**Tribes had to reinstate covid protocol**

The Tribal Council on recommendation of the Covid-19 Response Team and tribal health officials last week had to reinstate a stricter set of Covid-19 guidelines regarding tribal buildings. The Council action came after a recent increase in covid cases among the community. Most other places are experiencing a similar increase in covid, due in large part to the emergence of two new variants of the virus, especially the variant known scientifically as ‘Vaccini.’

The variant ‘is more transmissible than previously circulating viruses,’ according to the World Health Organization and U.S. health officials. ‘As viruses change over time, most changes have little to no impact on the virus’ properties. However, some changes may affect the virus’s properties, such as how easily it spreads, etc. ’

The following on the new guidelines that apply within the jurisdiction of the Warm Springs Reservation, in effect until further Council action.

*Wearing masks is mandatory in all tribal buildings if you unable to socially distance. Proper wearing of masks is also required. This means your nose and mouth must be completely covered.*

*Up to date vaccination for all tribal employees is required and is being monitored by Human Resources.*

*If you use a home covid test kit and it shows positive, you need to notify Community Health at 541-653-3512. You need to isolate for a minimum of five days. Administer a test the following day following PER 950 D. A note from a medical provider is required to return to work.*

*Close contacts of a positive case need to test if symptoms develop or five days after exposure.*

**New vehicles for Safety, Sanitation**

**Tribal Public Safety**

Tribal Public Safety, through Warm Springs Fire and Safety, just received a great addition to its safety response capabilities. At the same time, tribal Sanitation received a much-needed new garbage truck. Fire and Safety now has a brand-new rescue vehicle supplied with state-of-the-art Life Support equipment. The new rescue truck—a Ford F-550 wrecker cab—replaces the previous ’98 F-550, and Scott Spaulding, Warm Springs Fire and Safety Chief, is “very pleased and thankful for the donation”—with hydraulic cutters and spreaders—the latest in this life-saving technology.

Chief Spaulding said, “Having arrived just recently the new Fire and Safety vehicle has already been on a rescue response. After picking it up, it filled the tank, and almost immediately was called out on a rescue.”

**At Council in July**

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the remainder of July (subject to change at Council discretion):

**Wednesday, July 13**

9 a.m.: Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council appointments.

3 p.m.: Secretary-Treasurer discussion—Executive session.

**Monday, July 18**

11 a.m.: Meet and greet with Roberta Armstrong, known to everyone as “Grandma Armstrong.” She has been here on the reservation for her many years of service.

8:30 a.m.: Enrollment updates with Lucile Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics, and Traditional Arts in Our Community.

3 p.m.: Secretary-Treasurer discussion—Executive session.

**Tuesday, July 19**

9 a.m.: Discussion on lands resolution, St. Charles Health System, 10 Secretary-Treasurer update.

11 a.m.: Meet and greet with Tina Koak, and state lobbyist.

2:30 p.m.: Broadband Action Team and members.

5:30 p.m.: BIA update with Brenda Brummet.

8 Office of the Special Trustee update by phone with Kevin Moore.

**Wednesday, July 20**

8 a.m.: Meet with Brent Hall and John Ogren.

10:30 Drinking Water Task Force update with Utilities.

**Very convenient estate planning service for tribal members**

A number of tribal members have benefited from this summer’s McMechan/Spilyay Tymoo Estate Planning Services, with help from the Stewards of Indigenous Resources Endowment, or SIRE. The members received help in completing estate planning including wills and trusts. This service can be critical in Indian Country, and SIRE—due to the unique nature of the Warm Springs specific website—makes the free service very easy to access. See the website: warmspringsestateplanning.org

You can also call the number, 866-639-5550.

And meanwhile, attorney Roberta Armstrong, known to many on the reservation for her many years of service to tribal members, is in town for a time longer. She has been here for the past few weeks with two assistant law school students, interns with SIRE, from the Arizona State University.

The students, Heather McCoy and Adaline Sprikler, had a great summer experience on the reservation, as they get ready for their second year of law school in the fall. “We felt very accepted by everyone,” said Adaline. “It has been a very memorable, and we want to thank the tribes and community.”

Ms. Armstrong has been visiting Warm Springs since 2017, when she herself was a law school intern working with tribal members on estate planning. Through SIRE she is setting up two physical sites on the reservation that will continue to provide in-person estate planning to the office. The offices will be at the Family Resource Center, and at the Tribal Court.

Estate planning can be of great importance to tribal members, especially because of recent legislation, the American Indian Probate Reform Act.
Highway 3 Improvement Project

Warm Springs Construction is in phase 2 of the Highway 3 pedestrian improvement project. Construction finished the first phase last year, and is now completing the Highway 3 area just above Highway 26. When finished, paving and other improvements will be from Upper Dry Creek to the highway 3-26 intersection. The project is funded by BIA 638 dollars, featuring a sidewalk, street lights that use solar power, the road paving and storm runoff system. The work requires a lane closure on Highway 3, with brief delays for through traffic.

Guidelines: Mask in tribal buildings

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High contact areas and work stations are recommended to be a regular basis and at least once per day.

Events will need to follow protocols: Wearing masks and maintaining a six-foot distance from others. No need for Covid-19 Team approval at this time but can change in the near future if numbers continue to rise.

Cooks and servers for all events including those at one of the Longhouses: If food is served at any event, to reduce possible exposures, use of paper and plastic products. Buffet style is not recommended. Cooks and servers need to wear masks and gloves. All attending when not eating need to wear masks.

Kah-Nee-Ta project job openings

The Confederated Tribes, through the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation and partner Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, are working on major improvements to the Kah-Nee-Ta Village. The project requires general laborers. Anyone interested in working on the Kah-Nee-Ta renovation and rebuild project should contact Economic Development at their office, located in the Industrial Park. Or call 541-553-3207. Starting pay is $15 an hour. You can also email to receive an application:
sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org

Applicants must pass a drug test. And if hired, you must be able to go to and from Kah-Nee-Ta on a daily basis. These positions are open until filled.

Fair, rodeo coming up

The Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo is coming up next Wednesday through Saturday, July 20-23 at the county fair complex. There will be 4-H and FAA exhibits, food booths, live music all four nights, and the Friday and Saturday rodeo action. This year visitors will see the new show barn—just one of the many improvements around the fair facilities. The theme of the fair this year is Summer Nights and Carnival Lights.

The fair kicks off Wednesday morning July 20, with the Veterans Breakfast under the pavilion at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies follow later in the morning. 4-H and FAA livestock shows—showing off the hard work and dedication of young people who have been raising their animals—also start on opening day.

Returning this year will be Antonia Sombires, a professional balloon twirler. You can have him make you one of his balloon creations, known to those who have seen them as “true artistry.” The Paul Maurer Shows—the carnival and traveling amusement company—returns with 35 rides, fun games, and cotton candy food concessions.

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**Employment with the Confederated Tribes**

The following are positions available through the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

- **PER 202.**
  - Gaming inspector. General technician (limited duration). Full-time. Commissioned. License security investigator. (Two positions)
  - Field technicians (part-time).
  - Children's Protective Services super-vision. Restoration technician. Restoration field crew member (limited duration).

- **PCNetwork technician.**
  - Field technicians (part-time).

- **Children’s Protective Services specialist.**
  - Assistant engineer. Metal fabrication (part-time).

- **Assistant engineer.**
  - Project Archaeologist and principal investigator (part-time).

- **Custodian.**
  - Food and beverage supervisor.

- **Host cashier/server.**
  - Guest service supervisor.

- **Custodian.**
  - Food and beverage supervisor.

**TERO providing job opportunities**

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO, provides job opportunities for Native Americans interested in working on road construction.

**Madras Possibilities Thrift Store**

Open 7 days a week. From 10am to 5pm.

