

Museum closure through December 3

The Museum At Warm Springs is closed to the public through Wednesday, December 2. The re-opening is planned for Thursday, December 3.

The closure is in accordance with tribal restrictions, and the governor's recent directive to slow the spread of Covid-19. The new state restrictions are also in effect as of this Wednesday, November 18.

The Museum at Warm Springs staff will respond to

emails during the closure, and will continue with exhibit, and public and education program planning for 2021. Staff will continue with the routine and thorough cleaning and sanitizing of the museum.

For the past several months of the pandemic, the museum has been following the guidelines for public facilities, which have been regularly updated and closely monitored by the Warm Springs Covid-19

Response Team.

Once the museum re-opens on December 3, admittance to the main exhibition area will once again be limited to 10 people with no more than five in the gallery at one time.

Visitation to the Museum Gift Shop will be limited to two people unless the visitors are in one car or unit.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Tribal Member Exhibit will be on view through

January 9 of 2021. This juried exhibit celebrates the artistic excellence of Warm Springs tribal members.

Select artworks are available for sale. Sales support the artists and the museum.

For more information and updates, please visit: museumatwarmsprings.org

And see the museum's Facebook page. To check the most up-to-date status of Covid-19 in Oregon, go to: govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19

509-J school district engagement meeting

A public meeting for the Jefferson County School District 509-J to discuss the evaluation of current programs, and plans for future educational programs is coming up on December 1.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m., and is specifically for Native American parents and guardians.

In response to the current health emergency resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held electronically.

The meeting is a chance to offer comments and make recommendations relative to the school district programs and district outcomes, and offer feedback for all programs.

The meeting will be available for viewing via Zoom. Details to access this meeting will be available by 1 p.m. on November 30 at the following website:

jcsd.k12.or.us/



"From day one, families have to learn how to take care of themselves. Particularly their health, their bodies. To ensure that they have proper nutrition, proper foods, and are healthy....Your health is important, you've got to take care of it from day one til the day you go"

Antone Minthorn



"The sun was natural and it's always been that water that we have. And it's natural, the water. We use it daily every day for every thing, and we know that if we didn't have the sun and water we'd be out of luck."

Videl Bronson

Photos and quotes taken from the National Endowment of Humanities CARES project, "Living in today's pandemic and Historical Pandemic and Catastrophes. The Education department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation received the CARES grant to document, through video interviews, elders and residents on the Umatilla reservation about their current thoughts on the pandemic as well as historical pandemics and catastrophes.



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Merle Kirk took these photos of Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation. Her work is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities CARES project, "Living in today's

pandemic, and historic pandemics and catastrophes." CARES provided a grant to the Umatilla tribes Education Department.

Large donation of covid masks to W.S. community

Jim and Michele James, working from their bed and breakfast business in Clackamas County, started a program to help communities during the coronavirus pandemic.

In May they began by giving away masks to their neighbors and friends living nearby. They called their project 'Peace, Love and Safety.'

The original goal was to give away free masks, face shields and sanitizer to those living near them in Clackamas County.

The project started small, then grew as the James couple received more and more donations of boxes of masks, and other personal protective equipment.

Over the summer they heard from a minister who was looking for water donations for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The minister then asked about the James' program, and if he could donate 4,000 masks.

This was a large number, but the couple were up for the challenge. They called different companies until they came across Bella+Canvas, a clothing company based in Los Angeles.

Bella+Canvas agreed to send 50,000 masks to the cause, but first Jim and Michele had to partner with a nonprofit. The couple teamed up with Great Spirit Church of Portland, which

works closely with Native American communities.

Earlier this month the truck arrived, full of boxes of masks. "It just so amazing," Michele was saying. "It's such an amazing outpouring and we're thrilled to be a part of it."

Enough masks were donated to supply each member of the Warm Springs Tribe with three masks each.

This is a very welcome and needed donation, said tribal Emergency director Dan Martinez. "We have a number of needs to serve this community. Because of our location, the distance to pick up these items has been a challenge," Mr. Martinez said.

The Warm Springs Res-

ervation has been hit hard by Covid-19. Martinez said roughly 400 of the 3,200 people that live there have been infected by the virus.

If you'd like to help or donate, you can e-mail the Jameses at: info@happyrockinn.com

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Study links salmon woes to ocean

A controversial new study is challenging long-standing science that pins salmon declines on dams, and is roiling the already rough waters of fish recovery.

The work by British Columbia scientist David Welch puts the blame for poor returns of adult spring and fall chinook salmon on conditions in the Pacific Ocean instead of the dams.

Some salmon researchers are skeptical of that conclusion and say the effects of dams can't be dismissed.

Welch's work, funded by the Bonneville Power Administration and pub-

lished in the journal *Fish and Fisheries*, argues since chinook runs in rivers with pristine freshwater habitat and those with highly degraded habitat have suffered similar declines, the problem must be in the ocean.

The work is expected to be challenged by other researchers.

The Fish Passage Center at Portland is formally reviewing the work, and other researchers are looking at it as well. Charlie Petrosky, a retired Idaho Fish and Game research biologist who has written several papers on delayed mortality, said he has many concerns with Welch's work. Petrosky thinks the study sets up a false di-

otomy between freshwater and the ocean.

Michele DeHart, of the fish passage system, said boosting survival of juvenile salmon in fresh water is critical regardless of ocean conditions.

For example, she said if ocean conditions are really bad, the best response is to take steps to ensure as many juvenile fish reach the ocean in good conditions as possible.

The same applies when ocean conditions are good, she said.

QUITTER

"I just quit. Everybody would say 'why are you smoking cigarettes? I thought you played sports.' I wanted to be a positive influence instead of a negative influence to the youth."

- Scott Kotamas, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

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