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Covid-19 update

There were 15 new cases of Covid-19 reported for Warm Springs in the Tuesday, December 1 community update. The results were from 109 tests conducted on Monday, November 30.

As of Tuesday, there were 46 known active cases of Covid-19 on the reservation, with 62 close contacts being monitored by Community Health and IHS.

There have been 515 confirmed cases of Covid-19 on the reservation since testing began in the spring.

The Health and Wellness Center has conducted a total of 5,222 Covid-19 tests.

There have 54 hospitalizations among the reservation community since March of this year, with 50 discharged; and there have been ten deaths.

Safety even more important as vaccine nears

By the end of this month shipments of Covid-19 vaccines are expected to be ready for distribution in the U.S. This would be the turning point in the fight against the pandemic.

Like other providers across the country, the Warm Springs Indian Health Services Clinic is coordinating with national organizers—in this case the IHS headquarters—regarding how to implement the distribution, and then the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine. The IHS has a comprehensive plan that guides the overall process.

There are many more details to be worked out during this unprecedented and massive health initiative. An example:

How will the vaccines be transported from a central location to the regional distribution centers, and then in turn to the local care provider facilities? Would Warm Springs IHS travel to the regional site to retrieve the vaccines? Storage during transport, and then on-site at the local levels are related challenges.

Some aspects are more certain. Example: By all accounts vaccinations are expected to begin by the middle or end of this month. Another certainty: There will not be enough vaccines until next year to provide for the general population.

This week at the national level, the Advisory Committee on Immunizations is meeting to determine who will receive the first vaccines. The committee is an independent

panel of advisors to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

On Tuesday of this week the Advisory Committee was meeting to determine whether the first groups to be vaccinated will be the health care workers, and residents of nursing homes. These two groups would be the Phase 1 recipients of the Covid-19 vaccine distribution.

The Advisory Committee and CDC have not faced a question like this before, because of the scope of the Covid-19 pandemic; and because there are many other people in the U.S. with underlying medical conditions who are also vulnerable to the virus.

The pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Moderna have applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for authorization of their

Covid-19 vaccines. The matter is on a fast-track as part of Operation Warp Speed. An estimated 6.5 million doses could be available within two weeks, with more following through December and into 2021. By the end of December it is possible that 40 million doses could be available in the U.S., enough for roughly 20 million people.

According to surveys, many people in the U.S. are willing to take the vaccine as soon as possible, while many others say they will not receive the vaccine. In one survey, 60 percent of people between the ages of 65 and 80 said they would likely receive the shot.

Either way, as we approach this turning point in the battle against the virus, the need for safety is greater than ever, because there may be greater hope nearly at hand.

Making a home away from home

Masami and Tyrone ‘Ty’ Smith have two homes, really. One is Warm Springs, where they grew up and often visit. And the other is in Ohio, where they help manage and grow the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio, or NAICCO, located in Columbus.

Masami is the NAICCO executive director, and Ty is the project director.

NAICCO is the only viable Native American center in Ohio—a state with no Indian reservations, so no real presence of Indian services like IHS, the BIA and BIE.

The experience of Native Americans in urban areas is different from that on a reservation, where a tribal member can most always feel at home. So NAICCO is especially important to Native people of Ohio, and even of neighboring states like Indiana and Kentucky. Ty estimates that Native people who are members of the NAICCO community come from more than 100 tribes across all of Indian Country.



Ty and Masami Smith (at center) with members of the NAICCO community and NAICCO Cuisine, representing a diversity of tribal backgrounds.

dian Country.

It's a place where Native people living in and around Ohio can feel at home—not always easy for an urban Indian who may be far away from family back home.

Masami and Ty grew up in Warm Springs, deciding to leave in 1995 when they were in their mid 20s. They first went to South Dakota, and then visited Ohio. Twenty-five years later they still live there, helping to make a going enterprise of NAICCO, and its latest addition, the NAICCO Cuisine food trailer.

How all this began was by luck or a kind of coincidence.

After they arrived in Ohio in the 1990s, Ty was thumbing through the Columbus phone book. At the time he was looking for work. By chance he came across the listing for the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio.

They called the center, and started visiting. Masami became a regular member around 2001. She was volunteering with any NAICCO projects that were going on or coming up.

Since growing up in Warm Springs she was a powwow dancer, and knew traditional sewing and other crafts. And she would share

these with other NAICCO members.

Ty enrolled at the Ohio State University, majoring in the field of Social Work. Then in 2011—ten years after first joining NAICCO—Masami was named the center's executive director. She became successful at writing grants for the center, to the point where she soon needed full-time help in managing the center and its programs. “A grant writer helped land the early grants in 2011,” Masami says. “After that we wrote for all other grants to follow on our own.”

Please see **NAICCO** on 2

Explanation of developments at ‘the Dips’

The following are answers to questions some community members may have regarding developments at the Trailer Court area, or the Dips. If you have not been near this site lately, you would not have noticed the work that has been going on over the last month. The site is being prepared to bring modular trailers to be used as a quarantine site for Covid-19. The following questions and answers will explain the circumstances:

Question: What is occurring at the Dips at Park Place Street?

The Warm Springs Housing Authority and the Health and Human Services (H&HS) general manager were successful in applying for the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) grant addressing the homeless population; specifically, those experiencing chronic homelessness. This happened in September 2019.

The land site known as the Dips was applied for by the Warm Springs Housing Authority, and it was approved per resolution to bring housing to the homeless.

There are two phases to this

project. The first phase will provide 10 cottage size one-bedroom homes for individuals needing a home and matching the criteria, and remodeling a duplex for two families. The plan for building the cottages and remodeling is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021.

The second phase was to add seven to eight homes, services targeting the same population. The Housing Authority invited the Health and Human Services Quarantine Project to begin with the second phase project before the first

phase. The H&HS Quarantine Project needs to be completed by the end of this year, due to the requirement that Cares Act funds be spent by December 31, 2020.

Question: How were the trailers targeting quarantine added if this grant was for the chronically homeless?

The Warm Springs Housing Authority proposed to the Health and Human Services general manager to combine efforts as the Phase 2 part of the grant. Phase 2 would

bring the FEMA trailers targeting those needing to be quarantined, then when the crisis passes the trailers would be used for the homeless population and a 90-day transitional home for those returning back from treatment.

The seven available FEMA trailers would be set up to quarantine locally instead of sending community members who need to be quarantined to other areas such as Madras.

Providing this service locally would be for the comfort of our community members so they can be near their families and friends.

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NAICCO: Cuisine project taking off

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By this time Ty had graduated from the Ohio State University, having earned his Masters Degree in Social Work. So the solution was obvious, and the NAICCO board named Ty the center project director.

Since that time the accomplishments have been many, through building relationships with state and regional health agencies and organizations, schools and universities. The overriding goals of NAICCO are the best interests of the Native community, employment and economic development, preserving cultures, and sustainability for the center and its programs.

With the success has come the idea to move the center to a larger site around Columbus—perhaps on 20 acres or more—to accommodate a bigger and better NAICCO campus.

Toward the goal of economic development, NAICCO reached a milestone this October with the grand opening of the NAICCO Cuisine food trailer. In NAICCO’s own words:

“NAICCO Cuisine is a Native American owned and operated food trailer that offers a one-of-a-kind menu consisting of unique Native American street food, or what might be better referred to as savory favorites from various parts of Indian Country...”

