


# IN THE FUTURE



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**March**

- Sunday, March 7 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., held via the Zoom teleconferencing application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins. 2 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

*(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response.)*



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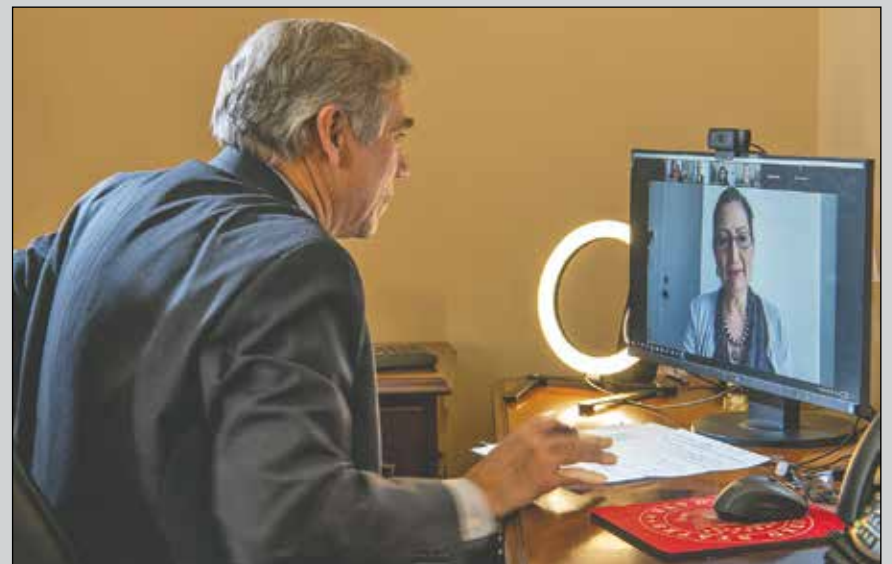
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## Merkley backs Haaland



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Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, who is chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of the Interior, met virtually with New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland on Thursday, Feb. 25, and expressed his support for Haaland's nomination as the first Native American Cabinet member. "I'm proud to support Deb Haaland's nomination to lead the Interior Department," Merkley said. "It's long past time for a Native woman to join the Executive Cabinet and run the department that carries out the federal trust responsibility toward Tribes. ... I have full faith that she will put the health, safety and well-being of our communities and environment above the wish lists of mega-polluting corporate executives who have spent the last four years ransacking the department." Haaland is currently undergoing confirmation hearings in the U.S. Senate regarding her nomination. She is a member of the Laguna Pueblo Nation.

## LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

## Weather affects planned Feb. 17 vaccine clinic

The Tribe's Health & Wellness Center was planning on offering its third COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 17, but frigid temperatures and storms in the southeastern United States grounded flights and disrupted shipping across the country.

Oregon's doses of the Moderna vaccine were stuck in Memphis, Tenn., as of Wednesday, Feb. 17.

State officials were optimistic that the delayed vaccine doses would arrive the next week and distribution would get back on schedule. It also could mean that some hospitals, counties and Tribes will receive twice the amount of vaccine doses the following week than they were previously expecting.

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said the Tribe received its backlog of vaccines on Monday, Feb. 22, and the Tribe scheduled its third Vaccination Clinic for Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Feb. 24 clinic, like the other two, filled all of its appointments quickly.

The Tribe offered its first Vaccination Clinic on Feb. 3-4 where it put the vaccine in the arms of 1,636 people. The second clinic was held on Feb. 10 and 750 doses were dispensed.

To date, the Tribe has vaccinated more than 3,700 people with more than 1,400 of them being given to Elders 55 or older.

The Tribe is only offering the Moderna vaccine because it does not have the ultra-cold storage that the Pfizer vaccine requires, Thompson said ■



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