

## Letters to the editor

### Open enrollment

The Confederated Tribes are offering open enrollment through November 30. If you missed your opportunity for coverage, this is your chance to sign up for health coverage, supplemental insurance coverage, flexible spending account, and 401k.

HealthComp is the tribes plan administrator for health insurance. Sun Life is the tribes' supplemental insurance carrier. Allegiance, a Cigna company, administers the Flexible Spending Account for childcare and medical.

RV Kuhns is the tribes' investor of the 401k. And Bank of Oklahoma is the 401k plan administrator.

Enrollment forms for HealthComp, Alegiance flexible spending accounts, and 401k must be returned to the tribal Compensation and Benefits department in order to enroll.

Human Resources can be reached at 541-553-3262. The acting Human Resources director is Carol Funk. Office coordinator is Steven Bradley, and the Comp and Benefits coordinator is Janaiya Rowe.

### CARES Act education assistance

CARES Act—Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act—funding is available to members of the Confederated Tribes who have been directly impacted by Covid-19.

Available funding is available through the Covid-19 Emergency Education Assistance Program.

The purpose of the program is to provide emergency education-related assistance to members directly impacted due to the covid public health emergency. See the website for the application: [www.cognitofrms.com/EducationCaresAct1/aresactconfederatedtribesofwarmsspringscovid19/emergencyeducation](http://www.cognitofrms.com/EducationCaresAct1/aresactconfederatedtribesofwarmsspringscovid19/emergencyeducation)

The deadline is this Friday, November 19. Applications will not be accepted after that date. Only completed applications will be considered.

Checks will be made payable to the parent or guardian, unless student is 18 years or older.

If student is 18 years or

older, they will need to fill out their own application.

This benefit is tax-exempt pursuant to the Warm Springs Tribal Code Chapter 550, Tribal General Welfare Ordinance.

A W-9 form may be requested if you are not in the tribal accounting system.

Eligible Expenses: Acquiring computers and similar digital devices.

Incurring additional transportation costs; or

Expanding broadband capacity. Funds are available as follows:

Pre-k (ages 3 and 4) - \$100. Grades k-5, \$150.

Grades 6-8, \$200. And grades 9-12 and GED, \$250.

Higher education (full and part-time); and vocational: \$500. For more information you can contact Ardis at:

[aclark@509j.net](mailto:aclark@509j.net)

### Storytelling

Wilson Wewa, Northern Paiute, is featured on the Confluence Project website with storytelling, this Wednesday, November 17. The talk will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Mr. Wewa is regularly called upon as an orator, storyteller, and ceremony leader.

He lectures on health, spirituality, the environment, treaty rights, history, and ethnobotany. See the website: [confluenceproject.org](http://confluenceproject.org)

### To tribal employees

In the spirit of the Holidays, full-time tribal employees who are present and normally scheduled for a full day of work on Wednesday, November 24; Thursday, December 23; and Thursday, December 30 are authorized for early release starting at 12 p.m.

The tribe will be off work for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26. The Christmas holiday on Friday, December 24, and the 2022 New Years Day holiday on Friday, December 31.

Employees with kids at the Early Childhood Education Center are required to pick up kids no later than 12:30 p.m. on each of the early shutdown dates listed above.

Early shutdown does not apply to the following departments and programs: Tribal police, Corrections, Police dispatch, Fire and Safety Emergency medical

technicians, tribal group home and Public Utilities personnel.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season, and thank you for the services you provide to our community in spite of the very challenging times our organization and community have experienced.

**Glendon Smith**, Secretary-Treasurer-Chief Executive Officer.

### Missing



Please help me find my dog Pepper. I miss him dearly. Please contact me if you see or find him. Call 541-410-7112. **Susie Smith.**

### Veterans cards

I would like to thank Mrs. Rodin's kindergarten class for all of the wonderful Veterans Day cards and poems that were given to me.

It was very thoughtful of your class to honor our Veterans on this special day.

**Frankie Williams**, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribal Veterans Service Officer.

### Living Well workshops online

The tribal community is invited to enjoy these free, online Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshops.

The workshops are on Tuesday afternoons, 2:30-4:30 p.m., through December 16.

To join, call 541-322-7746. Or visit: [yourhealthcentraloregon.org](http://yourhealthcentraloregon.org)

*It's hard to function when you're not feeling well...and when you're feeling bad most of the time, it's devastating. If a chronic condition is making it hard to live your life and spend time with the people you love, there is hope.*

### Jobs with CRITFC

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission seeks to fire for the following positions:

SCHISM modeler/oceanographer. Salary \$75,799-\$80,854. Closing date is December 15.

Accounting technician. Salary: \$42,731 - \$55,546.

Staff accountant/Accounts payable. Salary: \$44,155 - \$67,946.

Fishing site maintenance worker. Salary: \$34,496 - \$36,796.

CRITPD-Police Officer. Salary: \$51,516 - \$56,261.

CRITPD-Dispatcher. Salary: \$39,937 - \$43,661.

All positions are permanent full-time unless otherwise noted.

