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School sports are back at high school

Madras High School athletics are back in full swing, after a year of teams not being able to compete. The current sports include volleyball, boys and girls soccer, cross country and football. Traditionally, these are fall sports, now in play because school was closed last fall.

School sports activities are possible because the Jefferson County Covid-19 risk level in March improved from ‘extreme’ to ‘high,’ and then last week to ‘medium.’

Improvement in the county covid risk level also means that fall sports can bring back a handful of spectators, including at home Friday night football games.

As of last week, boys and girls soccer, volleyball and football—both junior varsity and varsity—were able to have two spectators per athlete, or a maximum of two spectators per family, join them in the stands. Visiting teams are still prohibited from having spectators.

Spectators will not be charged admission into games; however, they will have to produce a ticket to get in.

Each athlete is provided his or her tickets in advance of each game. For contact tracing purposes, these tickets will require each spectator’s name and phone number, and will be collected at the gate. Lost tickets cannot be reprinted or replaced.

It’s imperative that spectators



Edward Heath Photography

Cross Country runner Dylan Heath for Madras in a meet with Mountain View; and below, Buffalos football home game.



maintain 6-foot social distancing at all times, and wear masks—regardless of whether the sport is happening inside or outside.

Spectators may also be asked a series of health screening questions in advance of entering the sporting event. For events taking place inside a school facility, temperature checks are also required.

During all sporting competitions, spectators can expect covid monitors on-site; those that are unwilling to follow the social distancing and mask guidelines will be asked to leave the event.

“This is the only way we can ensure that our athletes are protected,” said Mark Stewart, Madras High School interim athletic director. “We’re excited to bring our supporters back to the bleachers for our athletes.”

All Madras High School home games, both JV and varsity, will be live streamed going forward. The link will be provided via the Madras High School Facebook page, and the school homepage the day of the event.

“We’ve never had to configure live streaming before, but with covid it’s yet another learning curve for us,” Mr. Stewart said. “We appreciate the community’s patience as we fine-tune our technology.”

Tribal Ski Day at Meadows

Mt. Hood Meadows hosted the Tribal Ski Day in March.

This year the event saw turnout of about 30 tribal members. Meadows provided the ski and snowboard gear, lessons, lift tickets and lunch. Attendance was down a little this year, as the bus space was limited for safety.

Sue Matters photos/KWSO



Senior Center closed for a time

The Warm Springs Senior Wellness Center will remain closed until further notice due to water damage from vandalism. The flooring needs to be replaced, so Senior program staff this week have focused on removing everything from the building; and beginning to remove the damaged flooring tiles.

All programming, including the Seniors Meal program, are on hold. The cooks are planning to use the

Agency Longhouse kitchen, in order to resume the Meals program, which many Elders rely upon.

The Senior Meals are provided weekly to hundreds of people in the Warm Springs community.

The water damaged happened when someone turned on an outside faucet of the Seniors building. The water apparently ran during the weekend of March 12-14, until staff arrived and turned it off.

By then, however, the damage was done, as water had seeped under and into the building. Anyone with

information about who may be involved, please call the Warm Springs Police, 541-553-3272.



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Berlyn Yazzie Jr., Seniors food product manager, and program director Councilman Wilson Wewa Sr. at the center, where furniture and other items are drying out, as the flooring is being replaced.

New WSHA rental help now available

The Warm Springs Housing Authority this week is starting the 2021 Covid-19 Emergency Rental Assistance program.

This new program can assist individuals and families who have experienced covid-related financial hardship resulting in past, present or future arrears in rental and utility payments. Some of the terms:

The WSHA Emergency Rental Assistance program is open to all members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, regardless of where they live in the U.S.

The program is also open to all federally recognized tribal members residing in Jefferson, Wasco, Gilliam, Hood River, Clackamas and Marion counties. In addition:

All community members who reside within the boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation are eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Rental Emergency Assistance is available to households with income not more than 80 percent of the Area Median Income. For example: In the Jefferson County area of the reservation, a household of three with an annual income of \$44,240 or less could qualify.

The applicant must attest in writing to being financially impacted by the pandemic. Impacts may include:

Loss of employment or reduced hours; having to stay home from work because of no day-care for children; increased utility bills because of more people staying home all day, and so forth.

The program can assist with past bills going back to April of last year, said Danielle Wood, executive director of the Warm Springs Housing Authority. The bills may be rent, power, water, sewer, garbage, and any source of heating. Payments are made directly to the party owed, be it the landlord, the power company, etc.

The program is open only to renters, and runs through September. Ms. Woods encourages all qualifying tribal and community members to apply:

Applications are available at the Housing Authority office, 1238 Veterans Way. For more information call 541-553-3250. You may also request an application via email by writing to:

era@wsaha.us

A downloadable copy of the application is available through the Housing Authority.

Easter this year will be on Sunday, April 4. As happened last Easter, safety precautions on the reservation prevent the Warm Springs youth Easter Egg hunt. This year for families and young people, the Confederated Tribes and Health and Human Services will host an Easter Bags Giveaway. For safety, this will be done in a drive-by fashion. *Listen to KWSO for time and place details, as Easter weekend approaches.*



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Tribal community covid update

The Warm Springs community update, as of earlier this week, indicated four active cases of Covid-19 on the reservation. In addition, there were 15 close contacts receiving daily monitoring.

Regarding vaccinations among the community: The Warm Springs Covid-19 Response Team reported that health workers had administered 1,951 primary vaccines among community members.

In addition, 1,420 secondary or booster doses have been administered.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, requiring a single dose, arrived at the clinic; and so far 55 doses have been administered.

Some of the tribes’ guidelines:

You must be 18 or older; and be Indian Health Service eligible, or live or work in Warm Springs to receive a Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccination.

There is an opportunity for 16- and 17-year-olds to get vaccinated this **Wednesday, March 24**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. This will be a opportunity for a first-dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

This **Thursday, March 25** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a vaccination clinic, administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, at the Simnasho Longhouse. This will be open to qualifying individuals 18 and older.

To schedule a Covid-19 vaccination appointment at the Health and Wellness Center; for this Wednesday’s Pfizer vaccine clinic; or for the Simnasho Johnson & Johnson clinic: Call 541-553-2131.

Symptoms of Covid-19 can include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.

