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From the Lincoln's Committee

Many of us have been looking forward to the return of our powwows. Anticipating the time to visit friends, powwow family from afar, and enjoy a good time of singing and dancing at the 2022 Lincoln's Powwow.

Unfortunately, there has been an upsurge of positive covid cases throughout the country.

In order to keep our community, visitors, and powwow family safe from exposure, the Lincoln's Powwow Committee has made a decision to cancel the 2022 powwow in Simnasho.

We hope to help slow the upsurge of cases and hope we will be able move forward in 2023.

Thank you for your continued support. Watch for us out and about as we continue our fundraising for the powwow.

Sincerely, Lincoln's Powwow Committee.

Community update

The early and mid January spike in Covid-19 cases has decreased some in recent days, allowing the organization to reopen.

There were 108 people with active covid in the community, as of to the IHS-Community Health update of January 25. There were 46 individuals being monitored daily as close covid contact.

There were five people in the hospital on January 25 with complications from the virus.

Early this week there were 33 new positive cases reported, from 123 tests conducted.

For a vaccination appointment call 541-553-2131.

Vaccination appointments are available Monday through Friday in the Warm Springs Community Health Clinic. For anyone currently in quarantine due to covid, you have to wait until you are out of isolation or quarantine to make your vaccine appointment.

Being fully vaccinated is the best ways to protect yourself, your family and your community from covid illness, along with masking and distancing, and avoiding crowded gatherings.

The vaccinations are proven scientifically to provide protection from serious illness to the currently circulating variants, omicron and delta.

Further critical covid protocol of the confederated Tribes: Stay home if you are sick, limit shopping trips.

And get vaccinated and boosted.

Since testing became available for Covid-19, Warm Springs IHS has conducted 19,128 tests for the virus among the tribal community. Of the total, 1,577 have come back positive since testing began.

District nominations for Tribal Council

The three voting districts of the Confederated Tribes will hold their meetings for Tribal Council nominations on Thursday, November 3.

The Agency District meeting will be at the Agency Longhouse. For this district, nominations can also be made by submitting a nomination form in writing by 5 p.m. on February 3.

The Simnasho District meeting will be at the Simnasho Longhouse; and the Seekseequa meeting will be at the gymnasium of the old elementary

school.

Facemasks and distancing are mandatory. And there may perhaps be a limited number of people in the nomination rooms at any one time, as the nominations proceed.

Individually packaged meals will be served at 6 p.m., and the meetings will begin at 7.

The Tribal Council elections are scheduled for the start of April.

The Agency District nomination form includes the nominator name, the person seconding the nomination, plus the nominee, all with signatures.

Certification that the nominee is eligible is also required. (A copy of the form is on page 5 of this publication.)

The Vital Statistics Department maintains the voter lists for the three districts. The lists show the district in which each voter has voted in the past to the best ability of Vital Stats.

The department also maintains a current voter list that may be made available for inspection, considering the covid protocols now in place within the organization.

Any person may change voting

districts by filling out the district change form. However, any registration change must be filed more than 60 days prior to any election in order to be effective for that particular election.

Tribal Council establishes the date, place and hours during which polls shall be open.

Council posts notices of the election not less than ten days prior to election, in at least three public places.

The upcoming elections are for the Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

In Appreciation

Health and Human Services and the Confederated Tribes this week hosted the Employee Appreciation Days, featuring jackets for all tribal employees.

The distribution team was Dot Thurby, Johnson Bill and Perseus Bradly. The team traveled to all the various departments around the community, from the Campus area buildings, courthouse, public safety, Natural Resources, Early Childhood Education Center, the museum, High Lookee, Utilities offices, gaming, administration, Community Wellness, the clinic, warehouse and so forth.

It took two days to make all the offices. Distribution was done outside with masks and distancing. Emergency Management assisted in the project with the Health and Human Services team. They distributed the colorful jackets to more than 600 employees of the tribes.



Appreciation gifts at the Warm Springs Clinic (above); ECE and at the Media Center.



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On the Tribal Council agenda in February

The following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council February agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

Thursday, February 3:

Simnasho District Tribal Council nominations at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Seekseequa District Council nominations at the old elementary school gymnasium.

Agency District Council nominations at the Agency Longhouse. Nomination forms also accepted.

At the meetings: Individually packaged meals served at 6 p.m., meeting starts at 7. Masks and social distancing required.

Monday, February 7

Invocation

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Brenda Bremner, Superintendent.

9:30: Office of Special Trustee update call with Kevin Moore.

10: Realty items James Halliday, Land Services.

10:30: Indian Health Services update with update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Warm Springs Clinic chief executive officer.

11: Covid update with the Response Team.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update conference calls, federal and state.

2:30: Tribal attorneys updates.

Tuesday, February 8

9 a.m.: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and Ellen.

11: Discussion: Resolution increasing speed limit on Highway 26 Safety Corridor.

Wednesday, February 9: Open

agenda.

Monday, February 14

9 a.m.: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

Tuesday, February 15

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith.

9:30: March agenda and review minutes with the S-T.

10: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

2: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) update with Wendell Jim.

2:30: Gaming Commission/Surveillance update with Josephine Johnson.

Wednesday, February 16

9 a.m.: Human Resources up-

date acting Carol Funk.

9:30: Finance update Isaac George.

10: Procurement update with Libby Chase.

10:30: Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.

11: Managed Care program update Michael Collins.

1:30 p.m.: Administrative Services update with Glendon Smith.

2: Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.

2:30: Veterans Office update with Frankie Williams.

3: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.

3:30: Education update with Valerie Switzler.

Thursday, February 17

9 a.m.: Public Utilities update with Chico Holliday.

9:30: Public Safety update with Nancy Seyler, acting GM.



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