Community vaccine update

In partnership, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Indian Health Service are among the models of how best to protect a community against the Covid-19. As Dr. Bud Beamer, Public Health Officer for Jefferson County, recently commented, “With the vaccine, mandatory masking and extensive testing, the Confederated Tribes and IHS have arrived at these measures.” The Indian Health Service and tribes are now beginning a new important phase in the strategy against community spread of the virus; Indian Health Service and the tribes are now working on the rollout of the vaccine and how best to protect those who are vaccine vulnerable to the disease.

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The bond would address health, ventilation improvements; a new high school.

Full approval
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration this week granted full approval to the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for people age 16 and older. This is the first coronavirus vaccine fully approved by the FDA, and is expected to open the door to more vaccine mandates. The Department of Defense, and the New York City School District are recent notable examples requiring entry into school now mandating the vaccine for employees. Tribal situation
Unlike all other tribes, the reservation has seen a recent increase in Covid-19 cases, as the delta variant continues to spread. As of Tuesday of this week, there were 17 people in the community with the disease; plus 35 close contacts receiving daily monitoring.

In victory over the Huntington scandal

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Tribal water legislation making progress

The Tribal Infrastructure Act also has strong bipartisan support; and its inclusion in the overall Infrastructure and Jobs Act is close to becoming law. In 2019, Sens. Wyden and Merkley introduced the Tribal Water Infrastructure Act; they cited the condition of the Warm Springs water system as an example of the problems tribes experience as reservation domestic water systems are increasingly old and unreliable. Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Longstreet Sr. gave testimony before the lawmakers in favor of that legislation.

Then last year came the coronavirus pandemic, and another prolonged water outage on the reservation. Sen. Merkley, chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommitteee, said at the time: “The crisis on the Warm Springs Reservation is a powerful example of how the coronavirus crisis made existing water infrastructure challenges even more serious.”

This month 19 Senate Republicans joined the 50 Democrats in passing the $1 trillion Infrastructure and Jobs Act. The House for now continues to work through its process, before the bill would go to Pres. Biden for signing. Some other regional items in the infrastructure bill that Merkley and Wyden helped secure: $162 million for Klamath habitat restoration. That area, including Klamath tribal land and resources, is experiencing environmental challenges and consequences of extreme drought.

$6 billion for wildfire risk mitigation and forest health management, including an additional $100 million for the Collaborative Forest Fund; and for tribal water legislation making progress.

Academy would see new classrooms with district bond

Funding for tribal reservation water infrastructure is part of the $1 billion Infrastructure Inversion and Jobs Act. The U.S. Senate this month passed the Infrastructure and Jobs Act on a bi-partisan vote. The bill is now at the House of Representatives.

The law would include the Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act of 2021, with its funding at $250 million. Senates John Barrasso introduced the bill, which would also see improvements. Full approval to the Career and Technical Education Program.

Voters of the Jefferson County School District 59/T will vote on a $250 million bond measure on the November 2021 ballot. The bond would address health, safety and security matters in all of the district’s schools. If passed, the bond would fund the construction of six new early learning classrooms at the Warm Springs Academy. Madras High School work would include a new roof and insulation; upgrades to the Cancer and Technical Education area; heating, cooling and ventilation improvements; a new soccer concession and restroom area; and facility and field lights.

The other schools in the district would also see improvements. Full details are available at the school district bond website. You can find the site at 59jschoolbond.org.

The school district has not passed a bond measure since 2012. That bond paid for half of the construction of the Warm Springs Academy, as the tribes funded the other half. The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.
The Airshow of the Cascades this year celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary at the Madras air field.

A feature this year will be a visit from an iconic World War II B-17, Sentimental Journey, sponsored by the Flying Legends Victory Tour and the Airbase Arizona Flying Museum.

You can purchase a ticket to take a ride in the B-17, and ground tours are also available.

The Sentimental Journey ground tours will be this Wednesday, August 25, and Sunday, August 29. The main Airshow is this Friday and Saturday, August 27-28.

The Sentimental Journey B-17 Flying Fortress is one of only five still flying, out of more than 12,000 that were made during World War II. Crews flew thousands of missions in the B-17, mostly over Europe during the war.

