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The Oregon National Guard met with Tribal Council this week, discussing recruitment options open to tribal youth. The Guard has been providing the tribes and clinic with supplies to protect against the coronavirus. They also presented Council and Chairman Raymond Tsumpti with a drawing of a Guard veteran who had served in the Pacific during World War II.

## Changes while riding Cascade East Transit

Passengers riding the Cascade East bus are now required to wear a face covering or mask when boarding the bus.

This can be a bandana, scarf, mask or simply a long sleeve shirt that someone can tie around his or her face.

Cascade East is following the Centers for Disease Control recommendation.

“We want to educate our passengers about this new rule, and encourage them to bring their own face covering if they plan to ride the bus,” reads a statement from Cascade East Transit.

Cascade East has ordered paper and cloth masks, and will hand them out to passengers who do not have

anything to cover their faces.

CET is strongly encouraging riders to only use transit for essential trips such as going to the grocery store, a doctor’s appointment, job or pharmacy. All passengers must have a destination to ride.

Due to the temporary closure of the Indian Head Casino, Cascade East route 20—Warm Springs to and from Madras—will not service this bus stop until further notice. Service between Madras and Warm Springs is available Monday through Friday.

Saturday service is temporarily suspended. Service representatives are available at 541-385-8680.

## From the museum

The Museum at Warm Springs is extending its public closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the event individuals require an emergency sale in the museum gift shop—such as ceremonial purchases—please call the museum to make arrangements for an appointment with the sales staff, 541-553-3331.

During the public closure, the museum staff are continuing thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing the entire building. Staff will be monitoring this ongoing emergency development, and will follow the suggestions and guidance of the tribes’ Emergency Response team.

“On behalf of our museum, I want to thank the public for its understanding,” said museum executive director Elizabeth A. Woody.

“Our museum is more than a building—It represents decades of dedication to the preservation of the history, culture and heritage of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. We look forward to welcoming visitors back to the museum when this pandemic is over.”

For more information and updates please visit [museumatwarm Springs.org](http://museumatwarm Springs.org) and the museum Facebook page.

## Tribes’ concern about CARES fund distribution

Every major inter-tribal organization, representing all regions of Indian Country in the lower 48, is calling on the federal government to ensure an \$8 billion coronavirus relief fund benefits tribal governments as intended by Congress. In a letter, the tribal organizations say the Department of the Interior is failing to live up to the government’s trust and treaty responsibilities.

The tribes say Interior’s faulty interpretation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act—the CARES Act—will lead to Alaska Native corporations—which are not governmental units—receiving a share of the much-needed funds from the Department of the Treasury.

“Interior has failed to protect tribal interests and has failed to properly communicate the legal nuances and is-

ues to Treasury,” the letter reads.

The tribes further call on Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney to be removed from “all actions and decision-making” affecting the \$8 billion coronavirus relief fund.

Pointing back to her May 2018 confirmation hearing, in which she committed to advocate for all of Indian Country “regardless of geography,” they say she has instead advanced the interests of corporations in her home state of Alaska.

“The undersigned organizations feel the Assistant Secretary has not lived up to this commitment with her recent actions,” the letter reads.

Though the organizations stop short of calling for Sweeney’s resignation, as tribes in the Great Plains were first to do, the state-

ment confirms a widespread lack of confidence in the official with the most responsibilities in Indian Country.

“Consistent with her oath to protect and preserve the public trust and uphold the United States’ treaty and trust obligations to tribal governments, as well as a promise made during her confirmation hearing, we demand that Assistant Secretary Sweeney recuse herself from any decision-making process regarding the coronavirus relief fund or related to Alaska Native Corporations.”

The letter was sent to Secretary of the Treasury Steve Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. The two Cabinet members are accountable for the distribution of the fund, with Treasury in charge of putting the money into the bank accounts of eligible entities.

