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Vaccine soon for front-line, High Looksee residents

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

The first shipments to Warm Springs will be the Moderna vaccine, found to be “highly effective” against Covid-19. Final testing shows the Moderna vaccine to have 94-percent efficacy against the virus.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration will meet this Thursday to consider granting emergency use authorization of the Moderna vaccine. Large-scale shipments could begin the following day or this weekend. At the local level, “We’re expecting our initial shipment before the end of the year,” Dr. Locker said.

Most of the IHS and Tribal clinic staff, about 130 employees, have indicated they will receive a Covid-19 vaccine, Dr. Locker said.

Two doses of the vaccine are required for immunization: The second dose comes approximately 28 days after the first. The 200 doses in the initial shipment would be administered to the front-line workers—doctors, nurses, emergency response and other care providers—and the High Looksee Lodge residents. The second dose for these individuals would come from a subsequent vaccine shipment to Warm Springs.

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 care facilities, Warm Springs IHS 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. For the entire community of Warm Springs to receive the vaccine—by sometime into the spring—approximately 13,000 doses eventually would be needed, Dr. Locker said.

Shutdown through Dec. 27

In response to the continued increase in Covid-19 cases, the Confederated Tribes Response Team recommended to Tribal Council a continued shutdown of the tribal government.

Tribal Council on December 9 approved the recommendation.

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

as the Police Department, Fire and Safety, Emergency Medical Technicians, Public Utilities, etc.

In addition, other essential service 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.

A look back at reservation and tribal news of 2020

As a tradition in December, the Spilyay looks back at some of the memorable events of the past year on the reservation.

Sometimes the big news is open for discussion: In 2018, for instance, the tribes saw the closure of Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. While that same year the tribes and Indian Head Casino opened the Plateau Travel Plaza. Both of these were memorable occasions.

Last year the question was a little clearer: In the spring of 2019—just after the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council took office—the tribes began an Agency-wide boil water notice. This lasted into the summer—an unprecedented event at the time.

This year the reservation saw

another months-long boil-water notice; plus the massive Lionshead forest fire. Meanwhile at Congress the tribes were able to nullify the false ‘treaty of 1865.’ Even this news, though, could not surpass the single most memorable development of 2020—the most memorable event in recent memory.

In February 2020 no one had heard much about Covid-19. It was a mystery illness happening in China, half a world away. And it could never reach the U.S., let alone the Reservation.

Then came March of 2020, and words that resonate to this day:

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian



Spilyay photo

This image from September helps to illustrate the 2020 situation in Warm Springs: The annual school giveaway was done drive-by with families and staff wearing masks, and social distancing.

Health Services, declares a State of Emergency, as a proactive measure in addressing the Covid-19 coronavirus.

It was late in March, and the Declaration continued: ‘At this time there are no confirmed or presumptive cases of Covid-19 on the

reservation...’

Since those hopeful days the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has conducted more 6,000 Covid-19 tests—with more than 600 positive results.

Over the past nine months 12 community members have died from the virus. Sixty people have been hospitalized. And all parts of the organization have seen prolonged shutdowns.

As this year reaches its conclusion, vaccines are on the way, though months of precaution are still ahead of us.

Needless to say, 2020 will always be remembered on the reservation—and around world—as the year of the virus.

— Dave McMechan

Community covid update

ECE closure

Due to unfortunate circumstances from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Early Childhood Education Center is unable to operate the facility. ECE anticipates reopening on Monday, December 21.

Billing will be adjusted as needed. If there are any billing questions, please email Nancy Mendez: nancy.mendez@wstribes.org

Any other questions can be sent to Casandra Moses, ECE manager: casandra.moses@wstribes.org

The Early Childhood Education Center is licensed to provide emergency childcare only to essential staff who are working.

Essential staff are defined as first responders, emergency workers, health care professionals, followed by critical operations staff and essential personnel.

Warm Springs ECE follows the Health and Safety guidelines provided by the Early Learning Divi-

sion and Oregon Health Authority.

All adults and children entering the building must have their temperature checked and pass the health and travel questions. All adults who enter the building must wear a mask at all times.

There are no visitors allowed in the building during the reservation State of Emergency. All pick-up and drop-off of children must be done outside the building.

Community update

A community-wide curfew is imposed from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. during the shutdown.

As of earlier this week, the Warm Springs Healthness Center had conducted 6,132 Covid-19 tests. Of those, 5,564 have come back negative; while there have been a total of 540 positive cases.

Sixty community members have been hospitalized with covid, and 55 discharged.

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

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STAY SAFE
SAVE LIVES**

Summaries of Tribal Council

December 7

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Floy Lori Anderson, Superintendent.

Office of Special Trustee phone update with Kevin Moore.

Indian Health Service update with Dr. Locker and Michelle Miller.

Covid Response Team update Caroline Cruz, Danny Martinez, Carmen Smith, Dr. Locker and Louie Pitt:

- Discussed enforcement of Ordinance 101.
- The recommendation made by the Team will be reviewed and discussed on Wednesday, December 9, and to give the Team time to coordinate amongst each other.
- Federal and State legislative update calls.
- Tribal attorney update.

- Increase in CARES funding budgeted items with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:
- Motion by Captain approving budget adjustments from the CARES funds to Warm Springs Community Action Team for administering the Business Grants,

Temperature Reading annual maintenance costs, and High Lookkee Lodge Electronic Health implication fees with Pharmacy requirements. Second by Jay. Question: Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Wilson/yes, Anita/ yes, Brigitte/yes, Glendon/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.

December 8

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Glendon Smith, and Anita Jackson. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

Family First Act discussion with State of Oregon.

Children’s Protect Services update with Cecelia Collins.

