The $1.2 trillion federal-infrastructural law, approved this week, includes funding for tribal water systems.

The law includes $1 billion specifically for Oregon. And of that amount, $250 million is specifically dedicated to drinking water im-

provements for tribal communities of the state.

The Oregon legislative delegation supported this aspect of the legislation, in large part because of the situation on the Warm Springs Reservation, though other tribal communities are in similar circumstances.

Last summer especially, as Covid-19 was still a new and less understood illness, the tribes faced a prolonged water crisis. There was a boil-water require-

ment for several months, and some instances of no water at all for a number of residents. This past sum-

mer saw another boil-water situation, though not as prolonged.

Some of the infrastructure funding will be used for near-term projects. Larger needs, such as a new treatment plant to replace the current one, will take many years to complete. Still, with funding in place there is the real chance that some solution is at hand. Passage of the bill now allows utilities and Council to plan for an overhaul that may eventually cost tens of millions of dollars. Another aspect of the infra-
structure law is $65 billion that will go toward connecting rural parts of the country to broadband internet: $45 million is for Oregon's rural communities, like the reservation. This too has become a priority since Covid began, as schools have deved-

oped more online learning options.

District bond will add new Academy classrooms

The Warm Springs Academy will have new classrooms fol-

lowing the recent passage of a school district bond mea-

sure. As approved by Tribal Council upon recom-

mendation of the Response Delegation this week, the school district 509-J bond mea-

sure will go to the front gate at the school and get voted.

Vaccinations

If you already have been vac-

cinated, please get the vaccine. Vac-

ines are saving lives and they are keeping people out of the hospital. Vaccinations are the primary way to fight the covid pandemic under control.

Warm Springs IHS has given 3,009 primary doses of the covid vaccine. IHS has given another 2,584 secondary doses. People who qualify are receiving their third, or booster dose.

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The Warm Springs Construction project is scheduled for completion in November, with the paving scheduled for completion day at the Kah-Nee-Ta Junction for eight miles through Warm Springs to Kah-Nee-Ta Junction and the safety pedestrian pathway, now mostly complete. A rock-fall mitigation aspect of the project began about nine months ago, in March, while No- dori project is scheduled for completion. The completion day at the Kah-Nee-Ta Junction will be a large part remaining for next year, with the paving and finishing in this bond measure and not estimated to increase the current tax rate due to savings from refinancing previously issued bonds and old bonds refinancing.

Regarding the Highway 26 project: The completion day at the end of the month will mark the successful conclusion to a project that Tribal Council and state officials began planning more than three years ago. A year delay, last year, happened because of covid. The26 project: The completion day at the end of the month will mark the successful conclusion to a project that Tribal Council and state officials began planning more than three years ago. A year delay, last year, happened because of covid. The project began about nine months ago, in March, while November 30 is the target date for completion. The completion day at the Kah-Nee-Ta Junction will be a large part remaining for next year, with the paving and finishing in this bond measure and not estimated to increase the current tax rate due to savings from refinancing previously issued bonds and old bonds refinancing.

The goal of the Good Road is to encourage Native American youth to graduate from high school and pursue higher education, and ultimately, obtain a rewarding career and contribute to the community. Students come out of the Good Road with confidence to succeed in the college setting. COCC notes. The programs offer a hands-on curriculum that integrates leadership, college preparation and culturally-relevant themes for Native American students.

Topics include:
- Team building: Students prac- tice and implement team-building skills that apply to their lives in col- lege and beyond.
- Cross-cultural communica- tion: By learning the fundamentals of communication in various con- texts, students become active listen- ers and participants.
- Conflict resolution: Students work through appropriate methods of handling conflict.

Personal responsibility: By completing written assignments, group work, and research projects, students learn to be responsible for themselves and become aware of their role as individuals in a group environment.

Scholarship writing and fi- nancial literacy: Students learn how to develop a personal narra- tive, apply for scholarships and be- come familiar with the financial aid process.

Cultural pride: Through hands-on projects and culturally- relevant programming, students are encouraged to celebrate and explore their heritage and take pride in what they have to offer as Native students.

Students who complete the Good Road are eligible to par- ticipate in the Good Road II, earning in both high school and college credit. Students are also encour- aged to participate in STRIVE on the COCC Bend campus during the summer.

If you are interested in partici- pating, please fill out the online form. For more information contact Kelsey Freeman, Native American College preparation coordinator at COCC/OrongonCommunityCollege. kf Freeman@coccocard.
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- Public Safety update with Nancy Seyler.
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Summary of Tribal Council

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Flu season during covid

The Warm Springs Health Comp. Center offers the testing that is necessary to tell us the frequency of Covid-19, influenza, or the influenza.

Covid-19 testing is available at the clinic out side testing area—Orange Tent—Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 p.m.

