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Welcome start to a New Year

The first Covid-19 vaccines arrived last week at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Clinic. Staff began administering the vaccines right away; and as of earlier this week, the clinic workers had given these first vaccines to roughly 200 individuals.

The follow-up shot is administered 28 days following the first one. The clinic expects to receive more shots this week, and into coming months, continuing the vaccinations as the shots become available.

Clearly, this marks a key turning point in the fight against the pandemic. Following the Centers for Disease Control and IHS guidelines, the clinic is administering the shots as follows:

- Phase 1a: Health care personnel, and long term care facility residents.

- Phase 1b: Age 75 and older, and frontline essential workers.

- Phase 1c: Essential workers not recommended in Phase 1b; age 65-74, and persons aged 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions

Phase 2: Available for those 16-64 years old not included in Phase 1 who are recommended for vaccination. The clinic wishes to share the following information with the community (*also see page 7 of this publication*):

First: Will the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine give you Covid-19?

Answer: No. The Moderna vaccine does not contain the virus and cannot give a person Covid-19.



Side effects that have been reported with the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine include:

Injection site reactions: Pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling and redness.

General side effects: Fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting and fever.

There is a remote chance that the vaccine could cause a severe allergic reaction. A severe allergic reaction would usually occur within a few minutes to one hour after getting a dose of the vaccine.

For this reason, your vaccination provider may ask you to stay at the place where you received your vaccine for monitoring after the vaccination.

It is your choice to receive or not receive the vaccine.

Should you decide not to receive it, this will not change your standard medical care.

Question: Are other choices available for preventing Covid-19



Mitchell Lira photos/KWSO

Last week preparing (top left) for the very first Covid-19 vaccine on the reservation are clinic staff Tim Wainanwit (seated) and Marc Mason; and the first vaccination (above right); and (directly above) Tim and Marc following the history-making shot of hope.

besides the vaccine?

Answer: Currently, there is no FDA-approved alternative vaccine available for prevention of Covid-19: The available vaccinations are

available under Emergency Use Authorization.

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, discuss your options with your healthcare provider.

In January at Council

Tribal Council has a full agenda in January, beginning on Monday, January 4 with early year updates from the BIA, the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, Realty, IHS, Covid-19 Response, legislative calls and tribal attorney updates.

The Council Proclamation and Priorities are up for discussion on Tuesday, January 5; along with draft resolutions, a Personnel Policy update, BIA Tribal Court assessment, Miss Warm Springs discussion, and Native Veterans Mental Health discussion.

Wednesday, January 6 items include Trust dollars discussion with Finance and the Secretary-Treasurer; a landfill update, Cares Act funding, and board appointments.

Enterprise updates begin Monday of the following week, starting with Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza, followed by Power and Water; Composite Products; Telecom, Credit, Ventures, the Housing Authority and Timber.

Enterprise and committee updates continue on Tuesday, January 12 with the Museum at Warm Springs, High Looker Lodge, the Kah-Nee-Ta hamlets, the Culture and Heritage Committee, Fish and Wildlife On Reservation, and the Education Committee. The Timber Committee update is Wednesday, January 13, followed by Health and Welfare, Land-Use, Range and Ag, Fish and Wildlife Off Reservation, and the Water Board. Council discussion continues on several more items as the month progresses.

Community update

As of earlier this week, the Warm Springs Healthness Center had conducted 6,561 tests for the Covid-19 virus. Of these, 5,944 have come back negative.

Since the clinic began testing in March, there have been a total of 590 positives.

Since the pandemic began, among the reservation population 64 individuals have been hospitalized with Covid-19. Fifty-nine have been discharged.

There have been 14 deaths among the reservation population. In addition to the tests from the clinic, there have been 74 positive tests among the membership from other facility testing. This brings the total to 664 among the Confederated Tribes membership.

There were a total of 23 new positives last week. As of earlier in the week, there were 32 people on the reservation with active Covid-19, receiving daily monitoring by tribal and IHS staff.

In addition, 67 people were identified as in close contact, and were also receiving the daily monitoring.

Ahern recounts work with Senator in D.C.

For a year now Robert 'Bobby' Ahern, 25, has been a Legislative Assistant to Oregon's U.S. Senator Ron Wyden.

His work with Sen. Wyden continues Bobby's federal legislative work that began in 2016, when he was the recipient of the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship.

At that time he worked in the office of U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer, of Oregon's Third Congressional District.

"That was a great opportunity—an introduction and experience working in a Congressional office,"

In 2017, after his time as the Hatfield Fellow, Bobby then worked for the National Indian Health Board. The NIHB, based on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., represents tribal governments on health care matters at the national level.

With the NIHB Bobby worked on Congressional relations, often related to funding matters for tribal health programs and services. This was an opportunity to further get to

know Congressional offices and tribal governments, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, of which Bobby is a member.

Then about this time last year he began his job as Legislative Assistant to Sen. Wyden. The legislative aides each have areas of particular focus. With Sen. Wyden, Bobby focuses on all things related to energy, natural resources and water, among other tribal matters. Some notable examples:

In late 2019 Senators Wyden and Jeff Merkley introduced The Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act. "I've been able to work a lot on that bill," Bobby says.

The law would provide additional resources for Western tribes to address ageing drinking water infrastructure, often long-overdue for improvement and expansion. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs were among the direct inspirations for this legislation: The bill originated around the time of the tribes' first long-term water crisis. At its introduction in the U.S. Senate, Warm Springs Tribal Council Chairman Raymond



Robert Ahern

Tsumpti commented:

"This legislation would throw a lifeline to tribes like Warm Springs that are in dire need of water infrastructure improvements to serve their tribal membership."

Another pending matter with the Sen. Wyden's office is proposed legislation to help address the growing wildfire threat in the West, including on tribal lands. These laws can be expected to move forward early in 2021. There are two significant components to this legislative effort of great interest to Warm Springs, Bobby said.