**Indian Head Casino, Travel Plaza**

Located in Indian Head, Nez Perce, Idaho. Call 541-421-4141 for more information.

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Tribes encourage solution to Snake River dams controversy

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Native peoples in the Northwest have known since time immemorial that the welfare of this region is in our recent past, and the fish and the vast ecosystems they support. Their health is the region's health.

But while that has been clear forever, that does not mean it will continue. The Snake River, and especially the salmon, is essential to our culture, identity, and well-being. It's our mound of land and water, and our history. And we're future. We urge our Northwest elected officials to ensure a long-term, win-win

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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings held at the CTWS’s Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs.

1. W. J. 25-13, Respondent; Case No. JV31-19. TO: REX ROBINSON, ANGELES; Respondent; Case No. JV34-20. TO: NOLISSEL MCKINLEY, Respondent; Case No. JV35-20. TO: NOLISSEL MCKINLEY.

The identity of a woman’s body was found dead in Linn County nearly 46 years ago, and remains a mystery. Warm Springs tribal police are hoping someone can figure out who she is. Tribal police say she was last seen at the Oregon State Forensic Anthropology Lab, trying to identify the woman.

Gene teasing found that she had both Native American and Northern European ancestry.

Her skeletal remains were found by a man hiker on July 24, 1976. But according to the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act, the identity of the person is confidential.

In 2019, someone gave theWarm Springs Police Department an old suitcase that may have been associated with the case.

If anyone has ever seen this suitcase, please call the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-533-2220 or respond on their Facebook post.

Police ask for help in identifying woman’s body found in 1976

The Indian Health Service continues to work closely with tribal and urban Indian organization partners and state and local public health officials to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has disproportionately affected American Indian and Alaska Native populations across the country.

American Indian and Alaska Natives have infection rates over 3 times higher than non-Hispanic whites. Native Americans have also been more than four times more likely to be hospitalized as a result of coronavirus, and nearly 3 times more likely to die from it, with a rate of mortality at younger ages than non-Hispanic whites.

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The IHS has received a biometric database of more than 900,000 American Indian and Alaska Native health programs to address long-standing health inequities experienced by American Indians and Alaska Natives by ensuring a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing pandemic.

The IHS has worked closely with tribes and urban Indian organizations to ensure that the response to the ongoing pandemic is consistent with the needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.
In an effort to reach more people in emotional distress, the Lifeline will be available starting this Saturday, July 16. The new service is especially important across Indian Country.

Why do we need 988? Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Native youth ages 10-24. Native communities experience the highest rates of suicide among all racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., and suicide rates among American Indian and Alaska Native communities rose by 118 percent between 1999 and 2017.

Suicide is preventable. 988 is one step in the direction of saving lives. This early intervention can reduce the burden on 911 and hospital services. 988 will provide mental health and substance use services out of the shadows and into the mainstream. It will send a message that healing and getting help are normal and important parts of life.

What is 988? 988 is a direct three-digit line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis counselors that will go live this Saturday, July 16. With an easy to remember 3-digit number, the Lifeline hopes to reach many more people in emotional distress. This service is provided free of charge to the caller.

Any person of any age can call or text 988. Services will be available 24/7, year round. They will include a text option, translation services for non-English speakers, accessible options for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and services for minors.

How will this affect our community? The impact of 988 will vary from community to community. If your community has a local crisis center, you may be able to access it by dialing 988. If you live in an area where connecting to 911 is difficult, you may experience the same with 988. Please know that chatting via the prevention program website, suicidepreventionlifeline.org, texting NATIVE to the Crisis Text Line at 741741, or texting 988 when available in July may be the best ways to connect in your community.

What happens when you call, or text, 988? You will be connected with a trained crisis worker from a local crisis center. Wait times are anticipated to be under one minute. The caller can talk about any emotional crisis, not just suicide.

The crisis worker will use active listening to assess risk, determine if a person is in danger, and assist the person in finding help and accessing resources. If the crisis worker believes the caller is in danger, he or she will work with the caller to create a safety plan that does not require calling emergency services.

