to serve customers, but only for take-out or delivery.

Retail stores are required to have social distancing measures in place, including a maximum of two customers at a time.

Essential services such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations are allowed to remain open.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to recommend that people wear masks in public settings and when social distancing is not possible.

The CDC also recommends that people wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

We are committed to protecting the health and safety of our patients and staff.

We are here for you.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Public Notice

S&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a 5G wireless network tower (Northeast of W-3R), Warm Springs Indian Reservation. A public hearing regarding the project is scheduled for the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 9:00 AM, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear at a hearing scheduled for the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 9:00 AM. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 9:00 AM, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear at a hearing scheduled for the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 9:00 AM.

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Critical health notice

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Latest employment numbers for Jefferson County

The second phase of the reservation has closed, leading to a notable increase in unemployment rates across Central Oregon.

Despite the improvements, the employment situation remains far below levels from before the pandemic.

The region has recovered only 38 percent of all jobs lost in March and April.

Jefferson County: The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate is 13.1 percent in June, down from 17 percent in May.

The rate remains up significantly from this time last year when it was five percent.

Jefferson County added 250 jobs in June and roughly half of those jobs can be attributed to economic recovery.

The largest monthly gains were in manufacturing, retail trade, accommodations and food services, and health care and social assistance.

Jefferson County posted the first improvement in employment since the start of the crisis.

Hiker dies in fall on Jefferson

A 65-year-old climber fell several hundred feet to his death in the Clarno Unit on an early morning climb on Saturday.

The man was with a group who hiked from the west side of the mountain to the east side, which includes the reservation of the Confederated Tribes.

The body occurred at about 9,000 feet elevation.

Because the climber fell on a map and rugged part of the peak, the response team used a helicopter in the recovery effort.

The area is known for its challenging and remote conditions.

An investigation is ongoing.

A message from NativeHearts helpline

Men can be victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence is a serious issue that disproportionately affects marginalized communities. For some men, violence is a way to assert control and power, and to prove their masculinity.

Violence against men is unfortunately common, and socialization may lead you to believe otherwise; but the truth is men, and people of all genders, can and do experience violence.

Abuse against men can start at a very young age, and the effects carry on with them into adulthood.

When it comes to sexual violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, men who reported abuse had significantly more unmet needs than did adult women.

Men are also less likely to seek help for mental health or substance use conditions, and their rates of suicide and substance use are significantly higher than those of women.

Statistics show that there is an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in India.

In India, not only men but also women have experienced violence in their lifetime; one in four has experienced some form of sexual or physical violence; one in three has endured physical violence by an intimate partner; and nearly three in four have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner.

Fortunately, there is work being done to reduce this rate of violence.

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Tribal policy on confidentiality, social media

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