One is the funding of the programs themselves, to mitigate the wildlife risk. And a second element is the creation of jobs—workforce development—to carry out these programs, he said.

Sen. Wyden is also a strong advocate of Covid-19 relief for Oregon communities; and tribal communities have been very hard hit by the pandemic: Native communities have seen 3.5 times the rate of Covid-19 infection as compared to non-Hispanic whites.

A legislative project that began some time before Bobby's time with Senator Wyden was 2020 nullification of the treaty of 1865. "Being from Oregon and a tribal member, I thought that was great," he says.

While working as a Legislative Assistant, Bobby is also a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University. He is a graduate of Pacific University, where he studied Sociology and Political Science. This month Bobby has been staying at home with his parents, Fran and Judge Dan Ahern, during the holidays. He plans to return to D.C. early in the New Year.

— Dave McMechan

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Summary of Tribal Council

December 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: C h i e f Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Anita Jackson, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Glendon Smith, Raymond (Captain) Moody. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

CARES Act spending with Alfred Estimo Jr., Finance, and Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer:

- Motion by Anita approving reimbursement to enterprises for hazard pay. Second call. Motion failed due to lack of a second.
- Motion by Anita approving appropriation of funds to Ventures for the water solar project as long as Tribal Council has assurance that we meet all restrictions of CARES Act spending. Second by Delvis. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Michele will email the enterprises to send actual costs associated with payroll costs for reimbursement.

Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE) discussion Michael Collins, director:

- Motion by Brigitte authorizing Mike to proceed with IMCE; Second by Anita; Discussion; Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Supplemental budget **Warm Springs ballfields** with Alfred and Michele Stacona:

- Alfred and Michele will submit a Resolution for Tribal Council approval for transferring funds between

budget categories.

Resolutions:

- 122 funds with Caroline Cruz, general manager, Health and Human Services.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,756 that the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to provide for the allocation of Health Services Fund collections (third party billings) for the Calendar Year 2021 as indicated in exhibit A, and to program such savings expected at the end of Calendar Year 2020 for the one-year budget plan for the year 2021. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Grants/Contracts** with Travis Wells, general manager, Utilities; and Ellen Grover, tribal attorney.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,757 approving the Grant Contracts, attached as Exhibits A, B and C, including the limited waivers of tribal sovereign immunity set out in the Grant Contracts. That Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer/CEO to sign and execute the Grant Contracts on behalf of the Tribes and authorizes the authorized representatives or their delegates to take or cause to be taken all acts, including but not limited to execution of all certificates on behalf of the Tribes to perform and carry out the Grant Contracts. Second by Delvis. Discussion. Alfred/yes, Glendon/yes, Brigitte/yes,

Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Bonus/Trust dollars discussion with Secretary-Treasurer:

- Information will be given to tribal members regarding dividend payments.

Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan with tribal attorney, Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe, and Power and Water general manager Jim Manion:

- Executive session, 1:37-2 p.m.

Auto Enrollment Pension Committee discussion with Jeffrey Carstensen, chief executive officer Indian Head Gaming; and Alfred Estimo Jr., Finance director:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,758 that the first amendment to the plan in the form presented to Tribal Council. This date hereby is approved and adopted on behalf of the Tribe: That the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is authorized and directed to execute the first amendment to the enterprise plan on behalf of the Tribe. Second by Delvis. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,759: That the Warm Springs Pension Committee hereby is authorized and directed to monitor and manage the 401 (k) Plan investments on behalf of the Tribes, subject to the reporting requirements set forth in the attached Exhibit A, effective as of January 1, 2021. That the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is authorized and directed to execute

any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intention of this Resolution. Second by Delvis. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

U.S. Small Business Administration letter, regarding Ventures:

- Motion by Brigitte authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter to the U.S. Small Business Administration in San Francisco, California regarding the 8(a) application. Second by Captain. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Sampson, director, Vital Statistics:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,760 enrolling seven individuals. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Resolutions Michele Stacona:

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,743(A) that the Tribes renew affiliation with Inter-Tribal Timber Council through the remittance of the 2020 annual dues of \$250. Second by Captain. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes,

Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Grant contract with State of Oregon Department of **Education, Early Learning** Division:
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,761 that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Grant Contract, attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the limited waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity set out in the Grant Contract. That Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-

Treasurer/CEO to sign and execute the Grant Contract on behalf of the Tribe and authorizes the Authorized Representatives or their delegate to take or cause to be taken all acts on behalf of the Tribe to perform and carry out the Grant Contract. Second by Captain. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

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Covid-19 contract tracing has shown that the most frequent places of exposure are within households and at gatherings, or visiting with people that are not part of your household.

On the reservation for youth 18 and younger: There is a curfew in effect daily from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. People over 18 should try to stay at home between those hours, with the exception of essential employees going to work. These actions are to protect vulnerable members of the Warm Springs Community from exposure to Covid-19.



Housing grant applications due Dec. 31

The Housing Improvement Program is a home repair, renovation, replacement and housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and federally-recognized Indian tribes for American Indians and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing.

To be eligible for Housing Improvement Program assistance you must be a member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or an Alaska Native, and live in an approved tribal service area. Additional requirements: Have an income that does not exceed 150 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines;

- Have present housing that is substandard, as defined in the regulations 25 CFR, Part 256;
- Have no other resource for housing assistance;
- Have not previously received HIP assistance for repairs, renovation, replacement or housing, or down payment assistance;
- And have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program within the previous 20 years.

Interested applicants should contact Sharon Jackson for an application package containing the application, guidelines and required supporting documentation

necessary in order to qualify for eligibility.