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

December 9

The meeting was called to order at 1: by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Glendon Smith, chief Joseph Moses, Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Covid-19 Team update

with Caroline Cruz, Katie Russell, Hyllis Dauphinais, Danny Martinez and Sue Matters:

• Chairman Tsumpti took a poll to approve the recommendations as read into record: Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Glendon/no response, Joe/no, Captain/no, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Brigitte/yes: 5/2/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Resolutions with Michele Stacona and Alfred Estimo Jr.:

Scholarships:

• Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,748, pursuant to Ordinance 26 and Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed \$650,000 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Scholarship Fund for calendar year 2021; Second by Anita; Anita/yes, Glendon/yes, Wilson/no, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, 7/1/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Per Capita:

• Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,749, in accordance with authority contained in Article V, Section 1(t), as amended, of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws and Section 8 of the Corporate Charter, that per capita distributions are authorized for the calendar year 2021 at \$25 per month for each eligible member of the Tribe, subject to the following conditions:

1) Per Capita payments are to be made to all persons appearing on the official Tribal roll as of January 1, 2021, and persons who are subsequently enrolled.

2) All persons appearing on the Tribal rolls as of January 1, 2021 shall be entitled to per capita payments at a rate of \$25 per month beginning January 25, 2021 and ending December 16, 2021.

3) All persons enrolled January 1, 2021 shall be entitled to receive per capita payments at a rate of \$25 per month from the date of enrollment through December 16, 2021 and further, all enrollees living as of 12 midnight on the 10 day of the month shall be entitled to receive that month’s per capita, and upon the person’s death, it will be credited to his/her estate.

Payments shall be processed according to Attachment “A”, Per Capita schedule for 2021.

4) Enrollees who die during the year shall receive no further payments after death and his/her estate shall not be entitled to further per capita payments except as provided in Section 3.

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Housing Improvement grant applications

The Housing Improvement Program is a home repair, renovation, replacement and housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and federally-recognized Indian tribes for American Indians and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing.

To be eligible for Housing Improvement Program assistance you must be a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or an Alaska Native, and live in an approved tribal service area. Additional requirements: Have an income that does not exceed 150 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines;

- Have present housing that is substandard, as defined in the regulations 25 CFR, Part 256;
- Have no other resource for housing assistance;
- Have not previously received HIP assistance for repairs, renovation, replacement or housing, or down payment assistance;
- And have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program within the previous 20 years.

Interested applicants should contact Sharon Jackson for an application package containing the application, guidelines and required supporting documentation necessary in order to qualify for eligibility.

Complete applications and all supporting documentation are due by December 31, 2020.

Sharon Jackson, Tribal Government Specialist, BIA Northwest Region. email:

Sharon.jackson@bia.gov

Phone: (425) 258-2651 ext. 252

Note: Regulations have changed; there is an additional Category D—Down Payment Assistance, for information contact the Warm Springs Housing Authority for more information, 541-553-3250.

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An early Christmas gift from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

Casino temporary closure

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council made the decision to temporarily close Indian Head Casino.

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

Thanksgiving.

The Cottonwood restaurant will remain open for curbside pick-up with debit and credit card transactions only. No cash transactions. Reopening date of the casino is to be determined.

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Letters to the editor

Flu shots

The Warm Springs Clinic reminds the community that it is not too late to get your seasonal flu shot.

Flu shot hours at the clinic are 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 2 to 4 p.m. every-day.

Flu shots will be given by nursing staff, curbside in the comfort of your car. Present to the clinic entry gate during the above hours.

A wish...

We'd like to wish my youngest sister, Susan Switzler Coronado, a very Happy Birthday in Walla Walla, Washington.

Sending our love and prayers for healing. We miss you and wish we could visit more often.

Love and hugs always.

From the Tsumpti family.

Births

OpaLynne Rosey Williams

Lyle Williams Jr. and Ashlynn Danzuka are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter OpaLynne Rosey Williams, born on December 3, 2020.

OpaLynne joins brither Maliky, 5, and sister Mozanntique, 1.

Grandparents on the father's side are Judith Kalama and Allen Charley.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Kathy Danzuka and the late Roosevelt 'Rosey' Suppah.

Minnie L. Charley

Leonard Y. Charley Sr. and Delberta P. Williams are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Minnie L. Charley, born on December 11, 2020.

Minnie joins brother Leonard Jr.

Grandparents on the father's side are Minnie L. Charley of Warm Springs, and Timothy Barnett of Oklahoma City.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Josie Williams and Warner Williams of Warm Springs.

W.S. Dispatch

To the Warm Springs Community,

As of last Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m., the Warm Springs Police Dis-

patch Center switched the night shift dispatch functions over to Frontier Dispatch for a period of 30 days.

The decision to utilize this service was made so the focus would be on training the two new dispatchers.

Please, for emergencies dial 911. Please avoid using the non-emergency line for emergencies. Although both the dispatch centers Frontier and Warm Springs have the same role and function, there are slight differences in how calls are handled.

This is a temporary switch for night shifts between Sunday and Thursday and we look forward to having the opportunity to provide quality training to our new dispatchers, so we can get our Call Center up and fully functioning again.

We also thank our partnering agency Frontier Dispatch Center for the willingness to assist us in this time of need.

Crystal Greene, Lieutenant, Warm Springs Police Department, Corrections/Telecommunications Division.

KNT water

The Kah-Nee-Ta Resort area, specifically the Hamlets, is seeing a temporary water shutoff notice for this Wednesday, December 16.

The installation of the south Kah-Nee-Ta pressure relief valve station and altitude valve is the reason for the temporary shutoff.

Approximately 58 residences are affected by the December 16 shutoff.

According to Utilities, discolored water or air in the line is possible in the area after installation and water is back in service.

If experienced, run cold water until water runs clear.

If you have questions, call Chico Holliday at Utilities, 541-553-3246.

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 routine care that are not illness related.

We will still be available to help assist with any immediate or urgent medical needs during our normal operating hours.