To talk with a medical professional, call the IHS Covid-19 Nurse Triage Hotline at 541-553-5512.

Outside of business hours you can call the Registered Nurse Health Advice Hotline at 1-866-470-2015.

School board vote in May

The last day to register to vote in the May 18 election will be April 27. The election is to fill several positions on a number of boards of directors within Jefferson County.

Three positions are open on the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors.

Candidates for position no. 3 on the school district board are Jaylyn Suppah of Warm Springs, and Jacob Struck of Madras.

The May 18 election will be conducted entirely by mail. Ballots are mailed out on April 28, and must be received 8 p.m. on May 18. (See page 4 of this publication for more on the upcoming election.)

Vaccine success among NW tribes

Across much of Indian Country, Native American tribes are seeing some of the most successful Covid-19 vaccination campaigns in the U.S. Three Indigenous principles have helped provide the impetus to get vaccinated, according to activist Allie Young, a citizen of the Navajo Nation:

Recognizing how Native Americans’ actions will impact the next generations.

Acting in honor of ancestors who fought to ensure their survival, and elders who carry on their traditions and cultures.

Holding on to ancestral knowledge.

Many Native American tribes—in Oregon, for instance, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Siletz Indians, and Umatilla Tribes—are seeing great success with their vaccination clinics.

“In Oregon and the broader Northwest, it’s been very good for tribes,” says Bryan Mercier, Northwest regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He says tribes have strong social networks, and have also leveraged existing resources such as Indian Health Service clinics to promote positive messaging about the Covid-19 vaccines.



Vaccination event recently at Celilo Village.

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you up?” FiveCrows said. “It took a lot of effort to get the success that they did.”

He says there are more mobile clinics planned for the village sites, and he credits the higher interest among Native Americans in getting the needle in the arm for that success.

“You also wonder how much of that is from the cultural memory of how different pandemics swept through the tribal populations and decimated us,” FiveCrows said.

“So how much of that played into trying to fight that, knowing we probably have grandparents or parents that may have died from other pandemics?”

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“So what I’ve seen regionally, not just in Oregon, are tribes surpassing their state colleagues because of those infrastructures and networks,” Mr. Mercier says.

Perhaps those having the hardest time accessing the vaccines are tribal members living beyond the reservation and the city.

In the Columbia River Basin are traditional village sites that members of the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, Nez Perce and other tribes have shared for generations, largely for fishing.

The lack of modern infrastructure limits communication and pandemic protocols considerably, as the federal government has yet to rebuild fully the original sites flooded by dam development back in the 1950s.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission applied for grants through the Oregon Community Foundation, and with One Community Health based in The Dalles and Hood River area, received a specialized medical van for testing and vaccination for the Native people living in the basin area.

“It’s a lot of effort to get the vaccine if you’re 200-300 miles from your reservation,” says CRITFC’s Jeremy FiveCrows.

Mr. FiveCrows recounts their first Columbia community tribal vaccination venture was in January at the Celilo Village site. In less than a day, all 100 doses were accounted for, something he attributes to a “brute force” outreach campaign with partner The Next Door.

“They went from site to site, just knocked on doors or campers and told them, ‘If you’re in these age groups, you’re eligible. Can we sign

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Summaries of Tribal Council

Resolution of Tribal Council

March 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

Finance Department position discussion with Alfred Estimo Jr., director:

- Following the discussion a poll was taken: Continue this proposal or end? Glendon/end, Joe/end, Captain/pursue, Jay/pursue, Brigitte/end, Delvis/pursue, Anita/pursue, Wilson/pursue, 6/pursue, 3/end, Chairman not voting.
- Self-Governance Finance discussion with Robert Brunoe Vernon Wolf of the Natural Resources Branch, and Alfred Estimo Jr.
- CARES funding discussion with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, and Alfred:
- Motion by Jay to yes, support the enterprises' request to reimburse hazard pay costs, or not; Glendon/no, Captain/no, Jay/no, Delvis/no, Alfred/no, Anita/no, Wilson/no, 7/0/0, Vice Chair not voting; Motion carried. (Chairman stepped out for a business call).
- Motion by Captain approving the transfer of funds for rental port-a-potties: \$10,000, due to Simnasho/Schoolie water outage of 03/09/21. Tribal Court HVAC \$8,919 (additional funds for repairs); Agency Longhouse HVAC, \$135,000 (controls, AC Units and electric heat units); Simnasho Longhouse Main Hall HVAC \$74,736 (Air Handler w/AC Unit); Simnasho Longhouse kitchen HVAC, \$78,016 (Heat Pumps, AC, Thermostats, Swamp Cooler); Hamlet remodel, \$175,000. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, 7/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.
- Memorandum of Understanding with St. Charles and Warm Springs Behavioral Health, with Laurie Dawkins and Darryl Scott.
- Masters research project with Casandra Moses:
- Motion by Brigitte approving Casandra to conduct Work Culture Research Interviews. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Captain/abstain, 6/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Phone call with Judge Kasubhai and Howard Arnett.
- Letter of Support for appointment to United States Attorney for Oregon:
- Motion by Brigitte approving the Chairman to sign the Letter of Support for Mr. Craig Gabriel, seeking appointment to the United States Attorney of Oregon. Second by Delvis. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes,

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

- Motion by Captain to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.

March 15

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Delvis Heath. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan, and HUID Project discussion with Josh Newton, Bobby Brunoe, Matt Hill and Jim Manion:
- Executive Session 10:00-12:05.
- Treaty rights emerging issues discussion with John Ogan, Bobby Brunoe and Matthew Hill.
- Karnopp attorney contract discussion with Ellen Grover and Josh Newton:
- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution no. 12,793, that the attached Attorney's Contract between the Confederated Tribes and the law firm of Karnopp Petersen LLP is approved, and the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Council are authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the Confederated Tribes. Second by Brigitte. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, 7;/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Integrated Resource Management Plan update with Bobby Brunoe, Austin Smith Jr. and Michael Leecy.
- Covid update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Danny Martinez, William Elliot and Katie Russell:
- The draft safety protocols for longhouse usage will be presented again after the Covid Response Team coordinates with longhouse leaders.
- Motion by Captain to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

