Ages: Active Cases 7.30.2020

Comprehensive Distance Learning continues for now, work contemplates

The tribal organization is set to meet on Monday, August 17.

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Data shows covid contagion rates

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This is an opportunity for students in virtual classrooms.

The money passes through the Oregon Business Development Department to the tribal government. The funding must be used by the end of the year.

The pending federal legislation is the Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act, a proposed addition to America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2010. This bill is sponsored by Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley. If adopted by the full Congress and signed into law, the bill would provide an additional $200- to $30 million for safe drinking water projects to Western tribes.

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In the meantime the state—the government’s office, Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority—established new health metrics. By these metrics, the on-site learning option will no longer be possible in Jefferson County, as with other districts in the state.

Specifically, an on-site learning health metric would require a Covid-19 positivity rate of 2 percent or three consecutive weeks. In the 509-J district the current rate is 17 percent; so there is far too many cases to meet the standard. The positivity rate test is one of the health metrics that apply.

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Ancient petroglyphs moving closer home

Two petroglyphs located outside the historic Grant House near Fort Vancouver will soon return closer to their place of origin. The petroglyphs are believed to be up to 10,000 years old.

The ancient works were carved by artists from the Nez Perce and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The relocation project will see that the two petroglyphs move to the Columbia Hills State Park this fall. The project is funded by the grant from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Yakama Nation, Columbia Basin Trust, Umatilla and Nez Perce Tribes, city of Vancouver, Clark County Historical Society, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The petroglyphs for now sit isolated on a hillside surrounded by foliage on the lawn of the Grant House.

Sue Matters, at KWSO, is a support specialist for Warm Springs’ Art, Culture and Heritage Commission. In the 1950s the U.S. government approved construction of the Dalles Dam. This would flood tribal sites and the tribal art. At the time accommodation efforts led by the tribes, in conjunction with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, recovered around 40 petroglyphs before the dam flooded the area in 1957.

Most of the recovered works are already gathered at Columbia Hills Historical State Park in a permanent outdoor display called Taman Peh-Wa, or “Witness on the Rock.”

Weighing in at about 2 and one-half tons apiece, the two petroglyphs at the Grant House arrived in Vancouver in 1957 as a donation. The petroglyphs depict a head—but the exact meaning remains a mystery, lost to time.

Both of these works came from Spald’s Valley, just upstream of what would eventually be The Dalles Dam.

According to Liz Oliver, an archaeologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, representatives from the city and the Clark County Historical Society a few years ago approached the Corps with a request to return the petroglyphs to their place of origin.

The Columbia River Gorge Commission approved the project application in July. The petroglyphs will join the other works on display as part of Tamani Peh-Wa, along with a near 200-foot dry-stack wall to protect the inscription.

My hope is that by putting this information together in one place—online at kwsoradio.com—we can create a roadmap for expanding this project together.

I believe we can produce some of our story ideas into meaningful professional quality videos for your family, the community, and people who may never even visit Warm Springs. There may even be opportunities to expand what we do, and help a project like this grow in other communities.

In the meantime, stay tuned. As we publish material in a weekly blog, we will be creating ways for you to stay up-to-date on when new posts are published, ask questions, share your experiences and have fun with it.

This column is meant for the tribe, the community, and the reservation. As folks start to get in touch with us, let us know what you think and let them take the lead. The way we’re moving forward with our plan, for now at least, can be found on the KWSO website.

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‘Coming Home’ blog with KWSO

by Travis Gilmore

You have likely heard the folks at KWSO talking about a new project called Cowguy Home—Warm Springs.

This is a part of a nationwide grant, funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The aim is to tell stories in our country’s rural areas. Sue Matters at KWSO and I have been working together for a few years to find a project like this that would be a good fit for Warm Springs. And, being who we are, we wanted to do it a little differently.

Our ‘pitch’ to the funders, and now to you, is maybe deceptively simple: When we’re out there, instead of just stopping in from other places to tell the stories in Warm Springs—we invest our energies into you the people who call this home.

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**Contact tracing**

Warm Springs public health nurses continue to conduct contact trace for positive cases of Covid-19.

Studies have determined that they are not able to determine whether someone was vaccinated, if they continued the courses, or they are still doing contact tracing. Recent numbers, from late July, showed that 18 percent of active cases were listed as unknown as to where the person was exposed.


**Alloying**

For the health of your loved ones and the community, 61 percent were 29 years old or younger. Although younger people are less likely to have pre-existing health conditions, they may or may not be symptomatic, it's important to remember how easily this coronavirus spreads.

The nurses remind you, please for the health of your loved ones and the community, do not cough with your hands, and continue to:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wear a face mask or covering anytime you are in public.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet away from people not from your household.
- Keep kids home.
- Go out only for essential activities like groceries, medical care, or work.
- Group safely in small gatherings.
- Don't meet up with people you haven't seen, give them a call or connect online.
- If you feel sick, stay in a room away from others in your home.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 you must isolate yourself for at least 14 days. Public Health Nurses will call to check on you.
- If you have had close contact with a positive case of Covid-19, you also need to isolate yourself and watch for any symptoms.

