

Senior building to reopen; jobs available

The Warm Springs Senior Wellness Center will reopen in the near future, though an exact date for the reopening is not yet known, said Wilson Wewa, program director.

The building has been closed for more than a year, following a vandalism incident that resulted in extensive flood damage.

While the reopening date is not yet known, "I hope we're back in the Senior Wellness Center by Thanksgiving," Councilman Wewa said.

The Seniors program has been operating out of the Family Resource Center while the Senior Wellness Center has been closed.

The repair work at the



The Senior Wellness Center should be opening soon. An open house day will be announced when the date is certain.

center has been delayed due to working through the insurance process; and also by the covid pandemic.

Meanwhile, with the building almost ready for use, the Seniors program is looking to fill some

positions, including a cook, and community health representative and driver, as examples.

At Tribal Council in October

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

Wednesday, October 19: U.S. Attorney Tim Simmons introduction of new U.S. Attorney.

Wednesday, October 19: Simnasho District budget meeting at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7.

Monday, October 24
9 a.m.: Bluestone update with John Mooers.
10: Akana update with Said, Bruce and Chico.

11: Manager of Caregiver Incusion and Experience, St. Charles Health Systems, with Shilo Shaw Tippett, PhD.

Items for further consideration: National Tribal Health Conference.

Power and Water

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Some components have to be shipped here from Europe, the closest place where they are made. The transport of the components will be tracked on YouTube, an indication of how involved and unusual the occurrence will be.

The Pelton-Round Butte system is the largest hydroelectric project within the state of Oregon. The dams were built in the 1950s and '60s. The tribes in 2001 agreed

with PGE to become part owners of the operation, with the tribal interest now at 49.99 percent.

"We have a great partnership with PGE," Ms. Ehli says. The partnership applies to both the power generating aspect of the facilities, plus the ongoing work to restore the migrating fish runs above the dams. The goal of fisheries at the facility is self-sustaining runs of harvestable Chinook, steelhead and sockeye above the dams.

Flu, covid booster shots available at clinic

There is not yet a lot of seasonal flu circulating in the region at the present time. This means it is a good time to get a flu vaccine at the Health and Wellness Center.

Some medical providers are reporting a shortage of the vaccines this fall. This is not the case at the Health and Wellness center, where there is a good supply, said

Katie Russell, Community Health director.

The clinic receives their vaccines through the Indian Health Services, whereas the facilities in Madras, for instance, are supplied by the state. If you would like a vaccine, the best way is to make an appointment at the clinic. You can call 541-553-1196 for information.

The clinic also provides walk-in flu vaccines at the Pharmacy, though with an appointment is better so they know when you will be arriving.

Meanwhile, the covid virus is still circulating in the community. Booster vaccines are available at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 541-553-2610.

Any person 12 or older can get the new booster, as long as it has been at least two months since his or her last vaccine.

Tribal offices continue to recommend face masks; however, they are no longer required.

Sacred site case from Oregon pending at Supreme Court

A highway expansion near Mt. Hood that destroyed a religious site for Native Americans resulted in a lawsuit that is currently waiting on a decision from the U.S. Supreme Court. The pending Supreme Court decision is whether or not the court

will hear the case or not. Tribal elders Wilbur Slockish and Carol Logan say a forested site off U.S. Hwy 26 on Mt. Hood was like "a church without walls."

In court documents filed this month, the tribal members say they told state and

federal transportation officials about the religious value of the site before the agencies started building a left-turn lane off the highway about 13 miles from Government Camp.

The highway expansion happened anyway, removing trees and a stone altar and covering the burial grounds with a large embankment.

Slockish and Logan took the agencies to court, arguing the destruction of the site violated their rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which prohibits state and federal agencies from burdening a person's exercise of religion and the Free Exercise Clause of the Constitution, which protects the right to practice religion.

School district meeting in W.S.

To families of the School District 509-J,

The purpose of this notice is to let our families and the community know there will be a meeting for our district to present data and gather feedback. Families and community members are invited.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at the Warm Springs Academy at 5:30 pm.

Dinner will be served with the meeting to follow from

6-7 p.m.