March 16

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, Wilson Wewa Jr., Vice Chair Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Finance position discussion with Michele Stacona and Cheryl Tom:
- Following the discussion Chairman Tsumpti polled the members: Should one or both positions be funded? Glendon/none, Captain/fund them, Jay/one, Brigitte/none, Wilson/one, Delvis/one, Alfred/one, Anita/none, 4/3/0. Alfred, Change my vote to "no". Vote: 4/4/0, Chairman voting no. 4/5/0.
- GeoVisions Honoring Nations 2020 application with Angelina Howell and Jim Souers:
- Motion by Brigitte authorizing the Chairman to sign a Letter of Support for Warm

Springs Geo Visions to Megan Minoka Hill, director of Honoring Nations. Second by Glendon. Discussion; Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

- Viasat opposition letter discussion with Tim York, Warm Springs Telecom:
- Motion by Brigitte authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon: Megan Decker, Chair, Letha Tawney, Commissioner, Mark Thompson, Commissioner. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Government-to Government meeting with United States Department of Interior regarding the Warm Springs Detention Center.
- Other business: Concerns regarding a fishing guide service not following Tribal Public Relations protocol, discussion with Glendon.
- AT&T/Beaver Butte negotiation discussion with James Halliday and Michele Stacona.
- Resolutions with Michele Stacona:
- The Resolutions will be sent to the Indian Head Casino Board and Composite Board to review the leases.
- Indian Head Casino board discussion:
- Brigitte agreed to reconsider the non-tribal member appointment to the board (Resolution 12,786) and readvertise. Captain was in agreement. Does Tribal Council members agree? Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/abstain, 6/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Other business discussion with Tribal Council and Secretary-Treasurer:
- Motion by Anita approving Council members to attend the reburial of remains in Wishram. Second by Brigitte. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/abstain, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Anita/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- SINCO and Construction meeting on Friday, March 19.
- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

Ambulance

Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon operate programs pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Agreement with the Indian Health Service; and

Whereas savings under the agreement may be utilized to further the purpose of the agreements; and

Whereas the Purchases/Referred care program has significant savings as a result of improved funding and implementation of Medicare Like Rates for hospital costs and Medicaid Expansion through the Affordable Care Act; and

Whereas the Tribal Council desires to use Purchase/Referred Care savings to the ambulance operation for purchasing a new ambulance in 2021 not to exceed \$200,000 and \$50,000 every year starting in 2022 to be placed in a revolving ambulance replacement fund; now therefore

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated

Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation, pursuant to Article V, Sections (l)(a), (d), (l) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution and By-laws that the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO is hereby authorized and directed to provide for the reallocation of up to \$200,000

from Purchased/Referred Care savings for the purchase of an ambulance in 2021, and \$50,000 every year starting in 2022 from Purchased/Referred Care savings for an ambulance replacement fund as long as funding is available. *Resolution no. 12,779.*



March 24, 2021 & March 31, 2021
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Questions?
Jillisa Suppah
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Community Wellness Gathering

The Native Wellness Institute, in collaboration with the Papalaxsimisha program, is offering a community wellness gathering in two parts. This fun and interactive gathering will be to connect through games, learn about community wellness strategies and share stories to inspire and uplift one another.



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Little League registration through April 3

The deadline for Warm Springs Nation Little League registration for both players and coaches has been extended to Saturday, April 3. You can find registration forms and league information online at wsnll.org. If you have any questions call Edmund Francis at 541-325-3856.

Community notes...

The Tribal Employment Rights Office—the **Warm Springs TERO**—is accepting new skills surveys for the 2021 construction season.

Warm Springs TERO serves Natives enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, seeking work on construction projects, on and off the reservation. Warm Springs TERO is now seeking:

- Equipment operators, truck drivers, flaggers, laborers and specialized positions.
- Skills surveys are available online at wstero.com under the employment tab; or at the front door of the Warm Springs tribal administration building.

Text a copy of your tribal enrollment card and a valid driver's license, or call for an appointment to provide a copy.

For more information or to make an appointment, text or call 541-675-5439.

The Warm Springs **Holistic Health** Center provides physical therapy and acupuncture care in Warm Springs with a focus on compassion, integrity, and full-body wellness. You can contact them at 541-777-2663. For anyone struggling with meth or opioid addiction, there is a new **Peer Support** Group that will be meeting on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. To learn more you can contact Antonio Gentry at 541-615-0035 or email antonio.gentry@wstribes.org

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With spring break this week—plus some eased restrictions and increasing numbers of people being vaccinated—please don't let your guard down; and please continue to take all precautions to protect from the spread of Covid-19.

Letters to the editor

On spring break

Schools are on spring break this week; and the tribes are encouraging everyone to consider your activities with regard to Covid-19. If you plan on traveling or spending time with others, remember that continuing to take precautions like wearing a face mask and maintaining 6-feet of social distance protects everyone. If you do gather with others who you do not live with, do so outdoors, as this is the safest and healthiest way. Tribal public health officials remind us that there is a ways to go before Covid-19 is gone, and to avoid any behaviors that put your family and friends, the community and yourself risk.

Food help

The Warm Springs Commodities Food Bank will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4; and Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. The food bank offers cereal, fresh fruit and produce, canned fruit and veggies, pasta, meat, eggs, juice and cheese. You do need to meet eligibility requirements to qualify for commodities. Call 541-53-3422 for details, or check out the Warm Springs Commodities Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/wscommods The food bank is located at 4217A Holiday Street, the Commodities building at the industrial park. “We all need a helping hand sometime, and the Warm Springs Food Bank team is here to help,” is their motto.

Fish advocate

A statue honoring the late Billy Frank Jr., Nisqually tribal member who championed treaty rights and protecting the environment, is one step closer to being on display at the U.S. Capitol. The state of Washington House of Representatives approved a bill this month that starts a process to replace the state’s Marcus Whitman statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mr. Frank. After a bipartisan 92-5 vote, as part of the process, the proposal will now head to the Washington Senate. “Billy Frank Jr. has walked every watershed to the east and the west of the mountains,” Washington

Rep. Debra Lekanoff said on the House floor. “He has stood in every river and collaborated with local, tribal, state, federal communities to say ‘How do we rise together to protect the values of Washington state? How do we stand together?’”