Reflecting values of the center itself, the main pillars



Courtesy NAICCO

NAICCO Cuisine food trailer in Columbus, Ohio, with tribal flags on display,including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. For more information, or to donate to the *Bigger & Better NAICCO Campaign* see the website: naicco.com. For more on NAICCO Cuisine see naicco.com/naicco-cuisine

of NAICCO Cuisine are social development, economic development and cultural preservation. The idea for NAICCO Cuisine came from the local Native American community, or those who call NAICCO home:

“Over a period of nine plus years, and through an array of community engagement activities, a consensus was voiced by both NAICCO leadership and a wealth of longstanding Native American community members. The community voice that emerged over those years has spoken directly and dis-

tinctly to the importance of NAICCO having an in-house sustainability plan and approach in place. In this way the meaningful Native American programs, events and gatherings can continue forward into the future.

“The NAICCO team deliberated with community elders, families, youth and the NAICCO Board of Trustees, to be certain that every element necessary for assuring the success of the project was considered and taken into account. And more so, to ensure meaningful outcomes were set in place for

both NAICCO and the local Native American community.

“NAICCO Cuisine not only stands as a means for creating opportunities for NAICCO community members to earn extra income and develop future employability skill sets—by way of hands on experiences and trainings—but as well, it provides a nurturing atmosphere that lends itself to the development of community buy-in and overall ownership.

“The design of the model that defines NAICCO Cuisine is one that is not only meant to generate revenue to supplement ongoing programs, activities and events at NAICCO, but just as meaningfully, one that serves as a platform for promoting traditional Native American values and teachings; the foundational fabric of Native Americans, or those virtues better recognized as prayer, respect, compassion, truth, generosity, humility and wisdom...”

Masami and Ty have never forgotten who they are or where they come from. They take great pride in being members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Today, on behalf of the Native people they stand for in Ohio, they feel that their life experiences growing up on the Warm Springs Reservation helped shape and prepare them for the mission work they diligently take on at NAICCO.

— Dave McMechan

Recent employment numbers for region

Economic recovery from the Covid-19 shock continued in October for the Central Oregon region.

This included Jefferson County, which had been posting comparatively lower recovery numbers.

Another note: The latest employment and economy numbers do not reflect the impact of the most recent statewide shutdown of late November and early December. In October for Jefferson County, including the reservation:

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, down from 8.44 per-

cent in September.

For comparison: The rate was 4.2 percent in March of this year, just before the onset of Covid-19.

In October Jefferson County added 50 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a revised gain of 50 jobs in September.

Revisions to Jefferson County’s employment situation were significant. Initial Covid-19 losses were roughly 30 percent lower than the original estimate, with total nonfarm employment only decreasing by around 780 jobs.

As of October the county had recovered 480 of those

jobs, roughly 60 percent of total jobs lost.

Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality—down 70 jobs.

Education and health services in the county were down 60 jobs; and manufacturing, down 50 jobs.

These latest monthly figures for the region also show significant revisions to earlier estimates, using payroll records, providing a clearer picture of the initial Covid-19 shock and early recovery.

The revisions revealed that job losses were not nearly as significant as initially estimated for both Jefferson and Crook counties.

State covid report

Oregon in late November reported 1,599 new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases, and nine new deaths.

The November deaths brought the statewide death toll to 905. “As we hit this somber milestone of more than 900 deaths in Oregon, we want to express our deepest sympathies to all the families that have lost a loved one to this virus,” the Oregon Health Authority says in a statement.

“We must honor them by redoubling our efforts to protect one another: Wear a mask, limit social gatherings, keep 6 feet between you and other people who don’t live in your home, and wash hands often.”

The new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases in the state were as follows, by county:

Baker (3), Benton (7), Clackamas (136), Clatsop

(1), Columbia (18), Coos (4), Crook (9), Curry (2), Deschutes (78), Douglas (9), Hood River (5), Jackson (57), Jefferson (21), Josephine (14), Klamath (28), Lake (8), Lane (59), Lincoln (6), Linn (30), Malheur (20), Marion (126), Morrow (4), Multnomah (648), Polk (35), Tillamook (5), Umatilla (17), Union (3), Wasco (6), Washington (206), Yamhill (34).

The nine recent deaths in Oregon happened to:

An 82-year-old woman in Jackson County. A 69-year-old woman in Linn County. A 72-year-old woman in Malheur County. A 76-year-old woman in Malheur County. An 82-year-old woman in Marion County. A 73-year-old man in Multnomah County. An 88-year-old woman in Multnomah County. An 88-year-old woman in Washington County. An 80-year-old man in Washington County.

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Letters to the editor

Tribal education covid assistance

The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes passed resolution 12,741, a Covid-19 emergency education assistance program. The resolution provides emergency education related assistance to tribal members who have been directly impacted due to the Covid-19 public health emergency.

Please complete the on-line application or drop off at the administration building. The application deadline is December 16, or when funds are depleted.

Only completed applications will be considered. Checks will be made payable to the parent or guardian unless the student is 18 years or older. This benefit is tax-exempt pursuant to the Warm Springs Tribal Code Chapter 550, "Tribal General Welfare Ordinance." A W-9 form may be requested if you are not in the tribal accounting system.

This program will be in partnership with the Warm Springs Education Committee. Thank you Council members, with help from tribal attorneys for creating and passing this program. See the site: cognitoforms.com/ArdisClark/caresactconfederatedtribesofwarmspringscovid19emergencyeducationassistanceprogramapplication

Veterans list addition

A name was missing in the recent Spilyay Veterans Roll call of tribal member veterans.

Ruben Paul Santos, SPC U.S. Army, served from 2000 to 2003. He was an Iraq War Veteran. Born 1982 ~ Journeyed to the Sprit World 2009.

Healthy matters

The Madras High School football camp that was planned this month for Warm Springs is being postponed until spring. The camp will be for youth ages kindergarten through eighth grades, male or female.

In a related item: All Madras High School sports were put on hold as the governor announced statewide freeze for K-12 sports.

This will be in effect until further notice. In other fitness news:

Fitness challenge

Warm Springs Community Wellness this month is hosting a fitness challenge called '50 Miles to the new year.'

The Challenge will run through December 31. Participants will track their miles and turn them in weekly.

There will be bonus challenges for extra points. Prizes and incentives will be offered.

To learn more and sign up Email: jennifer.robbs@wstribes.org

CTWS staffing

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs government offices will continue to operated at 50 percent staffing through Friday, December 11. Tribal facilities are closed to the public, as a precaution to help slow the spread of Covid-19.

On being Native

Dear Warm Springs community,

Near the end of the Confluence project's recent virtual event, an intriguing question came in from a non-Native attendee: "Do I have permission to call this land home?"

Author Robin Wall Kimmerer responded with words from an elder, who told her that so many descendants of colonizers seem to act like they "still have one foot on the boat. They're acting like they're not really here. That they're just going be here and to take what they can get and go somewhere else. Well, there isn't any 'somewhere else' anymore."

To become "native to place," Robin explained, is "to live as if your ancestors were from here and live as if your grandchildren are going to grow up here."

