A look back at reservation and tribal news of 2020

Warm Springs health officials expect an initial shipment of 200 Covid-19 vaccine doses by the end of December. The initial shipment would enough for front-line health workers serving the tribal community; plus staff and residents of High Lookee Lodge and Dr. Ruth Locket, clinic vaccine coordinator.

The first shipment to Warm Springs will be the Moderna vaccine, found to be “highly effective” against Covid-19. The Moderna vaccine has to have 94 per cent efficacy against the virus.

The Moderna vaccine will be the second Covid-19 vaccine to receive FDA emergency use authorization. Distribution and use of the Pfizer vaccine began last week. The Moderna vaccine is better suited for smaller hospitals and clinics in rural areas, because it is shipped in smaller quantities than Pfizer’s. The Moderna vaccine also does not have to be stored at the super-low temperature of the Pfizer vaccine. The Moderna can be stored at a temperature like a regular freezer.

As with other essential care facilities, Warm Springs NHS follows the established Centers for Disease Control guidelines for the order of distribution of the vaccine. In general terms:

- The front-line health care and emergency response personnel, and elder care facility residents, are first, followed by other essential employees, people 65 and older, people 55 and older who have a comorbidity— that is, some other disease; and the general public.

The renewed closure is now in effect through Sunday, December 27, with an expected return to work date of Monday, December 28. The tribal organization will continue to provide essential services to the community, and the following will be imposed:

- The shutdown through December 27 does not apply to essential services typically defined by the police Department, Fire and Safety, Emergency Medical Technicians, Public Utilities, etc.

In addition, other essential services functions have been defined during this pandemic to include: Finance, Health and Human Services, Day Care, etc. These employees are determined by the branch managers and directors.

The Covid-19 team discourages traveling out of state. If a tribal employee travels out of state, he or she will be required to report the travel to his or her immediate supervisor. The employee will be required to take a Covid-19 test prior to returning to work, with documentation of a negative result.

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Shut down through Dec. 27

Wishing Warm Springs a Safe and Merry Christmas, from artist Travis Bobb.

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December 7
The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Trumpet Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvin Heath, Raymond (Capitoy) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, William Wise Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigette McConville. Minnie Valint, Recorder.

- Discussion of Ordinance 101.
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- Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

- Family First Act discussion with State of Oregon Children’s Protect-

- Motion made by Anita to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

- Covid-19 Team update with Caroline Cruz, Katie Russell, Hyllie Daighantis, Danny Martinez and Sue Mamar.

- Chairman Trumpet took a poll to approve the recommendations as read into record: Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Glendon/no re-

- Resolutions with Michelle Suconac and Alfred Estinos Jr.

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,748, pursuant to Ord-

- Per Capita:

- Motion by Brigette adopting Resolution No. 12,749, in accordance with authority contained in Ar-

- Summary continues on 8

Housing Improvement grant applications

The Housing Improvement Program is a home- re- pair, renovation, replacement and housing grant pro-

- This is a safety measure as Covid-19 cases have seen an increase, especially since Thanksgiving.

- The Confederate Tribe of Warm Springs Tribal Council made the decision to temporarily close Indian Head Casino.

- Casino temporary closure

- Keep a safe distance. Mask up. Stay home.
Flu shots

The Warm Springs Clinic reminds the community that it is not too late to receive your seasonal flu shot. Flu shot hours at the clinic are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Flu shot hours will be 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. In addition, many pharmacies have extended hours for flu shots. The clinic asks that you call ahead to make an appointment.

 witnessed during normal operating hours.

We will continue providing

KNT water

The K-Nb-6 Reserve station, specifically the Hamlets, is seeing a temporary water shortage notice for this Wednesday, December 16. The installation of the south K-Nb-6 pressure relief valve station and altitude valve is the reason for the temporary shortage. Approximately 58 residences are affected by the December 16 shortage.

If experienced, run cold water until water runs clear.

If you have questions, please call Chico Holliday at Utilities, 541-553-3426.

A covid update from clinic staff

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on our community, the Warm Springs Clinic will be limiting appointments for those who are not ill or ill related. We will still be able to help with any assist or urgent medical needs during our normal operating hours.

We will continue providing preventive care and screening for people with covid symptoms at our outdoor screening and testing area.

Covid-19 symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, fever, chills, diarrea, vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual skin rashes.

In-person appointments will continue, but will be limited to those provided to pre-arranged appointments.

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On Thursday, December 10, 2020, the Warm Springs Police Department was notified of a potential Covid-19 exposure. The exposure occurred on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The clinic staff contacted the individual who tested positive, and they were advised to contact the Indian Health Service (IHS) for a Covid-19 test.

Weather

WESTERN OREGON

The Northwest Portland Indian Health Board, in an effort to flatten the Bigfoot curve, is asking residents to continue wearing masks.

Birch

Opalene Rose Williams and Stan Williams are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlynne Danzuka Williams.

The baby was born on December 10, 2020, at 2:08 p.m. at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center.