A first at Interior

The U.S. Senate last week confirmed New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior. This makes Secretary Haaland the first Native American to lead a Cabinet department, and the first to lead the federal agency that wields the most influence over tribes. Tribal groups hailed Ms. Haaland’s confirmation as historic, saying her selection means that Indigenous people will for the first time see a Native American lead the powerful department where decisions on relations with the nearly 600 federally recognized tribes are made. Interior also oversees a host of other issues, including energy development on public lands and waters, national parks and endangered species.

At Council

Some of the items remaining on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of March include the following (subject to change at Council discretion): **Wednesday, March 24** 9 a.m.: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz, branch manager. 9:30: Education update with Valerie Switzler, branch manager. 10: Public Utilities update with Travis Wells, branch manager. 1:30: TERO update with Wendell Jim, program director. 2: Gaming Commission/ Surveillance update with Josephine Johnson, director. 2:30: Cannabis/Kah-Nee-Ta updates with Wakinyan. 3:30: Willamette Falls discussion with Louie Pitt, Governmental Affairs director.

Movie Night

Warm Springs Juvenile Crime Prevention presents a Family Movie Night this Wednesday evening, March 24. The show will start at 8:43 p.m. Meet at the Behavioral Health Building lawn. Bring something to sit on, and a blanket. The movie will be *Tom and Jerry*.

Vaccine Voices: Oregon Teacher of the Year Nicole R. Butler-Hooton

Nicole R. Butler-Hooton, Oregon’s 2021 Teacher of the Year, is a second-grade teacher at Irving Elementary. Her teaching style “goes beyond instruction and serves to build lasting relationships with students and families,” Ms. Butler-Hooton says. As a teacher and a Siletz and Apache tribal member, Nicole felt it was important to get the Covid-19 vaccine. She shares: *I got vaccinated against Covid-19 because I want to feel safe to be around my family members and friends. I want to feel safe returning to the classroom and teaching. The evidence has shown that it can help bring an end to the pandemic. In addition, Indigenous communities have been disproportionately affected by coronavirus, and I know I am more likely to have a*



Teacher of the Year Nicole R. Butler-Hooton, having just received her covid vaccination.

negative outcome than many of my colleagues if I get sick. I believe the vaccine is safe. The first vaccine I experienced a sore arm, lethargy, and a mild headache. I was

Birth

Xander Cole George James Russell George and Lillian Gonzalez of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Xander Cole George, born on March 14, 2021. Xander joins brothers Lucas David George, 4, and Joseph Ryan George, 3; and sister Amelia Rose-Marie George, 1. Grandparent on the father’s side is Dayle Tufti of Warm Springs. Grandparent on the mother’s side is Josephine James of Warm Springs.

Workshops

WorkSource Oregon will host virtual workshops in April. You can register by calling 503-947-1670. Workshop topics will include Interviewing; Virtual Interviewing; Soft Skills Workshop; Resumes; Networking; and Successful State Applications Workshop. For any questions or assistance in registering, they may call Wayne at 541-553-3328 or Melinda at 541-553-3324

Breathing exercises for relaxation

by *Alicia Oberholzer*
Physical Therapist
W.S. Holistic Health

Diaphragmatic breathing is a specialized breathing practice that can help to reduce stress, encourage relaxation, and improve respiratory efficiency. This technique emphasizes the use of a thin horizontal muscle that sits at the bottom of your rib cage between your chest and abdominal cavities. With each breath in, the diaphragm contracts and descends as the lungs fill with air. With each breath out, the diaphragm muscle relaxes and elevates into a dome shape, driving air out from the lungs. **Diaphragmatic breathing for beginners:** Find a quiet place to practice. You may choose to either sit in a chair or lie down on your back. If you choose to lie down, feel free to use a pillow under your head or knees for comfort. Place one hand on your



stomach, just below your ribcage. Place your other hand on your chest. Take a deep breath in through your nose, feeling the hand on your stomach slightly rise while the hand on your chest remains relatively still. Purse your lips like you are preparing to whistle and engage your abdominal muscles as you slowly breath out. You should feel your stomach lower to its resting position. Be sure to exhale completely. Repeat this for 5 minutes. **Progression** Once you have mastered the basics of diaphragmatic breathing, the next step is to try the 4-7-8 technique to encourage deep and rhythmic

back to normal within a few days. The second vaccine caused me to experience severe flu-like symptoms for two days following. I had a high fever, chills, headache, body aches, and nausea. **Side effects** Vaccine side effects often mean the vaccine is working. You may have noticed that some people have side effects, while others do not. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, side effects are normal signs that your body is building protection. Having side effects may make it difficult to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects, but the vaccine is still working. The important thing is to get the vaccine.

breathing. This practice, common in meditation and sleep promotion, focuses on elongating the breath. If you have a history of cardiovascular or respiratory issues, it is best to first consult your physician before trying this at home. Assume a comfortable position for diaphragmatic breathing, as outlined above. Exhale completely to empty your lungs of air and relax your diaphragm. Take a gentle breath in through the nose for 4 seconds. Hold the breath for a count of 7 seconds. Exhale through pursed lips for a total of 8 seconds. Repeat four times. If this breathing pattern is too challenging, you can start by dividing all the times in half. This would translate to a 2 second inhale, 3.5 second breath hold, and 4-second exhale. If you have additional questions on breathing practices, please feel free to reach out to the Physical Therapy Team at Warm Springs Holistic Health: 541-777-2663.

Planning for the Center for Tribal Nations at Portland

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is inviting tribes and tribal organizations to participate in planning for the Center for Tribal Nations and Waterfront Education Park in Portland. ATNI and partners are in the initial planning stage of this project; and are seeking advice, ideas and assistance as they develop the conceptual plans for this project, to be located at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry—OMSI—district in Portland. See this website for more information, including how to register to participate: atntribes.org/center-tribal-nations/ **Center for Tribal Nations** The Portland Metropolitan Area—Metro—early this year awarded a grant to plan for a Center for Tribal Nations on the OMSI property.

