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Community update

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has tested close to 1,400 people for the coronavirus.

One-hundred and three people had tested positive as of earlier this week. Eight members have been hospitalized, and six discharged.

Eighty people who tested positive have recovered. Good news: Since July 10 there have been 41 tests administered, and the total positive number remained at 103.

CARES program

Tribal staff are working hard to review and process applications submitted for the CARES Act Emergency and Disaster Relief program.

The program is receiving a large volume of applications: Please understand that it takes time to review each application and prepare paperwork to process payments. The first group of payments went out on Friday, July 10. Further payments will be processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the upcoming weeks.

With limited staff working on this, the tribal CARES program is asking that you do not call or email to inquire about the status of your payment, unless you have waited at least two weeks for your payment.

The more calls and emails the staff receive about the status of payments, the more the process will be delayed. If there are any issues with your application, the staff will contact you to resolve those issues.

If the application is received and there are no issues, then payment will be forthcoming. All checks will be mailed out, so it is very important that you include your current mailing address on your application.

In addition, remember that the application must be signed and dated by the individual applying, attesting to the accuracy of the information on the application.

Timeless treasures at the museum

There was a time when life on the reservation was less complicated—Never easy, just not so complicated like today. If you visit the new exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs, you can see first-hand some Native works from many decades ago, in some cases from more than a century ago.

The exhibition is called *The Path of Resilience*, on display through the summer. Featured items include woven bags from the early part of the last century, plus beaded objects, a review of the Treaty of 1855, and more. All of the works are from the museum's Permanent Collection and Archives Department.

With its re-opening last week, the museum is taking precautions to ensure the safety of staff and visitors: The museum follows the strict guidelines for public facilities. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The museum acquired this Wasco basket from Elvina Switzler 'Kum-Mum-La-Sut.' Ms. Switzler was born in 1910 on the Stacona Ranch. The basket was a keepsake given to her by her mother Matilda Parker Stacona. Matilda's mother was Annie Symentire.



The museum acquired this beaded bag from Melanie Colwash in 1994. The bag was made in the early 1900s, and given to Melanie by her grandfather Charley Pete.

Planning for new school year

Students of the Jefferson County 509-J School District have not been in a classroom since March, when the schools closed because of the virus. Three and a half months later—and with the virus still very much among us—the district is now planning for the 2020-21 school year.

On the statewide level the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown have developed guidelines, called 'Ready Schools, Safe Learn-

ers—Guidance for School Year 2020-21.'

The state guidelines provide a model for on-site classes, and the 509-J district is planning to implement this model for all the district schools—including the Warm Springs Academy—in the fall of 2020. Families will have the option to opt for distance learning, said Ken Parshall, district superintendent.

"We are working mainly on an on-site plan, operating within the guidelines as set out by the state,"



Mr. Parshall said.

The district is able to plan for this option because the district class sizes are relatively small, and the classrooms themselves are large, as compared to some of the state's large school districts, Parshall said.

Families in the district will receive details of the plan later this month or in early August. Families will then have the chance to give their input before the district board approves a final fall term

plan.

Some items currently in the draft plan: Masks will not be required; and sports will be part of the school day, under the guidelines of the Oregon Schools Activities Association.

There are no plans for a back-to-school barbecue, or any other large gathering of students and staff. Classes would resume on schedule, the Tuesday after Labor Day. Things can change between now and September, though "we are hoping to be able to go forward," Mr. Parshall said.

Reservation water systems

Agency system

The Utilities water crew recently made two major repairs to the mainlines at Kah-Nee-Ta. The Kah-Nee-Ta system continues to be problematic due to the need for the pressure reducing valve (PRV) repairs.

The two PRVs are the ones at the top of the hill on the south side of the Warm Springs River, and the altitude valve at the reservoirs.

Utilities will have a contract to do the repairs to the PRV vault at the top of the hill later this week or early next.

The main community continues to operate at about 50 percent capacity, until Utilities Water can resolve the Shitike Creek crossing mainline.

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Dave McMechan/Spilyay

At the Warm Springs Emergency Center Dorothea Thurby carries bottled water donated by Riley and Annessa Hartman, and their neighborhood group from Gladstone.

Johnson Bill of the Emergency Team, and Simona Gherghisan of the Gladstone group were also on hand to help with unpacking and stacking the water donation.

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