

## Letters to the editor

### Academy hallways

The students at the Warm Springs Academy have chosen the names for the hallways at the school.

The C Hall—kindergarten through second-grade—is Ilalik (Kiksht), Kammu (Nume) Wilalik (Ichishkeen—meaning Rabbit Hall).

'A' Hall—sixth- through eighth-grades—is Ishgiliksh (Kiksht), Esa (Numu), Xalish (Ichishkee)—Wolfe Hall.

The B Hall—third-through fifth-grades—is Iqkwa (Kiksht), TooHoo'o (Numu), P'Ch'm (Ichishkeen)—Bobcat Hall.

### Shot lottery

All adults in Oregon, 18 and older, who've received at least one shot of Covid-19 vaccine by June 27 are entered in the *Take Your Shot Oregon* lottery. The drawing will be on June 28.

If you are an Oregon resident and have already received one or both shots, and are over 18, you will be entered automatically.

State officials advise if people are thinking about getting vaccinated, they should not wait if they want a chance at winning a prize ranging from ten thousand dollars to a million dollars.

*The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center reports vaccination information to the state; so local folks here, who are fully or at least partially vaccinated, are in the running for the prize money.*

### Zone 6 fishery

A zone 6 commercial gillnet fishery is open from this Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19 at 6 p.m.; and from 6 a.m. Monday, June 21 to Thursday, June 24 at 6 p.m.

Gear allowed is set and drift gillnets with a seven-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Allowable sales are salmon of any species, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool, and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Closed areas: River mouth

and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets in effect. The Spring Creek hatchery closed area is not in effect in the summer management period.

Get vaccinated to help protect yourself, your family and tribal community. One Community Health is the tribal health partner in the Columbia River Gorge. Call them at 541-386-6380 to schedule your vaccination. Or call the clinic for information.

### School board

The Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors will meet this Wednesday evening, June 16 for a work session and regular session. The work session is at 4 p.m., at the district support services building; and the regular meeting is at 5 p.m.

### Opportunity

We have a great opportunity to share with job seekers who are interested in pursuing a career in public health with a certification from Central Oregon Community College for the role of Community Health Worker.

The program is a terrific way to get into the field of public health, and is specifically seeking students with a diverse range of life experiences and language abilities. Applicants must be age 18 or older.

The best part: This new program is offering full scholarships, thanks to generous sponsorship from PacificSource. Time is of the essence, as the deadline to apply for the scholarships is July 1. The scholarship application can be found at the COCC website: [cocc.edu](http://cocc.edu)

Average wages in Central Oregon are \$18.26 per hour.

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### COCC reopening

Central Oregon Community College plans to fully reopen all campuses to students and the general public on Monday, August 23. Buildings and offices in Madras, Bend, Redmond and Prineville will be open and staffed to resume in-person services. On COCC's Bend campus, the college will also reopen its track, field and trails to the public. Wickiup

Residence Hall will reopen to residents as planned in the fall term.

The college has been closed to the public since March 23, 2020, when COCC moved classes and services to remote delivery in response to an executive order from Gov. Kate Brown in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic. In-person learning at COCC for summer term will remain as currently scheduled.

### We the People

At its root, Confluence is a recognition of what scholar Michel-Rolph Trouillot said: "The power is in the story."

Our art sites and educational programming are designed to elevate Indigenous voices that have been marginalized and erased for too long.

In recent years, we have seen a groundswell of questions about how we tell our collective stories and who gets to define our stories in the public sphere.

This year our partners at the Vanport Mosaic ask us to consider the 'We' in "We the People," and how we can remember, repair, reclaim, and re-imagine our stories together.

This story collection offers Indigenous perspectives on monuments, memorials, healing, and how to tell a more inclusive version of history to the public, through video interviews, short films, podcasts, articles, and more. Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs helped with this project, providing their perspective. Thank you.

We hope you find it enriching and inspiring. If you can make it, we'd love to see you at the Vanport Mosaic Festival events on June 26-27. See: [confluenceproject.org](http://confluenceproject.org)

## Superman-Wonderwoman event

The Third Annual Superman and Wonder Women Endurance Foot Race, and additional competitions are coming up on Sunday, June 27.

Events are family-sponsored, and include cash prizes for winners in different categories.

There will be the Superman and Wonder Women Challenge, a 3.9 mile event at Camel Back and Iron Man Hill.

Another challenge is the Biathlon bike event and endurance foot race, 9.4 miles; and the Bike Only Event, 9.4 miles.

The Boot Scootin' Stroll is a 1.75 mile Fun Run/Walk.

Gathering location is the Forestry parking lot at the Industrial Park, across from Camel Back and Iron Man Hill.

This year's event, approved by the tribes' Covid-19 Response Team, is in honor of the original race director,

Azar Spino. Divisions are 18 and over, and youth 17 and under.

Start times: Boot Scootin' Stroll Fun Run/Walk, 8:30 a.m., June 27. Participants receive ribbons and t-shirts. All other events—Endurance, Biathlon, and Bike Only—start at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration cost for the Boot Scootin' Stroll is \$15 by this Friday, June 18. Pre-registration for the Superman and Wonder Women, Biathlon, and Bike Only are \$20 by Friday, June 18. Day of race registration: Add \$5 after deadline for each event.

