

Tribes consider survey on elder safety

The Confederated Tribes are looking into the possibility of conducting an elder maltreatment survey on the reservation. The data could then be used to apply for grant funding to address any potential problem or problem areas.

The survey project on the local level is a project of the Warm Springs Senior Program; and was presented at Tribal Council by chief operations officer Alyssa Macy, and Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz.

Council members want the proposal first to go for formal action before the tribal Health and Welfare Committee.

Committee members may be aware of the survey proposal, but some formal recommendation is

also needed, Council members said.

The survey—and technical assistance and training in conducting the survey—are provided through the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program (NIEJI).

Confidentiality of participants is strictly protected throughout the process, Ms. Macy said.

NIEJI is asking tribes across the nation to participate. The goal is to identify elder maltreatment issues in Native American communities. As set out in the draft Council resolution, the NIEJI Innovation program will provide:

The Native Elder Maltreatment Survey. Assistance in sampling. Training of and consultation with the interviewers. Data entry and analysis. Data storage. Production

of tables and comparisons with national statistics. For their part the tribes will provide:

The Council resolution in support of the survey. An estimated number of elders to be interviewed. The volunteer interviewers to conduct the survey. Recommendations for future actions. Sharing the information (with confidentiality strictly protected) with tribal leaders and health officials.

The information could give the tribes access to grants that are currently not available, as no data on elder maltreatment currently exists.

Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti said the tribes have an Elders Protection Code, and asked for information on how often these laws are being enforced.



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The Warm Springs Academy and school district, the Warm Springs Education Committee and Confederated Tribes hosted the Ich'inun Summer Jam Powwow, the first ever powwow hosted by the school. The powwow was Tuesday evening of the last week of school.

Power and Water bond refinancing

Tribal Council approved a bond refinancing proposal from Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

The bonds were originally issued in 2009. The difference in the interest rate from then till now makes the re-financing a good idea, said Jim Manager, Power and Water general manager.

The enterprise could see a savings of about \$2.5 million through the reduction in the debt service, Mr. Manion said. This will allow for more flexibility in future financing matters, he said.

The Confederated Tribes have an ordinance that regulates the issuance of bonds. The ordinance was established some years ago, to

facilitate the funding of the Early Childhood Education center, as approved at the time by membership referendum.

Passage last week of the Power and Water refinancing proposal involved the reading of a lengthy and detailed resolution, no. 12,340. The Council vote was unanimous in favor.

St. Charles Madras expansion opens

New entrances

St. Charles Madras completed phase 2 of an expansion, and will soon begin the third phase.

The expansion of emergency services, surgical services, and diagnostic imaging services was complete earlier this month.

The third phase of this project includes the remodel of the existing space, and moving the laboratory inside the building.

Please refer to the following information for entering the building, as St. Charles Madras transitions to the third phase of this project.

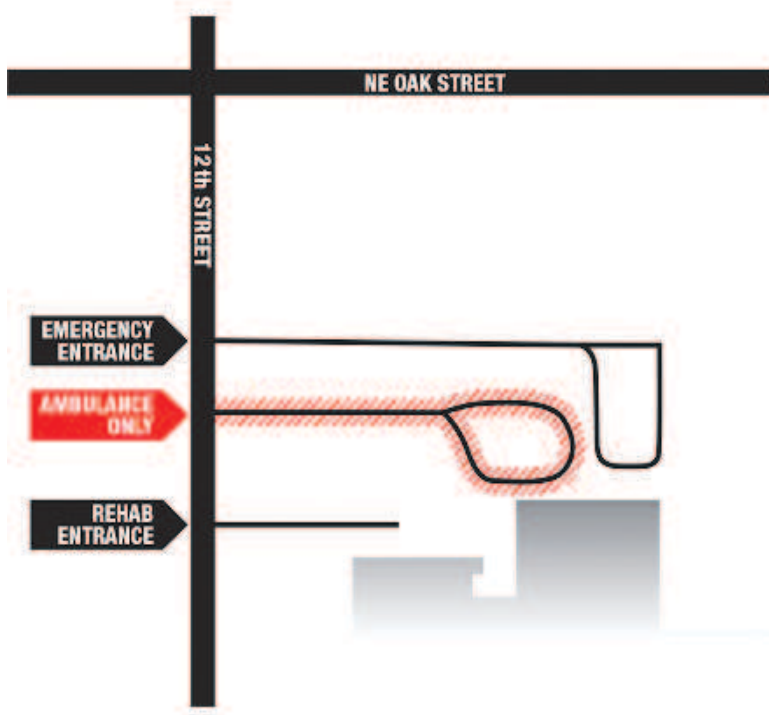
These plans are temporary until the entire project is complete later this year.

Emergency Department: use the new Emergency entrance, northeast corner. All days, all times.

Surgery: use new Emergency entrance, all days, all times.

Family Birthing Center (for laboring moms): New Emergency entrance, all days, all times.

Hospital admittance: New Emergency entrance, all days, all times.