We will continue providing assessment and screening for people with covid

Fond farewells to two from clinic team

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center bid farewell in December to Yvonne Iverson and Capt. James Gemelas. Yvonne and James are long-time members of the Health and Wellness team, and both are leaving to pursue new opportunities.

At the clinic we are grateful for the years of service they have provided. Yvonne has been the clinic budget analyst since 2013. She also manages Purchasing, Warehouse, and Quarters staff.

She has functioned as our Incident Command Finance Chief during our Covid-19 pandemic operations.

Yvonne attended the IHS Leadership Training Program, and has been a member of the Warm Springs Executive Management Team for many years.

Yvonne is also a trained Health Improvement Professional, and a



Yvonne Iverson

certified Nonviolent Crisis Intervention trainer.

She has constantly supported our clinic staff in both quality improvement and safety activities in addition to her regular duties.

A Warm Springs tribal member, Yvonne started her work at the clinic while still in high school.

After completing college, she returned to work for the Confederated Tribes in the Community Health Department, where she worked for 12 years.

She started as a physical therapy aide and ended as the Community Health Program Manager, demonstrating her unique ability to mo-



Cpt. James Gemelas

tivate and lead.

Meanwhile, Cpt. James Gemelas arrived for duty in 1993 when the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center first opened.

He started in the Confederated Tribes Managed Care Department as a case manager. Jim took part time leave in 1995 to parent his young children while continuing to work fill-in at the Pharmacy.

Cpt. Gemelas returned full time as the Pharmacy director in 2003 before transferring to his current position as Clinical Applications Coordinator in 2006.

Also known as Captain Calm, Jim has guided the Warm Springs Health and Wellness staff, both tribal and IHS, through a wide variety of clinical computer applications, including the use of the Electronic Health Record and other data collection programs. He has cheerfully filled in at our pharmacy whenever needed.

In addition to his regular duties, Jim has functioned as our Incident Command System Liaison Officer from March of 2020.

Jim will be transferring to the Office of Information Technology for IHS.

We are grateful for all he has done in his time here and know he will continue to serve all of IHS as he works with the Electronic Health Record development program.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center team.

Mask-up campaign with Bigfoot

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has shared its 'Bigfoot Mask Up' campaign material with the Confederated Tribes.

The campaign includes a large all-weather wooden cutout of Bigfoot (left, with Neal of KWSO).

The cutout has its own specially fitted mask (in this photo the Bigfoot is getting ready to mask up).

The campaign material also includes yard signs with Covid-19 safety messages (see page 2).

The Indian Health Board shared its campaign with tribes throughout the Northwest.



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From the Oregon Health Authority

We know that holiday celebrations are important for many.

Though many traditions involve gathering with our friends and family, this year the best way to honor loved ones is to celebrate at home with only the people we live with.

If you are considering gathering with people you don't live with, here are some tips for making the decision:

Check your community risk level to see what gathering size is allowed.

Talk to the host about what steps are being taken to increase safety.

Gathering outdoors is safer than indoors.

Wear a mask indoors and outdoors. Avoid shouting or singing.

Absolutely: Stay home if you are sick or have been near someone who thinks they may have or have been exposed to Covid-19.

Remember, it's okay if

you decide to stay home and remain apart from others. Do what's best for you.

Rather than canceling the holiday celebrations, plan your festivities and maintain your traditions with those in your household and include others virtually.

Spring at COCC

For winter and spring terms Central Oregon Community College will continue to offer the majority of its services remotely, facilities will remain closed to the public.



A Christmas chuckle with artist Travis Bobb.

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A Year in Review ~ 2020 ~

(Continued from December 2)

The following are more of the memorable news events during 2020 on the reservation.

April

In April, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the Celilo Village decided to hold 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 Covid-19, including Celilo Village leader Bobby Begay; although it was not confirmed that any of these people had contracted the virus at the longhouse event.

Less than two weeks later, however, Mr. Begay, 51, died from complications due to the virus. A leading fish technician for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Bobby had a reputation as an effective advocate for cultural and environmental protection. Friends and colleagues described him as a force of nature: upbeat, welcoming, and keen to build bridges between Native American communities and outsiders.

The tragedy of this year's feast brings into focus the terrible choices tribal communities everywhere are now facing. On the one hand, canceling events may save lives, and is necessary in the fight a pandemic that has already devastated lives and livelihoods across the world. Yet for many Native American communities, such gatherings are critical; they reinforce a sense of cohesion and identity.

May

Like all graduating classes, the **Class of 2020** is unique, though the graduation ceremony this year will be especially memorable.

The seniors at Madras High School and Bridges who have met all requirements will graduate on time, in June, as is the custom.

This spring there had been some question as to how the graduation ceremony could happen while keeping everyone safe from the virus.

To address the question, the school district asked the seniors and families about what they would like to see for the graduation ceremony.

The district received nearly 200 responses; and these ideas will be incorporated into the ceremony.

Graduation Day will be Saturday, June 13 at the high school. Details are still being worked out; though for sure each student will get to walk across the stage to receive his or her diploma.

Tribal member and leader

Ken Smith passed away on Wednesday, May 13 at his home in Warm Springs. He was 85.

Mr. Smith was born in The Dalles on March 30, 1935, into a poor family. He would grow up to be one of the most important leaders of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Ken had a charisma that brought others to him throughout his lifetime.

The Tribal Council endorsed the hiring of a new **BIA superintendent** for the Warm Springs Agency. The presentation of the hiring recommendation was at Council this month, via teleconference with BIA regional director Bryan Mercier.

Council and Mr. Mercier had earlier interviewed two finalist candidates for the position, and came to a unanimous decision on the hiring. The new Warm Springs Agency

superintendent will likely arrive in two months, Mercier said, as the background and other requirements are met.