Complete applications and all supporting documentation are due this Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Sharon Jackson, Tribal Government Specialist, BIA Northwest Region. email: Sharon.jackson@bia.gov

Phone: (425) 258-2651 ext. 252

Note: Regulations have changed; there is an additional Category D—Down Payment Assistance, for information contact the Warm Springs Housing Authority for more information, 541-553-3250.

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Letters to the editor

New Years Eve

People love having a reason to gather, and there’s no better time of year to spend with loved ones than New Year’s Eve. Health care workers want to remind you that this year the safest activity is to stay home.

If you are thinking of visiting for New Years, please consider the risk. And besides, the Indian New Year already happened, on the Winter Solstice last week.

The type of travel that is the lowest risk is traveling by car with only the people you live with. If you do have to travel, here are some tips for increasing your safety:

If you can, travel alone by car, or only with people you live with.

Limit stops and wear a face covering when you do have to stop.

If you have to travel by airplane, train, ship, ferry, subway, taxi or ride share wear a face covering.

Keep six feet of physical distance between yourself and anyone you don’t live with whenever possible.

Wash your hands often. Bring hand sanitizer with at least 60-percent alcohol in case there is no place to wash hands.

Stay in a separate room from others when you arrive at your destination.

Anyone who returns to Oregon or enters the state because of non-essential travel is urged to quarantine for 14 days after arrival and limit their interactions to the people they live with.

From Sanitation

Sanitation pickup routes regularly scheduled for this Friday, January 1, 2021 will be picked up on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

The vaccine

Covid-19 vaccines are now being administered in Warm Springs, and across Oregon and the rest of the U.S. Many are anxiously awaiting their turn to get a vaccination of their own. New vaccines, however, create new questions. Health authorities say:

While you may have had a severe allergic reaction to a vaccine in the past, that does not necessarily mean you will have a severe allergic reaction to a Covid-19 vaccine.

If you have had a severe allergic reaction to other vaccines, you should talk

with your health care provider about whether a Covid-19 vaccination will be safe for you. However, those who have a history of allergies to food, pets, venom, environmental factors, latex or oral medications may still get vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also put safeguards in place to ensure that, in the instance someone does experience a severe allergic reaction as a result of a Covid-19 vaccination, the person receives immediate medical care.

For instance, people with a history of severe allergic reactions will be monitored for 30 minutes after getting the vaccine, as opposed to the standard 15 minutes for those without a history of severe reaction. To learn more about severe allergic reactions and the Covid-19 vaccine, visit the CDC’s ‘Covid-19 Vaccines and Severe Allergic Reactions’ webpage.

Haaland comments

Remarks by nominee for U.S. Secretary of Interior, Deb Haaland. If confirmed to the position, Ms. Haaland would be the first Native American to serve as Secretary of the Interior. Her remarks after her nomination:

Thank you. I’m proud to stand here—on the ancestral homelands of the Lenape Tribal Nation. The president-elect and vice president-elect are committed to a diverse cabinet, and I’m honored and humbled to accept their nomination for Secretary of the Interior.

Growing up in my mother’s Pueblo household made me fierce. My life has not been easy — I struggled with homelessness, relied on food stamps, and raised my child as a single mom.

These struggles give me perspective to help people succeed.

My grandparents—who were taken away from their families as children and sent to boarding school, in an effort to destroy their traditions and identities—maintained our culture.

This moment is profound when we consider the fact that a former Secretary of the Interior once proclaimed it his goal to, quote, ‘civilize or exterminate’ us. I’m a living testament to the failure of that horrific ideology.

I also stand on the shoulders of my ancestors, and

Sending our best wishes as clinic business office manager retires

Deborah ‘Debbie’ Jackson is retiring from the Indian Health Service at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. Her retirement is this Thursday, December 31.

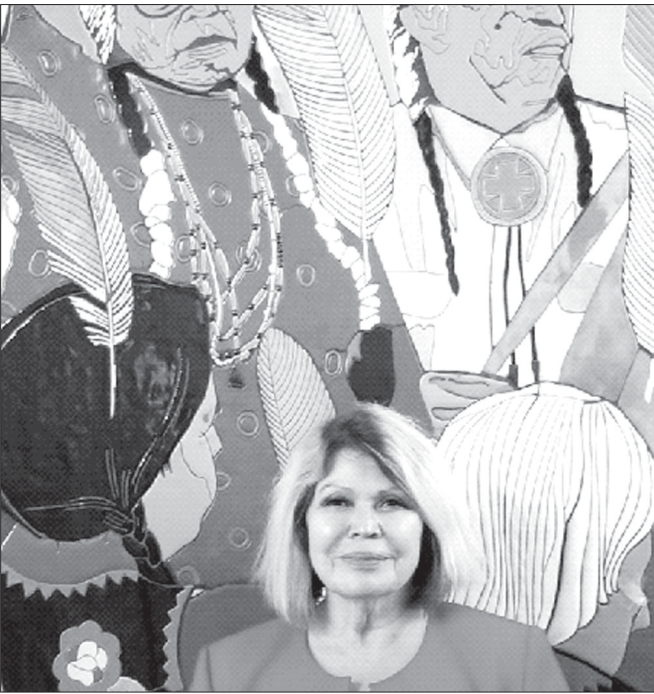
Debbie has worked at the clinic since September of 1999. She started in the business office, where she worked in every position before becoming the department manager in 2005.

Ms. Jackson is the daughter of Vernon and Louise Jackson.

As the clinic business office manager, Debbie supervised patient registration, billing, collections and accounts receivable. She consistently demonstrated commitment to assuring the Warm Springs Clinic and community had access to all available resources.

In 2012, Debbie implemented a grant from the Oregon Health Authority for a benefit coordinator positions to assist patients with obtaining and maintaining their enrollment into the Oregon Health Plan.

