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Arts in Our Community

The Culture and Heritage Department is hosting *Cultural and Traditional Arts in Our Community* through September.

The *Arts in Our Community* gatherings, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, are from 9 a.m. to noon at the Education Building.

Arts in Our Community is "a social gathering to share and learn from one another the cultural and traditional arts we each have."

For basket weavers, bead workers, regalia makers, gloves, moccasins, and the many things we do: "Come and share your skills, and have a good time telling stories and having fun while learning and sharing."

The dates for the Arts in Our Community meetings are July 26, August 10 and 24, and September 14 and 28. For more information call Myra at 541-460-0582.

Tribes had to reinstate covid protocol

The Tribal Council on recommendation of the Covid-19 Response Team and tribal health officials last week had to reinstate a stricter set of Covid-19 guidelines regarding tribal buildings.

The Council action came after a recent increase in covid cases among the community. Most other places are experiencing a similar increase in covid, due in large part to the emergence of two new variants of the virus, especially the variant known scientifically as B.1.1.7.

This variant "is more transmissible than previously circulating viruses," according to the World Health Organization and U.S. health organizations. "All viruses change over time. Most changes have little to no impact on the virus' properties. However, some changes may affect the virus's properties, such



Emergency Management response team—Johnson Bill, Hazen Bruised Head and Dot Thurby (from left) prepare to fully sanitize the administration building, last week after an exposure incident closed the building.

as how easily it spreads, etc."

The following are the new guidelines that apply within the jurisdic-

tion of the Warm Springs Reservation, in effect until further Council action:

Wearing masks is mandatory in all tribal buildings if you unable to socially distance. Proper wearing of masks is also required. This means your nose and mouth are completely covered.

Up to date vaccination for all tribal employees is required and is being monitored by Human Resources.

If you use a home covid test kit and it shows positive, you need to notify Community Health at 541-553-5512. You need to isolate for a minimum of five days. Administrative leave may be used for a **minimum** of five days. Administrative leave may be used for isolation days following PER 950 D. A note from a medical provider is required to utilize this leave.

Close contacts of a positive case need to test if symptoms develop or five days after exposure.

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At Council in July

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

Wednesday, July 13

9 a.m.: Twenty-Ninth Tribal Council appointments.

3 p.m.: Secretary-Treasurer discussion—Executive session.

Monday, July 18

9 a.m.: Meet and greet with the forest supervisor, Mt. Hood National Forest.

10: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

11: Legislative update call, federal and state.

1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

2:30: August agenda and review minutes.

3: BendTel update.

4: Meet and greet with Greg Smith, and Michael Mason, state lobbyist.

Tuesday, July 19

9 a.m.: Discussion on limb retrieval, St. Charles Health System.

10: Secretary-Treasurer update.

11: Meet and greet with Tina Kotek, and state lobbyist.

2:30 p.m.: Broadband Action Team and members.

3:30: BIA update with Brenda Bremner.

4: Office of the Special Trustee update by phone with Kevin Moore.

Wednesday, July 20

9 a.m.: Meet with Brent Hall and John Ogan.

10: Drinking Water Task Force update with Utilities.

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New vehicles for Safety, Sanitation

Tribal Public Safety, through Warm Springs Fire and Safety, just received a great addition to its safety response capabilities. At the same time, tribal Sanitation received a much-needed new garbage truck.

Fire and Safety now has a brand new rescue vehicle supplied with state-of-the-art Jaws of Life equipment. The new rescue truck—a Ford F-550 crew cab 4x4—replaces the previous '94 F-350, said Scott Spaulding, Warm Springs Fire and Safety Chief. The Jaws of Life equipment—with hydraulic cutters and spreaders—is the latest in this life-saving technology,



Warm Springs Fire and Safety crew with the new rescue vehicle and the Jaws of Life.

Chief Spaulding said.

Having arrived just recently, the new Fire and Safety vehicle has al-

ready been on a rescue response. After picking it up, "We filled the tank, and almost immediately were

called out on a rescue," Spaulding said.

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Very convenient estate planning service for tribal members

A number of tribal members have benefitted this summer from the Stewards of Indigenous Resources Endowment, or SIRE. The members received help in completing estate planning including wills and trusts.

This service can be critical in Indian Country, and SIRE—through its full-service Warm Springs specific website—makes the free service very easy to access. See the website: warmsprings.nativewill.org

You can also call the number, 866-639-5550.

And meanwhile, attorney Roberta Armstrong, known to many on the reservation for her years of estate planning services to tribal members, is in town for a time longer. She has been here



Attorney Roberta Armstrong, and summer law interns Adaline Sporleder and Heather McCoy.

for the past few weeks with two assistant law school students, interns with SIRE, from the Arizona State University.

The students, Heather McCoy and Adaline Sporleder, had a great summer experience on the reservation, as they get ready for their

second year of law school in the fall. "We felt very accepted by everyone," said Adaline. "It has all been very memorable, and we want to thank the tribes and community."

Ms. Armstrong has been visiting Warm Springs since 2007, when she herself was a law school intern working with tribal members on estate planning. Through SIRE she is setting up two physical sites on the reservation that will continue to provide in-person estate planning to the membership. The offices will be at the Family Resource Center, and at the Tribal Court.

Estate planning can be of great importance to tribal members, especially because of recent legislation, the American Indian Probate Reform Act.

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