The complete job description, minimum skills, application requirements, deadlines, and pay information are available on the CRITFC website

### Flu season during covid

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center offers the testing that is needed to tell the difference between Covid-19 and influenza, or the flu.

Covid-19 testing is available at the clinic outside testing area—the Orange Tent—Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 p.m.

Covid and the flu share many of the same symptoms, and people can be infected with both the flu and covid at the same time, and show symptoms of both.

The clinic reminds you that the best way to prevent the flu and Covid-19 is to get vaccinated, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, wear a mask and social distance.

### The vaccines

Getting vaccinated is the safest way to prevent yourself, your family, and your community from serious illness caused by either the flu or covid. The clinic has the vaccines you and your family need. The include:

The 2021-22 influenza vaccine. All of the available Covid-19 vaccinations for ages 5 through adults. And the

IS IT THE FLU OR COVID-19?		
SYMPTOM	FLU	COVID-19
FEVER	✓	✓
FATIGUE	✓	✓
COUGH	✓	✓
SORE THROAT	✓	✓
HEADACHES	✓	✓
RUNNY NOSE	✓	✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	✓	✓
BODY ACHEs	✓	✓
DIARRHEA AND/OR VOMITING	✓	✓
ONSET	1-4 days after infection	About 5 days after infection but can range from 2-14 days
LOSS OF TASTE AND/OR SMELL		✓
RED, SWOLLEN EYES*		✓
SKIN RASHES*		✓

\*EMERGING SYMPTOMS BASED ON RECENT DATA

clinic is providing covid booster shots following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC now recommends that children between the ages of 5 and 11 years receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric Covid-19 Vaccine.

Call the clinic vaccine line to get your influenza and covid vaccinations, 541-553-2131.

### Patient Advocate

You can follow the clinic on Facebook at Warm Springs Indian Health Service for the latest on clinic closures and other important clinic events.

If you would like to speak with the Warm Springs Clinic Patient Advocate, Shawnetta Yahtin, you can email at: [shawnetta.yahtin@ihs.gov](mailto:shawnetta.yahtin@ihs.gov)

Shawnetta can assist with navigating the clinic and its services including getting appointments, referrals to outside health service, and connection to resources. She can help you understand your rights and responsibilities; and hear and resolve written or verbal concerns you may have about your experience at the clinic. She can help serve as the vital bridge between patients and staff. Call 541-553-2487.

[www.critfc.org](http://www.critfc.org) Careers. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

*Happy Thanksgiving to ALL My Family—Hugs—Love Ya. Donna and Bubba.*

### CET bus driver

Cascades East Transit is seeking a bus driver for a shuttle bus between Warm Springs and Mt. Hood this winter.

Free CDL training services are available.

To apply visit: [coic.org/careers](http://coic.org/careers)

### B&G Club hiring

Just a reminder: The Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs is closed on Fridays because off a staff shortage.

They are advertising for part-time, year-round staff for three to five hours a day.

You must be vaccinated and at least 16 years old. Contact club director June Smith if you are interested: [june.smith@wstribes.org](mailto:june.smith@wstribes.org)

### For our health

The tribes remind everyone: Please continue to take Covid-19 precautions by wearing a face mask and maintaining distance from others.

Vaccinations are the key to bringing an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, you can call to schedule a Covid-19 vac-

ination, get on the list for a booster shot and get your child 5-11 years old on the list for vaccination.

Call 541-553-2131.

### Spirit Week

It's Native Spirit Week at the Warm Springs Academy.

This Wednesday, November 17, is Bead Day: Students are showing off their beadwork, a beaded barrettes, medallions and necklaces made from beads.

For hundreds of years Native artists have decorated clothing and accessories with beads.

This Thursday, November 18, is Rock Your Mocs Day:

Whether you're in your shoes, boots, sneakers or moccasins, Rock Your Mocs in your own special way.

Moccasins are traditional footwear for Native Americans. Their style and decoration vary but they all keep your feet warm!

### Possibilities

Monday through Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week, the Possibilities Thrift Store in Madras is inviting folks to stop by to see what they have to offer for the holidays.

### Orientation at Behavioral Health

Warm Springs Behavioral Health has group orientation for intakes daily from 11 a.m. until noon.

Group size is limited to five people due to Covid-19 protocols.

Following the completion of the intake paperwork and orientation, an appointment

can be made to follow up with a Behavioral Health Counselor.

### Pet food bank

The Warm Springs Community Pet Food Bank will provide free pet food on the second Saturday of each month.

The next opening is on December 11 between 10 a.m. and noon at 2334 High Lookee Street, across from the senior center.

You can reserve your pet food by calling or texting 503-319-9838 or email Pet Food Bank: [petfoodbank@fencesforfido.org](mailto:petfoodbank@fencesforfido.org)

### Senior lunch

Senior Lunch this Wednesday, November 17 is for pick-up or delivery at the Greeley Heights Community Center. On the menu: Asian pork ribs with pineapple slaw and fruit.

### Member show at Museum

The Tribal Member Art Show is now on display at the Museum at Warm Springs in their Changing Exhibits Gallery.

The Museum is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.



The Museum at Warm Springs

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