The baby’s weight was 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

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April

In April, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cello Village decided to host the First Salmon Feast, while limiting attendance in order to reduce the public health risk. Several people who attended the feast on April 13 later tested positive for the virus, including Cello Village leader Bobby Begay; although it was not confirmed that any of these people had contracted the virus at the longhouse event.

The tragedy of this year’s feast brings into focus the terrible ties and outsiders. The presentation of the feasting fish technician for the Columbia River Irrigation Trustees as well as the potential for virus at the longhouse event. The powwow annually brings in hundreds of visitors to the reservation: The potential for virus has enormous implications due to the virus. For instance, the potential for virus at the longhouse event.

Bobby Begay, a Village leader who tested positive for Covid-19, including Celilo Feast on April 13 later tested positive. Several people who attended the feast on April 13 later tested positive for the virus, including Cello Village leader Bobby Begay; although it was not confirmed that any of these people had contracted the virus at the longhouse event.
Shirley Staphi Heach, the wife of Warm Springs Chief Debbie Heath, passed away on August 17. In late July and early August, the tribal organization is set to reopen on August 17. The tribal outreach available to community members is ongoing.

Shirley Staphi Heach
Health and Human Services

These are some facts about the Covid-19 Community Outreach project for 2020-21:

- Any community member is eligible to receive a community basket.
- The basket is comprised of whatever has been donated to my office, and includes items like laundry soap, toothpaste, paper towels, masks, etc.
- Receiving items is based on household size to ensure that all supplies are given. A family of five receives enough supplies for their household just like a household of 15 would.
- There are no income requirements.
- Due to current organizational restrictions, phone calls are encouraged so that when pick-up is done there will be a limited amount of interaction.
- Households do not need to be Covid-19 positive to receive items.
- Part of prevention is making sure each household has adequate supplies.
- Employees can pick up items for their child(ren) or individual they are working with.
- You can register online up to December 24.
- The event will start January 4.

If you have any specific questions regarding this program, please let me know and I will do what I can to help answer them at 541-615-0141, or 541-553-3415.

The most medicine I think is our food. Our class, our deer, our roots, berries... I think all that food is medicine to us.

Marie Kirk made this service message for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in late July. Her work is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities CARES Project. Living in today’s pandemic, and historic pandemics and catastrophes. CARES provided a grant to the Umatilla tribes Education Department.

Marie Dick

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Outreach available to community members

By Bully Hurtado

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- Employees can pick up items for their child(ren) or individual they are working with.
- All these items are donated and quarantined for at least five days, and in some cases longer.
- Any person can make a referral and efforts will be made to reach out to that household.

If you have any specific questions regarding this program, please let me know and I will do what I can to help answer them at 541-615-0141, or 541-553-3415.

The Shitle Creek crossing water line replacement was completed in mid August. The boil water notice remains in effect, though, for the Agency area until the required samples are completed and reviewed by the EPA.

Water conservation efforts are still needed as the water tanks remain empty. The Water Distribution Center is closed until further notice.

Families at the end of August can pick up the student Chromebook computer devices for the start of the new (9/3) school year. A parent or guardian must be present to pick up the Chromebook; the student need not be present for pick up.

Important, you must sign up for the Chromebook before arriving to pick it up.

There are 1,426 registered voters in the Warm Springs voting precinct of Jefferson County. For those 18 and over on Election Day who are not yet registered, there is still a month to register to vote in the November 3 General Election. The November 3 election includes the federal, state and local candidates, and the statewide and local ballot measures.

Congress has passed a bill to simplify the ‘treaty of 1865’ with the manner now going to President Trump for final sign into law. Tribal Council and Governmental Affairs director Louis Pit have advocated for several years that the treaty of 1865—a failed attempt to replace the Treaty of 1855—has never been enforced by a federal court or agency, and the tribes have never recognised it as binding. The document, though, was ratified in 1867, so it has existed in a technical sense.

~ 2020 Review ~

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(Opposite)

In late July and early August, the tribal organization is set to reopen on August 17. In late July and early August, the tribal organization is set to reopen on August 17. In late July and early August, the tribal organization is set to reopen on August 17.
The cumulative percent positive column shows the historic COVID-19 percentage, based on the number of tests that have returned positive results for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic.

Based on the cumulative positive cases, the high rate of increase is in the Northern area, the latest cases have been seen in the rural areas of the county. This has spurred many health authorities to take immediate action.

The two first regions include the states of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate Covid-19 in the state.

The 7-day rolling average column shows a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows where COVID-19 cases are currently highest. As of today, the 7-day rolling average positivity, three states have been increasing significantly, indicating a disproportionate increase in the state. The data also shows that the number of cases has started to decrease significantly, bringing the overall positivity rate below 4 percent in the last couple of months. It now stands at 11.2 percent.

The data, however, is not complete. The high rate of increase of facilities run directly by the IHS are reporting data only on a monthly basis. As such, the IHS has been reporting data only on a monthly basis. The CDC has been reporting data only on a monthly basis. The data also shows that over the past week, the average rate of increase is in the rural areas of the county. This has spurred many health authorities to take immediate action.
The massive Lionshead fire—at nearly 200,000 acres burned—was one of the largest fires in the region for many decades on the reserva-
tion. For 40 years Robert Brunoe has worked in the fire suppression and protection field for the tribes. “I’ve seen nothing like it,” Mr. Brunoe was saying. And he explained:

A perfect storm of weather events—prolonged drought, and sudden/highly unusual wind events—felled the fire. Regarding the drought conditions:

At a meeting before Tribal Council, Mr. Brunoe, Natural Re-
source general manager, held up an ordinary piece of writing paper.

