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## Community update

A Warm Springs Indian Health Service-Community Health update early this week reported zero new Covid-19 cases on the reservation, from 62 who were newly tested. There were just four known active cases on the reservation, as of late Monday of this week.

IHS has given 2,123 primary doses of the vaccine against Covid-19; plus 1,600 booster doses. To schedule a vaccination appointment call 541-553-2131. Vaccinations from IHS are for anyone 18 and older, and in some cases 16 and older, who either: Lives in Warm Springs; works in Warm Springs, or is Indian Health Service eligible.

## Senator virtual town hall from Warm Springs

Oregon's U.S. Senator Ron Wyden stopped at the Warm Springs Media Center this week to broadcast his virtual town hall meeting. "I would rather meet with people eye to eye," Sen. Wyden said. But with the covid restrictions, he said, the next best option is a Facebook Live broadcast, during which he fielded questions from the Warm Springs and Madras communities.

For the Confederated Tribes, the first topic of discussion was the water infrastructure on the reservation. Sen. Wyden, with Senator Jeff Merkley, are the

primary sponsors of the Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act, which would help address the tribes' water, and some other infrastructure needs. This bill recently crossed a major hurdle toward becoming law (see article below on this page).

Sen. Wyden then talked about the Covid-19 relief that will help school districts, including 509-J, to safely continue and expand in-person teaching.

Speaking with the Senator, Warm Springs' Carina Miller also mentioned the fundamental importance of the water and other tribal infrastructure.

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At the Confederated Tribes Media Center, Sen. Ron Wyden and staff prepare Monday for the virtual town hall, conducted on Facebook Live.

## Sacred Reflections at the museum

The Museum at Warm Springs is hosting *Sacred Reflections: The Art of Umatilla Artist Ellen Taylor*. The show opens this Thursday, April 8 at the museum Changing Exhibits Gallery.

Ms. Taylor is renowned for her Contemporary Native American paintings, a description of her style being: "Picasso meets Native American type of Contemporary art in Andy Warhol's living room..." Her artwork "comes from visions, feelings, life experiences, death, turmoil, new birth, illness, relationships and history of life."

Ms. Taylor adds, "The perfect balance comes from finding the time to create, articulate and harmonize these ideas onto canvass, in an otherwise busy life." Her show will be on display through May.

"For 28 years the Museum At Warm Springs has been proud to showcase the work of



The artist with one of her paintings, and another of her recent works.

artists not only from the Warm Springs community but also artists of regional and national renown," says museum executive director Elizabeth A. Woody.

"Ellen's innovation is phenomenal and the way her ideas hit the canvas is like no other. Visitors can expect to experience the incredible outpouring of Ellen's creativity and



be inspired by her immense talent."

The museum Gift Shop has an exclusive one-of-a-kind Ellen Taylor exhibition t-shirt.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council requires all visitors and staff to wear masks while in the museum. Other health and safety procedures are in place, which include allowing only a certain number of visitors in the Museum at a time and temperature checks at the entrance. All protocols are designed to keep the public and staff safe during the ongoing pandemic.

## Pi-Ume-Sha has to wait another year

Like last year, there will be no Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow this year. Elders made the decision at the Root Feast, held safely this year outdoors at the Community Center Pavillion area.

On the reservation, "We're doing great with the vaccine," said Cassie Katchia, Pi-Ume-Sha Committee member. "But some youngsters will not have had the vaccine, and we're not sure about the visitors."

Pi-Ume-Sha is greatly missed, as the weekend events are some of the most anticipated of the year: The Grand Entries and dance and drum competitions; the Traditional Saturday Parade, the rodeo and boxing, Health Fair, Endurance Horse Race, stick games, and concessions.

Pi-Ume-Sha since the late 1960s marks the signing of the Treaty of 1855. This year on June 25 the treaty will see its One-Hundred and Sixty-Sixth anniversary.

## Tribal infrastructure bill moves out of Indian Affairs Committee

Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr., and other tribal leaders, advocated to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for passage of a Western tribal infrastructure bill.

The Senate committee then last month approved the bill, sponsored by Oregon's U.S. Senate delegation. This is encouraging news, as on average only one in four bills are reported out of committee.

Infrastructure needs on the reservation exceed \$40 million, with immediate improvement to the watery system estimated at \$5-\$6 million, Chairman Tsumpti said. Investment in infrastructure could lead to economic development and employment for the membership, Mr. Tsumpti said.

