

# Health care: Mobile clinic arriving in August

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Councilman Smith said the tribal insurance requirements are a substantial cost to enterprises and the organization. Having more than one individual reviewing, and making the insurance decisions would minimize risks to the tribes, he said.

### Affordable Care Act

Health and Human Services currently is developing strategies to address requirements of the Affordable Health Care law, also called by some "Obamacare." Caroline Cruz, director of Health and Human Services, reviewed her department's current effort for Tribal Council on Monday.

She said there is a staff training session on Wednesday, July 24, regarding the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act. The training will probably be at Kah-Nee-Ta, she said, and invited interested Council

members to attend.

The issues are complex, Cruz said. For instance, in a recent development with the law, the Obama Administration announced that federally recognized tribal members would be exempt from penalty for not acquiring health insurance (*Story on page 12*).

On the other hand, the best financial interest of the Confederated Tribes would be served if members did seek some form of health coverage, Cruz said. This would help with billing options, a critical factor in times of scarce revenue. "With the Affordable Care Act we will be able to bill for more services," Cruz said.

### Change at clinic

The Affordable Care Act was one of the health-related issues before Council on Monday. The tribal-HIS Joint Venture was another topic. Reviewing the Joint Venture for Council were Cruz, Warm

Springs Health and Wellness Center chief executive officer Carol Prevost, and Dr. Rachel Locker, physician.

Prevost said a change in patient care is scheduled to take effect at IHS on August 15. After that date the clinic physicians will provide ambulatory care, meaning care for patients who walk in to the clinic.

Patients who are admitted to a hospital, such as St. Charles Madras, will receive their care from physicians who work regularly at the hospital, rather than from physicians from the Warm Springs clinic. The purpose of this is to allow the physicians at the clinic to focus on the patients who come to the clinic, rather than spending time traveling to and from Madras.

Another important benefit will be patient-physician continuity, allowing the patient to continue seeing the same physician, said Prevost.

### Mobile clinic

Caroline Cruz informed Tribal Council that the mobile clinic will be arriving in Warm Springs in mid August.

The mobile clinic will allow health workers to visit outlying communities such as Simnasho, Seekseequa and Sidwalter. The clinic could also be used for special visits to locations like the Early Childhood Education Center and High Looksee Lodge.

There will be two patient-care rooms in the mobile clinic: one room for medical issues, attended by a nurse practitioner or physician, and one room for dental.

The vehicle is being customized to fit the specifications for its use on the reservation. The mobile clinic is a cooperative project of the Community Health Program, the Joint Health Commission, tribal Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Service.

# Tribal Council agenda

**Thursday, July 11**  
Natural Resources Tour - Local Area with Bobby Brunoe, Natural Resources GM:  
8 a.m. - Meet at Natural Resources Bldg.  
9 - Boulder Timber Sale/Noxious Weeds.  
12 - Return to Natural Resources Bldg.

**Monday, July 15th**  
9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer update with Jake Suppah, S-T.  
10:30 - Chief Operations Officer update with Olney Patt Jr., COO.  
11 - Draft resolutions with the S-T.  
1:30 p.m. - Legislative update call: Matt Hill/federal and Michael Mason/state.  
3 - Reduction in hours/638 discussion.

**Tuesday, July 16**  
9 a.m. - Off-Reservation hunting regulations with Bobby Brunoe, Natural Resources GM.  
10 a.m. - Government Rock update with Natural Resources.  
11 a.m. - Tribal Farm update with Jason Smith, Range & Ag manager.  
1:30 p.m. - Bluestone - Economic Development discussion with S-T Jake Suppah.

**Wednesday, July 17**  
9 a.m. - Branch manager updates.

**Thursday, July 18**  
9 a.m. - Mandatory Head Start training - meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta.

**Monday-Tuesday, July 22-23**  
9 a.m. - Legislative workshop with Roy Sampsel, Institute of Tribal Government.

**Wednesday, July 24**  
9 a.m. - Enrollments with Vital Statistics.  
10 - Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson.  
10:30 - Columbia River Treaty Access Sites discussion with Eric Strickland of the Army Corp of Engineers.

**Monday, July 29**  
9 a.m. - August 2013 Tribal Council Agenda with the S-T.

**Tuesday, July 30**  
9 a.m. - IRMP discussion with Natural Resources.  
*(Note: All draft resolutions must be sent to the S-T by e-mail in Word form two weeks prior to being taken into Council for presentation; with copy to Deanie Smith at the ASC office.)*

## At the Health Fair

John Coutney brought his class from the Early Childhood Center to the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair, held at the Community Center. They visited the OSU Extension area of the fair, featuring fruits and vegetables.



Anna DeCora/Spilyay

# Simnasho hosting summer powwow, July 23-24

The Simnasho Community will host the Powwow and Encampment on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23-24, at the Simnasho Powwow Arbor. This is the biggest outdoor mid-week powwow of the year at Simnasho.

Tuesday night will be "Warm Up Night." There will be a 7 p.m. start-up time with "weenie roast" and social dances. Warm Up Night Specials: Sweep Your Teepee World Championships; Drummers '49' Contest.

The event will include the

Third Annual Hot Summer Fun Run/Walk on Wednesday starting at 10:30 a.m. Starting point will be the powwow grounds. The course will be just shy of two miles.

Wednesday night: Potluck BBQ dinner at 6 p.m.; social dancing and singing starting at 7 p.m. Powwow Specials:

Round Bustle—Open to all ages. Winner will receive a Pendleton blanket.

Puth la pa Special—Open to all ages. Winner will receive a Pendleton blanket.

"Family Team" Dance—

Open to all ages—Up to four members of a family. Winning family will receive a prize.

Sixth running of the Simnasho Derby (first 12 in each age group)—6 and under; 7-12 year-olds; and 13 and older.

Third Ever Drummers Relay Race Honoring Mackie Begay—Prizes for the winning team.

Tiny Tots—Six and under, sponsored by Ivan and Leo Dimmick.

Team/Youth Team Dance

Contest—Sponsored by Evaline Patt.

Camping areas available and some teepee poles will be available.

"Join us for a good old time. Bring your lawn chair, windbreaker and good feelings. Sponsored by members of the Simnasho Community." For information, chase down Captain at 541-553-7014; Carlos, or whoever else is talked into volunteering. (Drummers bring your own chairs; PA provided.)

## Buffalo Academy at JCMS

The Junior Buffalo Academy will be from August 5-22 at the Jefferson County Middle School. The time will be from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, Monday through Thursdays.

The academy is for incoming sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. This is a summer academy focusing on academics and fun.

The academy is an opportunity to jumpstart the next school year with three weeks of math, reading and summer activities with Mr. Halter, Ms.

Potampa and Ms. Bilanovic. Students will be provided both breakfast and lunch.

Transportation will pick up at specific locations in Warm Springs, in Metolius and Madras.

Come and be a part of the Junior Buffalo Academy—Don't waste your summer being stuck in the house! For more information call Simon White, school principal, at 541-475-7253; or by email at: [swhite@509j.net](mailto:swhite@509j.net)

## Maranatha Jubilee

The Maranatha Jubilee will happen at Elmer Quinn Park July 22-27, 7 p.m. nightly.

Everyone is welcome, hosted by the Shekinah

Glory Ministries with Easton and Tina Aguilar. You can reach them at 541-480-5018; or 541-610-3290.

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