

New IHS Nurse Hotline provides 24-hour service

By Yvonne Iverson
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Have you ever been up with a sick child at 2 o'clock in the morning? Or maybe you've caught some bug that's going around and you want relief, but it's the weekend and the clinic is closed.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness center has introduced a new service that will allow you to speak to a Registered Nurse at any time of the day or night.

The Nurse Hotline is available to everyone and is not limited to IHS eligible patients.

"IHS has to pay for the service whether it is used or not," explains Rebecca Bressman, Health Systems Specialist at the clinic.

Diane Fuller, clinic qual-

ity assurance coordinator, explains what a caller could expect:

"The nurse will ask you for some personal information, like your name and date of birth. Reports of the previous days calls are then sent to Medical Records to be placed in your chart."

Bressman comments, "We are trying to get the information out there, and there are some handouts available in the clinic and at Mountain View Hospital."

The 24 hour Nurse Hotline phone number is 866-470-2015.

Feedback on this service can be directed to Sharon Katchia, who is the patient advocate; or contact Diane Fuller at 541-553-1196.

(See more information below at right.)

Class hosting 40-year reunion

You are invited to the Madras High School 40-year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Juniper Hills Park (top of Ashwood Rd./B St and Bean Drive.) This will be a potluck.

RSVP Lola Freeman Hagman, 541-546-6423, or Loretta Toothman Williams, 541-410-4602. On Friday night, Sept. 14, there will be a no-host at the Pumphouse in Terrebonne, 6 p.m.

Support economic growth through a tribal UCC

By Lucinda Hughes-Juan
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Throughout recent years, many tribal nations have managed to build strong tribal economies by way of gaming and other business enterprises.

They have created opportunities to support business partnerships and small business development.

Despite these successes, the question still arises: "Are tribes prepared to facilitate business transactions across tribal borders or to attract outside investors to fund important business projects?"

One way to address this is for tribes to develop a consistent and standardized set of laws that help to govern business transaction across jurisdictions.

A Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) is a set of laws that apply to these types of secure business transactions.

They include laws that address loans and extensions of credit that involve collateral. Most American business start-ups and growth are funded this way.

A Standard Uniform Commercial Code was first established by the National Conference of Commissions on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) and became U.S. law in the early 1970s. Most free market economies today have a secured transaction system that legally supports their economic development.

A tribal model of a Uniform Commercial Code en-

titled the Model Tribal Secured Transaction Act was developed in 2005 by the NCCUSL. It was drafted by a special committee that included an advisory group of Indian tribes from, among other tribes, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

"The code is meant to serve as a model; tribes can use it to develop their own laws that reflect their own particular cultural and legal environment," said Susan Woodrow, who served as an advisor to the drafting committee. This along with its publication and an active tribal filing system can help to support successful tribal development.

It is important to understand that most commercial lending institutions feel more confident doing business when such laws exist. Most lenders and many investors will only do business in an environment that has a system in place that lays out the rules for these types of secured business transactions.

Intersection



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Warm Springs Construction will be working on the Hollywood Boulevard and Tenino intersection in the near future. Meanwhile, a crew last week was correcting a storm-water drainage issue near the intersection, a preliminary part of the overall project.

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Funding comes from tribal shares of the infrastructure funds through

the BIA.

Much of the work is scheduled to be performed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.,

Sunday thru Thursday.

Hours of work will vary for the concrete and paving work, which will be done through-

out the day. The road will remain open during work hours with flaggers directing traffic.

Cobell again on hold

After 16 years of litigation, the historic \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement agreement has once more been delayed in litigation—even as thousands of class-action members await their share.

On Aug. 20, the deadline to appeal a May ruling against her claims by a lower federal court, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate member Kimberly Craven filed for a writ of certiorari, or cert petition, with the United States Supreme Court as an objector to the Cobell settlement agreement.

Three others will also file as objectors as it stands. On Aug. 17, the high court granted the three an extension to appeal until Sept. 22.

Where Can You Find The Information You Need To Know?

Call the medical assistance call center or Nurse Hotline at **866-470-2015**

You will first hear a disclaimer stating that if you are experiencing an emergency, you should hang up and call 911.

You will then have the option of being connected to the audio health library, or speaking immediately with a Registered Nurse.

If you choose to speak with a nurse they will

- Discuss your symptoms with you
- Give you advice on actions you should take. These courses of action (dispositions) range from "home care procedures" to "seek emergency care."

The Nurse Hotline does not diagnose your condition but will assess your needs according to the information that you provide them.

They will follow specific medical guidelines and provide you with the most complete advice and care instructions that are available.

Each business day the Hotline will provide the clinic with a list of callers and the advice that was given. If you need to see your Provider we will know what advice you were given.

This is another tool Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is providing so that you may have access to medical advice 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

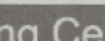
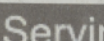
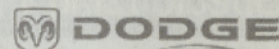
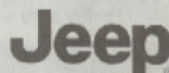
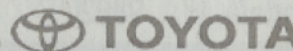
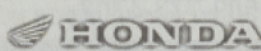
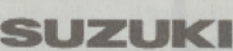
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