Metro awarded the \$750,000 grant to OMSI and the City of Portland. The grant supports strategic planning and engagement efforts for the Center for Tribal Nations, and a waterfront education park at the OMSI District. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is helping to lead the visioning process with tribes, tribal and inter-tribal organizations, and Indigenous community members. For more background: Last October, the Portland Metro Council proclaimed the second Monday in October as Indigenous People’s Day across greater Portland. The Metro resolution recognized that this region “is built upon the ancestral homelands, villages and traditional use areas of the Indigenous People and

tribes who have been caretakers of these lands we cherish since time immemorial.” The project seeks to leverage the redevelopment of the OMSI property to model a new partnership between OMSI, tribal and inter-tribal organizations, the greater Portland Native American community and the City of Portland to restore the Native community’s presence on the Willamette. Metro said, “The United States has a history of violence against Indigenous People, including termination and assimilation policies, broken treaties and relocation—wrongs that have taken place in Oregon and across the country.” The planning grant will allow the project partners to engage tribes, tribal organizations and the Native American community to

identify and begin planning for a broad range of uses on the site. The award is part of Metro’s 2040 planning and development grants program, which supports regional and local planning, economic development and community stabilization, and equitable development projects throughout the region. The Center and waterfront education park seek to meaningfully restore Native peoples’ connection to the Willamette River in the Portland area. The Center and adjacent park will be part of an integrated package of redevelopment that will include riverfront restoration, and office and community gathering spaces for Native people and tribal and inter-tribal organizations who live, work or visit in the Portland metropolitan region.

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Helping her community at the River

Having lived along the Columbia River all of her life, Shawyna Spino is deeply connected to the area’s Native communities.

“I grew up all along this river,” Shawyna says. “I never left this river. I’ve always been here. My connection is to the people, it makes it easy to talk to my local people.”

Ms. Spino, a Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs member, is the Pathways coordinator for the Washington Gorge Action Programs team. In this position Shawyna supports the Native American population throughout the program service area in Skamania and Klickitat counties.

She joined the Gorge Action Programs team last year as a youth specialist. “Pathways is a program that helps people find resources within their community,” Shawyna says.

The service was added through a grant from Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health. Shawyna’s role focuses on serving the homeless population, especially young people.

Growing up in Lyle, she wasn’t familiar with the Washington Gorge Action Programs—the community action agency that works locally to fight poverty.

Later, she got to know the program. And now as part of team, she shares her experiences and serves the Native families of the area. “The people have an opportunity to talk to someone they feel more comfortable with,” Shawyna says.

Her journey is a personal one.

IHS covid data update

The national office of the Indian Health Service over the weekend updated its coronavirus data.

According to the most recent data: IHS has conducted more 2,150,686 tests for Covid-19 among members of its service area.

Of the total tests: 188,890 have returned positive for Covid-19.

That represents an increase of less than 1 percent from the previous report a week before.

Since mid-October of 2020, the IHS has been providing additional information about the spread of the coronavirus within the system.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in three areas, as has been true for the past several weeks: They are:

The Navajo Area, 16.4 percent. The Phoenix Area, 14 percent. The Oklahoma City Area, 13.1 percent.

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 in most recent days and weeks. Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, these areas continue to see higher Covid-19 rates: the Great Plains Area, the California Area, and the Oklahoma City Area.

State of Oregon update on covid cases

Oregon health authorities report this week that the overall death toll in the state from Covid-19 is 2,363. This number was reported after one new covid death in Oregon on Monday.

On Monday in the state there were also a reported 224 new confirmed or presumptive cases of the virus.

Some good news is that the state reports that health providers in Oregon have administered more than 1.5 million first- and second doses of Covid-19 vaccination.



Shawyna Spino in her new job, connecting people at the Columbia River with resources for better lives and healthier communities.

The Youth Specialist had to be a person who experienced homelessness: Shawyna speaks frankly, explaining that, during her youth, being without a home was a regular part of her life. Many factors contributed to her situation, but the result was moving often up and down both sides of the Columbia River, living where she could.

Her experiences did not stop her from succeeding and, “with support of many others,” she graduated from Lyle High School in 2020. She credits her school counselor Julie Larson with referring her to apply for the Pathways position.

Over the years, Ms. Larson has cultivated a relationship with the Native community, and developed a bond of trust with Shawyna.

Julie learned of the Pathways position and thought it would be a good fit for Shawyna. When asked if it was the right place at the right time for Shawyna to apply, Julie said without hesitation, “Yes, I really think it was.”

Julie adds that Ms. Spino had always been a good advocate for

herself, and she works especially well with others.

The initial training cycle for a program coordinator included extensive job shadowing. Shawyna is now working to create a cycle of visitations to places where Native people gather.

She wants to be a regular asset in making people aware of programs and services that are available like food banks and housing options within the Washington Gorge Action Programs system, and to make referrals to other local programs such as legal assistance and counseling.

When asked what her best moment has been so far, Shawyna said it was meeting with her “Aunties and Uncles” at one of the fishing in-lieu sites, where tribes maintain treaty fishing rights. Her relatives, she said, “Never thought they would see someone like themselves on the other side of the table.”

Shawyna sees this position as an opportunity to give back and be available for her community.

PAPALAXSIMISHA & COMMUNIITY HEALTH

Beginners Yoga Virtual Class

INSTRUCTED BY: JENNIFER ROBBINS
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS COORDINATOR

Thursday's 12:10pm-12:50pm

On going activity

Join Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85403998530>

All community members are welcome and encouraged to join. There will be limited amount of yoga mats distributed if you need one, please contact Jillisa Suppah jillisa.suppah@wstribes.org

School sports update

The Madras High School **girls basketball** team is planning for their season in May and June this year. With that, they are starting to fund raise.

They have opened up their online Fan Clothing Store for fans and players.

Every time a player sells an item, a percentage of the sale goes to the team. To learn more you can contact Jerin Say at email:

jsay@509j.net

Or call 541-777-7904.

The Warm Springs **Youth Football Camp** is happening this Wednesday, March 24 at

the Academy field.

There is no cost for this camp, and it’s open to all k-8 students, male and female. The camp will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The camp is hosted by the Madras High School Football program.

All Covid-19 guidelines are enforced, including wearing a mask and social distancing. Parents are not allowed to stay at the venue during the camp times. The camp will be streamed live on Facebook at the football program page. Coach Taylor can be reached at 503-312-9680; or email: ktaylor@509j.net

Cougar sighting by the Academy

Warm Springs Public Safety officers earlier this month responded to a cougar sighting near the Warm Springs Academy. Police increased patrolling in the area, though they did not spot the cougar.

The Branch of Natural Resources also dispatched follow-up patrols, noting it is common for

cougars to expand into developed areas when food scarcity occurs, or when they are pushed by territorial disputes with other mountain lions. Meanwhile, Natural Resources and police recommend home-owners in the vicinity to be sure to keep dogs and cats inside and secured at night.

