Flu vaccine this month arrives at the Warm Springs Clinic, and tribal and IHS health workers are at work adminis-
tering the doses. You can get the seasonal flu shot at the clinic. The health workers are also hosting com-
munity events offering easy ac-
cess to the vaccine. Two events.

Last week and early this week IHS and Community Health hosted the events at various locations around Warm Springs. And this Wednesday, September 22, the flu vaccine event will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Three Sisters Market.

Flu vaccination prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor’s visits each year. For example, dur-
ing 2019-2020 flu season prevented an estimated 7.5 million in-
fluenza illnesses, 3.7 million influenza-induced hospitalization, and 6,300 influenza-associated deaths. Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.

Flu vaccination is an important preventative tool for people with chronic health conditions.

Flu vaccination helps protect pregnant women during and after pregnancy. And the flu vaccine can be lifesaving in children.

During the pandemic
The seasonal flu vaccination becomes especially important dur-
ing these years of the covid pan-
demic.

Hospitals are seeing more sick patients than ever with serious the Covid-19 illness. These leaves fewer—intensive care unit beds, ventilators.

The seasonal flu season brings thousands of more patients to hos-
pitals, with the sick suffering just from the flu. Add these to the Covid-19 cases and hospitals face critical ICU bed shortages.

For this reason alone, it is criti-
cal for community members to re-
ceive a flu vaccination this year.

The flu can cause symptoms that are similar to Covid-19. This can cause a critical misdiagnose, and serous consequences for pa-

On the reservation as of earlier this week, IHS and Community Health had monitored 13 close contacts.

IHS has given a total of 2,931 total primary vaccines for Covid-19. Second vaccines among the reser-
vation members can be vaccinated. Anyone 12 and older who is IHS eligi-
able, or who lives or works on the reservation, and their family members can be vaccinated. You can call to schedule a vacci-
ation appointment at the Health and Wellness Center, 541-533-2311.

In early September the IHS Health hosted the events at 509-J schools and sports field. Attendees were reminded to wear masks and practice social distancing. The flu vaccine is being given at an outdoor flu vaccine clinic, held by the Agency Longhouse: Katie Russell, Community Health director with the tribes’ Dr. Jan, and visiting Pharmacy student Erin Reason with available flu shots.

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The Tribal Access Program for North west with Warm Springs, Muckleshoot and Cow Creek.

The Department of Justice began TAP in 2015 in response to concerns raised by tribal lead-
ers about the need to have direct access to federal systems. In the Northwest with Warm Springs, joining TAP this year are the Muckleshoot and Cow Creek.

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Most of the new road paving is done on the Warm Springs Safety Corridor Highway 26 project. A final paving phase will resume on the morning of Monday, October 4, and conclude by the end of the week.

The contractor is now focused on finishing the sidewalks and other features, according to the most recent report from the Oregon Department of Transportation. Construction began on the $6.5 million project in early March, and is scheduled for completion at the end of November.

Tribal community benefits from library grant

The Jefferson County Library District received a $415,794 grant that in part enhance services of the Warm Springs Library, and helps create culturally attuned programs. The programming will enhance learning and cultural awareness throughout the district. The federal grant, through the American Rescue Plan Act, specifies the need for programming to meet the needs of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The ARPA grant will also increase access to technology, provide community connectivity and fund a internet-connectivity hotspots to create access to technology, programs,” said Jane Ellen Ilines, Jefferson County Library director. “Less than a third of the total funding requested was approved.”

In addition to enhancing services to the tribal community, other programs will be targeted toward the Latino population. The grant also funds a year-long event, I Am a Story, that will celebrate the people of Jefferson County, and promote cultural education and dialogue among ethnic groups.

The Warm Springs Library, located in the Family Resource Building, has had its remote/cloud due to the pandemic. The library will reopen when the Covid-19 Response Team and Tribal Council determine no health risk would be posed to the community.

LIHEAP help for Warm Springs

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program—LIHEAP—for Warm Springs residents assists low-income households with their heating and cooling energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization and energy-related home repairs.

To be eligible for this benefit program, you must meet financial assistance with home energy costs. That includes heating and cooling that uses electricity, heating oil, liquid gas, wood or pellets.

A new LIHEAP program supports energy-related home repairs. The funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act for LIHEAP supplemental funding. If a homeowner needs repairs to heat pumps, furnaces, wood stoves, heaters or HVAC systems, you might qualify for this program.

To learn more about eligibility and to pick up an application you can stop by the Family Resource Center or call 541-553-2590 and ask about LIHEAP.

Job growth continues in region

Job growth in the region was slightly better than expected in late summer, continuing a trend that began this past spring.

The state Employment Department reports job growth during August in all three counties of the Central Oregon region.

For Jefferson County, including the reservation, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in August, down from 6.8 percent in July.

Still, the jobless rate remains higher than before the beginning of the pandemic: In February of last year unemployment in the county was 4.1 percent.

