Many decisions on 2020 fall ballot

There are 1,423 registered vot- ers in the Warm Springs voting precinct of Jefferson County. For those 18 and over on Election Day who are not already registered, there is still more than a month to regis- ter to vote in the November 3 General Election. The last day to register is Oc- tober 13. Ballots will then go out on October 14. The November 3 election in- cludes the federal, state and local candidates, and the statewide and local ballot measures.

U.S. Senate, Congress
Besides the U.S. Presidential candidates, the Oregon ballot will include one Oregon U.S. Senate seat. The incumbent is Sen. Jeff Merkley, Democrat, who was first elected in 2008, and re-elected in 2014. Jfr Rafael Perdomo, Republican. Gary Dye, Libertarian. Ibrahim Taher, Progressive-Republican.

The candidates for the Senate are: Joe Kennedy, Democrat, running unopposed; and Sen. paddingTop, with one additional pick-up way as they were during the spring.

The Oregon Second Congressional District (District 3) is currently held by Republican, Clive Entz. A special election for this seat was held on October 14, and won by Republican, Alex Spencer, Democratic. Robert Ward, Libertarian. The reservation is part of the Sixth Congressional District.

Oregon legislature
In the state legislature, the res- ervation is part of Oregon Senate District 30, also covering much of eastern Oregon. The candidates on the No- vember 3 ballot are Carina Miller of Warm Springs, Democrat; and Lynn Findley, of Vale, Re- publican. The reservation is part of Dis- trict 35 in the Oregon House of Representatives. The candidates this year are incumbent Daniel B神奇 mushroom program. Also, the state legislature referred to the ballot a constitutional amend- ment concerning campaign fi- nance, and a sales tax concern- ing a tobacco tax.

Community update
At right is a data chart of the latest available Covid-19 numbers—showing positive and negative testing—for the reser- vation, as compiled by IHS and Community Health. See more information on pages 3 & 7.

The hope is that the Labor Day weekend will not see the kind of spikes that happened after Memorial Day and July 4.

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Election dates to keep in mind
Tuesday, October 13: Voter registration deadline. You can register online at sos.oregon.gov. Or see the site: JeffersonTar. And there is a link at kwso.org.
October 14: First day ballots are mailed out.
October 28: Last day to mail return ballot.
November 3: Election Day.

Local matters
There is one position open on the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. Candidates for this four-year term are: Wayne Fording, Republican; and Kim Schmidt, Democrat. Mr. Fording is the owner of Madras Paine & Glass, and is a former county commissioner. Ms. Schultm is the business owner and Oregon Medical Board licensed operator of Madras Acu- puncture. There are two county wide mea- sures on the ballot. One of mea- sures would require the County Commission to must regarding a proposal to relocate the Oregon-Idaho boarder. Another county mea- sure is to a local option tax for gener- al operations. Reservation and tribal tax land is not taxed by the county. (For more on the November 3 vote-by-mail election see page 4).

Dave McKechnie
Community update

Most recent COVID-19 coronavirus case demographics on the reservation, as compiled by MCTI and Community Health:

Top graph: Active cases on the date of September 2. There were 16 active cases, shown in this graph by ages.

Lower graph: Cumulative positive cases: 303 since early spring. Numbers shown here through September 2.

(please see page 5 for further details.)

Warm Springs virtual diabetes classes in October

Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center diabetes classes—for people with diabetes and family members—are coming up in a safe and virtual format in October.

The diabetes education classes will be online, so you can participate from the comfort of your home. The classes will be Wednesdays at noon. Class one, October 7: Topics are, What is diabetes? And blood sugar monitoring.

Class two will be on October 14, the topics being: What does diabetes affect? Keys to control.

Class three, October 21, will cover: Nutrition and healthy eating.

Class four, October 28: Diabetes medicine today; and Standards of Care to Stay Healthy.

Please register by calling 541-553-2350. You will be sent an email to join.

The classes are in collaboration with the Community Health Nutrition Department and the Diabetes Program.

Off rez hunting

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has adopted the off-reservation hunting seasons and regulations. Current off-reservation seasons are:


- Bighorn sheep hunts: Through November 30.

- John Day River mule deer buck: November 1 through November 28.

- John Day River Matteuccia Valley white-tailed deer: October 1 through November 30. For assistance you can email: wildlife/tags@ctwsbnr.org

Or call 541-553-2001 during business hours.

Covid-19 Outreach Project

Do you know someone in your community who may need help?

Call us at (541) 615-0141 or (541) 553-3415 to learn more or get supplies.

Covid-19 Outreach Project is in partnership with Warm Springs, and is being operated solely by us. Please feel free to send us a small, non-food giving of the necessities.

MADRA 5g for you & your pets:

- Treats for dogs
- Treats for cats
- Sticker labels

Free of charge. Please call 541-267-6969 for assistance.

Madras Community College

Get Started Now for Fall Term!