“This paper,” he said, “contains more moisture than the average fog on the Columbia River!”

The Lionshead fire began with a summer lightning strike in Lionshead, Head Canyon on the reservation.

Summer lightning fires are com-
mon on the reservation, and crews can often contain them quickly through the high standard of wildland fire management.

What happened next at Lionshead and some smaller fires—

the region experienced an east-west wind event.

The wind in Central Oregon in the summer should blow from west to east, and at a reasonable velocity. Yet on September 9—as the crews were working to manage Lionshead and some smaller fires—

the region experienced an east-west wind event.

“That is rare,” Mr. Brunoe said. And he explained:

In 1865 there was no compensa-
tion for losses due to Covid-
19. The treaty of 1865,

merely a signature, was

the alleged transaction; and the few

the first one. Another (79,000 acres), and another (107,000 acres off res-
ervation. The fire broke through in a lightning storm on August 16.

Treasuries of the Tribal Member Art Show will dis-
play this month in the Changing Exhibits Gallery of the Museum at Warm Springs. Tribal Judges Choice Awards went to Rome Cento for her beadwork mal-
dallion, and Bruns Bazz for his mixed media creation.

Edward Heath won Honorable Mention, art by Patty Good and Maryitu Kallam. All of these items and many more will be on display through early January.

Chúush Fund—project of the MRG Foundation—was established in 2015.

At the time the people at the MRG Foundation heard about the need in Central Oregon, there was no compen-
sation to the tribes or federal government.

As water rushes along the river the tribes are dying and telling the protestors

to leave. With so much else going on it may be easy to forget the critical domestic water situation on the reservation, in particular the en-
tire area. Area residents who impacted students knew what to ex-
pect from class—is helpful to ev-
eryone,” Mr. Brunoe said.

October

The ‘treaty of 1865’ docu-
ment is officially a thing of the past—now just a relique of at-

The federal and state govern-
ments recognize the need and ob-
ligation. And the same is true in the charitable private sector: The Chisena Fund—project of the MRG Foundation—is a great ex-
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Update: Several new cases this month

(Continued from page 1) There were no reported fish deaths among the community from COVID-19. Other facilities have continued additional cleaning with 70 positive results, for a total among the tribal community.

Last week saw a spike in cases, with 110 new positives. This would correspond to the timing of the Thanksgiving gathering.

As of last week, there were 18,773 reservations community members who were hospitalized, with 20 on ventilators. As of last week, there were 18,730 reservations community members who have accrued such deposits in advance of the trust's formation. As of last week, there have invested their time and resources into this project. There is a threatened species, inhabiting less than half of their known range. The Minnihan population is a threatened species, for the fish, used to help repopulate other tranches where the tribe has been deposited.

The bull trout has a hump and fins slightly longer, as noted previously. The tribes' interest is great of significance to the tribes, said Robert Brunson, general manager of tribal Natural Resources. It has been a favorite fish among many members, including, Mr. Brunson's, mother, he said.

Clearly, poaching of this fish requires catch-and-release for the protected species, including bull trout. U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams summarised some of the consequences at a recent hearing.

Over multiple occasions in 2019 and 2020, Campbell pleaded guilty to poaching bull trout from the Menominee River, fishing from U.S. Forest Service lands and while trespassing on a private property, which is held in trust by the United States for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Campbell also encouraged others to do the same, according to Williams.

He continued: Campbell also increased his plea bargain with the prosecution, each being guilty as charged for all species of fish, including bull trout. No one, aside from the tribal judge, can legally angle for bull trout on the Mississippi River and in Lake Billy Chinook, bull trout not right to target elsewhere in Oregon. This makes the tribal court one of the Oregon's crown angling.

Campbell suggested, large and greedily mishandled bull trout, mostly sticks, whitebait and adipose bones, the laws protecting the species and how to properly handle fish is immediately laws are untrusted. He also admitted these crimes despite numerous warnings from the warren's of social media users.

Campbell repeatedly posted photos of his bull trout poaching exploits on social media platforms where he has around 1,000 followers, according to court documents.

As part of the sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken banned Campbell to pay a $6,000 criminal fine due to the Lacey Act Reward Fund. Campbell was also ordered to perform 300 hours of community service with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs or 6,000 hours of service or with a collaborative relationship with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. His term of probation is five years.

At Council this month

Cubed is scheduled to meet this week regarding local budget and Cubat and Conference spending. Council is then scheduled to meet by teleconference, Tuesday, December 15 as of today, with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

There would be the theme for the budget for the year for Council. The tribes will have their annual budget review at noon on Thursday, December 17, which is then the organization is closed on Friday, December 18.

There will be an early shutdown at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, December 18.