Covid-19 measures

The tribal organization is on a 50-percent workforce reduction through December 2. General managers are deciding as to the 50-percent workforce personnel for each area.

This week’s Tribal Council action comes on the recommendation of the tribal Covid-19 Response Team; at the reservation this week has seen a significant spike in positive cases.

The state of Oregon, meanwhile, is ‘on quarantine’ with many business closures and safety restrictions. The tribal and state restrictions are both in effect through December 2.

Before the Covid-19 spike this week, the reservation last week saw 28 new cases in a total of 39 active cases. The positivity rate was 13.8 percent, before adding this week’s cases. And there were many close-contact tracings, monitored by Public Health.

· Total cases of Covid-19 on the reservation identified since the pandemic began in March is more than 430. Over that time, IHS and Health and Wellness have conducted more than 4,430 tests for Covid-19.

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Solar solution to water, development

The Confederated Tribes, the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation and private donors are making it possible for partner with Source Global, a public benefit corporation, to deploy sustainable solutions to the tribes longstanding water crisis.

Over the past two weeks, Source Global has hired 14 members of the Warm Springs community to begin installing the first phase of a ‘Source Field’ in Warm Springs. A Source Field is made up of a large array of Source hydroponics that harness the power of the sun to create clean water out of the vast amount of moisture in the atmosphere. From there, the system enhances the water with minerals and provides water to a filling station where residents can get the equivalent of high-end bottled water free of charge and free of single-use plastic waste.

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“For years, our community has endured shortages and poor water quality, and at times we haven’t had the drinking water to meet our basic needs,” said Jim Souers, chief executive officer of Warm Springs Economic Development. “Now we’re creating our own sustainable source of drinking water, using nothing but the earth’s renewable resources: Sunshine and air.”

Many in the Warm Springs community have been relying on bottled water to meet their drinking water needs. Source and Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation anticipate that to the near year alone, the initial Source Field will sustainably create enough drinking water to offset up to three quarters of a million plastic bottles. Over its lifetime, the Source Field built to full capacity can save tens of millions of single-use plastic bottles from going into landfills.

As part of the project, reusable, two- and half-gallon containers will be provided free to the community to be used at the filling station with UV technology sterilizing the containers as they are filled. The project could be operational by the end of the year.

To support homes that have ongoing water quality issues, the Tribal Council also allocated $50,000 this year to proceed in 57 Source residential systems to homes with a two hydroponic system. The system will provide a single water faucet in the house, and it will not be connected to the current water plumbing—thus providing an independent drinking water supply to the home.

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New Gorge Commission vice chair

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November 2, 2020

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1. Tribal Finance Update with Travis Wels, Utilities.
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3. Office of Special Tribal Trustee update with Kevin Moore.
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November 4

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Dolvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Raymond Captain Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wera Jr., Vice Chair Brigette McCamnell, Glendon Smith, Minnie Yablin, Recorder.

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Howlak Tichum — Jim Frank Sahme

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While attending a Sun Dance in Navajo, he was adopted by William Monicas, Lakota Holy Man and ceremonial Chief. He moved to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, married Mabel Face and had one child Meredith. Adopting a Lakota lifestyle, he participated in and helped lead Sun Dance ceremonies. He became a respected friend and honorold elder to an extended family and community. He led a successful life and struggled with alcohol and substance abuse. This affected his livelihood and personal relationships. In spite of his life and spirit were always kind and generous. Most of his life was a hand-to-mouth existence. He always gave what little he had as it was more generous helping Lakota and Washit ceremonial services. During his last marriage he became a devoted father and household. Jim loved to sing at pow-pows as a member of the Wakan Zam Drummers and participated in the Big Foot, Little Big Horn and Crazy Horse Massapoom Rides. He enjoyed cooking daily meals and making large holiday feasts. His last job was as a cook at the Pine Ridge School.

Friends and relatives remember numerous “Jimmy” stories and the humor in his life. One occasion was with long time friend Smokey in Hawaii. Jim rose just before the crack of noon and headed to the pool for a swim. As he dove into the pool, he lost his ments. He laughed, ignored it and continued backstroke and enjoying his swim. After a while the thought dawned on him that the pool had no pool. He is preceded in death by his grandparents Frank and Millia Quapaquah, Jim and Eva Sahme, parents Sylvia and Foster Sahme, step-father Felix Walhalldam (a still born) sister and daughter Vanessa. Jim was buried on November 20, 2020 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Rest in peace.

Warm Springs Community Hospital is offering a free drive through flu shot clinic today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Agency Longhouse Parking Lot.

Flu shot is available. WSCC is following all guidelines for the COVID pandemic. The flu shot can be given in the emergency room or in the clinic. Please call 541-553-5616 for an appointment.

The deadline for Warm Springs Tribal Members to apply for the Tribal Craft program has been extended until November 20. A mining lease holder must report their project information to the Warm Springs Community Health Authority, with the goal of empowering people to gain access to local, owned and operated drinking water and protect against Covid-19.

Winter water supply

In early 2021, Warm Springs Economic Development and Source Global plan to complete the second phase by fully integrating the on-site one key, which will more than double the rooftop capacity of the Source Field. This expansion will provide even more drinking water for the community and set the stage for future expansion and the launch of a sustainable water business, bringing additional jobs and revenue to the community through the sale of Source water to the greater Pacific Northwest.

About Source Global PBC

Source Global is a Public Benefit Corporation. Their mission is to make drinking water an unlimited resource. The company's Source Hydration products, including residential panels and field arrays, create drinking water using sunshine and an air on the only input, powering the purest of high quality drinking water into the hands of every person in nearly every climate and corner of the earth.

COMMENTS

November 14, 2020

Judy Verona Shoshone, Gabriel Shoshone of Bishop, California, and Lisa Agilar are the maternal grandparents. Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Judy Verona Shoshone, born on November 14, 2020. Judy's other siblings are Kelsea, 2, and Gabriel, 1. Grandparents on the father's side are Frank Shoshone and Hannah Dondaras of Bishop. Grandparents on the mother's side is Pauline Guess of Warm Springs.
Veterans list announcement
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We know that Covid-19 is more dangerous for people with diabetes and related health conditions...
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For information contact Bridget Moran at 541-383-2140, or at https://museumatwarmsprings.org.

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The camp will be hosted by the Madras High School football coaches and the high school players. The camp will include fundamental skills, and basic knowledge of the game, as well as fun games. The goal is to build a passion and love for the game throughout our great community.

The cost is $25 per kid, $40 for two in the same family, third kid is free. All-coat guidelines will be followed including wearing a mask and social distancing. All participants will be screened daily. Parents are not allowed to stay at the venue during the camp times. The camp will be streamed online via the NHS football Facebook page.

The Warm Springs football camp time will be from 3:30 to 5 pm.

The camp will also be at the Madras High School football field November 16-12, and 17-19.

For information contact Coach Taylor at 503-112-9080. Or email: knutson@509.net

Future of Dakota Access pipeline uncertain

The result of the recent U.S. Presidential election could create more headaches for the Dakota Access Pipeline’s owners.

The owners are already battling legal challenges, trying to keep the main conduit running, and facing off out of North Dakota. Former President Barack Obama blocked a permit that would have allowed construction under South Dakota’s Lake Oahe, a critical water source for the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

The line was finished in 2017 after President Trump, upon taking office, approved a final permit allowing construction under the lake to be completed. In July, a U.S. District Court judge threw out that permit, and ordered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a new environmental review that is expected to take months.

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