Prior to that, she ap-



Photos courtesy IHS

Debbie Jackson by the clinic front entrance mosaic: In upper left of the mosaic is Matilda Mitchell, who hand-crafted Debbie’s Miss Warm Springs beaded dress. Maxine Switzler beaded her Wasco headpiece.



Debbie was Miss Warm Springs 1971. That year she was also alternate Miss Indian America. In 1970 she had been Miss Indian Northwest.

Debbie has been a part of the Warm Springs Executive Leadership Team for many years.

At the clinic e will miss her wise guidance, sense of humor, and unique style. We send her off with wishes for happiness in all her adventures during this new chapter of her life.

The staff of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

all the people who have sacrificed so that I can be here.

My dad was a U.S. Marine, and no matter where we were stationed, he made sure we spent time outdoors.

Time with my dad in the mountains or on the beach and time with my grandparents in the cornfield at Laguna taught me to respect the Earth and to value our resources. I carry those values with me everywhere. I’m a product of their resilience.

As our country faces the impacts of climate change and environmental injustice, the Interior Department has a role to address these challenges.

The president-elect’s goals are driven by justice and empowering communities who have shouldered the burdens of environmental negligence.

And we will ensure that the decisions at Interior will once again be driven by science.

We know that climate change can only be solved with participation of every department and of every community coming together in common purpose — this country can and will tackle this challenge.

The president-elect and vice president-elect know that issues under Interior’s jurisdiction aren’t simply about conservation — they’re woven in with justice, good jobs, and closing the racial, wealth, and health gaps.

This historic moment will not go by without the acknowledgment of the many people who have believed in me over the years and had the confidence in me for this position.

I’ll be fierce for all of us, for our planet, and all of our protected land.

I am honored and ready to serve. **Deb Haaland.**

Household resources available to community members

These are some facts about the Covid-19 Community Outreach project for 2021.

Any community member is eligible to receive a ‘community basket.’ The basket is comprised of whatever has been donated to my office, and does include things like laundry soap, bleach, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, masks, etc.

Receiving items is based on household size to ensure that adequate supplies are given. A family of five receives enough supplies for their household just like a household of 15 would.

There are no income requirements—just a short survey.

If delivery is needed, that can be arranged.

Due to current organizational restrictions, phone calls are encouraged so that when pick-up is done there

Covid-19

Community Outreach Project

Covid-19 is in the community of Warm Springs, and to keep everyone safe please:
Please wash your hands, wear a mask, & reduce going off the reservation.

How can you protect your home and family?

We can provide: household, cleaning, and personal protection supplies!

Call (541) 615-0141 or (541) 553-3415

Call I.H.S. if you feel sick with

⇒ Fever or chills

⇒ Cough

⇒ Shortness of Breath

⇒ Fatigue

⇒ Muscle or Body Aches

⇒ Sore Throat

⇒ Runny Nose

⇒ Nausea or Vomiting

⇒ Diarrhea

This project is made possible by donations and collaboration between:
The Pandemic Partners Facebook Group and the Office of H&HS Health Care Analyst

will be a limited amount of interaction.

Households do not need to be Covid-19 positive to receive items. Part of prevention is making sure each household has adequate supplies.

Employees can pick up items for their caseload(s) or individuals they are working with.

All these items are donated and quarantined for at least five days, and in many cases longer.

Any person can make a referral and efforts will be made to reach out to that household.

If you have any specific questions regarding this program, please let me know and I will do what I can to assist and help answer them. Call 541-615-0141, or 541-553-34145.

By **Buffy Hurtado**, Health Care Analyst, Health and Human Services.

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Easton Aguilar ~ 1957-2020

Easton Aguilar passed away December 12,2020. Mr. Aguilar was 63. Services were held at the Community Center Pavillion, December 15, 2020. Not only members from the Shikinah Ministries and community gathered, outdoors; also Native American Ministers and acquaintances sent their condolences and respect via Facebook. The family wishes to share the Eulogy.

We are here today to pay tribute and our respect to a man of God, our teacher and Pastor Easton.

Easton’s local people are unaware of his many travels far and near where he proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ—Faraway places such as Utah, Washington, Nevada, California, and the Apache and Navajo Reservations of Arizona and New Mexico. He made countless trips to St. Charles Hospital to visit, encourage and pray with those who were confined with illness.

We are here today to show our love and support for Easton’s precious family. Not only have we recognized our own feelings, but our hearts have been drawn to them.

Finally, we are here today to seek and receive comfort from God. Our hearts ache over this situation. We come today trusting that God give us the strength to continue our walk with Him.

Easton declared, Job 19:25: For I know my redeemer livith and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

We of the Shikinah Ministries declare with Jesus, In my Father’s house there are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, you will also be.

Easton had always declared: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: But I would not have you ignorant, Brethren. Concerning them that are asleep, that you sorry not, even as others have no hope. 14: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

An individual made the following statement: “The measure of life is not in its duration but its donation.” When we think of Easton’s donation—what he contributed, what he invested—we have much to be thankful for!

Consider the love and devo-



tion he made in his marriage to Justine ‘Tina,’ August 15, 1980.

Consider the investments and godliness and nurturing that Easton made into the lives of his children and grandchildren.

Consider the investments of the word of God that Easton made into the lives of so many people... Not only the members of the Shikinah Ministries but to all people, including ministers, that he poured his life into.

Later this day, when all the words have been spoken, when all the songs have been sung, we will stand at the grave site and we will commit the body of our teacher and Pastor to the keeping of the earth until the coming of the Lord, and we will commit his soul onto the loving hands of the God he served...bringing an end to the final chapter of his earthly life. But it will not be the end of the story, because the memory of his life and the influence of his life remains.

Because Easton committed his life to God and the work of God, he was spiritually energized by a power greater than this world understands. We all knew Easton as a great friend and a wonderful Pastor, but one of the things that caused me to so highly respect Easton was his great love for souls. In this sense he was a real hero to me. He did have, and continues to have my highest respect.