The Madras Airshow will also feature the U.S. Army Golden Knights skydiving team, a F4 Skyhawk jet, and musical performance by Precious Byrd. The show features vintage cars, fireworks, concessions and more.

Veterans and kids under 5 get in for free. RV parking is also available. For more information and tickets see: airshowofthecascades.com

Vaccinated vs Unvaccinated:
Active Cases 8.18.2021

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Edward Heath photographs

Madras High School quarterback Drew Boyle laterals as Hayden Heath and the defense cover. The team this week continues practice for the 2021-22 White Buffaloes football season. They play a home game on Friday, September 3 against Corbett, and then travel to Sisters for an away game on September 10. Along with the Varsity and Junior Varsity Football, the other fall sports getting under way at Madras High School are Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball.

The Confederated Tribes Covid-19 Response Team updated the case data for the reservation, as of late last week, August 18. On that date there were 20 active cases among the tribal community. The graph above shows that more than two-thirds of 20 positives were among the unvaccinated. And below, a breakdown of some of the data. See page 5 for more data.

For more information or to purchase tickets go to: Airshowofthecascades.com
Covid mask requirements for youth sports

The Oregon Schools Athletic Association last week suspended spectators regarding athletes in school districts, the coaches and people who may attend a game. The suspension covers any school that is 19 or above across the state, and such vaccines are not approved for children under the age of 12. The OSHA is requiring to wear masks indoors while practicing or playing in a competition. Students not actively participating during indoor competition are required to wear a mask.

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The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and member tribes have set two zone fisheries. The first one is under way now through 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 26.

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Indian Country vaccine rate

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention keeps track of vaccination rates based on various criteria, including race and ethnicity. Based on recent CDC race and ethnicity data, just over one million American Indian and Alaska Native adults are vaccinated against COVID.

Indian Country has done a remarkable job with its tribal citizens, said the National Indian Health Board. In its statement this week, the board gave an example:

The Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri, Iowa, and the Iowa/Alapaha tribes of their vaccine eligible citizens fully vaccinated, as early as May of this year.

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Tribal board positions

National Guard arrives in Bend as covid cases in the region rise

In another sign of the ongoing and growing Covid-19 pandemic in Oregon, members of the Oregon National Guard arrived in Bend last week as the local health district and St. Charles' hospitals, from Bend to Medford. The National Guard members, arriving at all parts of the region, are focused on monitoring the health system in non-clinical roles including screening patients and visitors at entrances, preparing and serving food and assisting patients in roles that include clerical work and helping Members of the Guard—which has been directed by the Governor to supporting Charles through September—will be working throughout the region, especially in meeting both day and night shifts.

The Confederated Tribes Covid-19 Response update details the data for the region as of late last week, August 18. On that date there were 20,949 active cases among the community, an increase from previous weeks. There were two people hospitalized, a decrease from the disease, also an increase; and one person passed away. Breakthrough cases as of August 18 were at 20. Warm Springs IHS testing found two variants: a P1 and a Delta. Three tests were pending.

Since the pandemic began last spring, and as of August 18 last week, 2022 people in the reservation community have tested positive for Covid.

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All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. VICKI BROWN, Respondent; Case No. JV18-026; JV22-12. To: VICKI BROWN, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. KISTA BURLESGUARDIANSHIP REVIEW; Case No. JV27-19, JV28-19. To: KISTA BURLESGUARDIANSHIP REVIEW, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. JENNY ELDREDGE, Respondent; Case No. JV19-12. To: JENNY ELDREDGE, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear at a hearing scheduled for the 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. MARTIN MEDINA; Case No. JV32-20. To: MARTIN MEDINA, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. OLIVIA GOMEZ, Respondent; Case No. JV14-15. To: OLIVIA GOMEZ, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. DIAMOND TOWE, Respondent; Case No. JV30-19; JV31-19. To: DIAMOND TOWE, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. CARLENE FLORES, Respondent, vs. MARTIN MEDINA; Case No. JV81-15, JV82-15. To: CARLENE FLORES, MARTIN MEDINA, Defendants. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 15th and 16th days of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. KARLI WAHNTEAH, Respondent; Case No. JV11-12. To: KARLI WAHNTEAH, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. GERALDINE SWITZER, Respondent; Case No. JV55-18; JV56-18. To: GERALDINE SWITZER, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. REGGIE MEDINA, Respondent; Case No. JV17-12. To: REGGIE MEDINA, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 12th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. ELIZABETH WALLULATUM, Respondent; Case No. JV20-19. To: ELIZABETH WALLULATUM, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