The Senate first heard the proposal to fund Western tribal infrastructure—inspired in large part by the condition of water system serving the Warm Springs Reservation—two years ago.

The Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act would provide up to \$62 million specifically for long-neglected Western reservation infrastructure.

"There are many federal programs to assist tribes," Mr. Tsumpti said. "But they have not individually or collectively been able to meet the magnitude of infrastructure challenges on our reservation."

Sen. Ron Wyden told the committee that the water crisis at Warm Springs and other tribes nationwide demands "swift federal action to fix a disgraceful legacy of shameful neglect by the federal government. And I'm glad to see the Indian Affairs Committee give this issue the attention it requires. I hope the Senate will advance our bill as soon as possible. No tribe should go without clean water."

In some of the other March testimony before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, director of the

‘ There are many federal programs to assist tribes, but they have not individually or collectively been able to meet the magnitude of infrastructure challenges on our reservation. ’

Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

Navajo Department of Water Resources Jason John said tribal water systems were not originally built by federal trust agencies to support growth and development. "To be able to afford the delivery of water, we need businesses to be part of the plan," Mr. John said. "It's really hard to build businesses in the Navajo Nation because of the lack of infrastructure."

Colorado River Indian Tribes Chairwoman Amelia Flores told lawmakers: "You don't need to just throw money at the problem," adding that more than money has held back tribal community development. Flores cited policies and laws affecting water rights and water quality. She said water management needs to improve with infrastructure.

Committee Vice Chair Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, opened the hearing by citing dangerous conditions in her home state, descriptions that echoed the problems in Warm Springs. "Boil water notices have become a way of life," Sen. Murkowski said.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium serves 229 federally recognized tribes in the state. Interim president Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson told lawmakers it's long been time to make a significant investment in water infrastructure.

"What we found is that infants in communities without adequate sanitation facilities are 11 times more likely to be hospitalized for respiratory infections and five times more likely to be hospitalized for skin infections," Davidson said, citing a study by the CDC.

"Put another way: Every year, we expect that one out of every three infants in those communities will be hospitalized, simply because they don't have running water," she said.

At the March oversight hearing, the Senate Indian Affairs committee also advanced the Respect Act, which its Republican sponsors say would repeal 11 laws that discriminate against Native Americans. "Throughout history, Native Americans have been subjected to federal laws that are offensive, immoral, and outright racist," Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota said.

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# Featuring the work of artist Lillian Pitt

The artwork of Lillian Pitt was featured in April at the Columbia Center for the Arts. Ms. Pitt is among the most highly regarded Native American artists in the Pacific Northwest.

Born on the Warm Springs Reservation, Lillian is a descendant of Wasco, Yakama and Warm Springs heritage.

Public examples of Pitt's work can be found at the Museum at Warm Springs, Central Oregon Community College, on the Kalapuya Bridge on I-5 near Eugene, and at the Hillsboro Civic Center's outdoor space.

Ms. Pitt's solo show at the Columbia Center—it was called *Ancestors Known and Unknown*—featured new works. Using a range of media including glass, clay, metal, jewelry and 2-D work, Pitt's work aims to honor her ancestors and their traditions.



Lillian Pitt's Flute Player

Courtesy

## TERO announces new construction trade program

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office announces new construction training just for women.

The program is hosted by TERO partner Baker Technical Institute, who is coordinating the program with the Oregon Department and the Bureau of Labor and Industry.

The training opportunity is the Heavy Highway Construction Pre-Apprenticeship program for Central and Eastern Oregon.

The goal is to increase the

number of under-represented individuals in the trades. This is a hands-on program providing funding for the first group of participants, including up to 10 women free of charge.

The first training will begin in June, and is specifically for women interested in gaining employable skills and certifications leading to careers in heavy construction. Future courses will be for both men and women. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

Training includes heavy equipment operation, concrete masonry, welding, blueprint reading, applied

construction math, and certifications in forklift operation, traffic control/flagger, and OSHA 10.

This introductory heavy highway construction course also includes important employment readiness skills such as cover letter, resume, and interview training intended to give participants an advantage when applying for future positions.

For more information about this exciting new program, or to apply, please call 541-524-2651 or visit bakerti.org

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## Construction seeks bookkeeper

The Warm Springs Construction Enterprise is looking for a bookkeeper to assist with carrying out the duties and responsibilities of daily bookkeeping and assisting with accounting operations. This is a part-time position.

A high school diploma is required, an Associate's Degree is preferred but experience may be considered: One to two years of bookkeeping experience, and demonstrate the ability and skills necessary to per-

form required job duties.