Tribal Council in May voted to cancel the **2020 Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow** and related Treaty Days community events like the rodeo, parade, health fair and run.

Council made the decision based on the recommendation of the tribes' Covid-19 Response Team.

Pi-Ume-Sha usually happens in late June. The powwow annually brings hundreds of visitors to the reservation: The potential for visitors bringing the coronavirus to the reservation was the factor in the Council decision.

June

The Confederated Tribes and **Indian Head Gaming** decided to reopen in the casino in mid June. "We are very excited to open and with the amount of phone calls we receive on a daily basis from our guests, we know they are looking forward to our opening too," said Belinda Chavez, Director of Marketing for Indian Head Gaming. "We are committed to following the Centers for Disease Control's guidelines, and we have implemented safety and sanitation measures in addition to limiting our occupancy to 250 total guests," said Chavez.

Tribal Council voted 5-4 to begin the **reopening of the tribal organization** on June 8. That week will be the first phase of the four-phase re-opening, with 25-percent of employees returning over each successive week.

The Covid-19 Response team had recommended a delay of one more week, to June 15. A majority of the Council members, though, felt it is time on June 8 to begin the reopening. As the employees return there will be new precautions such as more cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers, thermometers, plexi-glass windows when appropriate, and in time additional precautions.

The Warm Springs Community Action team has activated a Source hydro-panel array to provide a **renewable supply of clean drinking water** for the community. The Community

Action Team contracted with Zero Mass Water to install the panels.

Source hydropanel look like solar panels; instead of energy, though, the panels produce clean drinking water.

The panels make the water using only sunlight and air. This renewable method is opposed to traditional systems that filter ground water; or treat surface water.

The hydro-panel form of water production is sustainable, while also removing the need for heavy chemicals used in drinking water filtration.

The ten hydropanel are located on the west side of the Community Action Team office. The panels will produce up to 50 liters of drinkable water a day, said Carina Miller, Action Team researcher.

The Agency area is on a **boil water notice**: Extreme water conservation measures should be taken throughout the area served by the Warm Springs system; and the Schoolie Flat system.

"We're at a very critical point, where conservation efforts need to be followed by all community members," said Travis Wells, director of Public Utilities.

It has been noted that community members are misusing water to fill swimming pools, and water lawns for extended periods of time. "Until we can do the required repairs, folks will need to utilize water only for personal use—flushing toilets, showering, boiling for consumption." This summer's boil water requirement is similar to that of last year, which the community endured for several months.

Tribal Council has adopted a program to provide **Cares Act financial grants** to tribal members who are suffering personal economic and health hardships due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. Tribal management is setting up the program, and is expecting to begin taking applications and issuing grants to qualified tribal members this month.

There was a time when life on the reservation was less complicated—Never easy, just not so complicated like today. If you visit the new exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs, you can see firsthand some Native works from many decades ago, in some cases from more than a century ago.

The exhibition is called **The Path of Resilience**, on display through the summer. Featured items include woven bags from the

early part of the last century, plus beaded objects, a review of the Treaty of 1855, and more. All of the works are from the museum's Permanent Collection and Archives Department.

With its re-opening this month the museum is taking precautions to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.

July

Students of the Jefferson County 509-J School District have not been in a classroom since March, when the schools closed because of the virus. Three and a half months later—and with the virus still very much among us—the district is now **planning for the 2020-21 school year**.

On the statewide level the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown have developed guidelines, called 'Ready Schools, Safe Learners—Guidance for School Year 2020-21.' The state guidelines provide a model for on-

site classes, and the 509-J district is planning to implement this model for all the district schools—including the Warm Springs Academy—in the fall of 2020.

Yvonne Greene and ChaCha Ramirez of Warm Springs have been asked to **represent the Pacific Northwest** basketball team at an international basketball tournament planned for next summer in the Dominican Republic.

As of this month since the outbreak, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has conducted more than 1,850 **Covid-19 tests**. Approximately 1,645 tested negative, with some tests still pending.

On the reservation so far there have been at least 165 positive test results. In Jefferson County overall, there have about 270 positive Covid-19 results.

On the reservation 16 tribal members have been hospitalized, and six discharged. Very sadly, there have been at least three deaths in the community directly attributed to the virus. The number of positives on-reservation has been increasing this month, with more members requiring hospitalization.

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The Madras High School Class of 2020 held their graduation ceremony in June. This was a unique graduation, as only one student was allowed on stage at a time to receive the diploma.



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July

Shirley Stayhi Heath, the wife of Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr., passed away from Covid-19 on July 30, 2020.

Mrs. Heath, Yakama member and long-time resident of the Warm Springs Reservation, was a beloved mother, grandmother, and most trusted adviser to her husband.

Oregon lawmakers approved more than **\$3.5 million in emergency water system repair** funding to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Much of the reservation has been on an unsafe drinking-boil water notice since June.

Some residents had no water pressure during the emergency,

made especially hard because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The coronavirus rate on the reservation this summer has been several times higher than the overall state average, and four times the average of eight other recognized tribes of Oregon.

The current boil-water condition is similar to the one last year that lasted several months: The system at Shitike Creek failed, caused by pressure relief valve problems. The Oregon Legislature Emergency Board unanimously approved \$3.58 million from state reserves to start addressing these issues.

August

The tribal organization is **set to re-open** on August 17.

In late July and early August,

Tribal Council and the Covid-19 Response Team were considering re-opening the organization in early August; however, further testing then showed an increase to more than 70 active Covid-19 cases on the reservation.

Council and the team then agreed another week of closure was in order.

Like the other school districts in the state, Jefferson County 509-J will begin the 2020-21 school year using Comprehensive Distance Learning. Because of the coronavirus, there will be no on-site teaching at least for the first six weeks of the new school year.

State health metrics leave Comprehensive Distance Learning as the only teaching alternative available, at least for the start of the year. This is true of all or all but one of the other districts in Oregon.