Less than 3 percent of calls result in dispatching 911 services. If you are calling about a friend or family member who is in distress, the person on the phone will walk you through how to help and provide resources.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a recent 5–4 decision, overturned the longstanding understanding that states do not have authority to prosecute non-Indians who commit crimes against Indians in Indian country. The Court, in Castro-Huerta v. Oklahoman, held that “the federal government and the state have concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by non-Indians against Indians in Indian country,” which strikes against tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction to protect tribal citizens. The consequences of the decision for tribal nations, the federal government, and states will take time to unravel. “The Supreme Court’s decision today is an attack on tribal sovereignty and the hard-fought progress of our ancestors to exercise our sovereign power over our own territories,” said National Congress of American Indians president Evan Smith. “It was only a few months ago that Congress loudly supported tribal sovereignty and tribal criminal jurisdiction with the passage of the Violence Against Women’s Act, reaffirming the right of tribal nations to protect their own people and communities, but make no mistake, the Supreme Court has dealt a massive blow to tribal sovereignty and Congress must, again, respond.” John Eshkabilook, executive director of the National American Rights Fund, agreed: “Unconstitutional and unprecedented intrusions on tribal sovereignty are antithetical to tribal sovereignty and tribal rights.”
Tribal Council approved the Willamette Falls eel regulations for 2022. It is expected the falls will be in fishable conditions starting this month into mid-August. Tribal regulations for members are:

- Tribal members wishing to take eels for ceremonial and subsistence purposes must carry tribal enrollment cards to fish under the claim of many tribes.
- Harvest is allowed through August 15, and allowed at Willamette Falls by hand or with hand powered tools.
- Harvest is open seven days a week of each month unless limited for conservation measures, with fishing hours of sunrise to sunset.

This is a subsistence fishery as defined by Tribal Code 340.100.

Branch of Natural Resources personnel are monitoring and enforcing the fishery with regard to Warm Springs members participating in the 2022 fishing season at Willamette Falls.

Harvesters will allow the Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources personnel to inspect the creel简直就是 cash, and will offer creel data collected to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the end of the harvest season.

Incidental harvest of salmon, seal or trout may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence use. Any questions you can call 541-553-2042.

Around Indian Country

Klamath dams to come down; gun proposal

Four major dams on the Klamath River could soon come down as early as 2023. However, fisheries use the reservoirs behind those dams to battle wild-

fires. Mark Knutson is the chief executive officer of the Klamath River Restoration Corporation. He says infrastructure will be in place to get water to firefighting teams.

“We will install pipelines that will be permanently plowed into the river and pools that will be available even under low flow conditions.”

New mapping will also make it easier for aerial teams to find the water they need. Elsewhere in regional news:

Gun permit initiative

Backers of a proposed initiative in Oregon that would require individuals to secure permits to buy firearms say they have gathered enough signatures to put the issue before voters in the November election.

The Rev. Mark Knutson, a chief petitioner of the initiative, delivered the signatures last week to the Oregon Secretary of State’s office in Salem, accompanied by students and other volunteers.

SIRE: Free, easy estate planning for members

Individual situations can be complicated, and the SIRE service can be the tool for members to use in coordinating how assets are handled following a permit's passing.

Writing an Indian will and charitable intentions.

The goal of SIRE, Ms. Armstrong says, is “to keep tribal lands in tribal mem-

bers’ hands. Because of the change in federal law governing the disposition of property following a tribal member’s passing, having a will has taken on greater im-

portance.”

The recent law dictates how property will be distrib-

uted following the passing of a tribal member who does not have a will, “The way to avoid the situation, and con-

trol the distribution of the estate, is to have a will,” Roberts says.

Individuals who schedule appointments with Roberts will first complete an autho-

rization form for her to ob-

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1. A report of Individual Trust Instruments that list all trust land ownership interests for the individual.
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ments.
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