**Attention League bowlers**

We are looking to minimize the crowds to a total of 36 bowlers per league night, maximum. Please contact your Director of Senior Services or a doctor at Madras Bowl to ask that you plan to return to bowling this year. The number is 541-475-3353.

If your league night reaches the max number, there is an option to hold on to other nights, if there are openings.

Please know this is not an easy decision—no one has to limit bowlers. It is necessary to make these choices to help keep our Madras Bowl open.

Please be kind—even if you don't agree with the mandated orders. Mike and Jocias, 11, and Nakiah, 6; and sister Serenity, 3. Grandparents on the maternal side are Douglas Williams Jr. and Sybil Williams of Warm Springs.

**From IHS**

At the Warm Springs Indian Health Service, we can't ask that you ask them that you call to check on you if you plan on going there. For a regular appointment please call 541-553-2610.

The Warm Springs Indian Health Services Covid-19 Nurse Triage Hotline number is 541-553-5512.

Outside of IHS regular business hours, you can call the Reg. Nurse Health Advice Center at 1-866-470-2015.

For non-medical questions, call 541-553-1196.

**From W.S. Holistic Health**

The American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, and Center of Disease Control recommend that adults perform at least two days of strength training per week.

Warm Springs Holistic Health is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Holistic Health is a great place, it's necessary, and we're open.

Please call 541-777-2663 to learn more. The center, a program of Mendes of Madras, is located on campus next to the community center.

**Looking forward to 2021 tournament**

We wish you the best of luck with your future. Stay safe—Go Indians!
Removing invasive plant species from Lake Billy Chinook

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The plant is found in Lake Billy Chinook. This July began a removal project of the invasive aquatic plants.

To prevent it, you should:

1. Keep your yard and garden clean. Eurasian watermilfoil can travel to new locations on dirt as they pull the material apart.
2. Cool these spots with water and clean anything that goes in the water.
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The six curbside collection sites replaced the drive-through testing.

The sites include:

1. St. Charles Family Care in Madras at 480 NE 5th St. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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4. Before going to any of St. Charles collection sites, individuals are asked to blow their nose at home and wash their hands afterward, but to avoid using nasal spray or nasal saline due to 14-hour prior to collection.

St. Charles' Immediate Care clinics are also able to evaluate individuals and provide Covid-19 specimen collection without an appointment.

St. Charles and Imm-

cidence in the KWSO website - KWSO.org

Correction facility closed

The Warm Springs Police Department reported that the Warm Springs Correctional Facility closed due to maintenance issues.

They have contracted with Northern Oregon Regional Correc-
tional Facility—or NORCOR—in The Dalles.

In addition from the Corrections facility: Remember that in the event a person is arrested on tribal criminal charges, it is up to the individual to provide his or her own transportation back home after being released from custody.

No timeline was given for reopening of the Warm Springs jail. In other public safety news:

Cougars sighted

The Warm Springs Police Department alerted commu-
nity members in the Kal-Nez-Tu, Wolf Point, Cotton Bridge, Charley Canyon, Schoolie and Simnahan areas that a large cougar was sighted recently by Kab-Nez-Tu security officers recently.

They reminded you that if you encounter a cougar in the wild, or a feral cat, you should:

1. Stay calm and stand your ground. Maintain direct eye contact.

2. Clap your hands. If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.

3. Give the cougar its space. If it is a small, furry, feline, you can try to give it a ``gray squirrel'' response.

4. Raise your voice and speak firmly. If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.

5. If in the unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any other item available. Always be aware of your surroundings.

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mediate Care in La Pine at 5781 NE Neff Road. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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St. Charles Health Services this month added curbside Covid-19 specimen collection at six sites. The curbside service is available to any person with a physician's lab order, and no appointment is needed.

The six curbside collection sites replaced the drive-through testing.

The sites include:

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dra at 480 NE 5th St. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Glenda Fisher, Respondent; Case No. JVS-15-10. TO: EDITH WYENA, CPS, JV Pros: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 17th day of September, 2020 @ 10:00 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. CLARENCE REDICK, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV11-17. TO: CLARENCE REDICK, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHARED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 23rd day of September, 2020 @ 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Glenann retail, Respondent; Case No. JVS-16-26. TO: MELINDA BERRY, CPS, JV Pros: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a BUREAU REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 17th day of September, 2020 @ 10:00 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. OLIVIA TREADWAY, Respondent; Case No. JV05-10. TO: MELINDA BERRY, CPS, JV Pros: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 2nd day of SEPTMBER, 2020 @ 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. LYLE RHOAN JR., ANNETTE JIM, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV16-20. TO: LYLE RHOAN JR., ANNETTE JIM, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER GUARDIANSHIP / CUSTODY REVIEW / CUSTODY MODIFICATION has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 4:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. JESSICA TUFFITJIM, Respondent; Case No. JV10-07. TO: JESSICA TUFFITJIM, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHARED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. KISHON GRAYBAEL, Respondent; Case No. JVS-15-15. TO: KISHON GRAYBAEL, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at the hearing scheduled for the 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 @ 2:00 PM.

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