The Shitike 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 recover. 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 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.

There are 1,425 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 **nullify the ‘treaty of 1865’** with the matter now going to President Trump for final signing into law.

Tribal Council and Governmental Affairs director Louie Pitt have advocated for years that the 1865 ‘supplemental treaty’—also called ‘the Huntington document’—be formally repealed by the federal government. Gov. Kate Brown is in favor of the repeal. This year Rep. Greg Walden and Sen. Jeff Merkley sponsored legislation to repeal the Huntington document.

“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 recognized it as binding. The document, though, was ratified in 1867; so it has existed in a technical sense.

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Outreach available to community members

By Buffy Hurtado
Health Care Analyst
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 does include things like laundry soap, bleach, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, masks, etc.

Receiving items is based on household size to ensure that adequate 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—Just a short survey.

If delivery is needed, that can be arranged.

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 caseload(s) or individuals they

Covid-19 Community Outreach Project

Covid-19 is in the community of Warm Springs, and to keep everyone safe please:
Please wash your hands, wear a mask, & reduce going off the reservation.

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⇒ Cough	⇒ Muscle or Body	⇒ Nausea or
⇒ Shortness of Breath	⇒ Aches	⇒ Vomiting
	⇒ Sore Throat	⇒ Diarrhea

This project is made possible by donations and collaboration between:
The Pandemic Partners Facebook Group and the Office of H&HS Health Care Analyst

are working with.

All these items are donated and quarantined for at least five days, and in many cases longer.

Any person can make a referral and efforts will be made to reach out to that household.



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

Marie Dick

Photos and quotes taken from the National Endowment of Humanities CARES project, "Living in today's pandemic and Historical Pandemic and Catastrophes. The Education department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation received the CARES grant to document, through video interviews, elders and residents on the Umatilla reservation about their current thoughts on the pandemic as well as historical pandemics and catastrophes.

Photos by Digital Brilliance

Merle Kirk made this service message for the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation. 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.

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Note: All proceedings are held in the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Katie Smith, Defendant; Case No. CR160-20. TO: Katie Smith:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Jayce Allen, Defendant; Case No. CR563-19. TO: Jayce Allen:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that ORAL ARGUMENTS has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 14, 2021 @ 9:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Ellery Leclaire, Defendant; Case No. CR162-20. TO: Ellery Leclaire:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Louis Tewee Jr., Defendant; Case No. CR151-20; CR81-20; CR560-19. TO: Louis Tewee Jr.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 8, 2020 @ 8:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Evans Spino Jr., Respondent; Case No. CR249-20. TO: Evans Spino Jr.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 19, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Emerson Miller, Respondent; Case No. CR250-20. TO: Emerson Miller:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 26, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Revonne Johnson, Respondent; Case No. CR238-20. TO: Revonne Johnson:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 19, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Jeremy Herkshan, Respondent; Case No. CR167-20. TO: Jeremy Herkshan:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Status Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 27, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Jaydean Gilbert, Respondent; Case No. CR224-20. TO: Jaydean Gilbert:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Show Cause has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 19, 2021 at 8:00 am**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME - IN THE MATTER OF: BARBARA ANN MADRID, DOB: N/A. Case No. DO92-20. CPS, Petitioner. TO: CPS, SONJA MADRID:

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from BARBARA ANN MADRID to ANNA SAGE MADRID. A hearing on this matter has been set for 9:00 AM on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY 2021, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Any person who may show cause why this Petition should not be granted must file such objection in writing on or before 2ND day

of FEBRUARY 2021

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JANNA ONEIL, Respondent; Case No. JV42,43,44-20. TO: JANNA ONEIL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PROBATION REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 11TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

AGNES WOLFE, Petitioner, vs LUCY WOLFE, Respondent; Case No. RO58-20. TO: AGNES WOLFE, LUCY WOLFE, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 9:30 AM

KELLY LANGNESE, Petitioner, vs ERICKSON LUCEI, Respondent; Case No. RO59-20. TO: KELLY LANGNESE, ERICKSON LUCEI, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

EDNA WILLIAMS, Petitioner, vs LOUIS TEWEE JR, Respondent; Case No. DO149-19. TO: EDNA WILLIAMS, LOUIS TEWEE JR:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07, DO110-09, JV27-20. TO: CHARLENE CHEE, SARAH IKE, REX ROBINSON-ANGELES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISPOSITIONAL has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07, DO110-09, JV27-20. TO: CHARLENE CHEE, SARAH IKE, REX ROBINSON-ANGELES:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISCOVERY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 13TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LATONIA SMITH, Respondent; Case No. JV40-20, JV41-20. TO: LATONIA SMITH:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PROBATION REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 14TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

MERIMA MADE, Petitioner, vs ESTOMINA MADE, Respondent; Case No. DO74,75-20. TO: ESTOMINA MADE, IVORY WATKINS, MERIMA MADE, TONI MADE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 25TH day of JANUARY 2021@ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDITH WYENA, Respondent; Case No. DO102-08, JV77-17. TO: EDITH WYENA, ROBERT CHARLEY JR:

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 a hearing scheduled for the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MELODY BERRY, Respondent; Case No. JV22-20. TO: MELODY BERRY:

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 a hearing scheduled for the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Oregon covid numbers

Covid-19 claimed six more lives in Oregon recently, raising the state's death toll to 1,155, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

Recent data shows the state reported 1,048 new confirmed and presumptive cases of covid, bringing the state total to 93,853.

The new confirmed and presumptive covid cases reported this week are in the following counties: Baker (4), Benton (21), Clackamas (112), Clatsop (3), Columbia (15), Coos (11), Crook (7), Curry (14), Deschutes (39), Douglas (20), Hood River (13), Jackson (90), Jefferson (17), Josephine (11), Klamath (28), Lake (1), Lane

(88), Lincoln (12), Linn (24), Malheur (4), Marion (150), Morrow (4), Multnomah (172), Polk (15), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (36), Union (2), Wasco (9), Washington (108), Yamhill (17).

