

# Health workers, Council review health report

Health and Human Services, IHS and Health Commissioners this week discussed the most recent Annual Health System Report with Tribal Council.

The report details the health services available to tribal members, and the most recent health statistics.

The document details tribal member health trends,

and demographic information such as age groups, births by age of the mother, etc. An example of the findings:

Regarding the tribal member births by age of mother, the report finds the following: Information reported through 2000 reflected a large portion of births to very young mothers. From

2008 to present, total births to the 15-19 year old age range has continued to trend downward. The number of mothers delivering in the 35-44 age group was the highest since reporting started in 1996.

Regarding cause of death among the membership, the report finds: Accidental deaths had been the leading

cause of death since the 1950s. Rates of accidental death are gradually declining.

Cancer is now the leading cause of death among members, with diabetes another leading factor. Liver disease/cirrhosis has been in decline in recent years.

*Other aspects of the report will be explored in later editions of the Spilyay Tymoo.*

## Fundraiser for young cowboy

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Isaiah Florendo from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, December 3 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Isaiah has qualified for the International Miniature Rodeo Association

Finals that are coming up in January at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Family and friends invite you to come and support this young cowboy, and enjoy a meal and visit. Any questions, ask Captain.

## Community input on tribal hemp proposal

The Warm Springs Cannabis Project team are seeking input from the community on a proposal to produce hemp on tribal trust property, off reservation.

The team discussed the idea this week with Tribal Council, who suggested that community input would be advised before the initiation of a supplemental budget process to

support the proposal.

Commissioner Pah-tu Pitt said the tribes would develop this project without an outside owner or operator. A suggested location is tribes' Schoenhagen property.

The project would involve a greenhouse, storage-drying facility and packaging.

A feature of this proposal is that the product in the future—with passage of a pending agriculture bill—

could be transported across state lines.

The hemp product is not psychoactive as it contains only trace amounts of THC. The membership three years ago passed the cannabis referendum. The tribes have negotiated compact with the state, and an active Cannabis Commission, who have developed the recent hemp proposal.

**A Jefferson County Veterans Service Outreach officer is in Warm Springs at the Warm Springs Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month.**

Appointments are available for the morning by calling 541-475-5228. Otherwise, the Veterans Service Officer will be available on those Tuesdays to answer questions during and after the senior meal that day.

## Community notes...

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** funds are available in Warm Springs.

Go by the Social Services office at the Commodity warehouse for an application.

The Let's Talk Diversity Coalition is hosting a **Cultural Awareness training** class on Thursday, December 6.

The training explore

how poverty is linked to health disparities and how populations of color become impacted.

The session will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Madras. You can get more information and register online at: [letstalkdiversity.net](http://letstalkdiversity.net)

Or contact Jesus at 541-475-4292. The registration deadline is November 29.

# Step toward restoring historic Belluschi designed homes

The year was 1943—in Europe the middle of World War II—while stateside a new kind of architecture was taking form. It was called the Modern Movement, or Modernist—using new and innovative construction technologies, an embrace of simplified form and clean lines, more practical than ornamental.

A leading figure in the movement was Pietro Belluschi, working at the time in Portland. As his name suggests, Mr. Belluschi was Italian. He moved to America at the age of 24, in 1923. He became a leading architect in Portland, and in his lifetime designed over 1,000 buildings.

The 1940s were also good for the Warm Springs Mill, a booming enterprise at the time. Robert Wilson was the operator of the mill,



Courtyard area of one of the Warm Springs Belluschi houses.

Courtesy Oregon Historic Preservation Office

working with this brother Charles.

Near the mill site Robert Wilson commissioned the construction of two houses,

one for himself and nearby one for Charles. The architect who took the job was Pietro Belluschi.

These building—featuring

the classic Belluschi Modernist design—are now owned by the Confederated Tribes.

With some restoration

work the buildings could become great and interesting assets of the tribes, said Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy. As an obvious

example: They could become vacation rentals, generating a profit to the tribes.

There are resources available to restore historic buildings. An advocate of such an enterprise must follow a process. Ms. Macy has worked with Jason Allen of the Oregon Historic Preservation Office on some of the initial steps in this process.

Most recently, their work has brought the Belluschi houses onto the Restore Oregon annual list of the Twelve Most Endangered Historic Places.

Restore Oregon selects properties on the list based on their historic importance, urgency, viability and community support. The group has helped save 47 buildings since its inception in 2011. With this new listing, the Belluschi houses are now on their way to restoration.




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**Warm Springs CTWS  
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# 2018 Family Craft Night

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

### 5:00-7:00 PM



## Member art show coming up

The Museum at Warm Springs 2018 Tribal Member Art Exhibit will open soon at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The museum will host an opening reception from

5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6.

Questions or additional information can be directed to Natalie Kirk, museum Curator, at 541-553-3331 ext. 412.

## Public Safety: New GM on board

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As drug prevention, particularly methamphetamine, is a priority with Warm Springs law enforcement, Mr. Smith is also working on budgeting to address the pay disparity at the Warm Springs department.

This is a long-standing issue, resulting in a high turnover rate among officers. The Warm Springs Department trains younger officers, who then often leave for better pay and pension at outside departments.

An officer can gain years' worth of experience in a short time in Warm Springs,

then leave for better pay and easier work at the outside department. "We lose a lot of good officers," Mr. Smith said.

"They like it here but they can't make their bills and support their family. They want to stay but can't afford it."

This is why residents often see new officers in Warm Springs. Just as they are starting to know the community, they might leave, requiring a new hire as the process starts over again. A proposal in the 2019 Public Safety budget could help address this, Mr. Smith said.