It was a powerful reminder to me of the gratitude I feel for the Columbia River Tribal elders I have met at Confluence, who have taught me so much about what it means to be from this place, to truly embrace our landscape as home, and to build a reciprocal relationship with it.

Gratitude and reciprocity. That is the theme of our latest Confluence Story Collection. See the website confluence.org

The videos and resources all explore ideas of giving thanks and giving back. Enjoy. Stay healthy,

Confluence executive director **Colin Fogarty**.

From St. Charles: 'You are now the front line...'

During one of our recent St. Charles Covid-19 Incident Command calls, the dire situation we face became increasingly clear.

On that day at that time, our Bend hospital was the only hospital in

the state with any available Intensive Care Unity beds.

Suddenly, the refrain I've been hearing from colleagues throughout the nation hit incredibly close to home: Our health care workers can no longer be consid-

ered the front line of this fight. We are now your last resort.

You are on the front line.

Your actions and choices can make the difference for yourself, your families and your loved ones.

Because we simply may not have the beds and staff to care for you if we don't stop the spread of the virus now. **Joe Sluka**, St. Charles Health System chief executive officer and president.

Births

Benita Nezbah Kylisa Yazzie

Alicia Yazzie of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter Benita Nezbah Kylisa Yazzie, born on November 19, 2020.

Benita joins brothers McKie, 8, and Jerome 6; and sister Jaden, 9.

Clyde Kami Charley

Austin G. Charley and Rianna R. Fuentes of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Clyde Kami Charley, born on November 15, 2020.

Grandparents on the father's side are Keith Charley Sr. of Warm Springs; Marcella Vallo of Toppenish; Foster Kalama of Warm Springs; and J'Dean Kalama, Yakama and Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are tony Fuentes, William Fuentes, Tommie Fuentes, Versa Fuentes-Smith, Stella Langley and Rosetta Fuentes.

Restaurants

Restaurants in Oregon can reopen for limited outdoor service this week in

Oregon but many restrictions will remain in place until a vaccine against the coronavirus is widely available. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced the new measures on Wednesday. State officials also announced vaccines would soon be coming to Oregon.

Fry bread

Greetings,

In case you were not able to join us, here is a link to our fry bread demonstration videos:

cocc.edu/departments/multicultural/native-american/featured-native-american-events.aspx

Michelle Cary, Native American Program coordinator, Central Oregon Community College.

Covid national response team

A key leader to the Navajo Nation's response in the Covid-19 pandemic was selected to join the incoming Presidential advisory board to battle the pandemic on a national scale.

The announcement of Dr. Jill Jim's appointment happened over the weekend.

Dr. Jim is a member of

Health and safety message from Human Resources

A message from Warm Springs Human Resources:

The Tribal Council declared a reservation-wide state of emergency on March 13, 2020. The declaration recognized Covid-19 as a serious health and safety threat. As part of the declaration, employees are encouraged to stay home if he or she is ill.

Let's all do our best to protect ourselves and others.

Best management practices

For the health of all employees, it is the responsibility of all staff to continually self-monitor your health. And it is incumbent on each employee to follow the following best management practices (BMPs) for personal hygienic, physical distancing, and other aspects of a healthy work environment.

Additional BMPs and mitigation measures may become necessary in the future.

Basic BMPs

- Stay home if you are sick. Persons exhibiting symptoms of fever, dry cough or other illness should not come to work, and will be sent home by their immediate supervisor.
- Staff that may feel or become ill during the day shall immediately put on a face covering (mask), leave the workplace area, and inform their supervisor by phone or radio.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



- Recognize personal risk factors. According to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Certain people, including older adults and those with underlying conditions such as heart or lung disease or diabetes are at higher risk for developing more serious complications from Covid-19.

- Field-going employees will minimize time in the office. Communication with your supervisor can be partially accomplished by phone or radio.
- Staggered scheduling may be implemented to enhance physical distancing when other measures are ineffective.
- Continue to monitor tribal guidelines for Covid-19 as they are evolving.

There are multiple measures and BMPs available to reduce the chance of exposure to the virus; and to ensure that you, the employee, are at the very least possible risk.

Practice Personal Hygiene:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use and alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands that are

visibly soiled.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover nose and mouth with elbow or fabric when coughing or sneezing.
- Wear clean clothing every day if possible.

Practice Physical Distancing:

- Avoid physical contact with co-workers by maintaining at least 6 feet of distance.
- Common work areas shall be redesigned to ensure that each staff member as at least 6 fee of distance from other staff
- Vulnerable staff shall have an office with a door for distancing from other staff and public.
- All staff are encouraged to close their office doors.
- Vehicles will be assigned to staff and cross-over use of vehicles will be avoided.
- To meet the Covid-19 physical distancing requirement in a vehicle:

Only one person is allowed to travel in a standard pickup or extended cab pickup, all cars and small SUVs. Super cab pickups and full size SUVs may have a second person in the passenger back seat (if two people ride in that type of vehicle, face coverings must be worn).

- Assign equipment, no sharing (chainsaws, tools, etc.).
- Promote virtual meetings in lieu of traditional face to face meetings in the office space around buildings where staff interact with the public sneezing,

coughing and other contact/ fluids from contacting staff.

- Limited access to facility from non-staff.
- Limited restrooms to one person at a time use an occupied/vacant sign.

Facilities/equipment

- Routine daily cleaning for vehicles and other equipment; follow the supplied checklist and submit to the identified safety officer.
- Designate personnel for daily cleaning.
- Maintain/enhance janitor's schedule for cleaning buildings.
- Clean all frequently touched surfaces every day; follow the supplied checklist and submit to the identified safety officer
- Wash hands thoroughly after cleaning.
- Managers will create a daily checklist for cleaning of vehicles and equipment; supervisors of each department will fill out daily.

Travel:

- Avoid all but critical travel/transportation.
- Minimize contact and time in public areas.
- If transportation by commercial transportation (bus, aircraft) use proper PPE.
- If staying in hotel/motel clean and disinfect surfaces.
- Utilize take out or delivery.
- Clean and disinfect vehicles.
- Be careful when using public facilities.

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A Year in Review ~ 2020 ~

The following are some of the memorable news events during 2020 on the reservation.

January

The year 2020 began with the Warm Springs Complete Count Committee planning for the 2020 U.S. Census.

The goal of the Warm Springs 2020 Census organizers is to get an accurate count of the people living on the reservation. The Census determines the allocation of close to \$700 billion in federal funds—distribution based on the population of the particular place.

According to one estimate: For each person not counted who should be counted, some \$3,000 in federal support for services is lost. And reservations see an average estimated undercount of almost 5 percent.

According to a report released last week: Native Americans are the most undercounted group on the U.S. Census. Census Day 2020 is April 1, and the count is scheduled to run into mid summer.

January 2020 at the Museum at Warm Springs brought the Twenty-Seventh Annual Youth Art Exhibit. “Each year we celebrate the creativity and talents of our tribal youth,” said Natalie Kirk, museum curator and exhibits coordinator.

About the upcoming show, which opened January 23, Ms. Kirk says, “Discover masterpieces created by the hearts of our youth of Warm Springs, and see first-hand how art can positively affect our community and young minds. The exhibition will cherish the vibrant creativity unlocked by local tribal youth.”