Howlak Tichum

Allen Elston ~ 1931-2021

Allen Elston of Madras died on March 16, 2021,surrounded by his family. He was 89 years old.

Allen was born on June 13, 1931, in Miami, Texas, to Charles and Myrtle Elston. He lived his early life in Huckabay, Texas, where he met and married Juanita Wylie, in 1949.

Allen attended Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. On March 15, 1960, he and Juanita moved their young family, which included Marsha and Alicia, to Warm Springs, where Allen became the pastor of the Warm Springs Baptist Church. Donna was added to the family a year later, and the Elstons spent over 33 years living among the wonderful Warm Springs people they so dearly loved.

Allen is survived by Juanita, his wife of over 71 years; daugh-

ters Marsha Martinez and husband James, of Madras, Alicia Pugh and husband Dale, of Huckabay, Texas, and Donna Scheller and husband Ron, of Bend.

He is also survived by his six grandchildren and their families: Scott Armstrong and Eve Ooten, of Anchorage, Alaska, Jesse and Jessie Armstrong, of Bend, Aaron and Katie Elston, of Bend, John Pugh and Audrie Ayers, of Bend, Natalie and Jason Villanueva, of Bend, and Mikaela and Michael Bird, of Bend.

Allen and Juanita also have the joy of being great-grandparents to Livi and Lyza Armstrong, of Bend. In addition, four younger brothers, Gene, Baldy, Carroll and Mack, and a large extended family survives in Texas and points beyond.

CRITFC seeks to hire 4 officers

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission seeks to hire four police officers. These are new positions, all of them full-time.

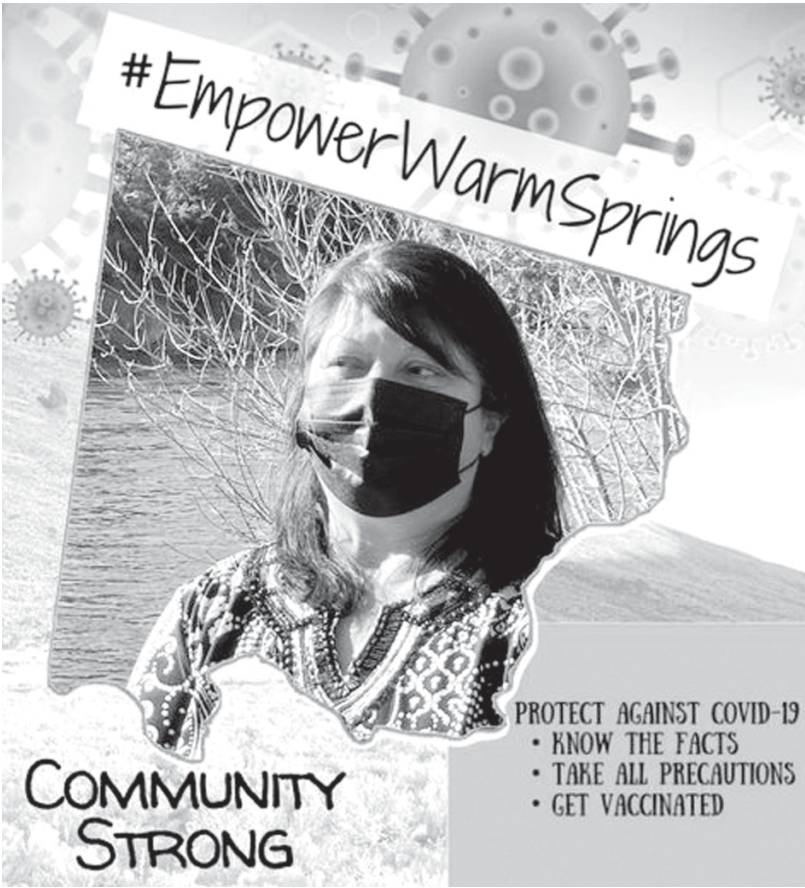
The locations will be in Hood River or Boardman.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement police officers are directly responsible for carrying out all enforcement and protective pa-

trols by foot, vehicle, and boat on the main stem Columbia River and its environs and also patrol at the In-lieu and Treaty Fishing Access sites.

Starting salary range is \$50,506 to \$55,157. The closing date is April 30. Employment application and full job announcement:

www.critfc.org



In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LATONIA SMITH, RANDY ZARATE., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV59-17 JV60-17. TO: LATONIA SMITH, RANDY ZARATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW/ PRO-BATION 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 **20th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 2:30 PM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Emerson Miller, Respondent; Case No. CR263-20. TO: Emerson Miller:

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 **April 27, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Confederated Tribes Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs CHANDA HOWTOPAT, Respondent; Case No. CR245,246-20. TO: Chanda Howtopat:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment 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 **April 27, 2021 at 8:00 am**

ROBERTA KIRK, Petitioner, vs JAKE EASTMAN, Respondent; Case No. DO43-21. TO: ROBERTA KIRK, JAKE EASTMAN, VOCS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **20TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

SHIRLEY ALLEN, Petitionerf/ Maxine Switzler, vs LARRY SWITZLER, Respondent; Case No. DO34-21. TO: SHIRLEY ALLEN, MAXINE SWITZER, LARRY SWITZLER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **13TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

JAMES MORAN, Petitioner, vs SHEILA THRASHER, Respondent; Case No. DO29-21. TO: JAMES MORAN, SHEILA THRASHER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **20TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs RANDY ZARATE, Respondent; Case No. JV60-17, JV59-17. TO: RANDY ZARATE, LATONIA SMITH, CPS, JV PROS:

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 **20TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 2:30 PM**

DORIS LEWIS, Petitioner, vs HATTIE HART, Respondent; Case No. DO42-21. TO: DORIS LEWIS, HATTIE HARD:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **13TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KELLI LANGNESE, Respondent; Case No. JV8-18. TO: KELLI LANGNESE, ERICKSON LUCEI:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an SHOW CAUSE, PROBATION & 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 **5TH day of MAY 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