Laboratory (including drug screens): Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Imaging (Ultrasound, CT, X-Ray, Mammogram, Echo, MRI): Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Rehab: Rehab Entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Outpatient services: Rehab

entrance, Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Visitors: Rehab entrance, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Evening (after 6 p.m.) and weekends: All services and visitor access will enter through the new Emergency entrance.

Please avoid the Emergency vehicle entrance.

Northern Paiute Powwow in August

The Northern Paiute Powwow—Honoring All Powwow Queens Past and Present—is coming up on August 5-6 at the fairgrounds at Burns.

The Head Man's Special has a \$500 winner take all (18 and up); Old Style vs. Contemporary; Men's Grass Spotlight Special.

In Honor of Jaime, Jasmine and Nizoni Barney: \$500 winner take all (18 and up); Women's Old Style Jingle Spotlight Special.

Hand Drum Contest sponsored by Derek Hawley and family: \$150 winner take all, 12 and under. Teen Girls Special by Queen Laevona Purcella family; Couples Dance by Holtby family.

For vendor information contact Betty Lou Hawley at 541-589-1396. Any other questions, call Jody Richards, 541-573-8005.

All dancers, drummers and spectators welcome, open to the public, free admission.

Estate planning free to members

Tribal members this summer can receive free assistance with drafting a will, power of attorney, or other estate planning document.

Working with a supervising attorney, Courtnee Grego, law student at Seattle University, is providing the service through late July. This is a program of the Seattle

University School of Law Center for Indian Law and Policy.

Courtnee's office this summer is at the Community Action Team building on campus, at 1136 Paiute Ave. To schedule an appointment call 541-553-3148; or 509-460-0077 (c). To contact by email: gregoc@seattleu.edu

Bob Yoesle from Friends of the Goldendale Observatory will present "The Great American Eclipse," Saturday, July 1 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. Included with museum admission. For more information visit www.gorgediscovery.org



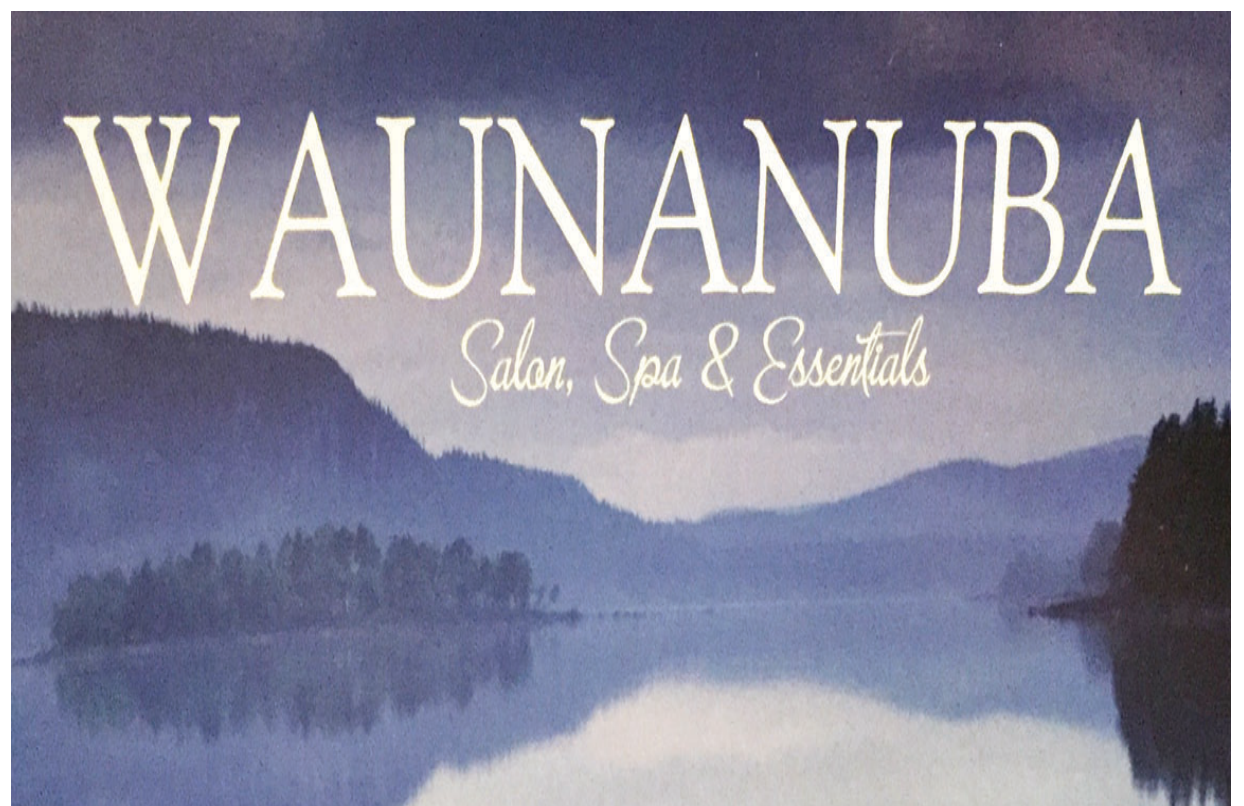
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