In Jackson County, non-farm employment was unchanged in August. Usually, there are moder-ate job losses when the start of the Employment Department reports.

In the county, construction has been the fastest-growing major industry sector over the past year, adding 40 jobs. The retail sector and manufacturing also posted strong gains from this time last year.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in August, down significantly from 7.1 percent in July.

The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from Covid-19 in February of last year when it was just 3.3 percent.

Job growth in Deschutes County was the fastest-growing major industry sector over the past year, adding 40 jobs. The retail sector and manufacturing also posted strong gains from this time last year.

View Imaan casino and museum, sidewalk work on the right.

Nite Out Social Powwow

The Stomp Your Moccas NDN Nite Out Social Powwow is coming up on Thursday, September 30. The Social Powwow, master of ceremony Macky Bogue, will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center Pavilion. A meal box will be served, drumming and dancing start at 6 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs. Social distancing and masks required. The Warm Springs Covid-19 Response Team approved this event. All drummers and dancers are welcome. For more information contact Preston T at 541-553-3243.
Employment with the tribes

The following are positions posted by the Confederated Tribes Personnel Department. You can reach the department at 541-553-3262.

Deputy clerk. Family service advocate. Home visitor program surveillance observer.

Tribe day care lead teacher. Project archaeologist/principal investigator. Assistant inventory coordinator. Hot line 24/7.

Friday, September 24

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glenon Smith.

10. October agenda and review minutes with the S-CT.


1:30 p.m.: Natural Resources, Public Safety and Range Committee with Robert Brauer, Nancy Sedy, Terry, Flint and Dustin.

4:30 p.m.: Budget and October posting discussion with Gordon and Isaac. Finance director.


Items for further discussion:

Monday, September 27: 1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

Tuesday, September 28: 11: Draft resolutions. 10:30: Public Safety with Nancy Seyler. 9 a.m.: Managed Care with Mike Collins. 9:30 a.m.: Human Services with Caroline Cruz. 1:30 p.m.: Natural Resources, Public Safety and Range Committee with Robert Brauer, Nancy Sedy, Terry, Flint and Dustin.

Wednesday, September 29:

1:30 p.m.: Finance Committee with Wilson Wenona, Danille Granatt and Dustin.

Thursday, September 30:

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Starting salary is $45,000 to $75,000 depending on experience. Publishing benefits.

Must be willing to travel and conduct fieldwork throughout the Pacific Northwest. Current valid driver's license and U.S. government issued identification required.

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Free pet services coming to W.S.

Street Dog Hero and Fences for Fido—are partnering to bring free spay-neuter ser- vices, and a pet wellness clinic back to the Warm Springs community.

The service will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 10 at the Warm Springs Community Center parking area, 220 Holly- wood Boulevard.

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Services will be the free spay and neuter, a clinic of- fering free vaccines, flea, tick and mange management; and a food bank with dog and cat food.

Warm Springs residents are welcome to attend. No registration in required to spay or neuter your pet. Email: clinic@emodogmeows.org

Let them know that you would like an appointment.

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COCO celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day

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Happy W.S. pets

We want to thank the Warm Springs community for coming to our pet food bank. We had so many full fellows and happy families. It was such a heartwarming day!

We are now accepting donations for pet food bank, please make your donations to the Spilyay Tymoo.

From Veterans Service office

The Veterans Service Office will be closed from Wednesday, September 29 to October 1. We will be re-opening on Monday, October 4.

For youth

Do you know a young person ready to make a change? Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is now accepting applications for youth age 16 to 21.

Frankie Williams, Con- feredated Tribes Veterans Ser- vice Officer.

Confluence podcasts

We are excited to share with you the Segment 2 of the Confluence Story Gathering Podcast. This episode explores our evolving relation- ship with our history. Future episode tackle topics such as monuments, first foods, and the complexities of history with speakers such as Bobbie Comer and Sammy Coast. This segment is also available on the Confluence website, featuring talks with Ms. Elizabeth Woody, director of the Muse- um at Warm Springs.

Central Oregon Community College will recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day. In 2020, COCC formally adopted a land acknowledgment, recognizing and paying respect to the original owners of the land on which campus rose. To continue with this respect and support, COCC recommended that our board of directors formally recognize the second Mon- day in October as Indigenous People’s Day. For more information visit, www.cocc.edu/indigenous.

There will be a safe and free way to get rid of haz- ardous waste coming up on Friday, October 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fair District in Madras.

Waste must fit in contain- ers provided by the college’s office of diversity, equity and inclusion. There will be a safe and free way to get rid of haz- ardous waste coming up on Friday, October 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fair District in Madras.

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What is a virus variant?