John the Revelator says in the Book of Revelation: Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Rev. 14:13).

I have no doubt that Easton will meet people in Heaven who have thanked him for leading to the Lord. I have no doubt that others in the future will come up to him in Heaven and express their gratitude for having led them to the Lord. His work on this earth was of eternal value, and because of that he will have eternal reward.

This memorial service is not really for Easton. His soul is in God’s care. This is a time for us who are yet on this earth. Easton has reached the ultimate destination of the universe. We say that he has

‘departed’ but God says Easton has ‘arrived.’ God sees things from such a different perspective than we do. God never sees his children die. He simply sees them coming home.

In the Gospel of Luke: Jesus showed us what the Father is like, every day the Father’s heart broke, but He patiently looked for the return of his prodigal son. When He saw his son returning, He ran and gave him a hug and welcomed him home.

The real question we face today has to do with us. What are we doing? What are we going to focus on? God is a parent. He created you in His very own image. It is in He that you may also have an everlasting life.

I’m going to relate a story of a famous baseball player by the name of Lou Gehrig.

Lou caught a terrible ailment. This condition to this day still has no known medical cure. The disorder is now called ‘Lou Gehrig’s Disease.’

On July 4, 1939, sixty-one thousand people assembled and paid tribute to Lou Gehrig. When Lou was led to home base of Yankee Stadium. His teammate and friend the famous Babe Ruth was also present. Near the end of this famous farewell speech, Lou commented: “People have said I had a bad break, but I consider myself the luckiest person on the face of the earth, and I have a lot to live for. Thank you.”

One eyewitness said that day, “All media photographers had tears.” Two years later the famous baseball icon of that era ended.

Easton’s disorder was diagnosed as Lou Gehrig’s Disease. On November 13, 2020 this farewell comment and poem was handwritten by Easton:

Another day gone by, Heaven is sounding better all the time... Another night gone by, Heaven is sounding better all the time...

Here I am Jesus asking a miracle for others, and myself, Jesus have mercy on us: Here I am in the glass cage being tested by satan, Heaven is feeling better every day... My time is almost done, no more asking for mercy, no asking for healing, no more asking for a miracle because Jesus has given me the ultimate healing. A new body without disease, a place with no more pain, no more death...

Jesus sent his angels for me, to carry to Heaven, no more death... I’ll be with the one who cared for me. I’ll be waiting for you my love.

Merle Kirk of Warm Springs made this service message (left) for the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation. Her work is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities CARES project, *Living in today’s pandemic, and historic pandemics and catastrophes.*



“The future of this tribe, the people, depends on each, every individual. Listen to your elders and respect what they say... What they say is very very truthful.”

Jesse Jones

Chief of the Cayuse tribe

Photos and quotes taken from the National Endowment of Humanities CARES project, “Living in today’s pandemic and Historical Pandemic and Catastrophes. The Education department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation received the CARES grant to document, through video interviews, elders and residents on the Umatilla reservation about their current thoughts on the pandemic as well as historical pandemics and catastrophes.



Photos by Digital Brilliance

Treaty sturgeon fishery

The four Columbia River tribes set the following fishery plan, with concurrence of the states of Oregon and Washington.

There will be a commercial sturgeon setline fishery for zone 6—Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day reservoirs—from noon Friday, January 1 to noon Sunday, January 31.

Gear will be setline: Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid j-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached; or with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable sales: Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool;

and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook-and-line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open reservoir of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period closes.

Sanctuaries: Standard dam sanctuaries applicable to setline gear are in place.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Dr., Hood River. The phone number is 541-386-6363; or 800-487-FISH (3474).

Seasonal flu shots available

The Warm Springs Clinic reminds the community that it is not too late to get your seasonal flu shot.

Flu shot hours at the clinic are 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday and Friday; and 2 to 4 p.m. everyday.

Flu shots will be given by nursing staff, curbside in the comfort of your car. Present to the clinic entry gate during the above hours.

Film relates tribal river work

In a new film by American Rivers and Swiftwater Films, indigenous leaders share why removing four dams to restore a healthy Klamath River is critical for clean water, food sovereignty and justice.

The film, *Guardians of the River*, features Frankie Joe Myers, Vice Chair of the Yurok Tribe, Sammy Gensaw, director of Ancestral Guard, Barry McCovey, fisheries biologist with the Yurok Tribe, and members of the Ancestral Guard and Klamath Justice Coalition.

“Without these salmon, our way of life is impossible,” Sammy Gensaw, Yurok tribal member and director, Ancestral Guard, says in

the film. “We’ve dedicated years of our lives—our young lives—to give opportunity for the next generation to live on a healthy, dam-free river.” “This river is our umbilical cord. What feeds us, what nurtures us,” Annelia Hillman, Yurok tribal member and member of the Klamath Justice Coalition, says in the film. “This reciprocal relationship that we have with it—I would do anything for this river, just like I would my own children.” To watch the video, at Google search: video-short-documentary-explores-how-klamath-dams



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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 LEONA TENORIO, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV81-15 JV82-15. TO: LEONA TENORIO, MARTIN MEDINA:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW/PROBATION REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **9th day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

IN THE MATTER OF: MARBELLA STORMBRINGER, DOB: 02/05/2016; Case No. DO134-20. DESIREE ALLEN, Petitioner:

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from **MARBELLA STORMBRINGER** to **MARBELLA ALLEN**. A hearing on this matter has been set for **10:30 AM on the 1st day of FEBRUARY 2021**, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Any person who may show cause why this Petition should not be granted must file such objection in writing on or before **18th day of JANUARY 2021**.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELIZABETH WHITEPLUME, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV81-19. TO: ELIZABETH WHITEPLUME:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW/SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYLE RHOAN III, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV257-03. TO: INA CHIEF, COLIN CHIEF, WILLIAM SMITH:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8th day of FEBRUARY, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**