COC2 plans to offer in-person instruction at all campuses this fall, along with online, remote and hybrid options for students.

Call us today and we’ll help you get started!

For more information or to register, 541-550-4100 | cocc.edu/madras

In observance of College events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Kyle Wolfe at 541.383.7775. For accommodations because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Disability Services at 541.383.7863.
Crews containing wild fires

On the reservation the Lionshead this week grew from 19,000 acres. The Mt. Jefferson Wilderness was closed because of fire.

The area experienced smoky conditions because of fires in Central Oregon, and in north central Washington. A fire by Camp Sherman prompted a pre-evacuation notice.

The wind on Monday brought increased fire activity, as fire crews were battling for fire suppression. The fires broke out late in August, as a lightning storm passed over the reservation and the region.

Over the Labor Day weekend, the fire completely burned through the Diablos and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission’s guidelines to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, and protect the vulnerable members of the tribal community. See the site: crifc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fishery/.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems, or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Enforcement Center at 1-800-487-FISH (3474).

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Tribal fishery open through Friday

A zone 6 tribal giraffe fishery is open through 6 p.m. this Friday, September 11. Gear includes set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size retention. All hooked are salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp. These fish may be sold or retained for subsistence.

Allowance for sale is limited during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon may not be sold but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the bonneville pool, and sturgeon from 40 to 54 fork length in the Dalles and John Day may be kept for subsistence purposes. Closed areas are the river mouth and dam, applicable to gillnets are in effect. The standard Spring Creek Hanby Sanctuary is in effect.

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Health care contact numbers

At the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Cen- ter they ask that you call ahead if you plan on going there.

For a regular appoint- ment call 541-553-2030. The COVID-19 Vaccine Site is located at 541-553-2030.

Outside of IHS regular hours you can call the Reg- istered Nurse Health Ad- vance Hotline at 1-866-770- 2318.

For all other business call 541-553-1196.
Help for the homeless

If you or someone you know is homeless, there are some steps you can take to get help. Some people are reluctant to ask for help because they are afraid of being judged or stigmatized. Others may not know where to turn or what resources are available. It is important to remember that seeking help is a sign of strength and resilience, and there are many organizations and individuals who are dedicated to supporting those in need.

First, reach out to local homeless shelters,soup kitchens, or other organizations that provide services to the homeless. Many cities have a centralized hotline or website where you can find information about available resources. Be honest about your situation and let them know what kind of help you need. They may be able to provide immediate assistance such as food, clothing, or shelter.

Second, consider reaching out to community leaders or politicians. Sometimes, they can help advocate for you or connect you with other resources. They may also be able to provide information on new programs or initiatives that are specifically designed to help homeless individuals.

Third, consider reaching out to local churches, religious organizations, or faith-based groups. Many of these groups have established relationships with homeless shelters or other organizations that provide help to the homeless. They may be able to provide additional resources or support.

Fourth, consider reaching out to local health care providers. Many hospitals and clinics have programs that provide care to homeless individuals. They may be able to provide medical care, dental care, or other health-related services.

Fifth, if you are experiencing homelessness on your own, consider reaching out to a local shelter. Shelters provide a safe and secure environment where you can stay until you are able to find other resources. Shelters also provide meals, clothing, and other basic necessities.

Sixth, consider reaching out to local community mental health providers. Many communities have programs that provide mental health care to homeless individuals. They may be able to provide counseling, medication, or other forms of support.

Seventh, consider reaching out to local housing providers. Many communities have programs that provide housing assistance to homeless individuals. They may be able to provide information on affordable housing options or help you apply for government programs.

Lastly, consider reaching out to local legal aid providers. Many communities have programs that provide legal assistance to homeless individuals. They may be able to help you with issues such as housing disputes, employment disputes, or other legal matters.

The key to getting help is to be proactive and persistent. It is important to keep reaching out to different organizations and individuals until you find the help that you need. Remember that it is not a sign of weakness to ask for help. It is a sign of strength and resilience.
Community update (from page 1)

As of earlier this week on the reservation: There were 17 individuals with active Covid-19, receiving daily monitoring by tribal Community Health and IHS staff.

Additionally, there were 35 individuals who were being monitored, as they had close contact with a person or persons who tested positive. Last week, one tribal member was hospitalized receiving ventilation treatment.

Health care providers and tribal leaders urge you to please keep up the Covid-19 safety practices. Wear the mask, social distance—if swimming during the heat wave, stay six feet away from others. Furthermore:

Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer. Avoid gatherings. If quarantined or isolated, follow health professionals’ instruc-
tions.

A critical reminder from the Tribal Council

If you are positive with the coronavirus, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs expects you to be responsible and isolate yourself.

If a person on the reservation does not comply with the tribal quarantine, isolation, community health and safety laws—then tribal Ordinance 101 allows the determination of that person. Another health advisory:

Be careful if you are in a smokey area. The air quality of Central Oregon at this time can be hazardous. If it is smokey, stay inside, use air cleaners, and close the windows. Avoid strenuous work during smokey and hot conditions. Remember, there is a burn ban in effect on the reservation. The potential for fire is extreme.