Covid and the flu share many of the same symptoms. It can be infected with both the flu and covid at the same time, and show symptoms of both.

The clinic reminds you that the best way to prevent the flu and Covid-19 is to get vaccinated, wash and sanitize your hands, wear a mask and social distance.

The vaccines

Getting vaccinated is the best protection you, your family, and your community can get from serious illness caused by either the flu or covid. The clinic has the vaccines you and your family need.

The 2021-22 influ- enza vaccine. All of the available vaccines are offered this year.

To apply visit:

Health has group orientation, an appointment, and orientation, an appointment, and counseling for those who wish to apply.

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The three counties of Central Oregon, as of late October, had the highest rate of new Covid-19 infections in the state. The Oregon Health Authority reported that the total number of cases, the per 100,000 residents and positive test rates of all counties with a population over 2,000.

A key indicator is the per capita rate—the number of cases per 100,000 residents—allowing for a comparison between counties of different sizes.

At the end of October, Jefferson County had the highest per capita rate: 542 new cases per 100,000 people. Crook County had 401 new cases per 100,000 people, and Deschutes County had 401 new cases per 100,000 people. For comparison: The statewide rate was 192 cases per 100,000 people. Sherman County—the state’s second lowest populous county—had a rate of 701 cases per 100,000 people.

Since late June, the delta variant and other variants, hospitalizations and deaths due to Covid-19 have continued to be monitored. 'The pandemic that first reached Oregon in February 2020. The Oregon Health Authority reported the variant attack rate and introduced. While breakthrough cases of Covid-19 have risen somewhat during the spike, those who have received immunization accounts for less than 5 percent of cases requiring hospitalization per 100,000 people.

The spike peaked just after Labor Day and then began a steep drop, but at a rate slower than public health officials had initially forecast.

The Deschutes County numbers in the risk report issued on Monday are significant in that they are so high for a county with a large population. The 2020 Census put the population in 198,253. The state average was 7.3 percent. The Oklahoma City Area, 6.3 percent. The Bemidji Area, 14.3 percent. The Tuscon Area, 13.9 percent. The Albuquerque Area, 14.7 percent. The California Area, 10.3 percent. The Elko Area, 5.7 percent. The Deschutes Area, 7.8 percent. The Oregon Area, 6.3 percent. Nevada Area, 6.1 percent. The Portland Area, 5.3 percent.

Notably, the seven-day rolling average positivity for the Alaska Area has steadily grown in recent weeks. The region recorded its highest-ever rate with the release of data in October, and the rate has remained consistently high.

Throughout most of the pandemic, the Alaska Area had the lowest rate of covid cases within the IHS. Overall, 53 percent of IHS test results have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows. Meanwhile, the seven-day average stands at 9.6 percent following a long period of far lower rates in the spring of 2021.

The data, however, is incomplete. While 160 percent of facilities run directly by the IHS are reporting data, only 35 percent of tribally managed facilities and 44 percent of urban Indian health centers are doing the same, the agency has said.
In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTS Tribal Court.

JOHN FRANCIS JUDE SUPEH, Respondent; PENNY JENNY BIRD, Respondent; ALLEGRA GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. DSO-17-20. TO: PENNY JENNY BIRD, Respondent. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI- FIED 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 15th day of DECEMBER, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs REX BAY, Respondent; Case No. DJS-18-15. TO: REX BAY. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI- FIED that a SHOWER 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 the 6th day of DECEMBER, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KELLY LANGNESE, Respondent; Case No. DJS-19-25. TO: KELLY LANGNESE. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI- FIED 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 the 14th day of DECEMBER, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARSON PENNINGTON, Respondent; Case No. DJS-18-22. TO: CARSON PENNINGTON. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI- FIED that a JURISDICTIONAL HEARING / SUPERVISED 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 16th day of JANUARY, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALLEGRA GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. DSO-16-23. TO: ALLEGRA GILBERT. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI- FIED that a PROBATION REVIEW / 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 the 15th day of DECEMBER, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Public Summons: Notification to Serve as Juror

For the following individuals:

You are hereby notified to appear at the Tribal Court to serve as a Juror on each date indicated below. Your appearance is mandatory.

December 9, 2021

For tribal treaty rights

The U.S. government is announcing a set of memoranda of understanding that will protect tribal treaty rights. The forum of understanding is from the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Commerce, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, State, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Personnel Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Council on Environmental Quality.

The agencies are ordered to issue reports on their efforts to establish consultation within the next 180 days. A follow-up is set for March 7, 2022 at 2 p.m. to discuss progress.

March 7, 2022

The President's announcement comes after a January 14th memorandum to the tribes and countless prayers offered from across the nation, that the federal government must do everything it can to protect our sacred lands, our people have spoken across Indian Country, saying enough is enough and it's time the federal government must be protected and our rights upheld.