CAMILLE CLEMENTS, Petitioner, vs CHANTEL CLEMENTS, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV116-15, JV103-15, DO113-20. TO: ROSS KALAMA JR., CHANTLE CLEMENTS, CAMILLE CLEMENTS, RUDY CLEMENTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been filed with the

Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **9th day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

JEREMY HERKSHAN, Petitioner, vs JAMIE BALL, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO30-20. TO: JEREMY HERKSHAN, JAMIE BALL:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE has been filed 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 JANUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

RADINE / REVA JOHNSON, Petitioner, vs REVONNE JOHNSON, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO105-20. TO: RADINEJOHNSON, REVA JOHNSON, REVONNE JOHNSON:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE/CONSERVATOR GUARDIAN HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11th day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

INA & COLLIN CHIEF, Petitioner, vs WILLIAM SMITH, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO34-20. TO: INA CHIEF, COLIN CHIEF, WILLIAM SMITH:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**

NELLIE TANEWASHA, Petitioner, vs SHADRACK MARTINEZ, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO126-20. TO: NELLIE TANEWASHA, SHADRACK MARTINEZ, OLIVIA GLEASON:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15th day of February, 2021 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANTIONETTE TALLBULL, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV38-11 DO60-13. TO: ANTOINETTE TALLBULL, CHARLIE WAINANWIT:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this

notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3rd day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs GLENDA FISHER, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV54-17 JV55-17. TO: GLENDA FISHER, DAVID LECLAIRE SR.:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW/SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11th day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KATIE MAE FRAZIER, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV36-20. TO: KATIE MAE FRAZIER:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE/PERMANENCY HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **26th day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

ALDO GARCIA, Petitioner, vs DELLA RAE SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. DO111-20. TO: ALDO GARCIA, DELLA RAE SUPPAH:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE 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 **26TH day of JANUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

RICHARD MACY, Petitioner, vs RAE JEAN GILLESPIE, Respondent; Case No. DO185-97. TO: RICHARD MACY, RAE JEAN GILLESPIE, DELORES GARCIA, WILFARD LAWRENCE FENT JR., DAWN OSMOND, KELLY GILLESPIE, LESLY FENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **8TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JOSE ERIZA, Respondent; Case No. DO91,92-09. TO: JOSE ERIZA:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **4TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KAYLYN WOLFE, Respondent; Case No. JV145,146-16. TO: KAYLYN WOLFE:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **8TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 9:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs EMMALINE CROOKED ARM, Respondent; Case No. JV53-03. TO: EMMALINE CROOKED

ARM, DONALD HOWTOPAT, PAMELA & KEVIN HUG:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **4TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLEA YAHTIN, Respondent; Case No. JV24-19. TO: OLEA YAHTIN, TREVOR TEWEE:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

SHIRLEY HOPTOWIT, Petitioner, vs DAWN HOPTOWIT, Respondent; Case No. DO59-01. TO: DAWN HOPTOWIT, ISAAC GEORGE, SHIRLEY HOPTOWIT, IKEANA KALAMA:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MELANIE POLK, Respondent; Case No. JV84-17. TO: MELANIE POLK, GLORIA OROZCO:

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 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLEA YAHTIN, Respondent; Case No. JV56-18. TO: OLEA YAHTIN, THERMAN SUPPAH SR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs BROOK WARNER, Respondent; Case No. JV59-10. TO: BROOK WARNER, CHESTER VANPELT III:
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 **16TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CYNTHIA ISADORE, Respondent; Case No. JV80,81-09. TO: CYNTHIA ISADORE, CARL IYAKITAN:

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 **24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TALLULA MCGILL, Respondent; Case No. JV23-18, JV79,80-17. TO: TALLULAH MCGILL:
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 **24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LENORA WILLIAMS, Respondent; Case No. JV10-20. TO: LENORA WILLIAMS, CPS, JV PROS:

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 **4TH day of MARCH, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KISHON GRAYBAEL, Respondent; Case No. JV13-15. TO: KISHON GRAYBAEL, MARION GRABAE JR., ROSA GRAYBAEL, MARION GRAYBAEL SR.:

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 **24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MACHELL MEANUS, Respondent; Case No. JV34-20. TO: MACHELL MEANUS, CPS, JV PROS:

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 **2ND day of MARCH, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

Social Security payments

Social Security payments for SSI are generally paid on the first of each month. January 1 will be a holiday, so payments will be made the day, Thursday, December 31.

The SSA persons usually get paid on the third of the month. However, January 3 is Sunday; therefore, SSA third-of-the-month checks will be issued on Thursday, December 31. **Rose Alarcon.**

3 Warriors store hours

This Thursday, December 31 the Three Warriors Market will be open from 7 a.m. to 3	p.m. <i>The market wishes everyone at Happy New Year!</i>
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Around Indian Country

Nez Perce Tribe reclaims 148 acres of ancestral land

The Nez Perce Tribe in December completed the purchase of Am'sáaxpa—the Place of Boulders—a 148-acre property located in Joseph.

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Shannon Wheeler and Secretary, Rachel Edwards were there to complete the paperwork.

“This has been a project in the works for some time and there were several people involved in making this purchase a reality,” stated Chairman Wheeler.

“This purchase is a wonderful step in the reestablishment of a Nez Perce presence in the homeland of our people. We know our ancestors are smiling to see us returning home.”

The property, previously known as the Hayes Property, is located behind the rodeo grounds. The property includes three-quarters of a mile of Wallowa River frontage with certain water rights. It consists of farm and riparian land, with a pristine view of the Wallowa Mountain range.

