

Physical therapy center open

The Warm Springs Managed Care physical therapy program is now open.

Holistic Health physical therapy is located on campus in the remodeled building by the courthouse.

Managed Care opened the physical therapy center so tribal members do not have to drive to Madras for their therapy sessions.

The clients come by doctor recommendation to treat a variety of conditions. You can reach the center at 541-777-2663.

The director of Warm Springs physical therapy is Natalie Kiefer, a Choctaw tribal member, and doctor of physical therapy. She works with physical therapist Trevor Groves.



Physical Therapists Natalie Kiefer and Trevor Groves.

509-J Impact Aid hearing in Nov.

A public meeting of the 509-J school district board of directors is coming up this month in Warm Springs.

Discussion will include the Impact Aid application for fiscal year 2018, and other matters relating to Impact Aid.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 28 at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

The district annually affords its patrons, specifically Native American parents and guardians, the opportunity to offer comments and make rec-

ommendations relative to the application for and the use of Impact Aid funds.

Meanwhile, a survey regarding Impact Aid is posted on the district website at:

jcsd.k12.or.us

Comments are taken until December 16.

Anybody wishing to attend the Nov. 28 meeting, and who has a disability requiring assistance, please advise Cindy Stanfield at 541-475-6192. Please specify the arrangements that may accommodate your participation in this meeting.

Darkness to Light training in W.S.

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children training will be this month in Warm Springs. Darkness to Light is dedicated to protecting children from sexual abuse.

Experts estimate that one out of every 10 children will be sexually abused before their eighteenth birthday. The greatest risk to our children doesn't come from strangers but from our

friends and family—93 percent of all victims know their abusers.

The training in Warm Springs will be on Thursday, November 17 at the Community Center social hall. Dinner will be at 4:30 p.m., and the training is from 5 to 8. Please RSVP to Rosa at 541-350-5200. Or email:

rcendejas@kidscenter.org

The three-hour interactive

training program provides participants with five steps to better protect children from sexual abuse.

The training gives adults tools for recognizing the signs of sexual abuse, responding to suspicions, and minimizing opportunities for abuse.

The training is ideal for any adult in our community who has interactions with children.

General Council

There will be a General Council meeting on Tuesday evening, November 15.

The meeting opens with dinner at 6 p.m., and discussion at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Agency Longhouse.

The main topic is the 2017 budget proposal.

Tribal Council is planning to adopt a final budget for next year later this month.

November 16 is a target date for finalizing the budget, according to the current Tribal Council agenda.

Employee open enrollment

The Confederated Tribes' open enrollment period is in full swing. This is for permanent, full-time employees of the tribes and enterprises.

Open enrollment is a chance to either sign up for employee benefits, or make any desired changes for 2017.

If you are already signed up and you do not wish to make any changes, you do not have to complete any of the attached forms, with one exception. If you are interested in Allegiance flexible spending, you must re-enroll every year.

If you have HealthComp health insurance as of August 2016, and you did not pick up your new 2017 cards at the benefits fair, please contact your supervisor. The cards have been delivered to

your branch and your branch manager will determine how they will be distributed. These cards are to be used starting January 1, 2017.

Please use your current cards through the end of the year.

If you are making any changes to your coverage, or enrolling in new coverage, please submit all forms to the Compensation and Benefits department no later than November 30.

Please note, supplemental coverage from UNUM will be coming in a separate packet, and will be delivered to you at a later date with a different due date.

If you have any questions please call the Comp and Benefits at 541-553-3391 or 541-553-3327 to speak to a Comp and Benefits staff member.

November Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items on the November agenda at Tribal Council (items subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, Nov. 14

9 a.m.: Review minutes and resolutions with the S-T.

10 a.m.: Trailwest ROW proposal with Jim Manion, Power and Water Enterprises.

11 a.m.: Health Services Carryover plan with Alfred Estimo and Caroline Cruz.

1:30 p.m.: Follow up discussion regarding Kah-Nee-Ta and Indian Head Casino with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

2:30 p.m.: Kah-Nee-Ta budget request with resort management.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

9 a.m.: Implementation Plan update with Alyssa Macy.

10 a.m.: Housing update with Evaline Patt and Chet VanPelt.

1:30 p.m.: Update on Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) negotiation with Lonny Macy and Adam Haas.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

9 a.m.: Finalize 2017 budget with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

11 a.m.: 501C3 update with Alyssa Macy and Bruce Irwin.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 17 and 18: Meeting with Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Monday, Nov. 21

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Michele Stacona.

10 a.m.: December agenda, review minutes with the S-T.

11 a.m.: Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

3 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

Tuesday, Nov. 22

9 a.m.: Annual Health Report with Caroline Cruz, Carol Prevost and Dean Seyler.

1:30 p.m.: Cannabis and Carbon Sequestration updates with Don Sampson.

All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. by email for review (Word form). No exceptions. Copy to:

michelestacona@wstribe.org
lynn.davis@wstribe.org

Items for consideration: NEPA update.

Wasco Co. rejects rail expansion

The Wasco County Board of County Commissioners voted last week to deny the proposed Union Pacific rail expansion planned for Mosier.

Friends of the Columbia Gorge, the Columbia Riverkeeper, and Physicians for Social Responsibility had appealed the Wasco County Planning Commission decision to grant Union Pacific their permit for a new track through Mosier.

The Yakama Nation separately appealed the decision due to the project's violations of tribal treaty rights and the

National Scenic Area Act. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have also been opposed to the proposal.

The county board of commissioners based their denial of the project on National Scenic Area laws prohibiting adverse effects to treaty rights.

The Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet this week to adopt a final order denying the project.

The City of Mosier is still recovering from the Union Pacific oil train derailment, spill and fire on June 3 that

leaked 40,000 gallons of crude oil and contaminated groundwater in the small town.

The Federal Railroad Administration released a report in June finding that Union Pacific was at fault for the accident because it failed to follow safety and rail inspection requirements.

A rail traffic report found that increases in rail capacity from this expansion could be far greater than Union Pacific has claimed, potentially increasing rail capacity from about 35 trains a day to as much as 100 trains a day.

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