Oregon's 1,150th covid death was a 74-year-old woman in Jackson County.

The 1,151st death was a 91-year-old man in Josephine County.

The 1,152nd covid death: A 76-year-old woman in Linn County. The 1,153rd Oregon covid death: A 98-year-old man in Marion County.

The 1,154th: A 94-year-old woman in Washington County. The 1,155th: An 87-year-old man in Washington County.

Benefits of healthy posture

by **Alicia Oberholzer**
Physical Therapist
W.S. Holistic Health

A healthy posture is a reflection of the body's strength, flexibility and mobility.

It can be influenced by daily habits including how we work, recreate, sleep and travel.

An ideal posture allows us to sit, stand and move efficiently. While posture is often subconscious, there are many ways that we can improve it.

Move

Being in one position for a prolonged period of time can cause excess pressure and stress on certain joints and body tissues.

Changing position often can help to mitigate these effects.

Taking a two minute break every hour to stretch or walk can make a big difference in overall pain and stiffness.

Position

Set yourself up for suc-

cess. If you know that you are going to be in a position for more than 30 minutes, be extra mindful of how you set up your chair, computer or phone.

Try to keep your neck neutral, back supported, and eyes looking ahead.

Exercise

Postural muscles are key in supporting good alignment, reducing stress on joints, and minimizing chronic pain.

For specific postural strengthening exercises, tune into this week's episode on the Warm Springs Holistic Health youtube channel.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact a physical therapist at Warm Springs Holistic Health for more information.

Warm Springs Holistic Health is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are required. Call 541-777-2663 to learn more. The center, a program of Managed Care, is located on campus next to the courthouse.

CRITFC data project coordinator

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising for an Inter-Tribal Monitoring Data Project Coordinator. This job is new, full-time, and located in Portland.

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Latest IHS Covid-19 testing data for Indian Country

The Indian Health Service updated its coronavirus data through early to mid December. The data reflects IHS covid testing across Indian Country.

According to the data, 118,046 tests have returned positive for Covid-19. That represents an increase of 1 percent from the 116,858 cases previously reported by the IHS.

Altogether, 1,482,313 coronavirus tests have been administered within the IHS through the first third of December. That marks an increase of nearly 0.7 percent from the week prior.

Since mid-October, the IHS has been providing additional information about the spread of the coronavirus within the sys-

tem.

The cumulative percent positive column shows the historical Covid-19 infection rate, meaning the number of tests that have returned positive since the onset of the pandemic.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in the Navajo Area (14.8 percent), the Phoenix Area (13.2 percent), the Oklahoma City Area (10.5 percent), the Albuquerque Area (10.4 percent) and the Great Plains Area (10.4 percent).

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

The 7-day rolling average positivity column of-

fers a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows where Covid-19 cases have been increasing recently.

Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, three regions have seen dramatic increases in Covid-19 cases. They are: the Phoenix Area (17.6 percent), the Navajo Area (17.3 percent) and the Oklahoma City Area (16.4 percent).

Overall, 8.6 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows. Meanwhile, the 7-day average has started to decrease after growing steadily over the last couple of months. It now stands at 11.6 percent.

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.

Based on the above calculated figure, nearly 57.9 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have been tested for the coronavirus since the IHS began reporting data in March.

However, based on the actual IHS user population, 89.1 percent of Native Americans have been tested for the coronavirus since the IHS began reporting data in March.

~ 2020 Review ~

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September

The massive Lionshead fire—at nearly 200,000 acres burned—is unlike anything seen for many decades on the reservation.

For 40 years Robert Brunoe has worked in the fire suppression and resource protection fields for the tribes. “I’ve not seen anything like it,” Mr. Brunoe was saying. And he explains:

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

At a meeting before Tribal Council, Mr. Brunoe, Natural Resources general manager, held up an ordinary piece of writing paper. “This paper,” he said, “contains more moisture than the average fuel on the forest floor.”

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

Summer lightning fires are common on the reservation, and crews often contain them quickly through the high standard of wildland fire response. What happened next at Lion’s Head, though, was very unusual.

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 the wind gusts were at 50 miles per hour—with some reports of gusting at 70 miles per hour. Spotting was happening two miles away—also rare for the region.

Like wearing a mask during the pandemic, completing the 2020 United States Census is for the common good.

The tribes do not want to be under counted in the census for the reason that the tribes do not want to lose:

The tribes do not want to lose representation; nor do the tribes wish to lose tax payer dollars that otherwise will go elsewhere and for other purposes.

The solution is simple: Every tribal household should complete the 2020 Census, or the tribes will lose valuable resources. And now the day is nearly upon us—Sep-

tember 30—to answer the census questions that take no more than 10 minutes. And the census takers by phone are very pleasant and easy to work with.

The Museum at Warm Springs received a \$140,147 grant as compensation for losses due to Covid-19.

Another \$53,736 went to other cultural programs of the Confederated Tribes, such as Education.

The pandemic forced the museum to close for many weeks, and the essential fundraisers have not possible during the pandemic.

Nearly one month into the 2020-21 school year, students are using the online platforms in pursuing their education. While clearly less than ideal, “Overall this is going well,” said Ken Parshall, 509-J district superintendent.

Teachers and staff over the summer went through intensive training in the best use of Google Classroom and other interactive software. Meanwhile, students are studying and working their regular school schedules from home. “Having that normality in the day—students knowing what to expect from class—is helpful to everyone,” Mr. Parshall said.

The ‘treaty of 1865’ document is officially a thing of the past—now just a relique of attempted fraud upon the Confederated Tribes.