This site, known as a traditional Nez Perce village site, is overlooked by a ridge known as a council site for Chief Joseph.

During the spring of 1877, Chief Joseph and his band were forced out of the Wallowa Valley. His band at this point consisted of about 400, with approximately only 60 warriors.

They headed for the Nez Perce reservation in Idaho, crossing the Snake River at what is now Dug Bar in Hells Canyon.

At the time they did not know it, but Joseph's band would never be allowed to return to their homeland again. Acquisition of this property will allow the Tribe to continue its efforts to preserve its footprint in this area.

...My son, never forget my dying words. This country holds your father's body. Never sell the bones of your father and your mother. I pressed my father's hand, and told him I would protect his grave with my life. My father smiled and passed away to the spirit land. I buried him in that beautiful valley of Winding Waters. I love that land more than all the rest of the world. – Chief Joseph



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CRITFC looking to hire

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission seeks to hire an Administrative and Contract Specialist. Location: Portland.

Job Summary:CRITFC is seeking an Administrative and Contract Specialist to serve the Fishery Science Department. The FSCI Department is the

largest department at CRITFC, containing over 40 full-time staff stationed primarily in Portland, and also in Hagerman and Moscow, Idaho. Starting salary range: \$51,244.00 – \$66,614. Closing date: **February 12, 2021**. Employment application and full job announcement located critfc.org



Clinic staff (above), social distance waiting for the Covid-19 vaccine. The clinic's Dr. Creelman (right) receives his vaccine from Dr. Locker.

Regional jobs update

The employment recovery from the Covid-19 shock slowed dramatically across Central Oregon in November. Note: These slowing rates of job growth do not capture the two-week covid freeze at the end of the November, which occurred after the reference week for these estimates.

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.6 percent in November, down from 7.3 percent in October. The rate was 4.1 percent in November of last year.

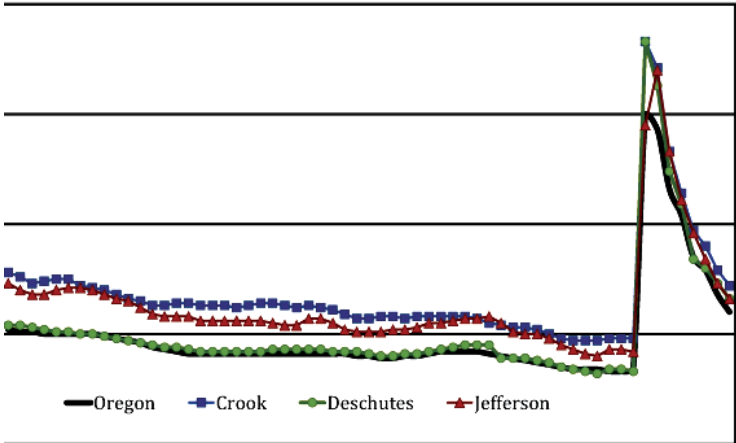
Jefferson County shed 40 jobs in November on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a revised gain of 70 jobs in October.

The recovery took a step back in November. The county has only added back 440 of the 730 jobs lost, 60 percent— of all jobs lost. Similar to other parts of Central Oregon the employment losses in Jefferson County over the past year are concentrated in leisure and hospitality and manufacturing. However, local government is down significantly in Jefferson County.

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.6 percent in November, down from 7.3 percent in October. The rate remains up from November 2019 when it was 3.3 percent.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.2% in November, down from 7.9 percent in October. The unemployment rate remains significantly higher than in November 2019 when it was 4.7 percent.

Oregon and Central Oregon Unemployment Rates
Seasonally Adjusted, November 2015 - November 2020



Council approves Response Team recommendations

The tribes Covid-19 Response Team met this week with Tribal Council, and Council agreed with these recommendations:

- Fifty-percent of the workforce returned on Tuesday, December 29.

Until further notice, essential workers need to continue to report. Other workers schedules to be determined by general managers and directors.

- Continue a community wide travel restriction with exception to travel to stores, post office, doctor appointments or for other emergency purposes.

Discouraging travel out of state. However, if any tribal employee is planning to travel out of state, he or she needs to notify his or her supervisor.

If the employee has no symptoms, the person can report to work when they return; however, the employee is required to take a Covid-19 test within four days upon return, with documentation

The latest reservation Covid-19 data (right), as provided by IHS, tribal Community Health, Tribal Council and the Covid-19 Response Team.

The data tracks the history of the virus spread among the reservation population through late December.

of a negative test.

- Community wide curfew be lifted: However, for those under 18 and under, the curfew stays in effect, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Getting the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

What to Expect During & After Your Injection

EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has not been approved or licensed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA, under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for use in individuals 18 years of age and older. There is no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

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Before you get the vaccine

Tell your vaccination provider if you:

- Have any allergies
- Have a fever
- Have a bleeding disorder or take blood thinners
- Are immunocompromised or are on a medicine that affects your immune system
- Are pregnant, plan to become pregnant, or breastfeeding
- Have received another COVID-19 vaccine

For more information, visit modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/recipients/

After you get the vaccine

Side effects that have been reported with the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine include:

- Injection site reactions: pain, tenderness and swelling of the lymph nodes in the same arm of the injection, swelling (hardness), and redness
- General side effects: fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever

Talk to your vaccination provider if you have side effects that bother you or do not go away.

If you think you're having an allergic reaction to the vaccine, call 9-1-1.

Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include: Difficulty breathing, swelling of your face and throat, a fast heartbeat, a bad rash all over your body, dizziness and weakness.