The district annually affords its patrons the opportunity to offer comments and recommendations relative to the district programs and outcomes and offer feedback for all programs.

If anybody wishing to attend the meeting has a disability requiring assistance, please advise Tessa Bailey at 541-475-6192 about specific arrangements that may accommodate your participation in this meeting.

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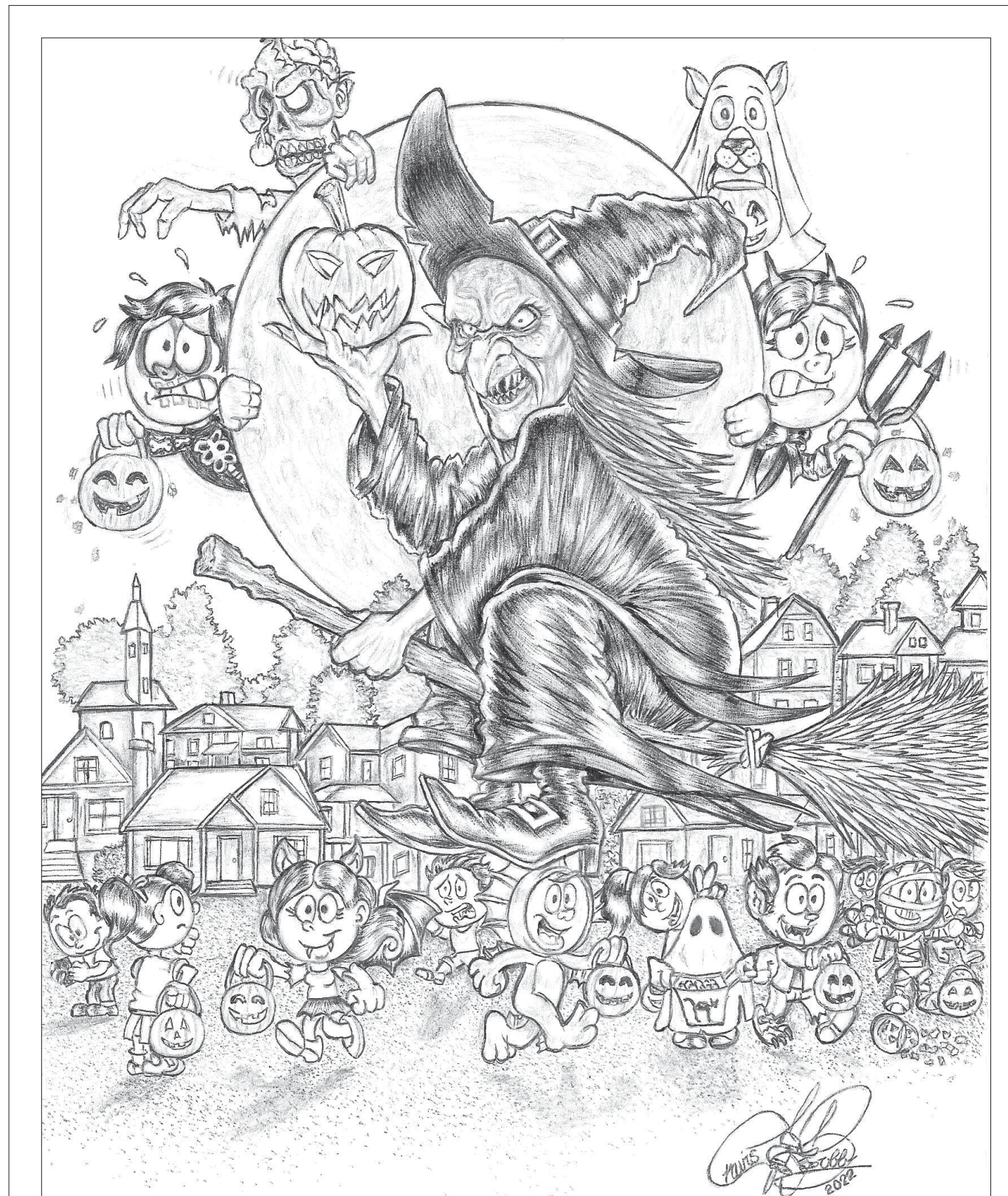
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