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Controversial water deal at The Dalles

The Dalles City Council has approved an agreement to receive millions of gallons of water from the Snake River. This move comes as the city, with the un unanimous support of the City of The Dalles, has secured another key piece of its plan to expand its data centers, which is a result of a growing demand for water. The agreement has been the subject of rigorous debate, with both local and regional stakeholders expressing concern about the long-term impact on the community. The Dalles City Council has agreed to pay approximately $2.3 million in 2018, $2 million in 2019, and $1.4 million in 2020. The city is currently working on a new budget, which includes the construction of a new data center, as well as additional water storage capacity.

Senator urges fishery disaster declaration

Oregon’s U.S. legislative delegation is urging the Department of Commerce to grant a fishery regional fishery disaster declaration for the state of Oregon, after three consecutive years of drought and changing ocean conditions have severely harmed salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest.

A draft Resolution was recently introduced by the Oregon delegation, including U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio, Kurt Schrader and Suzanne Bonamici. The resolution is designed to address the impacts of persistent drought on the salmon industry in Oregon, and to recognize the importance of these fish to the state’s economy and cultural heritage.

Wildfire insurance claim

A Rare wildfire insurance claim

Oregon will likely file a claim on its one-of-a-kind wildfire insurance policy with Lloyd’s of London. The claim could be as much as $9 million for damages to the city’s infrastructure and 10.5 million in 2020. It was the company’s first big corporate data center anywhere and Oregon’s first new data center.

Since then, Facebook, Apple and Amazon have all filed similar claims. The city’s new, $500 million to $500 million data center will be one of the most expensive projects in the state’s history, as it is expected to cost $400 million to $400 million.

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North Unit looking at possibly using Lake Billy Chinook for irrigation water

There is a new possibility of using Lake Billy Chinook for irrigation water, as the Water Resources Board has approved the proposal. The Department of Water Resources has approved the proposal, which could provide additional water for local farmers and ranchers. The proposal has been the subject of much debate, as it is expected to increase the city’s water capacity by about 50 percent.

Farmers in the county have long contended for years whether use of the lake would be a sustainable source for irrigation water due to the water shortage. Farmers in Jefferson County at times had to leave parts of their land vacant during a prolonged drought. As a possible solution, the North Unit Irrigation District is studying using water from Lake Billy Chinook for irrigation water. Lake Billy Chinook was a chief and from 1845 to 1847. Mr. Chinook also served as Snake War. Wasco Scouts during the Snake War.

Google is requesting for the proposed data centers, which are expected to bring in an estimated $19 million to $225 million of the 16 million acres of public lands. Google has emphasized the importance of these new data centers to the city’s economy, as they will help to increase the city’s water capacity by about 50 percent.
The Dedication Committee of CPS Children’s Protective Services hosted the Dedication and Honoring Volunteers last week at the new playground. CPS presented appreciation gifts (above) to the volunteers who were on hand for the dedication. Drummers (below left) help celebrate; while Cecilia Collins, CPS director, and Melissa Williams, executive director of Every Child, (below right) cut the dedication ribbon with youngster Phoenix Fire Moody.

The Branch of Natural Resources is working on an erosion control project at the Log Springs Meadow. This is a large multi-phase project, and important to prevent erosion and sediment build-up that damages salmon and steelhead habitat downstream in Beaver Creek.

“I’m sure the fleet of trucks and large stockpile of rock has raised some questions as to what is happening on the 410 Road,” said Scott Turo, habitat manager with Natural Resources.

“In support of the Log Springs Meadow Restoration project, the 410 Road will be graded from Highway 26 to BIA Route 3 to safely and efficiently transport heavy equipment to the meadow, as well as approximately 21,000 tons of crushed rock.”

Over the past two years, the Log Springs Meadow Restoration team has been working with Edward Heath and Jay Suppah of the Branch of Natural Resources, Roads Department.

They have identified certain areas that will be receiving the crushed rock to improve drainage and protect some culverts.

In total, there are 14 areas that will have rock imported to cover exposed culverts, improve drainage, and improve water quality in runoff areas.

Of the approximately 12 miles of the 410 Road, less than 2,000 feet will be rocked with approximately 250 cubic yards of material. The rest will remain as a native surface, seasonal road system.

The rock being hauled by the contractor will be stockpiled at the staging area at Log Springs Meadow to be used in the upcoming restoration work.

Recent wet weather has caused unfavorable conditions to complete this phase of the project.

The contractor will winterize the project site to prevent further erosion and work will resume when conditions allow in the spring.

Road work for meadow restoration

A new woodcutting map is available at the Forestry main office. For anyone cutting firewood, please be aware that much of the burned areas are off limits for cutting; however, the Timber Committee has opened a few locations in the closed fire area.