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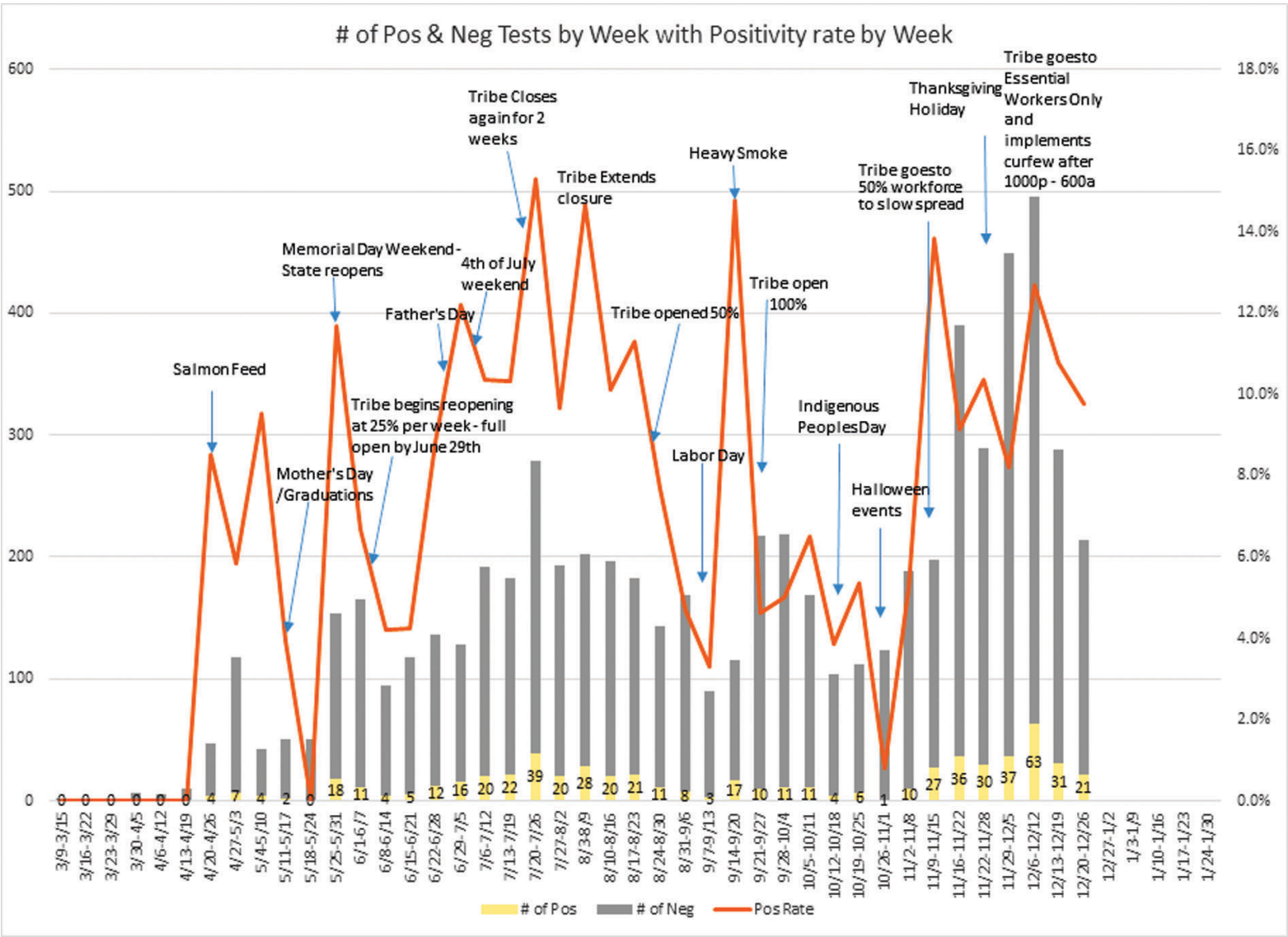


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Shelters to help the homeless



The tribes contracted with the Everett, Washington company Pallet Shelter to deliver ten of the units: Here, they arrive at the parking lot area by the former elementary school gymnasium, where the crew set them up this week.

Ten shelter units arrived this week, a tribal project to help the homeless during these winter months. The company Pallet Shelter of Everett, Washington, delivered the units, and was assembling them this week in the parking area by the former elementary school.

Tribal Council in late fall approved this project, earmarking some of the tribes' Cares Act funding. The Health and Human Services Branch then carried out the program.

Tribal members experiencing homelessness, seeking emergency shelter, have all been staying in the former elementary school gymnasium. This had been a reasonable solution during previous winters; however, during the Covid-19 pandemic the situation becomes a serious concern.

More than 30 people at a time have sought shelter through the Health and Human Services homeless shelter. Having individuals in the small separate units reduces the risk of the spread of the virus, said Caroline Cruz, branch general manager.

Soon, the individual shelters will have generators, allowing for heating in the winter, and cooling in the summer. The generators had not yet arrived this week, Ms. Cruz said. Tribal Emergency Response may have some generators that could be used until the new generators arrive, perhaps next week.

Another aspect of this project will be a food truck providing hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness, Ms. Cruz said.

IHS updates coronavirus data

The Indian Health Service updated its Covid-19 testing data. The data is through December 27, and reflects IHS testing across all of Indian Country.

According to the data, since March: 139,476 tests have returned positive for Covid-19. That represents an increase of 1 percent from the 138,091 cases previously reported by the IHS.

Altogether, 1,641,009 coronavirus tests have been administered within the IHS through December 27, the data shows. That marks an increase of 0.6 percent from the day prior.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in the Navajo Area (15.8 percent), the Phoenix Area (13.8 percent), the Oklahoma City Area (11.9 percent), the Albuquerque Area (10.9 percent) and the Great Plains Area (10.6 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, three regions have seen dramatic increases in Covid-19 cases. They are: The Phoenix Area (24.1 percent), the Oklahoma City Area (23.8 percent) and the Navajo Area (19.4 percent). Two of the three regions include the state of Arizona. Overall, 9.2 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic.

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