Families next week can pick up the student Chromebook computer device for the start of the new 509-J school year. A parent or guardian must be present to pick up the Chromebook; the student need not be present for pick up. Importantly, you must sign up for the Chromebook before arriving to pick it up. You can find and fill out the form online at jnjk218.org.

On the website choose the Safely Returning to School tab, and find the ‘Device Request Form’ tab. The device pick-up time is from 1 to 7 p.m. at the following sites on the following days:

- **Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, August 31, September 1, and 4 at the Madras High School.**
- **Wednesday, September 2, and 3 at the Warm Springs Academy.**
- **Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, September 8 at the Burns Paiute High School.**

Pick up the Chromebook or Chromebooks—there should be one per student—the parent, guardian and student can receive one computer device at a time, on a first-come, first-to-log-in and set up basis for the Comprehensive Distance Learning program.

The district will use COMPASS Distance Learning for at least the first six weeks of the new school year, which begins Tuesday, August 25, 2020. The health metrics in the district would allow on-site teaching and learning only if the Covid-19 positivity test rate is lower than 5 percent.

Teachers and staff are returning to work next week, and will engage in intensive training in Comprehensive Distance Learning.
The following is a summary of the Tribal Council meeting held Monday, August 17, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti. Roll call: Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Raymond Tsumpti, Vice Chair Brigette McCorville, Raymond Captain Moody, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wena Jr., Glendon Smith, and Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Affirm the Organization Closure:
- Motion made by Anita extending the organization closure from August 17 until August 24. Second by Alfred; Anita/yes, Alfred/yes, Brigette/yes, Brigette/yes, Wilson/yes, Captain/yes, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Letter to Pamplin Media:
- Motion by Captain approving Chairman Tsumpti to sign the letter to Pamplin Media. Second by Glendon; 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Reviewed and discussed the CARES Act Funding and expenditures.

Covid-19 Team Update.

Resolutions with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Services Contract – Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,715, that Tribal Council hereby approves the Contract attached to the Resolution as Exhibit “A,” and approves the express and limited waiver of tribal sovereign immunity set out in Section 21 a of the Contract. The Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO are authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the Tribes. Second by Anita; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Grant contract with the State of Oregon Business Development Department – Motion by Glendon adopting Resolution No. 12,716 that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Grant Contract, attached as Exhibit No. 1, and specifically approves the limited waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity set out in Section 10 of the Grant Contract. Tribal Council hereby authorizes Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, to sign and execute the Grant Contract on behalf of the Tribe. Second by Anita; 6/2/0, Jay/No, Captain/No, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Highway 26 Safety Corridor Agreement Resolution is tabled for more information.
- VW Trust Vehicle Recommendation:
  - Motion by Anita approving submittal of documents and type of vehicles described for purposes and operation of vehicles in that document. Second by Glendon; 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
  - Motion by Captain to adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

Register to vote 2020

The last day to register to vote in the November 3 general election is October 13. You can find a link to register to vote at the KWSO website kwso.org.

At the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, they ask that you call ahead if you plan on going there. For a regular appointment call 541-553-2610. The Warm Springs Indian Health Services Covid-19 Nurse Triage Hotline number is 541-553-5512. Outside of 911 regular hours, you can call the Registered Nurse Health Advice Helpline at 1-866-470-2015. For all other business call 541-553-1196.

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The Confederated Tribes have adopted the off-reservation hunting seasons and regulations. Current seasons for off-reservation are:

- Pronghorn antelope: Now through October 31.
- Archery, deer and elk: Through October 2.
- Off-reservation buck and deer, rifle: September through October 31.
- Early elk, cow and spike: September 1 through October 16.
- Bull elk: October 17 through November 30.
- Late elk, cow and spike: December 1 through January 31, 2021.
- Bighorn sheep hunts: September 1 through November 30.
- John Day Canyon mule deer buck: November 1 through November 29.
- John Day Middle Fork white-tail hunt: October 3 through November 30.

For assistance you can email: wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org
Or call 541-553-2001 during business hours.

Off rez hunting

The long-planned Warm Springs Highway 26 safety corridor project is scheduled to go to bid in the fall, with construction in early 2021. The project was scheduled for completion this year, but the Oregon Department of Transportation has moved the project to next year.

The project will include repaving the highway; plus construction of a multi-use path from the Shell station to the Museum at Warm Springs-Indian Head Casino area.

A focus of the project is pedestrian safety. The highway from Hollywood Boulevard to the museum can be hazardous for people walking or riding a bike. The pathway along the side of the highway will help address the problem.

Highway accident takes two lives

Two people—a Warm Springs woman, and a 5-year-old girl—were killed in a three-vehicle accident Friday evening on Highway 26.
A 10-year-old boy was seriously injured in the crash, according to Warm Springs Police.

Police and Fire and Warm Springs Fire and Safety responded around 7:30 p.m., August 21 to the accident, near milepost 81.
They found a 2019 Nissan Sentra in the middle of the road with severe front-end damage.
A 2018 Ford Edge had flipped onto its top, police said.
A third vehicle, a 2015 Chevy Suburban, was on fire on the highway.

The driver of the Nissan, a Warm Springs resident, and one of her passengers, the 5-year-old girl, died at the scene, police said.
Also in the Nissan, the 10-year-old boy was taken to St. Charles Madison, then flown in serious condition to a Portland-area hospital.

Oregon State Police are doing a crash reconstruction. Warm Springs Police gave the following statement:
“Due to the increase in the amount of traffic on the roadways during the summer months—and the number of recent motor vehicle crashes in and around the Warm Springs Reservation—the Warm Springs Tribal Police are enhancing traffic enforcement by increasing traffic patrols, and issuing more citations for speeding and unsafe driving.”

Scenic of accident with SUV in flames.
Confluence stories

In these uncertain times, the Clackamas County Commission is watching over the landscape of the community and the many challenges that face us. The Commission is committed to supporting its residents and businesses in their efforts to adapt to the changes that are happening all around us. The Commission is also working to ensure that the community is well-prepared to face the challenges of the future.

Contact tracing

If you’ve been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you may need to be contacted by a contact tracer or public health worker from the health department in an effort to help slow the spread of the disease.

Here’s a list of what you can expect if you are contacted by a contact tracer:

- They may call you to talk about your exposure to COVID-19. All information you share with a contact tracer is confidential.
- They may ask you to self-isolate.
- They may ask you to check your temperature and practice self-care.
- They may need to know how you are feeling.
- They may ask you to keep in touch with your contact tracer.
- They may ask you to stay home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

If you have COVID-19, you may be required to isolate.

Behavioral Health

The Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday with services provided by appointment. Call 541-553-3205 for treatment, orientations, Behavioral Health assessment and counseling sessions.

There are small group classes with Behavioral Health. Group services are available 24/7. Call 541-553-1171.

For anyone needing support navigating the process of life and dealing with COVID-19, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7 from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m., or call 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).

Oregon case overall

The latest COVID-19 reports from the Oregon Health Authority show the state continues to make progress, but we must remain vigilant.

We’ve made progress. The model shows that our collective actions have reduced transmission rates since the increase we saw after the re-opening.

We need to reduce transmission and maintain a level of 1 to 1.5. Currently, we estimate that every person who contracts COVID-19 is probably passing the virus to 1 to 2 other people, so for every open school, we need to keep the virus from spreading so that we don’t become infected as we pass it along to more people, and the virus is not spreading in a sustainable way.

We need to keep the pressure on COVID-19. Stay apart from people outside your household. Limit the size of your social gatherings. Wear your face covering. Oregon Health Authority

Confluence sites reopen

All Confluence sites that were closed due to Covid-19 are now open. This includes:

- Cape Disappointment State Park
- Chief Timothy State Park
- Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
- The Illahee Water Trail

These sites are now open to the public. We encourage all visitors to practice social distancing and follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Read this article on how to prepare your family for a natural disaster and what to do if you need to evacuate.

YouthBuild and Stewardship are recruiting in Warm Springs for September. All programs are open to the public, we need to keep the virus from spreading so that we don’t become infected as we pass it along to more people, and the virus is not spreading in a sustainable way.

United Way of Oregon and Clark County is working to ensure that the community is well-prepared to face the challenges of the future.

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Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) Community Survey

Help give feedback to IRMP Team for the 2022 Revision

CTVS Branch of Natural Resources wants to know what you think? Access the survey by going to https://g1.org.page.link/UI/FEs or take a picture of this QR code to get directed to the survey.
Regional employment stalls after improving

The employment recovery slowed dramatically in July across Central Oregon, Following much stronger job growth in May and June. In Jefferson County, including Warm Springs, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 11.3 percent in July, down from 13.3 percent in June. The rate remains significantly higher than before the Covid-19 crisis, which was 4.2 percent.

In early March of this year, Jefferson County’s recovery stalled in July as the county added just 10 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a gain of more than 170 in June. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels in Jefferson County dropped by 2,160 jobs during the peak of the Covid crisis, and the county has only regained around 180 of those jobs through July.

Employment levels remain down more than 16 percent from before the onset of the crisis. Similar to other communities, the hardest hit industry is leisure and hospitality employment, down 270 jobs from the time last year.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 11.7 percent in July, down from 13.3 percent in June. The unemployment rate is still much higher than before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic; it was 4.8 percent in March 2020.

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 10.8 percent in July, down from 12.4 percent in June. The rate remains significantly higher than before the Covid-19 crisis, it was just 3.3 percent in 2020.

The Indian Health Service has updated its coronavirus data, showing a slowdown of coronavirus activity as of late last week.

According to the IHS, the reservation positive coronavirus tests for 39,051 individuals. That represents an increase of 0.18 percent from the day prior.

According to the Indian Health Service, the daily total of new coronavirus cases is based on reports from reservations and the Indian health service.

Since IHS is not able to update its coronavirus data every day, there may be a lag of several days.

Outbreaks have been reported in many United States territories and tribes.

A number of tribes and tribal organizations have paused the reopening of tribal government buildings during the recent wave of coronavirus cases.

The IHS’s Coronavirus Reporting System includes data from tribal and urban Indian program sites.

The IHS reports that as of July 29, the total number of reported cases is 244,906, including 232,989 cases in the United States and 11,917 cases in territories, tribes, and urban areas.

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A hearing on this matter is scheduled to be held at the Tribal Court of Warm Springs, at the Tribal Court Building, 12105 SEABRIGHT AVE., at 10:00 AM, on the 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2020.

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IN THE MATTER OF

JASON ARTHUR, Petitioner; Case No. CR16-19.

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Tribal fishery

There is a tribal fishery through 6 p.m. this Thursday, August 27, and second fishery starting at 6 a.m. on Monday, August 31 through 6 p.m., Thursday, September 3.

Gear includes set and drift gillnets with 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Allowable salmon catches for the summer are:

Salmon (any species), chum and chum runs at the Columbia River and Prince William Sound. The catch was nearing 4 million. The permit also includes sea lions from 38 to 54 inches fork length and salmon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

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**Fires**

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A reservation burn ban is in effect due to extreme fire danger conditions. It is critical to take precautions to help protect people, property and resources. All outside agricultural and residential burning is not allowed.

An air tanker drops retardant on reservation fire.