The team working on the state Missing and Murdered Indigenous People initiative met with the Warm Springs tribal community in January. The state legislature in 2019 created with the MMIP task force, providing resources to help address one of the most serious problems among tribes. Terri Davie of the Oregon State Police is leading the team.

She and Mitch Sparks, of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, met with Tribal Council, and then the tribal community, hearing ideas on how to improve public safety response to the MMIP crisis.

Power and Water applied for a \$200,000 grant to assess the potential of groundwater resources on tribal land. Results of the study could help determine the potential use of groundwater for domestic service, or a commercial potential such as a water bottling business.

The domestic water source for much of the reservation currently is the Deschutes River. Water is drawn from the river at the treatment plant in the Dry Creek area.

The use of treated surface water as the source of domestic drinking water is common, especially for larger communities. Groundwater, though, has advantages: Filtration through the earth helps clean the groundwater.

The work is rewarding—challenging for sure, and for this reason rewarding. Starla Green has a lifetime of cooking experience—from a longhouse helper as a child, to her successful commercial food business.

Starla joined the Warm Springs Community Action Team last fall, working now as the WSCAT Food



Charisse Heath and friends in January invite contestants to compete at the 2020 Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

Cart manager and trainer. The food cart—the Twisted Teepee—is by the Action Team office on campus. For now Starla opens for lunch Wednesdays through Fridays.

During the first month of the new year Tribal Council met with its committees—Fish and Wildlife, both On- and Off-Reservation; Timber, Health and Welfare, Land Use, Range and Ag, during this week. Council review then continued with Human Resources, Finance, Governmental Affairs, Managed Care, Administrative Services and Procurement. Branches were up next—Tribal Court and Public Safety, Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Education and Utilities.

January also saw the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 2020 winter convention.

The tribal vehicle closed some time ago, due to various factors, and the building now stands empty at the industrial park. The vehicle pool and its equipment could be put to use as an automotive school, said Valerie Switzler, general manager of the tribal Education Branch. Ms. Switzler reviewed the progress of this project in January at Tribal Council. A funding source for an automotive school is Career Technical Education, CTE; in partnership with the Warm Springs office of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, WOIA—Workforce Development.

February

Timber practices on the reservation have changed greatly over the recent decades. The 2020 Willow Summit timber sale is a good example.

Natural Resources and Forestry reviewed the sale in February with Tribal Council. Some of their discussion illustrates how the forestry practices have changed, specifically how the allowable cut has by necessity been reduced.

The Willow Summit sale will

be in the northwest area of the reservation, by Willow Springs and Summit Butte, the features that give their names to the sale.

The sale will involve about 26.5 million board feet of timber, with revenue going to the tribes’ general fund, including areas such as the Senior Pension, funded through such projects.

Forestry and Natural Resources began looking at the aspects of this sale back in 2018. The inter-disciplinary team developed a target area of about 17,000 acres from which to develop the sale. Trees in the area are from plantings of decades ago, now coming within the harvestable inventory.

Over the past two years the team has developed a plan for mitigation of impacts to huckleberries, wildlife and fisheries, fire, etc.

Some of the discussion with Council showed how the reservation timber practice has seen a dramatic change: Most obviously, the 26.5 million board feet is within the sustainable level as determined by Natural Resources, Forestry and the committee. Sustainability means the harvest of timber is below the amount of the forest growth.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs this month was chosen to host and conduct the first 2020 census count for the entire state of Oregon.

As with other rural areas, and reservations in particular, Warm Springs contends with being under-represented during census counts.

To help address this problem, the U.S. Census Bureau for the Western region contacted the tribes earlier this month. Julie Lam, census regional director, based in Los Angeles, wrote to the tribes: “We value our partnership with the tribe, and are committed to a complete and accurate count of our nation’s first peoples,” Ms. Lam said in a letter to Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti.

The tribes and regional Census Center are now planning an event for Thursday, March 12.

New funding will become available for the 2020-21 school year at the Warm Springs Academy.

The funding, available after July 1, will create new staff and teacher positions, helping continue student improvement, said Ken Parshall, school district superintendent.

Student success at the Academy has seen great improvement, especially over the past few years; “and we’re planning additional investments at the K through 8,” Mr. Parshall said.

An aspect of the new programs will be addressing gaps that a student may have in math or literacy from a previous grade.

Warm Springs Geo Visions is a semi-finalist in Honoring Nations 2020, an award recognition given only to the most deserving of tribal enterprises across the country.

Honoring Nations is an award of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, and the Native Nations Institute of the University of Arizona.

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The Confederated Tribes and the Simnasho community in February 2020 hosted the Forty-Third Annual Lincoln's Powwow. This image was captured on Saturday at the powwow by Jayson Smith.

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March, 2020 - *The Warm Springs Academy and the other schools are closed at least through April, maybe longer. The Community Wellness Center is closed to the public. Children are home with parents and guardians. The casino is closed. Many restaurants and other businesses are closed. The tribal organization is implementing a shut-down.*

To the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal membership,

The Warm Springs Tribal Council per motion declares a State of Emergency:

“Warm Springs Tribal Council is responsible for the Health and Welfare of our people and promotes our general welfare. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service declares a State of Emergency as a proactive measure to ensure access to resources in addressing Covid-19 coronavirus.”

With the concerns of the coronavirus (Covid-19) increasing in our community, as well as across the nation, the tribal government is working closely with the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center to evaluate and ensure the health and safety of our community.

In early March, at the time of the tribal Declaration of Emergency: There were no confirmed or presumptive cases of the COVID-19 on the reservation, as of today. The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center meanwhile has activated their Incident Command Center.

This is to help the community receive the best quality of care, and be able to service the community in an effective and efficient manner. They are having all patients come through the main entrance for triage screening. Elsewhere, in March environmental news:

There are five separate irrigation districts in the upper Deschutes River basin, the North Unit and the Central Oregon dis-

tricts being the biggest.

For 70 years the districts have competed for river water, which they would then distribute to the farm operations and irrigators throughout the region.

The practice so far has been to store water in reservoirs during the cool months of winter, and then release large quantities of water within a relatively short period of time, during the summer months. This has led to serious degradation of tributaries of the Upper Deschutes.

The scenario is now in the process of changing, as the irrigation districts would face perilous legal and financial consequences, were the practice to continue. The districts are now forced to cooperate, and develop a management approach that considers a much wider range of elements.

This is clearly a matter of great significance to the Confederated Tribes, a large and senior water right holder in the basin. The tribes are also working, at great expense and effort, to restore fish runs in the upper reaches.

Community policing is a partnership: Law enforcement is a part

of the community.

The officers know the people, the neighborhoods, the customs. The officer response to crime, or potential crime is thereby informed, much more effective and long term. The philosophy of community policing is the priority of Warm Springs Police Chief William Elliott.

To the department Chief Elliott brings years of experience, from the region and around the world. He was among the forces in Afghanistan, during Operation Enduring Freedom, the War on Terrorism.

His work at the Department of State took him to the territory of the West Bank and Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon.

Stateside in law enforcement, after military service, Chief Elliott worked with the U.S. Border Patrol, Klamath County, and as Public Safety Director of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation. In the 1980s he worked with Warm Springs Police as a Special Agent of the BIA. Chief Elliott grew up in California. He is an enrolled member of the Kiowa, Native people of the Great Plains.

