

Important vote for tribes next week

A statewide vote important to the Confederated Tribes is coming up on Tuesday, January 23.

Measure 101 is the Healthcare Insurance Premiums Tax for Medicaid Referendum.

The measure presents a health funding question of critical importance to the membership.

The wording in the ballot summary:

Passage of the measure would approve temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income indi-

viduals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums.

Stated another way, passage of the measure is important for adequate funding of the Oregon Health Plan.

The tribes have a high percentage of members who are enrolled with the state health plan.

A tribal member who goes to the clinic, and is referred out for specialty care outside the clinic, can use Oregon Health Plan coverage for the outside care.



The tribal member can use the Oregon Health Plan resource if the person is enrolled in the plan, and if the plan itself is adequately funded.

Without adequate funding, the cost of the outside

health care would go the tribes' Managed Care program.

Potentially, if Measure 101 does not pass, then the Managed Care program could see a large negative financial impact.

If Managed Care is depleted over time, this could then jeopardize assistance, and potentially put the tribes back into a Priority 1 status.

The Priority 1 situation of some years ago involved the strict limitation on health care services available to members.

Miss Warm Springs Pageant coming up

The 2018 Miss Warm Springs Pageant is coming up on the evening of Wednesday, January 31 at the Agency Longhouse.

All community members are invited to attend. Former Miss Warm Springs are encouraged to attend in regalia and crown.

Individuals interested in running for the Miss Warm Springs title must submit completed applications by 5 p.m. this Friday, January 19.

If you have questions, email Pageant coordinator Starla Green at:

starla.green@wstribes.org

Applications and letters of recommendation can be downloaded on the tribal website:

warm Springs-nsn.gov/program/miss-warm-springs/

For the January 31 Pageant, dinner will be at 5 p.m., provided by current Miss Warm Springs Katrina Blackwolf and family.

Wolves

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The Branch of Natural Resources Wildlife Department for the past three years has given more focus toward trying to confirm the presence of wolves on the reservation, mainly through the use of the remote cameras.

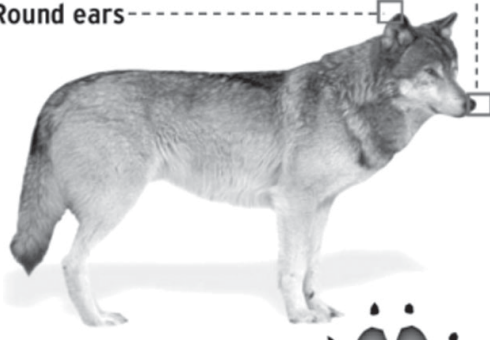
During that time, they captured three photos of single wolves. That changed earlier this month when one of the cameras caught the image of the two wolves, both of them uncollared.

Staff went to the area and confirmed the tracks on the ground were consistent with those of wolves.

A next step in the research would be getting a DNA sample from the animals, such as through hair. This information can show where the animals migrated from, Ms. Karoglanian said. Another project could be getting a GPS collar on one or more of the animals, she said.

GRAY WOLF

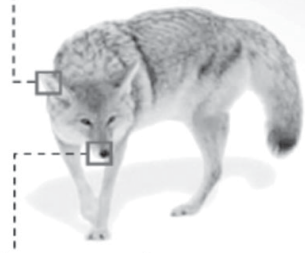
Color: light gray to black
Dimensions: 2.5 feet tall, 5-6 feet long
Broad snout
Round ears



80-120 pounds
Paw size: 4" x 5"

COYOTE

Color: light gray/brown
Dimensions: 1.5 feet tall, 4 feet long
Tall pointed ears



Narrow snout
20-50 pounds
Paw size: 2" x 2.5"

The tribal Wildlife Department, working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, will continue the monitoring program in the future. Wolves are listed as federally endangered, and it is a federal crime to kill one.

The Wildlife Department is in the process of securing wolf depredation reimbursement funding for a person who may lose livestock to a wolf.

According to a release this week by U.S. Fish and Wildlife: "The wolves were documented on the White River Wildlife Area and Mt. Hood National Forest, and have also been observed on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

"Several wolves are known to have dispersed through Wasco County in the past few years. A single wolf was documented in the

White River Unit in December 2013. In May 2015, a wolf from the Imnaha pack travelled through the area as he dispersed to Klamath County. Later in 2015, a single wolf was documented in Wasco County.

Educational material on wolves is available at the Branch of Natural Resources office. People may report sightings or sign of wolves to BNR Wildlife, 541-553-2001.

W.S. Homeless Point In Time survey in January

The 2018 Point In Time survey and count—a homeless awareness project—is coming up in Warm Springs later this month.

The survey and count will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 26 at the Family Resource Center conference room, hosted by the Health and Human Services Branch.

Help bring awareness to unstable housing issues in our community: Take a one page survey and be counted. There will be information, incentives, and free clothing. A light meal will be served at noon, and at 5 p.m.

Sponsors are tribal Health and Human Ser-

vices, and the Confederated Tribes, NeighborImpact, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, and the Homeless Leadership Coalition. The outreach says:

Many assume homelessness means on the streets. In fact, homelessness means that you do not have a stable, safe and secure place to live. This includes doubling up, hotels and motels, camping, shelters, camp trailers, vehicles, temporary living with family and friends, being a runaway, and fleeing from domestic violence.

For more information call 541-553-4097.

Summary of Tribal Council

January 15

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, Lee Tom, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Review minutes/resolutions.

• Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,423 appointing members

to the ad hoc committee to include: Alyssa Macy/COO, Jimmy Tohet/LUPC, Urbana Ross/BIA Realty, and Lonny Macy/Tribal Planner: To establish, create and apply the project's collaborative decision making process and to make final recommendations on a preferred alternative for the Warm Springs Commercial Corridor Safety Plan. Second by Lee. Question; 6/0/0, Chairman not voting; Mo-

tion carried.

• Motion by Charles approving the Chairman to sign a letter supporting Annette Sampson's request to participate in a project *We Are Healers* film/interviews at the Health and Wellness Medical Clinic, inspiring Native Youth to seek careers in health care. Second by Carina. Question; 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Motion by Carina adopting Resolution No. 12,424 approving and supporting the Native American Center project, with noted edits and to include language from the constitution and bylaws. Question; 6/0/1, Chairman not voting. Mo-

tion carried.

• Motion by Carina tabling minutes from May 2017-August 2017 for further review. Second by Charles. Question; 6/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

3. Warm Springs Housing Authority update.

4. Warm Springs Timber Company LLC update.

5. Indian Head Casino update.

6. Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprise update.

7. Warm Springs Composite update.

8. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

CP Enterprise

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These earlier memos, under the previous administration, gave assurance to states with legalized cannabis that federal law enforcement would focus only on specific potential problem areas of the cannabis industry. These areas would include organized crime, distribution to a minor, unlawful sale, crossing state lines, etc.

Mr. Sessions' rescission of these guidelines

created confusion in the states with legalized cannabis. There are now 30 states with legalized medical marijuana, and eight with legal recreational marijuana.

Tribal attorney Howie Arnett suggested that Tribal Council meet again in the near future with the U.S. Attorney for Oregon, Bill Williams. Consultation with Mr. Williams and staff will help clarify the situation, which for now is confusing.

Warm Springs Recreation Presents



Sweetheart Sale

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