

Register to vote by April 27

An important local Election Day is coming in mid May: The deadline to register is by the end of the day next Tuesday, April 27. Ballots will be arriving at the end of the month, and the Election Day will be May 18.

The Warm Springs community is hosting voter registration events in the coming days and weeks to increase participation in the vote. There is a voter registration event this Wednesday, April 21 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. across from the Warm Springs Post Office; and another registration event across from the Post Office on Monday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. These events are to make registration readily accessible to residents of the reservation community.

Host of these voter outreach events in Warm Springs is a non-affiliated grassroots group: For information contact Jolene or Ron at: rhedms20@gmail.com

After the ballots are

mailed, the group will host more voter events, also set across from the Warm Springs Post Office. These events will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30; from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11; and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17.

For the May 18 election, three positions are open on the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors. Other positions that will be filled include districts such as the Jefferson County Education Service District, the Library District, Rural Fire Protection, among a number of others.

The May 18 election will be conducted entirely by mail.

Candidates for the school board met recently with community members for the School District 509-J Candidates Forum.

For position 2 on the five-member board, incumbent Jamie Hurd is running against Lorien Stacona. For position 3 the candidates are

Jaylyn Suppah and Jacob Struck. Board chairwoman Laurie Danzuka is running unopposed for position reelection to position 3.

Virtual forum

The Jefferson County Democrats are hosting a Jefferson County 509-J school board candidate forum on Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m.

The Jefferson County

Democrats candidate forum is in collaboration with KWSO radio, the Warm Springs Education Committee and the Warm Springs Community Action Team. KWSO plans on broadcasting the forum live on the radio.

People can also use the zoom link to access the forum:

us02web.zoom.us/j/85193426473

At Tribal Council in April

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of this month, subject to change at Council discretion:

Monday, April 26

9 a.m.: Portland Harbor update with Natural Resources.

10: Discussion of Memo-

randum of Understanding with 509-J and Education Branch.

11: Covid-19 update with Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Culture and Heritage Committee update.

2: Education Committee

update.

2:30: Fish and Wildlife On-Reservation Committee update.

3: Fish and Wildlife Off-Reservation Committee.

Tuesday, April 27

9 a.m.: Health and Welfare Committee update.

9:30: Land Use Committee update.

10: Range and Agriculture Committee update.

10:30: Timber Committee update.

11: Water Board update.

Items for further consideration: December and January financials.

Personnel Manual. Board appointments.

Signing ceremony, 509-J Memorandum of Understanding.

For Earth Day 2021 on the reservation

Culture and Heritage and Papalaxsimisha are hosting an Earth Day cleanup event this Wednesday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to noon, with volunteers meeting at the Community Center parking lot. There will be raffle prizes, supplies, water and lunch provided to volunteers.

Masks and social distancing required; stay home if

you don't feel well. For more information contact Jillisa Suppah at: jillisa.suppah@wstribes.org

Simnasho, Seekseequa

Culture and Heritage and Papalaxsimisha will host an Earth Day Community Cleanup at Simnasho and Seekseequa this Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Meet at the Simnasho

Longhouse or at the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

Raffle prizes for volunteers; supplies, water and lunch provided to volunteers.

Masks and social distancing required; stay home if you don't feel well. For more information contact Charlene Dimmick: charlene.dimmick@wstribes.org

IHS Portland Area continues high covid incidence

The Portland Area of the Indian Health Service continued to report an increased incidence of Covid-19 through mid April. This continued a trend that began toward the beginning of the month.

The report comes as the national headquarters of the Indian Health Service updated its Covid-19 data

through mid April. According to the data, IHS-administered tests nationally have seen 192,868 positive results, through mid April.

That represents an increase of less than 1 percent from early April.

Altogether since the pandemic began, IHS nationally across Indian Country has administered 2,270,235

coronavirus tests.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, since the pandemic began, the highest rates have been seen in three areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona. The areas are: the Navajo Area, the Phoenix Area, and the Oklahoma City Area.

Another set of IHS data looks at more recent testing,

rather than the overall cumulative total.

This 7-day rolling average shows that the IHS Portland Area saw the highest increase in its positivity test rate.

The Portland Area was followed by the Bemidji Area in the Midwest; the California Area, the Nashville Area, and the Tucson Area.

Culture grants available

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Washanaksha Cultural Coalition is seeking grant applications for projects and activities for this year.

Grant funding is sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust, which provides funding to Oregon tribes and county groups to support the arts and heritage. The Warm Springs Washanaksha Cultural Plan seeks to:

Promote tribal member and reservation community residents' understanding of and involvement in cultural activities, traditions, arts, language, dance, history, music, etc.;

Pass on tribal knowledge and practices to our youth and help them feel connected to their culture. Preserve, practice and teach tribal languages; and

Support the work of our artists and traditional teachers, including their ability to earn a living from their work.

Applications are available at the Museum at Warm Springs, at KWSO Media Center, and at Three Warriors Market in Simnasho.

Woshanaksha is an Ichishkin word. It means that something is important, you take it in—heart, spirit, and mind—and commit to carry it forward no matter what.

Our culture, tribal and family history, dance, art, ceremonies, music, and traditional practices are the foundation of our identity—for each tribe and each tribal member. The Confederate Tribes of Warm Springs Cultural Trust Committee chose this name because it communicates the highest purpose of their effort.

Please drop off or mail Washanaksha grant application to:

The Museum at Warm Springs. PO Box 909, Highway 26 Warm Springs, OR 97761. Phone 541-553-3331. Or fax 541-553-3338.

The maximum grant award is \$1,200. The Washanaksha Board goal is to award as many as possible.

Grant funding is sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust, which provides funding to Oregon county groups and tribes to support the arts and heritage. The Oregon Cultural Trust is a public funded program and the funding is to benefit all tribal members, other Indians, and residents of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. The fiscal sponsor is the Museum At Warm Springs.

2021 SPRING
(APRIL - JUNE 10TH)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

JEFFERSON COUNTY 509J & WASCO COUNTY STUDENTS ALLOWANCE

GRADES PRE-K - 5 TH	\$100.00
GRADES 6 TH - 8 TH	\$150.00
GRADES 9 TH - 12 TH	\$200.00
Graduates' 12 th grade	\$77.50

(packet: cap, gown, tassel, sash & S&H)

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

DEADLINE DATE FOR SPRING FRIDAY MAY 28, 2021

COMPLETE
1) JOM APPLICATION
2) JOM SURVEY
3) JOM REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
4) ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: FLYER, ROSTER, SCHEDULE, RECEIPTS, ETC.

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