D'LYNRAY SPINO, Petitioner, vs CTWS, Respondent; Case No. JV122A-05. TO: D'LANRAY SPINO, KRYSTA RHOAN, MYSTINA SPINO-McCORMACK, SARALEE SPINO McCORMACK, RAYMOND TORRES, ANTONE TORRES, MAHALA SPINO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CONSERVATOR GUARD- IANSHIP 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 **29TH day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARISSA KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. JV243-03. TO: MARISSA KALAMA, KEITH CHARLEY JR.:

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 **5TH day of MAY 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

IN THE MATTER OF: TAYLYNN GEORGE, DOB: 01/24/2012. Case No. DO125-20. NELLIE TANEWASHA, Petitioner:

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from TAYLYNN IRENE GEORGE. to TAYLYNN RAVEN TANEWASHA. A hearing on this matter has been set for **10:30AM on the 14th day of APRIL, 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 **31st day of MARCH 2021.**

KATIE MAE FRAZIER, Petitioner, vs H O W A R D CRAWFORD JR., RESPONDENT; Case No. DO143-20. TO: KATIE MAE FRAZIER, HOWARD CRAWFORD JR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION 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 **28th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALICIA YAZZIE., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV5-21. TO: ALICIA YAZZIE, STEPHAN CENTRE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PRELIMINARY 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 **20th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESSIE LAWSON, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV28-13 JV29-13. TO: ESSIE LAWSON, HECTOR SAIZA, REGGIE MEDINA, WILLIAM STEWART, HEATHER WILLIAMS-STEWART:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a JURISDICTIONAL 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 **14th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs URSELA RUSSELL, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV10-18. TO: URSELA RUSSELL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP 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 **4th day of MAY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs RACHEL FRANK, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV28-14. TO: RACHEL FRANK, BENJAMIN ARTHUR, RON & EUGENIA HAGER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW 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 **28th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDNA WINISHUT, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV107-04. TO: EDNA WINISHUT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY 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 **4th day of MAY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHANELLE JACKSON, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV192-07 JV193-07 DO38-07. TO: CHANELLE JACKSON, WAYNE EAGLESPEAKER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED 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 **6th day of MAY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DASHINA LAWRENCE, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV41-19. TO: DASHINA LAWRENCE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY 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 **28th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

Martie Wolf-VanPelt, Petitioner, vs Charles VanPelt., RESPONDENT; Case No. DO35-21. TO: Martie Wolf-VanPelt, Charles VanPelt:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Dissolution of Marriage 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 APRIL, 2021 @ 10:30 AM**

MARTHA ALVAREZ, Petitioner, vs MARY DOMINGO, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV44-21 JV45-21. TO: MARTHA ALVAREZ, MARY DOMINGO, JOSE ALVAREZ SR., NIKKI RUIZ, TANISHA REYNOSO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIAN

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 APRIL, 2021 @ 9:30 AM**

CHEY CULPUS, Petitioner, vs VALENE WHEELER, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO51-11. TO: CHEY CULPUS, VALENE WHEELER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION 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 **19th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

WAYLON WINISHUT, Petitioner, vs DENISE & JAMES WELDON RESPONDENT; Case No. DO109-12. TO: WAYLON WINISHUT, DENISE AND JAMES WELDON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARD- IANSHIP 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 **12th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CLARISSA WOLFE, Petitioner, vs WESLEY TEEMAN SR., RESPONDENT; Case No. DO97-20. TO: CLARISSA WOLFE, WESLEY TEEMAN SR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION 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 **28th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

IN THE MATTER OF: DAIQUAN WINISHUT-BOISE., DOB: 04/18/2008. Case No. DO123-20. NELLIE TANEWASHA, Petitioner.

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from DAIQUAN SPOTTED ELK WINISHUT-BOISE. to DONAVON SPOTTED ELK TANEWASHA. A hearing on this matter has been set for **9:30AM on the 14th day of APRIL, 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 **31st day of MARCH 2021**

MARTHA ALVAREZ, Petitioner, vs ANDREW RIOS RESPONDENT; Case No. DO73-08. TO: MARTHA ALVAREZ, ANDREW RIOS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION 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 **28th day of APRIL, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

IN THE MATTER OF: KURTIS LEE BOISE JR., DOB: 02/01/2007. Case No. DO122-20. NELLIE TANEWASHA, Petitioner.

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from KURTIS LEE BOISE JR. to KURTIS LESTER TANEWASHA. A hearing on this matter has been set for **9:00AM on the 14th day of APRIL, 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 **31st day of MARCH 2021.**

IN THE MATTER OF: PHILLIP WINISHUT-BOISE, DOB: 03/09/2010. Case No. DO124-20. NELLIE TANEWASHA, Petitioner.

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from PHILLIP RISING SUN WINISHUT-BOISE. to PHILLIP JACOBY TANEWASHA. A hearing on this matter has been set for **10:00AM on the 14th day of APRIL, 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 **31st day of MARCH 2021**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs D'Lynray Spino, Defendant; 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 **April 27, 2021 @8am**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Michelle Charley, Defendant; Case No. CR103-20; 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 **April 28, 2021 @3:00pm**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Nicki Blackowl, Defendant; Case No. CR17-21. TO: Nicki Blackowl:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENT 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 **APRIL 6, 2021 @ 8:00AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Tony J. Thompson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR36. To Curtis Thompson, Selena Polk, Laneda Thompson, Ashley Thompson and Brandon Thompson Sr.: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **April 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Perthina White, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR66: To Ina Anderson, Gifford Anderson, Ruth Durns, Rhoda Smith, Sheldon Sutterlee, Deborah George, Vanessa George, Cecily Anderson, Steven Anderson Jr. and Jeremy Anderson: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **April 14, 2021 at 9 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Carolyn R. Lawrence, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR87. To Valerie Fuiava, Stacy Smith, Daniel Lawrence Sr, Promise Lawrence, Ester Lawrence, Gale Lawrence III, Doris Lawrence and Dashina Lawrence: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **May 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

Umatilla court ruling on ‘stay home’ covid matter

MISSION—Last week on the Umatille Reservation, 17 people cited for violating that tribe’s Covid-19 social gathering restrictions were found not guilty. The alleged incident happened during an Easter day feast last year. The recent Umatilla Tribal Court ruling followed a 90-minute civil hearing.

The Umatilla ‘stay home’ resolution was issued in March 2020 by the tribes’ Board of Trustees. Violation of the resolution carried a potential sentence of a year in jail or a maximum fine of \$5,000.

