SNAP-Ed and Family & Community Health

- The team has been busy answering questions on food preservation, and we have sent publications on safety and recipes to community members.

- The Traditional Foods Project Educational team has met with the local artist and collected commissioned pieces for the project to use in educational resources and the wall calendar within the toolkit. Project team members met and discussed next steps in creating the wall calendar.

- Olivia Davis met with KWSO on the development of new project for the Nutrition Department to have rotating “Nutrition News”, and preservation information presented on air.

- The Native American Workgroup met twice to discuss topics such as, the importance of stories, resources for learning more about local tribes, tribal successes, COVID impacts, Food Hero involvement. Released the digital Chokecherry coloring sheet through social media in honor of Indigenous People’s Day.

- Olivia Davis was invited to participate in the Portland area project of Native American foods and Preservation, conference call. Will continue to offer support and assistance where asked. Project was granted a Moore Family Institute Community grant.

Livestock and Agriculture

- Ellise David is hosting Virtual 4-H Informational Meetings as a resource for students, parents, and anyone who may be interested. The information was emailed to KWSO and the Spilyay Tymoo to be advertised. The information was posted to the Warm Springs OSU Facebook page, which had direct links to the meetings.
• The Growing Tribal Farms Adult Participants are thriving despite the pandemic! Five of the eight have received their funding and are currently in the process of starting their business. One of the participants is currently awaiting their check to start their business.

• Scott Duggan finished final edits for the Beef Cow-Calf Management publication. This will be a great resource for ranchers and will be published in January.

• The Western Meat School is an innovative learning experience where farmers, ranchers, butchers, & others will learn how to direct market meat. Class is offered online Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Need to register by Oct. 28th at https://westernmeatschool.com/ See website for class schedule and details.

• Scott will be presenting at the Inland Pasture Management workshop on November 3rd-6th. This “train the trainer“ workshop is designed for NRCS, Tribal managers, and government agency personnel in the Pacific Northwest. To register for this free workshop please click on the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pnw-inland-pasture-calendar-training-tickets-118686349065

Warm Springs Garden Kits

• We have received 39 more inquiries for Garden Kits from our Fall Community Survey. We have sent announcements of the program to the Spilyay and KWSO.

• We are continuing to safely deliver the kits to community members. The fall kits include: a raised garden box (2ft x2ft), 4 bags of soil, cover crop seeds, informal sheets on setting up the box and planting instructions, small wooden plant markers, and garden recording sheets.

Garden Education

• John Brunoe harvested approximately 180 pounds of corn, zucchini, beans, peppers, and tomatoes from the OSU Extension Gardens. The produce was distributed to the Senior Center, CPS Center. To aid in getting the produce to out to the community, John collaborated with Starla Green with the WSCAT Food Cart and two community Food Cart Vendors.
• At the Warm Springs Academy Garden, teachers and staff were offered open harvest of the peppers and tomatoes growing there.

• The Warm Springs Academy Learning Garden is being prepared for the upcoming fall growing season and will utilize cover crops to help condition the beds for the spring season.

• The Simnasho Community Garden has generated a lot of interest from the community. John is coordinating with Sharlayne Garcia to get information out to the Simnasho community members about forming a garden group to manage and maintain the community garden.
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Forestry and Natural Resources
Thomas Stokely is the local Forestry and Natural Resources Extension agent, his role is to provide science-based education to communities of Central Oregon on the management and conservation of forests and the wildlife they support. Thomas works with individuals, youth and adult classes, and collaborative groups to help support an inclusive learning environment that encourages multiple perspectives on natural resources management. He also provides technical support to help inform land management decisions at local and regional levels, with a focus on cross-boundary partnerships and attaining a balance between cultural, ecological, and economical values.

Small Farms
Clare Sullivan is the Small Farms and Specialty Crops Extension Agent for Central Oregon, she is available to share information from local research and current innovative agricultural practices with farmers in Warm Springs. Her focus areas include cover crops, soil and nutrient management, and innovative horticultural production. She provides workshops and classes for farmers on a variety of topics, and is happy to respond to growers’ informational needs as they come up and change over time. She collaborates closely with OSU Small Farms colleagues around the state, and is available as a resource for any farmer on The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation.