

## Tribes' census under way

Households of the reservation are now submitting their 2020 census information online. Some have already done so, using the computers that were available at the March Warm Springs Census kick-off event. As soon as feasible, making more computers available, and providing any needed assistance with the submission, is part of the outreach of the Warm Springs Complete Count Committee.

The enumerators of the 2020 census will bring the submission information door-to-door on the reservation in coming weeks. For caution, this will be done by leaving the information at the front door.

Please see **CENSUS** on 5



Courtesy KWSO

At the Agency Longhouse in mid March, tribal elder George Aguilar opens the 2020 Census Count for the tribes, and for the state of Oregon.

## From Indian Head Casino

We are currently going through an unprecedented period in our country and across the world, we have been working diligently to remain ahead of this quickly evolving situation. Our first priority is how this impacts the lives of our tribal members, valued employees, and our guests. Therefore, we have made the decision to voluntarily suspend operations at Indian Head Casino for 15 days, effective today, March 18th at 6 p.m.

### At the Plateau Travel Plaza:

The Plateau Travel Plaza's Three Teepees Café will be serving to go orders only: Order at

541-777-2826 and we will have your order ready for pick-up.

Our fuel service, propane, gaming room and retail operations will be available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We have increased cleanliness protocols throughout the property, including the deployment of additional hand sanitizers.

Indian Head Casino Enterprises is committed to supporting all of our employees at Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza during this difficult time.

As we progress through this rapidly developing situation, we will provide updates through email. Also, please keep an eye on our

web site and Facebook page for additional announcements.

I am truly grateful for you, our guests, and our valued team members. Please take care of yourselves, each other and your families.

**Jeffrey Carstensen**, Chief Executive Officer, Indian Head Casino.

Note: The Plateau Travel Plaza is in the Jefferson County Industrial Park at 215 NE Cherry Lane in Madras. Call 541-777-2815.

Please add the website [guestservices@indianheadgaming.com](mailto:guestservices@indianheadgaming.com) to your address book.

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## Message from the Chairman

# 'Stay home, save lives'

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Membership,

The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council encourages social distancing measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and encourages individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence, and to minimize travel.

If you need to leave your homes or residence for food, medical, and essential job services, we encourage you to maintain a social distance of at least six feet from any person not a member of

your immediate household. We also encourage you to stay as close to the exterior boundaries of the reservation when shopping for food or medical services.

We are directing all major roads to have signage which limit access to local traffic only.

Camping, fishing, recreational activities, etc. at our parks, rivers, lakes for non-tribal members are not allowed at this time.

And last, please be aware of Executive Order No. 20-12 that was issued by the Governor of the State of

Oregon, Kate Brown, on Monday, March 23. Per Kate Brown, "Today, I am issuing a new executive order further requiring social distancing measures because we know this is the most effective way to flatten the curve and slow the spread of this virus."

I hope everyone in Oregon abides by its core message: Stay home unless absolutely necessary."

Continue to thoroughly wash your hands and use good hygiene practice. Avoid contact with your face, eyes, not or mouth, and

cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue. Please clean and disinfect surfaces of your

home and the points of entry to your home and vehicle.

Stay safe,

**Raymond Tsumpti Sr.**, Chairman, Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

## From W.S. Corrections

Due to the tribal declaration of emergency and national emergency declaration, any contact visits, no-contact visits and groups are cancelled at the Warm Springs Correctional Facility, to prevent potential introduction of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19.

These actions are a precautionary measure for staff, prisoners, and the public; and are effective immediately until further notice.

There have been no exposures at the facility to date, and again this is a precautionary measure.

The corrections staff will continue to provide cleaning supplies daily to the inmates to clean and sanitize their housing areas, with special attention given to common areas, sinks, toilets, doors, phones, door knobs, tables, benches, counters, etc. Staff will provide additional disin-

fection sprays to the inmates housing areas.

Staff will continue to disinfect their work areas and other common areas in and around the facility as well as, taking precautionary measures during booking procedures.

We will provide the inmates contact with their loved ones during this uncertain time.

**Crystal Greene**, Acting Corrections Lieutenant.

## Summary of Tribal Council

March 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., and Glendon Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Nuclear waste/radiation at Arlington - Oregon Department of Energy

Environmental Justice Pathways Summit with Lisa Arkin, executive director Beyond Toxics.

Tribal Housing Policy (call) - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Kah-Nee-Ta discussion with Wakinyan.

Executive session, 4 to 5:33 p.m.

Coronavirus update with Louie Pitt, Jr., Hyllis Dauphinais, Katie Russell,

Caroline Cruz, Danny Martinez, and Diane Fuller:

- Motion made by Anita, approving a letter from the Tribal Council Chairman to be sent to the tribal organization with the following: Tribal Council discussed the virus epidemic issues and determined to implement a travel policy to essential/non-essential travel by employees to be determined by the Branch heads, so the Branch heads who signed off on employee travel would determine if the travel is essential/non-essential, effective immediately. Second by Wilson. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Tribal Council chairman and committee chairs will also make that determination on perspective travel.

- Motion by Captain to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

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