The letter was signed by

the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians—of which the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are a member—the All Pueblo Council of Governors, the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association, the Inter Tribal Association/Council of Arizona, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council, the Native American Rights Fund, the USET Sovereignty Protection Fund, the Association on American Indian Affairs, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Education Association, the National Indian Gaming Association and the Native American Finance Officers Association.

Together, the organizations represent almost every single federally recognized tribe in the lower 48.

## Late start classes extend COCC spring term options

While Central Oregon Community College spring term is currently under way, the college is offering a lineup of late-start courses, condensed in format, that are designed to extend more academic opportunities to laid-off workers, high school seniors, university students at home and others during the pandemic.

The online courses begin May 11, with an admission deadline of May 6.

Featuring subjects in business administration, college success, health and fitness, history and music, the seven condensed courses will offer their normal credits, while operating with an abbreviated timeframe. The classes were selected for their optimal ability to translate into online learning and because they factor into so many degrees and certificates at the college.

“COCC knows that many Central Oregonians are trying to find the best way forward right now,” said Betsy Julian, vice president of instruction. “And we want to make getting started at the college as feasible as possible. This late-start option is a new thing for us, but we have a strong history in eLearning and we’re very pleased to provide this opportunity.”

New students are required to follow the same admissions and online orientation processes as when starting at the beginning of the term. Find out more and begin the process today at [cocc.edu/getting-started](http://cocc.edu/getting-started) Or call 541-383-7700.

### CRITFC positions

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising for the following positions:

**Fishery Technician III.** Hourly range \$19.10 to \$20.38 per hour. Location: La Grande. Employment application and full job announcement located at:

[critfc.org/blog/jobs/fishery-technician-iii-6/](http://critfc.org/blog/jobs/fishery-technician-iii-6/)  
**Genomics Researcher.** Salary range: \$48,608.79 - \$56,707.99. Location: Hagerman, Idaho.

Employment application and full job announcement located at: <https://www.critfc.org/blog/jobs/genomics-researcher-2/>

**Dispatcher.** Salary range: \$39,154 - \$42,805. Location: Hood River. See: [critfc.org/blog/jobs/genomics-researcher-2/](http://critfc.org/blog/jobs/genomics-researcher-2/) CRITFC gives preference in employment matters to qualified en-

rolled members of the four CRITFC member tribes, then to qualified enrolled members of other federally recognized tribes. If CRITFC is unable to fill openings with such qualified tribal members, other qualified applicants will be considered. Send a complete application materials include a cover letter, CV/resume, completed job application with signature, electronic or typed in signature is accepted (available on our website at [www.critfc.org](http://www.critfc.org) “employment opportunities” on the bottom left corner or by calling 503.238.0667, a copy of relevant certifications and a list of at least three professional references.

Submit to: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission - Attn: Human Resources. 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1200, Portland, 97232. Email: [hr@critfc.org](mailto:hr@critfc.org)

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising for the following position: **Human Resources Manager.** Salary DOQ. Location: Portland. Closing date May 15.

The Human Resources Manager is responsible for CRITFC’s human resources functions as assigned by the Executive Director. This position supports the Commissioners, Executive Director, managers and supervisors and employees in achieving CRITFC’s mission and goals by providing effective, contemporary and strategic human resources services. Submit applications to Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Attn: Jenny Thrasher, Human Resources. 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1200. Portland, OR 97232, Email [jthrasher@critfc.org](mailto:jthrasher@critfc.org) - Fax: 503-238-3571

### Warm Springs Agency BIA, GA services

Warm Springs Agency BIA offices are closed to the public.

If you would like to apply for general assistance, call Angela at 541-553-2406 to request an appli-

cation that you will get in the mail.

You will need to fill it out and return it. If approved it takes at least two weeks for a check to be sent out.

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REFERS TO EIGHTH MONTH.  
THIS IMPLIES THAT WASO’U  
YEAR BEGINS AROUND SEPTEMBER

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*Namu (Paiute)*