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Week

In Central Oregon

Week of Monday - Sunday

Positive cases by week on the reservation (above) through late August; and a comparison (below) of positive cases in Central Oregon overall (blue), and Warm Springs (orange).

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A federal judge in California has temporarily blocked the effort to shorten the 2020 census, which officials had attempted to undertake community-wide census counts. The order is expected to extend the count through October 19 on the grounds that the Census Bureau failed to inform the public of the change in the census deadline.

The order was issued by Judge Amy B. Knoll-Frank, who took the Census Bureau to task for not adequately informing the public of the extended deadline. She said the bureau hadn’t done enough to ensure that people who are willing to count would be able to do so.

"We're really pleased with the order because it guarantees the Constitution is going to be upheld," said LindaMostow, a legal director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Bureau had initially planned to end the count on September 30, 2020, but in May, the Bureau announced plans to extend the deadline.

The order said that the Census Bureau had not sufficiently informed the public of the extension of the deadline, and that the Bureau had not adequately informed the public of the new deadline.

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Covid-19 community update

Recent data graphics, compiled by IHS and Warm Springs Community Health professionals, showing the incidence of the virus on the reservation.

IHS updates Covid-19 data

The Indian Health Service has updated its coronavirus data, showing results as of September 6. According to the data, across Indian Country as tested by IHS: 42,911 tests have returned positive for Covid-19.

That represents an increase of 0.14 percent from the 42,853 cases previously reported by the IHS. Altogether, 691,091 coronavirus tests have been administered through September 6, the data shows. That marks an increase of 0.18 percent from the day prior.

The low growth rates in Covid-19 cases and tests are indicative of a lull in data seen during weekends. However, since July 21 there has been a slowdown of coronavirus activity reported by the IHS. Overall, 6.2 percent of IHS coronavirus tests have returned positive, according to the data. But the rate is far higher in the Phoenix Area, which serves the largest reservation in the United States. But even with almost 13.7 percent of tests returning positive, the rate has fallen steadily over the last couple of months, following a noticeable decline as the region has reached the highest rate.

The Tucson Area, which covers southern Arizona, shows a high positive rate of 8.9 percent. It has overtaken the Navajo Area, as well as the Portland Area, in the third highest rate within the IHS system. The high rates in the Phoenix, Navajo and Tucson regions indicate a disproportionate toll of the coronavirus among IHS patients in the state of Arizona.

On the other end of the spectrum, aggressive efforts in the Alaska Area are turning up very few cases. Out of 153,444 tests administered in Alaska, only 0.84 percent have returned positive, the data shows. The Alaska Area also far outnumbers every other area—including Navajo—in terms of tests administered. The Oklahoma City Area remains in the second spot.

The data, however, is incomplete. While 100 percent of facilities run directly by the IHS are reporting data, only 33 percent of tribally managed facilities and 44 percent of urban Indian organizations are doing the same, the agency has told Indianz.com.

The IHS service population for 2019 was 2,562,290. Based on that figure, almost 27 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have been tested for the coronavirus since the IHS began reporting data in March.

The IHS user population, on the other hand, is a much smaller number. As of 2019, 1,662,834 American Indians and Alaska Natives have lived within a service delivery area and have received health care at an IHS or tribal facility during the previous three years. Based on the user population, almost 41.6 percent of Native Americans have been tested.

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Total: 7

Hospitalizations:

- Inpatient: 1
- Total Discharged: 33
- Average Length of Stay: 8.37 days
My name is Kim Schmitz and as a candidate for Jefferson County Commission, I believe it is vital for me to be accessible to our community throughout the campaign season and beyond. I want to hear the vision of the residents of Jefferson County. I have specifically been asked by several people in the Warm Springs community to come and sit, to be publicly available for people to voice their visions of Jefferson County and how, if I have the honor of serving as Jefferson County Commissioner, I can best serve the people of Warm Springs. I’ll be sitting at a table diagonally across from the post office on Thursday, September 24th from 4-5:30pm, Monday, October 12th from 3-4pm, and Wednesdays, October 14th from 4-5pm.

People are always welcome to send me an email at kimschmitz26@gmail.com.

Please contact me if there is a specific event you would like me to attend.

Kim Schmitz
Tribal, federal and state officials are negotiating an agreement that could allow harvest and sale of Columbia Basin fish catches, but some continue urging Idaho Governor Idaho Governor Little to shut down salmon fishing. The diverse group of stakeholders is scheduled to deliver a record of decision, to operate Snake and Columbia river dams in a way that doesn't put the fish at further risk. Little's Salmon Workgroup is charged with delivering a record of decision, to operate Snake and Columbia river dams in a way that doesn't put the fish at further risk.
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