

Back to School



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Students returned to Warm Springs Elementary School last week. Here, they enjoy a favorite school activity, recess.

Pool closed

The Kah-Nee-Ta Village Pool will be closed for maintenance through Sept. 26.

Rez Rover taxi offers service in Warm Springs-Call 553-3030.

Food drive through Dec.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Employee Appreciation Committee is having a food drive through December. There are dona-

tion boxes placed throughout the clinic for anyone who'd like to donate nonperishable food items for the Warm Springs community.

Beware of scams as health law rolls out

The Oregon Department of Justice is urging the public to be vigilant about scam artists who might seek to collect confidential information pretending to be agents or community partners with the state health insurance exchange.

The exchange will open Oct. 1.

Ellen Klem, director of consumer outreach and education, said scammers take advantage of the confusion that might occur from anything new and different.

If you're receiving phone calls from people who say

they're going to help you obtain insurance through Cover Oregon, be suspicious. If they try to sell you a product they say you need under the Affordable Care Act, be suspicious.

As a rule of thumb, Klem said, be suspicious if you're being contacted before Oct. 1. "Ultimately, they're all going to be targeted around money and personal information, and the range is pretty broad," Klem said.

When the exchange opens, the general public will be able to shop for health insurance through agents and commu-

nity partners. The website is expected to open up for the rest of the population a few weeks afterward.

Klem isn't aware of fraud cases associated with the Affordable Care Act so far, she said, but that doesn't mean it hasn't occurred.

When people become victims of fraud, it sometimes takes a long time for them to realize it, Klem said. And when they do, they rarely report it, she said, out of shame or embarrassment.

Both the justice department and Cover Oregon will take phone calls on suspicious activity. Complaints can be filed with the justice department.

To contact the justice department, call the hotline at 877-877-9392 or go to OregonConsumer.gov.

Contact Cover Oregon at 855-268-3767.

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Farming acreage for lease

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are accepting lease offers until Oct. 1 for the Schoen Hagen property. The farm is located near the reservation, off Highway 26. The lease would be for five years.

There are 310 total acres, with 150 irrigated acres. Zoning is for agriculture. A house, barns, sheds, water system, fencing and corrals are al-

ready on site. The location is 5266 NW Dizney, off the Pelton turnoff. A viewing of the property is set for 9 a.m. on Sept. 24. Proposals will be accepted no later than

Oct. 1. For information call 541-553-3232. Or email: ctwsland@wstribes.org. For a map and further information, see page 10 of this publication.

Community Center fall hours

The Warm Springs Community Center will begin fall hours on Monday, Sept. 23.

Beginning on that date,

the center will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and no-school days.

Youth archery

Registration is under way for the 4-H archery program. Classes will be held every Wednesday starting October 2.

Hours for the class will be: 3:45-4:45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; and 4:45-5:45 p.m. for sixth through twelfth grades. For more information or to sign up call Morning Rae at 541-553-3238.

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Coal: need for EIS

(Continued from page 1) Tribal Councilman Carlos Smith pointed out that the Confederated Tribes conducted an extensive EIS process regarding the Gorge casino proposal, which would have been in an industrial park. "We spent millions

of dollars on that," Smith said.

The idea that the coal proposal would require only cursory review is clearly wrong, he said. Tribal Natural resources also indicated the need for an EIS.

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