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At the Agency Longhouse in mid March, tribal elder George Aguilar opens the 2020 Census Count for the tribes, and for the state of Oregon.

Households of the reservation in March began submitting their 2020 census information online. At the Census Kick-Off event at the Agency Longhouse, some tribal members used the computers that were made available by Health and Human Services.

As soon as feasible, making more computers available, and providing any needed assistance with the submission, is part of the outreach of the Warm Springs Complete Count Committee. The enumerators of the 2020 census are planning to bring the submission information door-to-door on the reservation. For caution, this will be done by leaving the information at the front door.

Development at the Dips —

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What is the purpose of the FEMA trailers, and why do we call them FEMA Trailers?

The FEMA trailers were secured by the WS Housing Authority from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) several years ago and sold several of them locally. They have seven left, four 2-bedrooms and three 1-bedrooms, and they are currently located at the rodeo grounds

The seven trailers became known as “the FEMA Trailers”. One of the funding sources applied by the H&HS general manager approved the use of Housing Cares Act funds to purchase the trailers to use for quarantine.

The H&HS general manager proposed this to the Covid-19 Team and Tribal Council and gained support.

The purpose would be for quarantining those needing a place to stay.

When COVID-19 is no longer a threat the homes would be used as a homeless shelter and for a 90-day transitional home for those returning back from treatment. This places populations near services provided by H&HS.

Why do we need a quarantine site?

Many of our homes have multiple families living in one household. When the household has been exposed to Covid-19 they pass the virus from one person to the other.

The data we collect shows that the majority of our positive cases is within households. We can prevent the spread to others within a household from happening if we can separate those who have the virus from others who do not.

Especially when we want to protect our Elders, those with underlying conditions, and those who are pregnant.

There is no place within many homes to protect them due to lack of space. We have an obligation to protect the community. We have lost several members already due to this virus. At the time of this article we have had more than 500 positive cases since the pandemic began.

So the FEMA Trailers Quarantine Project will not only be used for those who have the virus?

That is true, the trailers would house those who need to be quarantined because they have the virus or they do not have the virus but need a safe place to be away from the virus within the household.

Who authorized this?

The Covid-19 Team presented this Quarantine Project to the Tribal Council, a resolution was passed, and this project was put on the fast track to get the project going.

The original site was on Kalama street near the Health and Wellness

Center.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority had not received approval for the Dips at this time and wanted to join the H&HS at this site to keep cost down since we would be targeting the same population once the virus crises ends.

Once the Dips was approved Warm Springs Housing invited the H&HS to join them at the Dips.

This occurred in September, the funds were approved by Tribal Council, a contract was granted with Ventures and work began with the Quarantine Project with a goal to have the FEMA trailers ready by the end of December.

Can others catch the virus from the quarantine trailers? The FEMA trailers will be across the street from the trailer



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courts, the winds come down the dips and then to the trailer courts. What is the probability of catching the virus?

The virus is spread by droplets, once in the air it drops downward.

There is no evidence that the viral particles can go through walls or glass, and with the distance of the trailers, traveling across the street is highly improbable.

The virus needs a host to stay alive; the further away the virus is from a host the more likely it will die off.

This is the main reason why we practice social distancing, wearing masks and using sanitizers to prevent the virus entering our bodies.

Those who will be housed at the Quarantine FEMA trailers will not all have the virus. We will house those needing to be quarantined, so some will not have the virus but cannot stay at their homes when others in their household or positive and they have no place to go.

Why was there not community input to the site?

Once the new site at the Dips became available we moved forward with that site. There was no intentions to leave the community out but we did and we apologize for that.

Questions? Contact **Caroline M. Cruz**, Health and Human Services General Manager at 541-615-0140.

Or email caroline.cruz@wstribes.org

Note: Please continue to wear your masks, social distance a minimum of six feet when you are out, use sanitizers, have sanitizers available in your vehicle(s), your homes, workspace and make it a habit to use.

If you need masks or sanitizers they are available at Emergency Management or the Family Resource Center.

Be safe!



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In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Note: All proceedings are held in the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs BETHANNE LONGKNIFE, Respondent; Case No. JV26-20. TO: BETHANNE LONGKNIFE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISCOVERY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

EDNA WILLIAMS, Petitioner, vs LOUIS TEWEE JR, Respondent; Case No. DO149-19. TO: EDNA WILLIAMS, LOUIS TEWEE JR, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **5TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TURINA WALLULATUM, Respondent; Case No. DO68,69-13. TO: TURINA WALLULATUM, DEBORAH JACKSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **13TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

TIMOTHY JENSEN, Petitioner, vs TRISH TANEWASHA, Respondent; Case No JV33-,34-12. TO: TIMOTHY JENSEN, TRISH TANEWASHA:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MODIFICATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **30TH day of DECEMBER, 2020 @ 1:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LOREEN STORMBRINGER, Respondent; Case No. JV55-18. TO: LOREEN STORMBRINGER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **19TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARIANN TENORIO, Respondent; Case No. JV139-05, JV85-15, JV28-20. TO: CARIANN TENORIO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **25TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MACHELL MACY, Respondent; Case No. JV136-06, JV118-10. TO: MACHELL MACY, WATKINS JOHNSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW / SHOW CAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs BETHANNE LONGKNIFE, Respondent; Case No. JV26-20. TO: BETHANNE LONGKNIFE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a JURISDICTIONAL has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs NORALISETTE MCKINLEY, Respondent; Case No. JV30-20. TO: NORALISETTE MCKINLEY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs IVY WALLULATUM, Respondent; Case No. JV42-13, JV113-14. TO: IVY WALLULATUM:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **25TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

MANDA SUPPAH, Petitioner, vs DELLA RAE SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. DO69-04, DO70-04. TO: MANDA SUPPAH, DELLA RAE SUPPAH:

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV32,33,34,35.36-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER JR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV02-06, JV37-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, JAMES SMITH JR:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **27TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILMA BAZA, Respondent; Case No. JV12-18. TO: WJILMA BAZA:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **10TH day**

of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JULIA YAHTIN-CLOUD, Respondent; Case No. JV92-19. TO: JULIA YAHTIN-CLOUD:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **18TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs NORALISETTE MCKINLEY, Respondent; Case No. JV105-10, JV25-12. TO: NORALISITTE MCKINLEY, AARON EAGLESPEAKER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Warner Jim, Respondent; Case No. CR234-20. TO: Warner Jim:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Kaylyn Wolfe, Respondent; Case No. CR235-20. TO: Kaylyn Wolfe:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs D'Lynray Spino, Respondent; Case No. CR230-20. TO: D'Lynray Spino:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Larry Switzler, Respondent; Case No. CR486-19. TO: Larry Switzler:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Pre-Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 6, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Jason Smith, Respondent; Case No. CR229-20. TO: Jason Smith:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are

summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Larry Switzler, Respondent; Case No. CR226-20. TO: Larry Switzler:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Larry Switzler, Respondent; Case No. CR489-19. TO: Larry Switzler:

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Marissa Kalama, Respondent; Case No. CR190-20. TO: Marissa Kalama:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Show Cause Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Maurice Smith Jr., Respondent; Case No. CR90-19. TO: Maurice Smith Jr.:

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Michelle Charley, Respondent; Case No. CR126-20. TO: Michelle Charley:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Discovery Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 6, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Michelle Charley, Respondent; Case No. CR103-20. TO: Michelle Charley:

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Morris Holliday, Respondent; Case No. CR96-20. TO: Morris Holliday:

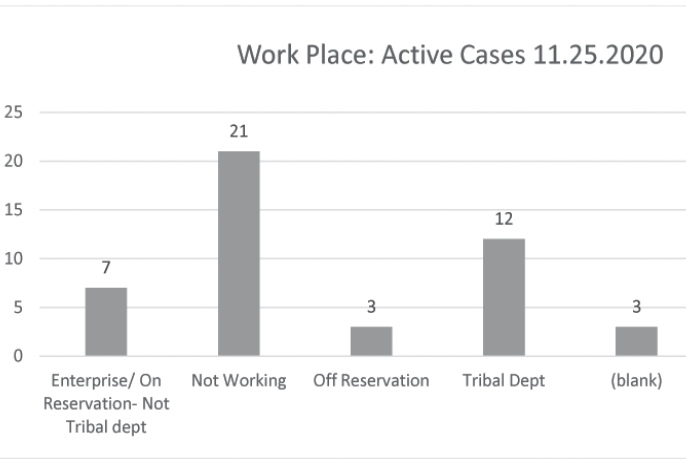
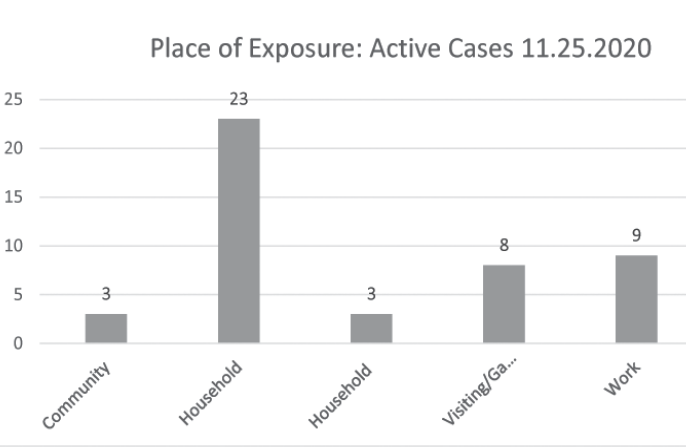
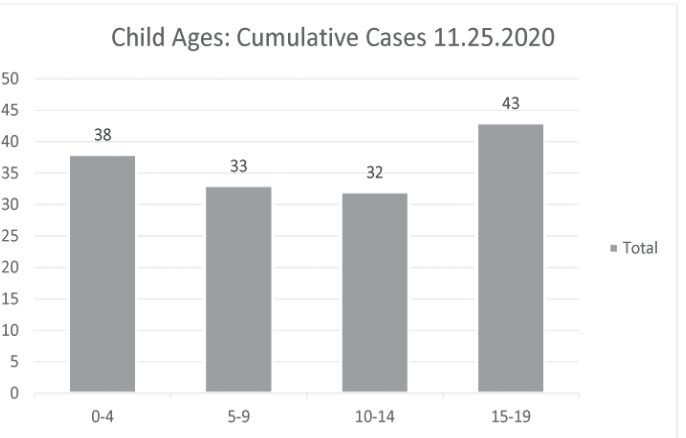
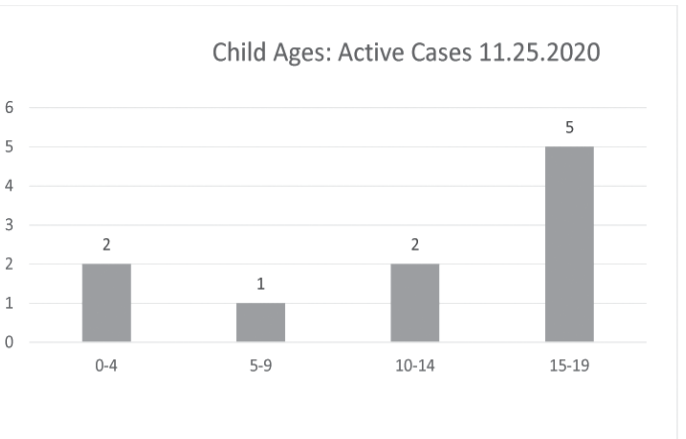
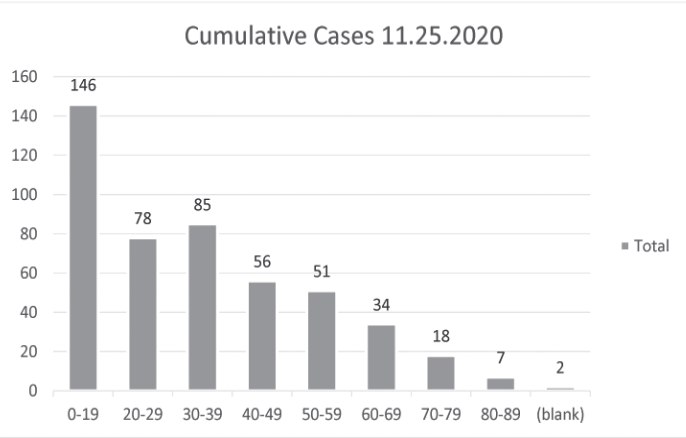
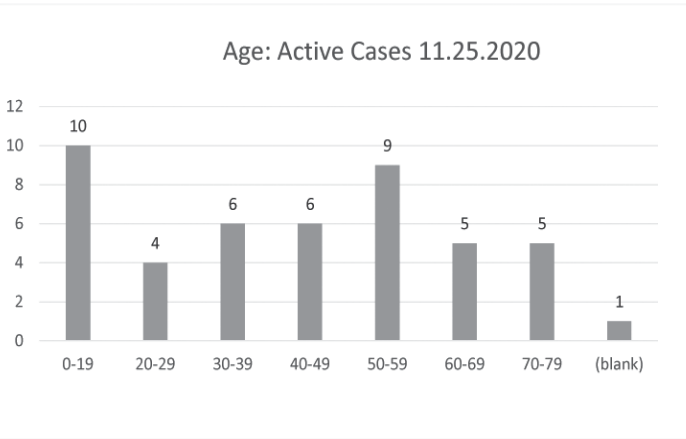
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These graphs—bottom at left and below—chart reservation Covid-19 case demographics as of mid last week, the day before Thanksgiving Day. The hope among health and other tribal officials is that the holiday season would not lead to new spikes in the positivity rate among the membership, as happened following Memorial Day and July Fourth. *Please practice safety to protect yourself, family and friends, and the community: Avoid large gatherings, social distance, wear the mask, wash your hands.* Information provided by Community Health, IHS, Health and Human Services, and the Confederated Tribes Covid-19 Response Team.