Kosha Yae, Petitioner, vs. ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, Respondent; Case No. CR94-09. To: ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 9th day of OCTOBER, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Kosha Yae, Petitioner, vs. HENDERSON NAVARRO, Respondent; Case No. CR09-10. To: HENDERSON NAVARRO, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 10th day of OCTOBER, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Kosha Yae, Petitioner, vs. ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, Respondent; Case No. CR28-18. To: ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 18th day of OCTOBER, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Kosha Yae, Petitioner, vs. STEVEN ARCE, Respondent; Case No. CR56-19. To: STEVEN ARCE, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of OCTOBER, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Kosha Yae, Petitioner, vs. HESTER TAYLOR, Respondent; Case No. CR50-19. To: HESTER TAYLOR, Defendant. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 19th day of OCTOBER, 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Warm Springs Holistic Health on rotator cuff strength

The rotator cuff is a group of four muscles that move and support the shoulder joint. The shoulder is the most mobile joint in the body and is made up of bones that are not fixed to each other. Both muscles work together to rotate the arm, lift the arm, and bring the arm across your body.

To strengthen this muscle group, use the same weights as the previous exercise. Lay on your side with the arm that you are strengthening towards the ceiling. Place a small pillow or towel under your arm to support your shoulder and elbow. Bend your elbow to 90 degrees and place your arm down by your side. From this position, perform three sets of 8-12 repetitions.

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Charles ‘Chuck’ Sams III is set to become the first Native American to serve as director of the National Parks Service. Mr. Sams, member of the Umatilla, is of Cayuse, Walla, Cocopah and Yankton descent.

Pres. Biden nominated Sams last week to lead the National Parks. The nomination now goes to the U.S. Senate for confirmation. As Kat Brigham, Chair of the Umatilla Board of Trustees, commented on Sams’ nomination and anticipated Congressional approval:

“This is an historical moment for America, and a monumental milestone for tribal people throughout Indian Country,” she said.

For years now, Mr. Sams has had friends and colleagues among the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Natural Resources general manager Robert Brunoe has known him for many years, having first met Mr. Sams in the ‘90s through the Salmon Corps program. Antone Minthorn, a Nez Perce language speaker for the Umatilla tribal Education Department, commented that Sams is the “right person, on the cutting edge” of conservation efforts throughout Indian Country.

“It’s significant. It’s timely,” Minthorn said of the nomination. “I think Chuck really comes from a place where there’s been a lot of activity with the tribes’ growth. He knows the importance of our many rights, and has been instrumental in our efforts to restore water, restore salmon and build our economy.”

Besides his work with the Umatilla tribes, Sams has worked in state government and nonprofit natural resource and conservation management for more than 25 years. He and his wife Lori live in Pendleton. The Sams have four children.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals last week denied a request by Klickitat County, Washington, for a rehearing in the case involving the boundary of the Yakama Reservation.

In an earlier unanimous decision in June, the Ninth Circuit Court ruled that the 1.4-million acre Yakama Reservation includes a parcel known as Tract D. The land was set aside by treaty more than 150 years ago in recognition of its importance to the tribe and its citizens.

“The Ninth Circuit’s decision is a resounding victory for the rights that our ancestors re- served in the Treaty of 1855,” Chairman Delano Sakolin said at the time.

Tract D consists of 121,465 acres in the southwestern part of the reservation. It includes land near Mount Adams—one of the most sacred places for the Yakama Nation—that tribal ancestors recognize as critical for food, water and other resources.

“Both parties to the treaty joined together to protect the Yakama Reservation from Klickitat County’s challenge, and we are thankful the Ninth Circuit honored the treaty parties’ common understanding,” Sakolin said.
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