However, the 17 were cited as a civil matter rather than arrested on criminal charges, so jail would not have been ordered, and a fine would be substantially less than \$5,000, Tribal Prosecutor Kyle Daley told the court before any testimony was taken.

Toby Patrick, a CTUIR member, hosted a First Foods celebration on April 26, 2020, with more than two dozen family members at his home on the reservation. First Foods include water, salmon, deer and elk, roots and berries.

Patrick, who was represented by Robert Klahn, and his longtime partner, Julia Johnson, a Warm Springs tribal member, appeared in

Tribal Court while the others appeared telephonically.

Umatilla Associate Judge Dave Gallaher’s ruling hinged on the question of whether Patrick’s family feast was an “essential” event.

The Umatilla resolution prohibited “nonessential tribal, longhouse, social and recreational gatherings of individuals outside of a home or place of residence (parties, celebrations or other similar gatherings)” regardless of size, “if a distance of at least 6 feet between individuals cannot be maintained.”

According to the verdict and judgment, Patrick presented evidence that the gathering was a “family religious observance” that was “essential to the spiritual and cultural well-being of the family.”

Gallaher’s ruling said the tribes, represented by Daley, presented no evidence that a family religious observance is “nonessential.”

“In the absence of evidence on a material element of the violation, the Court is left to speculate as to what is meant by ‘essential’, and ‘essential’ to whom? Such guesswork and speculation may not be the basis of a finding of guilt,” Gallaher wrote in his ruling.

Under questioning from Daley, Tony Barnett, who at the time of

the feast was a member of the Umatilla Tribal Police working as an investigator for the CTUIR Department of Children and Family Services, testified that the Patrick residence is a “certified foster home.”

A Facebook photo, which spurred the investigation and subsequent citations, showed at least one child and an adult who had a “protection order against him.” Barnett said he told Patrick such gatherings “can’t continue if you want to keep your certification as a foster home.”

However, there was no further discussion of foster children during the trial.

Chair Kat Brigham, speaking on her own and not for the full Board of Trustees, said the restrictions in the resolution were never meant to punish people for their religious beliefs.

She said the Patrick gathering was investigated and resulted in citations because of “other concerns” that were made apparent by the Facebook photo.

Brigham acknowledged that many families, including her own, had ceremonies at home.

“The resolution didn’t stop that. It just asked people to be careful of numbers,” she said.

Plan provides support for tribes

The \$1.9 trillion federal American Rescue Plan invests \$1.75 billion in American Indian and Alaska Native government programs. The Rescue Plan—the ARP—makes emergency supplemental appropriations and other changes to law to respond to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

The ARP authorizes \$900 million for the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support a wide range of Covid-19 response activities, including:

- \$772.5 million for tribal government services, public safety and justice, social services, child welfare assistance, and other related expenses;

- \$100 million for tribal housing improvement;
- \$20 million to provide and deliver potable water; and
- \$7.5 million for related federal administrative costs and oversight.

In addition, \$850 million is provided to the Bureau of Indian Education for Bureau Operated Schools, Tribally Controlled Schools, and Tribal Colleges and Universities to support quality education delivery while protecting students, teachers and communities from Covid-19.

The Department of the Interior and Indian Affairs will consult with the leaders of federally recognized tribal governments to discuss implementation of the American Rescue Plan.

Affordable Housing grant for the tribes

The Housing Authority learned last week that the Confederated Tribes have received an affordable housing grant of \$1.06 million. The award is part of \$10.5 million in Affordable Housing grants to the nine tribes of Oregon.

The funding is through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to help with the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The Oregon tribal housing block grants under the act are allocated as follows:

- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, \$1.06 million.
- Burns Paiute Tribe, \$104,915.
- Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Confederated Tribes, \$645,994.
- Coquille Indian Tribe, \$810,330.
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe, \$668,660.
- Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes, \$1.94 million.

- Klamath Tribes, \$1.06 million.
- Siletz Confederated Tribes, \$2.86 million.
- Umatilla Confederated Tribes, \$1.38 million.

The housing grants were announced by Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

“Tribes in Oregon have been rocked by Covid-19,” Sen. Wyden said. “Affordable housing is a must to keep community members safe during this pandemic and beyond.”

Sen. Merkley added: “It’s clear that this pandemic has hit Black, Brown, Native, and low-income communities the hardest, and made existing problems—like the growing affordable housing crisis—even worse. That’s why it is so important to me and my colleagues that the American Rescue Plan include the resources that local communities, including tribal communities, need to make sure that everyone has access to a safe place to call home.”



Edward Heath Photography

Recent game at Madras High School: Hayden Heath,coach butch David and Sebastian Bisland (r-l). Sports teams and staff are taking many precautions to prevent a covid incident. There are restrictions on allowing fans in the stands, for instance; and masking, testing and social distancing are required. So far, as of this printing, there had been no incident requiring a delay in practice or games for the 509-J school district teams.

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School buses should have wi-fi: Senator

Students of the reservation, and other tribal and rural communities, often have long bus rides to and from school.

In the case of the Warm Springs Reservation, the school bus ride can take up to 50 minutes or more each way.

A new bill introduced in the U.S. Senate would provide wi-fi service to school buses, allowing students to continue their studies while traveling to and from the school. “Oregon students in rural and tribal communities taking long bus rides to and from school need wi-fi during those long stretches,” said Sen. Ron Wyden, co-sponsor of the bill.

Wyden’s co-sponsorship of the E-Rate Support for School Bus Wi-Fi Act is part of his agenda to expand broadband access and make high-speed internet affordable across Oregon, including his introduction of the Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act.

Opposition to Snake River dam idea

Some environmental groups are opposing a proposal to breach the four lower Snake River Dams. Idaho’s U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson put forth a \$33.5 billion proposal to breach the four dams, as a means of saving salmon runs in the Snake River.

Environmental groups in Oregon and Washington are opposed to some aspects of the proposal, saying the terms would weaken the federal Endangered Species Act, and the Clean Water Act.

A key part the proposal is a 35-year moratorium on dam-related lawsuits; and a 25-year moratorium on agriculture-related lawsuits.

The proposal would also give agriculture a bigger role in watershed improvement, and transfer fish management responsibility from the Bonneville Power Administration to a joint council of states and tribes.

The remaining major dams in the Columbia River Basin would get license extensions of 35 to 50 years.

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