**Awards:** Participation ribbons and t-shirts for all participants in the Boot Scootin' Fun Run/Walk.

Cash prizes for the Superman and Wonder Women, Biathlon and Bike Only events. First-, Second- and Third Place Prizes, based on entries.

Fundraising, raffle and 50-50 tickets: One bike do-

nated by Azar and drawn on Saturday, June 19. Super 50-50 tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Regular 50-50 tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Winning tickets drawn and on Facebook Live on Sunday, June 27, at an awards presentation. Two separate 50-50 ticket poll, and those not selected will be put in the raffle for great prizes.

For ticket sales contact Azar Spino, or race director Austin Greene, or committee members. Here is the information:

Race director Austin Greene, 541-553-3243, Recreation office. Secretary is Sandra Greene. Treasurer is Birney Greene-Boise. Public relations, Nor Sampson. Honor Race Director, Azar Spino. At large committee members: Angie Spino, Margie Tuckta, Jolene Greene, Jermyne Tuckta and Jerry Sampson.

### Community notes...

KWSO is offering an opportunity for individuals or families to have their photos taken in regalia on what would have been **Pi-Ume-Sha Saturday**, June 26, down at the Pi-Ume-Sha Grounds.

Space is limited and appointments are needed. You can sign up by calling KWSO at 541-553-1968. Sign up will be first come first serve.

The Office of Native American Programs at Washington State University is still recruiting Native American

high school students for the **Exploring Higher Education Virtual Summer Camp**. They will keep registration open until all 40 slots are filled. They have 10 more slots. The camp is scheduled for July 19-30.

You can learn more online at [native.wsu.edu/nyehc](http://native.wsu.edu/nyehc)

Warm Springs **Holistic Health Center** provides physical therapy and acupuncture care in Warm Springs with a focus on compassion, integrity, and full-body wellness. You can contact them at 54-777-2663.

This week you can find their new video posted on their YouTube Page about: Ankle Mobility.

Warm Springs **Victims of Crime Services** is available by phone for any questions or needs you have about domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse.

The Heart of Oregon Corps is seeking applicants for their **AmeriCorps and Stewardship programs**, and soon for **YouthBuild**. All are welcome to free info sessions, happening every Tuesdays through July.

This is for young people ages 16-24 and the info sessions last about 30 minutes. In Warm Springs you can contact Melinda Poitra in Warm Springs at at 541-553-3324, to learn more.

## Boarding school applications available at Higher Education

Students can pick up boarding school applications for the 2021-22 school year at Warm Springs Higher Education. At Higher Education, 1110 Wasco Street, see Carroll Dick for an application.

Complete applications can also be returned to Carol, or faxed or mailed to the school.

Chemawa Indian School applications are available,

along with those for Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma; and the Sherman Indian High School in California.

Chemawa Indian School is planning for in-person school with dormitories open and running as usual, "but one thing we have learned through this is to be flexible and ready for changes," the school notes.

Returning students are encouraged to get your paperwork in as soon as possible. If Chemawa receives more applications than available spots, the school will develop a waiting list.

Required Documents to attach with application:

A copy of Certificate of Indian Blood. For information on this requirement call Vital Stats at 541-553-3252.

Copy of Birth Certificate, and Social Security card.

List of immunizations dated after January 1. For information on this call the clinic at 541-553-1196.

A copy of all official and unofficial high school transcripts. The deadline to apply for admittance to Sherman Indian High School in Riverside is July 30. The first day of class will be August 23.

## Covid-19 safety protocols of the Confederated Tribes

Tribal Council in May approved new covid safety protocols, based on the recommendation of the Covid-19 Response Team. The protocols are now effective throughout the reservation:

- Fully vaccinated individuals will no longer need to wear a mask indoors in public places where the vaccination status of all individuals is checked.

- Your card or a picture of your card will need to be shown to enter tribal buildings. If proof cannot be provided, masks needs to be worn.

Masks will be required in areas where people are not asked about their vaccination status.

- Masks are no longer required for people who are outdoors, though masking is still encouraged, especially in crowded places and for people who are unvaccinated.

- It is managers and supervisors' roles to provide a protective work environment, this includes more stricter rules according to job duties.

- Continue with 100 percent workforce with tribal offices.

- Each building will be required to submit a plan to their general manager or director with how they will slowly return back to opening buildings.

Hours open to the pub-

lic needs to be posted.

- Temperature taken daily and logs needs to be kept on file in case there is an exposure in the building so contact tracers can access if necessary.

- Buildings no longer will be closed when there is an exposure. Each case will be reviewed and evaluated separately and sections will be sanitized.

- Those who use tribal vehicles as part of their job and have passengers need to wear masks at all time.

- If any tribal employee travels out of state and they have no covid symptoms, they can report to work, but if they had not been vaccinated they are required to

take a Covid-19 test within four days upon their return with documentation that they are negative.

Some of the other recent Covid-19 news:

Last Friday, May 28, IHS and the tribes' Covid Response Team reported there were eight active cases of the disease on the reservation; and 12 close contacts receiving daily monitoring.

You can call to schedule a vaccination at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center at 541-553-2131.

Anyone 12 and older who is Indian Health Service eligible, or who lives or works in Warm Springs can be vaccinated.

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