Earlier this year Congress passed “A law to nullify the supplemental treaty between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865.”

This legislation then became on Tuesday, October 20.

Official nullification had been a goal of Tribal Council and leadership for decades. The 1865 document was never enforced or recognized by the tribes or federal government. Nor has the state relied on its provisions, which appeared to relinquish tribal Ceded Lands off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering rights.

In 1865 there was no compensation to the tribes in exchange for

the alleged transaction; and the few signatures on the document were suspect.

The recent law disavowing this document reinforces tribal sovereignty, and the government-to-government agreement of the Treaty of 1855.

Control of the Lionshead fire is divided among three local units: The Warm Springs Agency, the Willamette National Forest and the Mt. Hood National Forest.

On the reservation the fire burned roughly 97,000 acres, and another 107,000 acres off reservation. The fire broke out during a lightning storm on August 16.

November

Treasures of the Tribal Member Art Show went on display this month in the Changing Exhibits Gallery of the Museum at Warm Springs. This year the Judges Choice Awards went to Reina Estimo for her beaded medallion, and Brutis Baez for his mixed media creation.

Edward Heath won Honorable Mention, as did Pat Courtney Gold and Marjorie Kalama. All of these items and many more will be on display through early January.

With so much else going on it may be easy to forget the critical domestic water situation on the reservation, in particular the entire Agency area where most of the tribal population lives. Some good news is that many people, within the tribes and from outside, are working to resolve this pending matter.

The federal and state governments recognize the need and obligation. And the same is true in the charitable private sector: The Chũush Fund—project of the MRG Foundation—is a great example.

Through this fund the MRG Foundation accepts donations on behalf the tribes, then contributes 100 percent directly to the tribes for immediate work on the water system. This ongoing partnership began last year following the 76-day Agency water crisis.

At the time the people at the MRG Foundation heard about this, and worked with Tribal Council and management in establishing the Chũush Fund.



Crew on the Lionshead fire, September 2020.



This scene became familiar in 2020 at the Warm Springs Academy: Chef Juanita Kalama (left) and lead chef Beverly Gallimore serve the breakfast, lunches and Academy assignments to students and families at the school drive-by area.



In early October the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, the Peacekeeper Society of Yakima; Warm Springs Emergency Response and partners distribute supplies to households of the reservation. Quanah Spencer , tribal relations director with BNSF, coordinated the event with the Dan Martinez, director of tribal Emergency Response. As many as 600 tribal households showed up for the drive-through distribution.



Old Skool Bear in the New School World, multi media art by Brutis Baez –Judges Choice Award – Contemporary, Twenty-Seventh Tribal Member Art Show, November 2020, the Museum at Warm Springs.



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Fisheries updates around Northwest Indian Country

In Idaho

After two decades of litigation, mitigation and field preparation, the sockeye salmon showed a promising return this year to Idaho’s Pettit Lake near Stanley, Idaho.

The thing is, a lot of people have given up on the Snake River sockeye. The challenges are enormous. Sockeye travel the farthest of all Idaho salmon, a journey of more than 900 miles and climbing more than 6,500 feet in elevation before they reach the Sawtooth Valley.

In 1999, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes filed a petition with the National Marine Fisheries Service to list the sockeye as an endangered species in order to launch a recovery plan. The tribes have actively worked since then on that restoration.

In Washington State

Months after dam removal, Pilchuck River is showing signs of recovery

As water rushes along the Pilchuck River, it’s almost too loud to hear Brett Shattuck, a restoration ecologist with the Tulalip Tribes, ask his team whether they’ve spotted any fish.

They’re working their way

across the river to get a better glimpse of the location where a dam stood for more than 100 years. The tribe, along with roughly a dozen partner agencies, removed the dam for good in mid-August.

A little more than three months later, it’s hard to tell anything was ever there aside from a few chunks of concrete that remain near the riverbank. Last August, Shattuck said there was at best 50 salmon spotted above the dam. This year they’ve already spotted hundreds of coho in recent spawning surveys above the area where the dam once stood. A handful of chinook have been spotted too.

509-J teacher allegedly yelled at covid shutdown protestors

Last week the Jefferson County School District 509-J took disciplinary action against a teacher in the for yelling at protestors in downtown Bend. The incident allegedly happened over the previous weekend.

The teacher allegedly yelled at people who were rallying against the governor’s covid lockdown. Video of the teacher garnered a million and a half views on Twitter soon after it was posted. It showed her screaming to the protestors from

her car, giving them the finger, claiming the families of her students are dying and telling the protestors they should kill themselves.

The district would did not reveal the teacher’s name.

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Update: Several new cases this month

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There have now been 12 deaths among the community from Covid-19.

Among the membership, other facilities have conducted additional tests, with 70 positive results, for a total among the tribal community of 602 positives.

Last week saw a spike in cases, with 61 new positives. This would correspond to the timing of the Thanksgiving holiday.

As of last week, there were five community members who were hospitalized, with two on ventilators. As of late last week, there were 73 reservation community members with active Covid-19; plus 153 people who were in close contact, and receiving daily monitoring by Community Health and IHS.

Warm Springs residents are asked to stay home except for essential activities like grocery shopping, going to work, attending medical appointments, or picking up medicine.

Anyone violating quarantine or isolation requirements are subject to citation per Ordinance 101 that Tribal Council approved earlier this year to protect community members from Covid-19.

Community members who are isolating or quarantined due to Covid-19 can have a food box delivered, since you are not able to go grocery shopping. If you have questions, you can contact Warm Springs Emergency Management at 541-553-3345. Emergency Management also has personal protective equipment.

The Warm Springs Police Department maintains an anonymous tip line for local community members to report concerns. The number is 541-553-2202.

Seasonal flu

About 22.5 percent of the community had received the seasonal flu shot, as of late last week.

The flu vaccine is still available at the clinic (*see page 3 for details*). Call the Health and Wellness Center for more information, 541-553-6275.

Conviction in fish poaching case

A fisheries success story of the Confederated Tribes, and its agency and other partners, is the reestablishment and protection of the bull trout population in the Metolius River. For more than a decade now the tribes and partners have invested their time and resources into this project.

Bull trout are a threatened species, inhabiting less than half of their historic range. The Metolius population is a prized spawning ground for the fish, used to help repopulate other waters where the bull trout numbers have dwindled.

The bull trout has a head and mouth that are unusually large for salmonids, giving the fish its name. As with other salmonids, the bull trout is of great significance to the tribes, said Robert Brunoe, general manager of tribal Natural Resources. It has been a favorite fish among many members, including Mr. Brunoe’s mother, he said.

Clearly, poaching of this fish is a matter of highest Natural Resources priority for the tribes. And when poaching happens on the reservation side of the Metolius, the tribal sovereignty is violated.

This happened recently, and the suspect was caught, convicted and sentenced last month. During the sentencing, Mr. Brunoe testified on behalf of the tribes.

The testimony came during the federal court sentencing of Culver resident Thomas R. Campbell.

Campbell, 29, had earlier pleaded guilty to poaching Metolius bull trout from both the reservation and non-reservation sides of the river.

He was sentenced for the flagrant and repeated poaching of the protected and tribally significant bull trout. U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams summarized some details of the case, based on the court documents:

On multiple occasions in 2017 and 2018, Campbell poached bull trout from the Metolius River, fishing from U.S. Forest Service lands and while trespassing on the Eyerly 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, Mr. Williams said. He continued:

The Metolius River requires catch-and-release for all species of fish, including bull trout. Although one can legally angle for bull trout on the Metolius River and in Lake Billy Chinook, bull trout are not legal to target elsewhere in Oregon. This makes the Metolius River one of the Oregon’s crown gems of angling.

Campbell targeted, kept and grossly mishandled bull trout despite admittedly knowing the laws protecting the species and how to properly handle fish to immediately release unharmed. He also committed these crimes despite numerous warnings from public viewers of his social media boasts about his poaching.

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

As part of the sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken banned Campbell from fishing or hunting anywhere in the United States. In addition, Judge Aiken ordered Campbell to pay a \$6,000 criminal fine to the Lacey Act Reward Fund.

Campbell was also ordered to perform 300 hours of community service with a non-profit focused on conservation or with a collaborative relationship with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. His term of probation is five years.

Summary of Tribal Council

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5) If the BIA Superintendent for the Warm Springs Agency determines that it is in the best interest of a member beneficiary recipient, the Per Capita payment for any of the following:

A minor; an emancipated minor; an adult in need of assistance; an adult under a legal disability; an individual determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be non-compos mentis; a welfare recipient or the recipient of Tribal Court-ordered child support, shall be deposited in a supervised Individual Indian Money Account for restricted expenditure in accordance with BIA regulations.

6) To provide for deposits into the Minors Trust Fund for all members who have not reached the age of 21 years, \$300 of such eligible member’s Per Capita payments shall be deposited annually in

the Trust at Columbia Trust Company.

Eligible members shall accrue advance deposits of \$25 per month, credited from the date of enrollment, to be deposited in their individual accounts at the bank semi-annually, in January and July, in two payments of \$150. If an eligible member who has accrued such deposits in advance of the semi-annual transfer to his/her Trust account dies before his/her Trust deposit is actually deposited at the Bank, the Confederated Tribes shall be reimbursed the amount of such accrual after the death of said member not to exceed the sum of \$150;

That amount of \$1,610,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of per capita payments in accordance with the authority contained in Article V, Section 1 (t) as amended;

That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Interior or his/

her authorized representative is hereby requested to approve the per capita distribution plan outlined above on January 1, 2021;

That the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is hereby authorized to proceed with the schedule of per capita payments plan after its approval by the authorized office in accordance with authority contained in Article V, Section 1 (t), as amended, of the Constitution and By-Laws and Section 8 of the Corporate Charter. Second by Anita. Discussion. Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Senior Distribution Fund:

• Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,750, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed \$2,052,000 is hereby authorized for ex-

penditure from the Senior Distribution Fund for calendar year 2021. Second by Anita. Discussion. All in favor, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Forest Management Deduction Funds:

• Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,751, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (d) of the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, that the amount of \$550,058, is approved for the funding of the Warm Springs Intensive Forest Management Program, as shown on Attachment “A”;

That such funds shall be reimbursed from timber sales no later than quarterly to the Confederated Tribes from Forest Management Deduction account;

That expenditures for intensive forest management activities pursuant to Exhibit “A” shall: 1.) Be consistent with the Tribe’s Intensive Forest Management Policy; 2.) Be in compliance with Public

Law 1C1-630, the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act; 3.) Not exceed 7% of gross timber sale income or revenue. Second by Captain. Discussion. All in favor 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Ballfields – Supplemental Budget – Alfred Estimo Jr. and Michele Stacona:

• To be discussed on Tuesday, December 15 after Alfred and Michele review the Budget Ordinance for possible alternative.

Other Business – Tribal Council:

• Tribal Council will meet on Friday, December 11, Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15 as scheduled.

• The discussion about a bonus will continue on Tuesday, December 15 after reviewing the Tribes savings, and how much is Trust dollars.

Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 2:57 p.m.

At Council this month

Tribal Council is scheduled to meet this week regarding board appointments, and Cares Act spending.

Council is then scheduled to meet by teleconference, Thursday and Friday, December 17-18, with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

These would be the last business of the year for Council. The tribes will have early shutdown at noon on Thursday, December 24; and then the organization is closed on Friday, December 25.

There will be another noon early shutdown on Thursday, December 31; and organization closure on Friday, January 1.