Academy welcomes students to class

There is a lot of safety and sanitizing going on at the Warm Springs Academy, though the school really is closer to normal than ever.

There is no individual limit. Sales regulations regarding smelt harvest include the following:

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“We're all students representing all tribal students across the nation,” Karlen said. “I'm representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.”

“In another most recent accomplishment, Karlen has been accepted to work for Justice Memory Lewin of the Washington State Supreme Court. Justice Memory Lewin is the first member of a federally recognized tribe to serve on any state supreme court in the U.S.

As of this past Tuesday, smelt had not yet appeared in the Cowlitz River, and so the fishery will go on as scheduled. Branch of Natural Resources harvest manager.”

“The staff are so excited, and the kids are happy to be back,” Academy Counselor Anna Keifer was saying the other morning, helping out at the school has drop-off area.

The entire building is thoroughly sanitized when the school day is done, with additional cleaning and sanitizing during school hours.

Throughout the day the masks are strictly required for teachers and staff and students, as is the social distancing—inside, in the hallways and in the classrooms.

The hand sanitizer is abundant and plentiful. There is special safety protocol in case any student shows symptoms.

The Branch of Natural Resources will have elite technicians to check your harvest. If you are not checked on the river you are required to report your catch to the harvest manager within 24 hours.

The district adopted the distancing learning model, and continued this approach for the 2020-21 school year, until last week, when the state guidelines allowed for in-school learning, following the stricter safety mandates.

As students and families had a choice of whether to continue at-home online approach, or to go back to school. An overwhelming number chose to return to school.

“I love it—it reminds me of my Tiftich,” Bambi VanDyke, Academy Principal, was saying Tuesday morning, as students were arriving for the start of school.

“To have the kids back means the world to me.”

— Dave McMechen

Remains are apparently of missing woman

Human remains found in January on the reservations are apparently those of Tina Vip Spins, 58, who had been missing since last summer, according to police.

The remains were found by a resident on January 12 along Tonquin Road, near the Spins family home near the Cowlitz area, said Bill Elliott, Public Safety general manager.

Tribe detectives processed the scene, with FBI special agents and the FBI Evidence Recovery Team.

The evidence was then submitted to the Medford Laboratory’s office for forensic evaluation. Dental records and DNA sampling were analyzed, leading authorities to believe the remains are those of Ms. Spins, who had been last seen on July 26, according to police.

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10 years and growing at Salmon King

When Salmon King Fish- eries first opened in Febru- ary of 2011, the business of- fered their renowned smoked salmon, harvested, processed and marketed by the owner-operators Brigette and Sean McConville. Ten years later Salmon King now sells 28 different Columbia fishery products: Smoked, fresh canned, smoke canned—they have eight kinds of canned fish—the popular wind-dried, the salmon candy, and more.

In addition, the shop sells handmade jewelry, crafts and other gifts, and a variety of beads, seining and basketry supplies. Around Christmas time they have smoked elk and huckleberry jam. And this winter they have their Valentine’s Day Specials.

Salmon King Fisheries—located at the Plaza by In- dian Head Casino—sells items both locally and to visi- tors; and the shop has many customers across the coun- try who order online or by phone.

Of the large number of orders for the December holidays, and now for Valentine’s Day, many are lo- cal orders, while a great many more are shipped to customers around the coun-

Investigation: determining cause of death

(Continued from page 1)

The missing persons re- port regarding Ms. Spino was taken last August 8.

“At this time, it is too early to determine the manner of death. We are still working on that,” said Josh Capehart, Warm Springs Lt. of Investiga- tions.

Anyone with informa- tion is asked to contact Warm Springs Tribal Po-

ice Department investiga- tion at 541-553-2202. The tribal police office number is 541-553-1172.

Funeral arrangements start this Thursday, February 11 with Waashat Ser-

vices. There will be service on Friday at the commu- nity center Pavilion starting at 8:30 a.m. Family and friends ask, Please adhere to Covid protocols, wear your mask, social distance, refrain from hugs and handshakes, bring hand sanitizer.

Brigette McConville, also a Councilwoman of the Seekseequa District, at her shop by the casino. For phone orders, call 541-980-5680. Also, see their Facebook page; or salmonkingfisheries.com
**Tribal Council February agenda —**

The following are some of the items remaining on the Tribal Council agenda for the current month, subject to change at Council discretion.

**February 16, 2021**

**Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.**
- Health and Human Services clinic executive and Human Services; Carmen Danny Martinez, director, Emer-
- Lori Fuentes and Carlos Calica.

**Wednesday, 9 a.m.**
- Water Control Board were not available for Committee re-
- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,767 approving the relinquishment of Kathleen Joy Yallup to enroll with Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Second by Glendon. Discussion; Glendon, Captain, Delvis, Jay, Anita, Wilson/yes, Jay/no; Delvis/yes, Motion carried.

**Wednesday, 10 a.m.**
- Motion by Wilson approving the Non-Smoking Zones Frugal, US Department of the Interior Deputy Assistant Secret-
- Motion by Captain approving the Tribal agenda, subject to discussion with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics: Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,766 approving the relinquishment of Tilda Alivia Wallace recently enrolled with Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Second by Glendon. Discussion; Glendon, Captain, Delvis, Jay, Anita, Wilson/yes, Jay/no; Delvis/yes, Motion carried.

**Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.**
- Covid Team update with Louie Pitt. Discussion; Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Motion carried.

**Wednesday, 5 p.m.**
- Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,765 approving the relinquishment of Nellie Joy Smelt fishing with Mark Manini. Motion by Captain adopting Resolution No. 12,764 authorizing the Office of Natural Resources to sign an agreement with Shasta County, except the recommendation from the Cabinet of the Secretary of the Interior.

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From the desk of the W.S. Veterans Representative

At the B&G Youth of Year event

Rebecca Francis is an eighth-grader at the Warm Springs Academy. The yearbook cover of Boys & Girls Club chose Rebecca to represent the club at the Snohomish County: Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year event. The competition is for Club team members aged 11 or older. This year the competition was on Zoom. Each year Boys & Girls Clubs select a teen to represent their club in the competition. The teens complete an interview process, and write a short speech about their club experience. Rebecca did a great job representing the club.

In her speech she talked about overcoming obstacles in her life, the importance of family, and the capability to raise her federal-taxes-for-free check out the IRS website: irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-

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Letters to the editor

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes is seeking to fill one position on the Tribal Council of Culture and Heritage Commiss-Or mail to: Michele Stacona, S-T/CEO 329 Norbeck Building, address to: Michele Stacona, S-T/CEO, P.O. Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97751. You may also be sent by email to mstacona@wscrafts.com

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In the matter of the estate of Valeana A. Sargeant, W.S., deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR53. To Adel Waheneka, Jake Waheneka, and Matt Waheneka: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2021 @ 3:30 PM at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

In the matter of the estate of Geraldine W. Wra, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR90. To Adel Waheneka, Jake Waheneka, and Matt Waheneka: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2021 @ 5:30 PM at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

In the matter of the estate of Donald M. Wabasso Jr. and Anna Wabasso: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2021 @ 10:00 AM at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

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The latest graph showing positive Covid-19 tests (the orange line) and negative tests (gray bars) by week among the tribal community. As the graph demonstrates, mid and late January into early February saw a drop in the number of positive test results, a tribute to people who are practicing the safety measures.
Salmon spawn beyond Grand Coulee dam

First time in generations

The Grand Coulee hy-
dro-dam on the Columbia River in the northern Wash-
ington is a massive struc-
ture, constructed between 1933 and 1942. Downstream is the Chief Joseph dam built in the 1950s. More than 70 years ago, Grand Coulee blocked salmon and steelhead from reaching 645 miles of habi-
tax in the upper Columbia River, where they once tra-
ditionally spawned.

Both Grand Coulee and the Chief Joseph dams were built without any fish pas-
sage.

Tribes and agencies in the early 1980s began study-

ing the feasibility of returning spawning salmon to the upper Columbia beyond the dams.

Now 40 years later, there is evidence a reintrodu-
c tion program is work-
ing: Colville tribal biologists have found dozens of spawning ‘redds’ above the dams in Columbia tributarys.

Crystal Conant, a Colville tribal member of the Antoine Lakes and San-Poil bands, has been an advocate of the reintroduction program. Earlier this month, Ms. Conant visited one of the spawning sites. “I was shocked at first,” she said. “Then I was just over-
come with complete joy. I don’t know that I have the

right words to even explain the happiness and the heal-
ing.”

Decades ago, in blocking the salmon from returning to the upper reaches of the Surreal Rezervatory of the Columbia, the local tribes were promised from carry-

ing out fundamental cultural practices.

These include the Salmon Song that called the fish back from the ocean; and spaw fish running around Kettle Falls, over which the river tumbled and roiled.

The recent discovery of the spawning sites above the dams is a potential good milestone in the decades-

long work to bring the fish back to their traditional habitats.

Pilot killed in plane crash was not certified

One-mile spiral downward lasted eight minutes

The Portland businessman killed in the spiraling, fiery plane crash on the reserva-

tion in January had just failed to pass a rating course to fly solo.

The January 9 flight, scheduled from Troutdale to Boise, was also the pilot’s first time alone at the controls: This was a finding in the pre-

liminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Richard Boehlke, 72, was killed in the Mutton Mout-

tain crash of his Cessna Ci-
tation jet.

According to the investi-
gation, at one point near the reservation, an air control-

ler in Seattle warned Mr. Bohkle that he was flying at low altitude. He was also given a number of direction correc-

tions.

The plane climbed to 31,000 feet before entering into a one-mile downward spiral. Eight minutes later the plane crashed. Warm Springs emergency respond-

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