Viruses like SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, mutate or change constantly. This mutation is a natural process that results in new variants. You can think of it as a virus that can change shape to survive. Some variants spread more quickly or cause more severe illness than the original SARS-CoV-2 when it was first identified. These variants may be able to evade the immune system and make some treatments and vaccines less effective. Some variants may also be able to evade the immune system and make some treatments and vaccines less effective.

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Buffalo sports

The Madras High School varsity and junior varsity soccer teams play two away games—at Estacada this Thursday, September 23, and at North Marion on September 28. The girls team then plays at home on Thursday, September 30. The boys junior varsity soccer plays at home this Thursday, September 23 against Estacada and then at home on September 28 against North Marion.

Madras boys junior var-
"Is every Kid sports is a Band non-profit that sup-
ports youth participation in sports by providing accessible
funds for fees. Toll-on about qualifications and what they
offer, you can visit their website at ekyidksporthop.org

There are games every
Thursday morning at 6 in the old elementary gym. It's open to all fitness levels and promotes flexibility and endurance, as well as a nice beverage and water bottle.

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Notes...
In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

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STEPHANIE & JACOB MAY, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. To: STEPHANIE MAY, JACOB MAY, VENNAY VANPELT, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MOTION TO REVANPELT has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

COTIS, Petitioner, vs RAYMOND JOHNSON, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an EXCLUSION 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 October 23, 2021 at 2:45 p.m.

CHEYENNE WAHNETHAH, Petitioner, vs MORRIS JOHNSON, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: CHEYENNE WAHNETHAH, MMM, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

MICHELLE GONZALES, Petitioner, vs KENNY MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: MICHELLE GONZALES, MMM, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

SHAYLA SMITH, Petitioner; STEPHANIE MAY, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: SHAYLA SMITH, MMN, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MATTHEW MIGGIL, Petitioner, vs LEANNA ROSE, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: MATTHEW MIGGIL, MMM, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

STEPHANIE & JACOB MAY, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an EXCLUSION 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 the 25TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

COTIS, Petitioner, vs RAYMOND JOHNSON, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an EXCLUSION 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 the 25TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 2:45 p.m.

Tiffany Hunt, Petitioner; vs LEROY SMITH, III, Respondent; Case No. JV59-17. TO: TIFFANY HUNT, MMM, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Sarissa Sylvana, Del Ray Thompson, Troy Thompson, Teshina Winishut, Jeannine T. Thompson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Notice is hereby given that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Sandra Campos, Petitioner, vs AARON ALEXANDER, Respondent; Case No. JV59,62-13. TO: SANDRA CAMPOS, MMM, 20TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

EricLUCII, Petitioner; vs KELLI LANGENSE, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. 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 the 25TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Charles VenPelt, Defendant; Case No. CR170-20. To: Urelda Del Ray D. Thompson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Notice is hereby given that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
A look back at the winners from the 2019 Show: Curathe—Copper Juniper Tree; Mixed media, shells, beads, concrete base, fur. Winner, Judges Choice Award—Contemporary Category (left). Artist: Marlanea Wagner, Waunanuba. The Imulak—Cut beaded medallion. The artist is Clarissa Picard—Winner, Judges Choice Award—Traditional Category (below).

The Tribal Member Art Show opens soon at the Museum at Warm Springs. Contact the museum at 541-553-3331 this week for information about submitting your artwork. The tribal firefighting exhibit—Into the Fray—will be wrapping up this Saturday, September 25, if you would like to see this show.

The Member Art Show will open on October 8, a Friday. Masking and distancing are required at the museum, open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. (See page 8 for details on submitting to the Member Art Show.)

The chart above shows the Covid-19 cases among the tribal community by the week, as of September 15. Total covid cases among the community, including the 22 on September 15, was at 963 since the pandemic and testing began last year.

Covid 19 in Indian Country

The Indian Health Service had conducted a total of 2,798,972 Covid-19 tests among IHS eligible individuals, as of earlier this week. Of the total 226,953 have come back positive across Indian Country, representing an increase of almost 1.5 percent from the previous week.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in five IHS areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona. Another measure is the seven-day rolling average for positivity. By this measure, showing the most recent trends, 11 areas of the total 12 IHS areas, are seeing higher covid cases.

The Portland Area was fifth highest. The trends are: The Oklahoma City Area (15.4 percent), Bemidji Area (12.4), Nashville Area (11.9), California Area (11.8), Portland Area (11.4), Great Plains Area (11.3), Phoenix Area (10.8), Navajo Area (10.7), Billings Area (9.3), Alaska Area (5.4), Tucson Area (5.1).

Needed power work

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Yakama Nation School closure

The Yakama Nation Tribal School this month imposed a shut down for two weeks. Earlier in September tribal school officials said the school building would remain closed until this Friday, September 24.

Meanwhile, the Yakama School students have had to attend class online everyday at normal class hours on Google Classroom. Along with the school shutdown, Yakama School sports were also suspended until further notice. Covid-19 was the factor mentioned in the post by the school.

Hospital crisis in the Gorge

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