Active Cases: 46

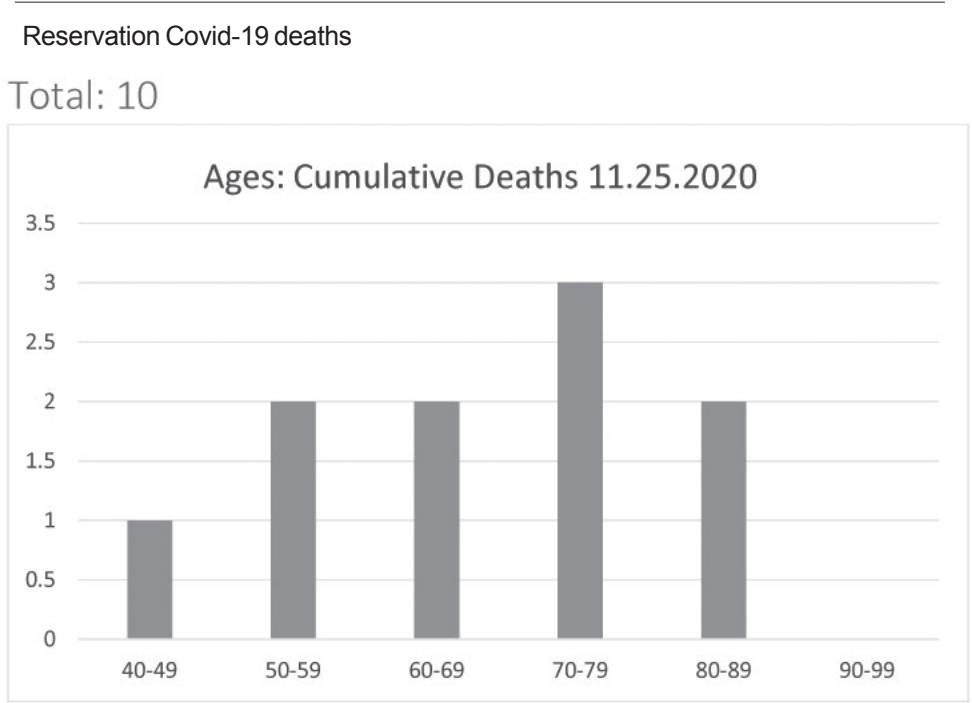
Cumulative Cases: 477



Hospitalizations:

Inpatient: 1

Total Discharged: 49



~ 2020 Review ~

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April

A great example of why the Confederated Tribes need a strong membership showing in the 2020 U.S. Census is happening now, as the tribes contend with the present national health crisis: The federal **CARES**—Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security—Act is \$2 trillion legislation that includes several billion dollars specifically to tribes across the U.S.

The supplemental funding could help tribes address some costs of the Covid-19 response. The impact on tribal essential services, and each tribes’ demographics would play a large part in how the billions are allocated among the 573 federally recognized tribes.

The community profile gathered during the census would help guide this determination. This is just one of a myriad of examples of the vital need for membership census participation: Until the next census in 2030, the 2020 count will determine the allocation of federal funding for Medicare and Medicaid, housing, public safety, transportation, water and other essential services.

Among the highest of Tribal Council priorities has always been **the education of the young membership**: The future of the tribes relies upon this, literally, said Valerie Switzler, general manager of the tribal Education Branch.

There are any number of future educational paths a young person may take, Ms. Switzler said: Training, vocational or technical school, higher education, to name only some. These are the choices that will define the future of the Confederated Tribes.

As with anything worth doing, this is always a challenge; and these days the challenge has taken on an added context: The schools are closed—meaning self-discipline and support of family, friends and community are essential for the tribal youth now more than ever.

The school district continues to provide breakfast and lunches to the students. And at these pick-up

sites the district has been making available printed home education material. This is now leading up to the adoption this week of ‘Distance Learning for All.’

In mid April, Tribal Council took **two key actions** regarding the immediate work future of most tribal employees. Council extended the organization shut-down stay-at-home administrative leave policy for an additional two weeks, through May 8. Council also added a coronavirus relief provision to the employee 401-k plan.

The 401-k plan addition gives employees, who experience financial hardship because of the pandemic, a means to access their retirement account funds without the immediate 10-percent early withdrawal tax penalty. The amount withdrawn will be subject to taxation, to be spread over a three-year period.

The change to the 401-K policy came on the recommendation of the tribal Pension Committee, as presented by Catherine Langford, committee attorney.

The Council vote to add the coronavirus hardship provision to the retirement fund policy, like the vote on the extension of administrative leave, was unanimous.

The change to retirement fund access, and waiver of the 10-percent penalty and tax deferral, would be in effect through December 31. The change is called a ‘coronavirus-related distribution,’ or CRD; and is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stability—Cares—Act.

Residents at long term care facilities are among the highest at risk from the coronavirus. In the starkest of terms, the long-term care residents are the most likely to die from the coronavirus, given their advanced age and the prevalence of other health conditions, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, these facilities are among the hardest hit: In Oregon half of all deaths from the virus have happened among residents of long-

term care facilities. Clearly, extreme precaution is required to protect our most vulnerable, and those who care for them.

The staff at **High Lookee Lodge** are taking all measures to best ensure the safety of the 16 residents and 15 staff, 24 hours seven days a week. Yet there is an issue being addressed in these extraordinary times:

High Lookee Lodge is closed to the general public. Staff only, with the exception of medical providers and necessary delivery workers—following all proper precautions—are allowed in the building.

At the same time High Lookee Lodge is a fully licensed assisted living facility, meaning the residents themselves are allowed to come and go as they wish. In a vehicle family or friends can pull up in front of High Lookee, pick up a resident, go for a drive, stop by a residence or store; and then return to the lodge.

The 2020 Census is under way on the reservation and among tribal members. Because of the coronavirus and stay-at-home requirements, the **time to submit your census** information is extended from the previous end date of July to October 31.

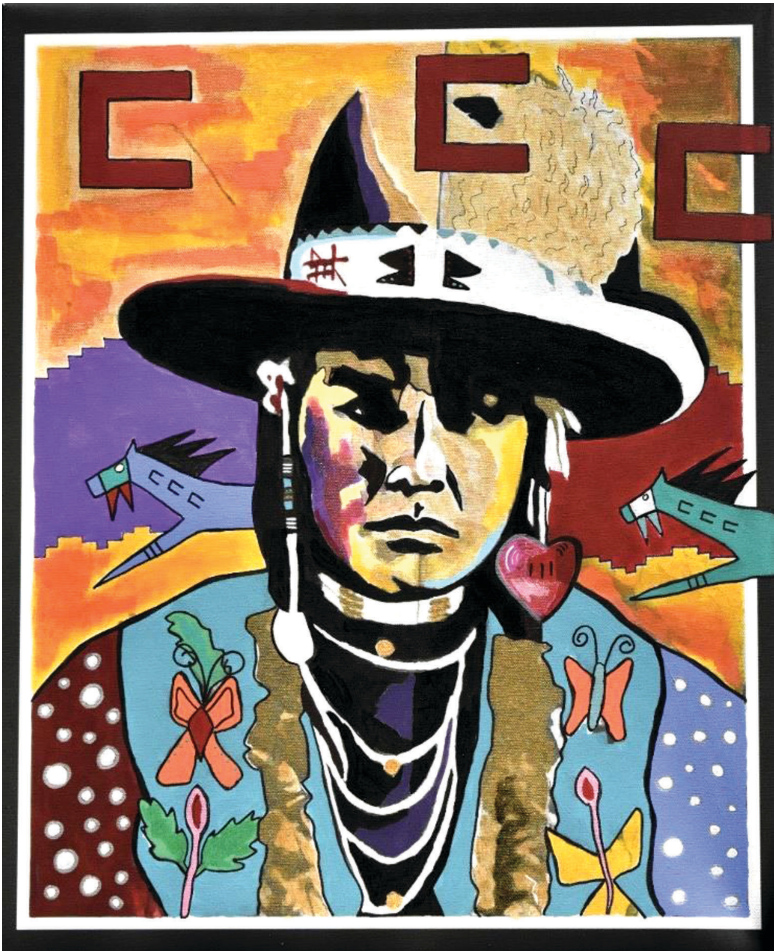
Monitoring the Covid-19 situation on the reservation, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center by mid April had **tested about 200 residents**.

