

COVID-19

The battle continues across the nation and in Oregon where the disease is increasing in record. Our Tribe has been lucky; we've practiced the governor's protocols for keeping the disease at bay.

The Tribe is committed to staying strong during this time and until Dec. 31, 2020, or whatever time it takes to improve the numbers or have a vaccine available. Thank you to everyone who wears masks, practices social distancing and has not had large gatherings.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort continues to operate in a very safe manner that protects employees and guests.

Wildfires

The fires had an extraordinary effect on our state, county, cities and our Tribe. State Rep. David Gomberg reported that in Oregon, nine lives were lost, more than 2,159 people are in shelters, 6,395 people have registered for assistance, \$14.5 million has been approved, more than

1 million acres have burned and 3,124 residences have burned down.

Forty-one Tribal members were evacuated because of the fires, 13 homes were lost, no lives were lost (thank goodness) and many are still in shelters. Chinook Winds employees whose homes were destroyed are currently sheltering at the casino hotel.

Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) is committed to working with all those affected and has held sessions to determine the type of assistance needed.

Services

Program services continue to be provided by our employees whether working from home or working staggered office hours. Services are provided by appointment.

Budgets

The Budget Committee began the process of working on the 2021 budgets this past month. The Tribal Council will have a budget workshop to finalize priorities in the coming weeks.

ATNI

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians held a virtual fall meeting this past month. Tribal leaders and government officials made presentations on the pandemic, wildfires, climate change, health, taxation and other important subjects.

ATNI issues will be part of the agenda presented at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convention in Portland, Ore., this month. NCAI will also be a virtual convention.

Elections

Hopefully you have all received your ballots for the General Election and exercised your right to vote in this important election. November is also the beginning of our Tribal elections as declarations of candidates begin with our General Council meeting this month.

Tribal Restoration

Our Tribal Restoration Celebration and Pow-Wow have been canceled because



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of the virus but we should all reflect on Restoration – what it means to the Tribe and the people who worked so hard to make it happen, and be thankful for them and for what we have today.

Stay healthy and safe!

Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

Elders Council Meetings

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on **Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at 1 p.m.** If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Nov. 11, 2020.

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on **Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at 1 p.m.** If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Dec. 9, 2020.

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Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 10.

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages Policy on page 20 when submitting items for Passages.



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Sapsik'wala Teacher Education Program: Recruitment and Informational Sessions

Sapsik'wala is recruiting applicants for the 2021-22 cohort!

We are offering Zoom informational sessions for interested parties. Please join us for any of our three opportunities to learn more about our program!

- Tuesday, October 20th 5:30-6:30
<https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/93377936198>
- Tuesday, November 17th 5:30-6:30
<https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/99866891283>
- Tuesday, December 15th 5:30-6:30
<https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/97078392630>

- Federal grant covers education expenses including tuition, books, computer, living stipend, and dependent allowance
- Program participants do service payback by teaching for 2 years in schools with high Native American student populations
- 12 month master's program: MEd degree and teacher licensure in the following areas: elementary, middle-high school social science, English and language arts, mathematics, science, world language (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, or Spanish)
- All participants earn English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement
- Program is a Native cohort within UOTeach Master's Program
- Program runs from June - June each year

Applications open each September through January, please contact us today!

Email: sapsikwala@uoregon.edu

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