Thankfully, many of the test samples came back negative; while eleven have come back positive, as of mid April.

The state lab where the samples are evaluated is taking between one and two days for results, said Hyllis Dauphinais, Health and Wellness Center chief executive officer. In a statement Mr. Dauphinais said:

“Today and every day since we stood up our incident command and our Tribal Partners Response Team, I have worked together with an amazing team of committed community members in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“This team has been tasked with providing recommendations to the Tribal Council. I would like to rec-



Early 2020 Tribal Member Exhibit artwork by Ellen Taylor.

ognize the members of the current Tribal Partners Response Team.’

Ballots are out for the May 19 Oregon Primary. There are local, state and federal candidates on the ballot, partisan and non-partisan. Examples of more localized races:

Carina Miller is running in the Democratic primary for Oregon State Senate District 30. Incumbent Lynn Findley is running in the Republican primary for Oregon State Senate District 30.

A position is open on the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. The candidates for county commission position no. 3 are Kenneth Bicart, Wayne Fording and Kim Schmith.

May

The **Warm Springs gaming** enterprise continues to monitor closely the Covid-19 pandemic. The enterprise has made the following statement:

After much consideration, extensive review of current situations with our Tribal Council and board of directors, Indian Head Casino management has extended the voluntary closure until further notice. At this time, we cannot provide a definite reopen date.

(Review continues December 16)



Sue Matters/KWSO

A safety and parking logistics planning meeting at the clinic among Yvonne Iverson, Amy Whistler and Dr. Locker (from left).

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Russell Charley jr., Respondent; Case No. FG11-19. TO: Russell Charley Jr:

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Preston Tom, Respondent; Case No. CR215-20. TO: Preston Tom:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Discovery Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 6, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs URSELA RUSSELL, Respondent; Case No. CR170-20. TO: Ursela Russell:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Show Cause Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 5, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner vs Shanell Kalama, Respondent; Case No. CR180-20. TO:

Shanell Kalama:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Discovery Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 6, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Mernie C. Polk, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2011-PR01. To Cecelia LeClaire, Alvin Wells, Travis Wells, Michelle Wells, Anthony Guerin, Raymond Wells, Angel Wells and Martirai Ramsey:

You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **2 p.m. on December 16, 2020.**

In the matter of the state of Darrell Anthony James Smith, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-39. To Cheryle Smith and Mackalin Kalama:

You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **11 a.m. on December 28, 2020.**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Katie Smith, Defendant; Case No. CR160-20. TO: Ellery Leclaire:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to

appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Jayce Allen, Defendant; Case No. CR563-19. TO: Jayce Allen:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that ORAL ARGUMENTS has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **January 14, 2021 @ 9:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Ellery Leclaire, Defendant; Case No. CR162-20. TO: Ellery Leclaire:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Louis Tewee Jr., Defendant; Case No. CR151-20; CR81-20; CR560-19. TO: Louis Tewee Jr.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **December 8, 2020 @ 8:00am**



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Social Security notice

Letters regarding the Cost of Living Adjustments—the COLA—and the new Medicare Part B amounts will be mailed out any day from Social Security.

The statements are re-

quired when applying for Senior programs as proof of income. Most of us who receive these statements lose them within a couple days or so.

To ensure that you always have a copy you can bring

the statement by my office at the Resource Center to be photo copied and stored for future use. Please consider this option. Thank you,

Rosemary 'Mushy' Alarcon, 541-553-4955.

Latest Indian Country covid data from IHS

Indian Health Services data show 101,717 tests have returned positive for Covid-19, across all of Indian Country.

That represents an increase of almost 1 percent from the 100,765 cases previously reported by the IHS. The most recent data was released late last week.

Altogether, 1,353,684 coronavirus tests have been administered within the IHS through.

Since mid-October, the IHS has been providing additional information about the spread of the coronavirus within the system.

The cumulative percent positive column shows the historical Covid-19 infection rate, meaning the number of tests that have returned positive since the onset of the pandemic.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in the Navajo Area (14 percent), the Phoenix Area (12.9 percent), the Oklahoma City Area (10 percent) the Great Plains Area (9.8 percent) and the the Albuquerque Area (9.8 percent).

The first two regions include the state of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate toll of Covid-19 in the state.

The 7-day rolling average positivity column offers a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows where Covid-19 cases have been increasing recently.

Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, five regions have seen dramatic increases in Covid-19 cases. They are: the Billings Area (20.1 percent), the Albuquerque Area (18.2 percent), the Great Plains Area (18 percent), the Oklahoma City Area (17.8 percent) and the Navajo Area

(15 percent).

Overall, 8.1 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows. The 7-day average has grown higher over the last few weeks and now stands at 12.8 percent.

The data, however, is incomplete: While 100 percent of facilities run directly by the IHS are reporting data, only 33 percent of tribally managed facilities and 44 percent of urban Indian organizations are doing the same.

The service population for IHS across Indian Country is approximately 2,562,290.

Based on that figure, 52.8

percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives have been tested for the coronavirus since the IHS began reporting data in March.

The IHS user population, on the other hand, is a much smaller number. As of 2019, 1,662,834 American Indians and Alaska Natives have lived within a service delivery area and have received health care at an IHS or tribal facility during the previous three years.

Based on the user population, 81.4 percent of Native Americans have been tested for the coronavirus since the IHS began reporting data in March.

Dam demolition could save salmon from extinction

When Karuk tribal member and cultural biologist Ron Reed was just a toddler in the early 1960s, he liked to crouch on a rounded rock poking out of the rushing water of California's Klamath River, watching his family fish for the Chinook salmon that arrived in late spring. The fish crowded so thickly in the water that they looked nearly solid enough to walk across.

His family had waited through the long winter for these fish. They would fill sacks full of salmon, enough to feed them several times a day for months.

Those days of extreme abundance are decades gone. For the past few years Reed, fishing now with his own children, has taken only a few spring-run fish from the river. Dams, climate change, and other issues have

wreaked havoc on salmon along the U.S. West Coast, and the declines have been particularly acute for the spring-run fish, which migrate farther upstream and so are more likely to have been cut off from their habitat by the dams.

But in November a long-delayed project to remove some of the major dams on the Klamath cleared a major hurdle: The governors of Oregon and California agreed to take control of the dams from PacifiCorp, the utility that operates them. The states and the utility have also agreed on financing for the \$450 million plan.

Federal regulatory approval is still required, and nothing is certain—but for now the dams are back on track for removal starting in 2023.

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