He or she needs to have a basic understanding of accounting practices and procedures, demonstrate basic computer skills including data entry, and be strong using Microsoft Excel and Word.

Apply at 4202 Holliday Street, Warm Springs. For a complete job description email: [lcochran@wstribes.org](mailto:lcochran@wstribes.org) [sdanzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:sdanzuka@wstribes.org)

The position closes on April 30.

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## In April at Tribal Council

The following are some of the items coming this month on the Tribal Council agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

### Monday, April 13

9 a.m.: High Lookee Lodge update.  
 9:30: Human Resources update with Cheryl Tom.  
 10: Finance update with Secretary-Treasurer-CEO Michele Stacona.  
 10:30: Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.  
 11: Managed Care program update with Michael Collins.  
 1:30 p.m.: Administrative

Services update with Michele.  
 2: Procurement update with Libby Chase.  
 2:30: Tribal Court update with Chief Judge Lisa Lomas.  
 3: Public Safety update with Carmen Smith.  
 3:30: Natural Resources update with Robert Brunoe.  
 4: Veterans Services Office update with Frankie Williams.

### Wednesday, April 14

9 a.m.: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.  
 10: Education update with Valerie Switzler.  
 10:30: School district 509-J memorandum of under-

standing with Valerie.

11: Public Utilities update with Travis Wells.  
 1:30 p.m.: TERO program update with Wendell Jim.  
 2:30: Gaming Commission/Surveillance update with Sandra Main and Josephine Johnson.  
 3: Right-of-Way—Century Link update with Jim Manion and Ellen Grover.  
 3:30: Landfill update with Said Amali and Joie Simtustus.

**Monday, April 19:** Mediation: DSL permit with Judge Leavy, via Zoom, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 20

9 a.m.: Secretary-Trea-

surer update with Michele.

9:30: May agenda, review minutes.  
 10: Legislative update calls.  
 10:30: Draft resolutions.  
 11: Covid and 509-J school district update.  
 1:30 p.m.: Ventures update (tentative hold) with Jim Souers.  
 2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson.  
 3: Indian Head Casino discussion with Jeff Carstensen.  
 4: Commissary project update with Marissa Ahern-Crabb.

**Thursday and Friday, April 22-23:** Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission meeting via Zoom.

and Surveillance update with director Josephine Johnson.

- Gaming Commissioner appointments with Michele Stacona:

- Motion by Brigitte accepting the names for the appointments. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Captain/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution no. 12,786A. That the following individual are appointed to the Board of Directors of Indian Head Casino, with initial terms of office to end on the specified date: Mavis Shaw, tribal member, Class I Director, term ending December 31, 2023. Second by Delvis. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:31 p.m.

### March 24

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Raymond (Captain) Moody, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Anita Jackson, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Chief Joseph Moses, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Delvis Heath, Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Health and Human Services update with branch general manager Caroline Cruz
- Education update with branch general manager Valerie Switzler.
- Public Utilities update with Chico Holliday
- Tribal Employment Rights Office update with Wendell Jim.
- Gaming Commission

0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Cannabis Commission update with Starla Green.
- Appeals Court update with Thor Hoyt.
- Development update with Bruce Irwin.
- Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission update with Shirley Allen, Ramona Cochran, Jonathan W. Smith and Councilman Glendon Smith.
- Michele: Financial Strategies LLC vacancy will be advertised.
- Motion by Delvis to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

### March 23

The meeting was called to order at 9 by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Anita Jackson, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses.

- Human Resources update with director Cheryl Tom.
- Finance update with director Alfred Estimo Jr.
- Governmental Affairs update with director Louie Pitt Jr.
- Managed Care update with director Michael Collins.
- Administrative Services update with Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona.
- Other business – Brigitte:
  - A \$2,500 check was donated to the tribes to use as needed.
  - Procurement update director Libby Chase.
  - Tribal Court update with Chief Judge Lisa Lomas.
  - Public Safety update

## Summaries of Tribal Council

The following are Tribal Council proceeding summaries from March:

### March 22, 2021

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

- Secretary-Treasurer update S-T/CEO Michele Stacona.

- April agenda with Michele Stacona:

- Motion by Captain approving the April agenda. Second by Brigitte. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Alfred/yes, 7/0/0, chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Federal and state legislative update calls.

- Covid and 509-J School update with the Response Team and school superintendent Ken Parshall:

- Does Tribal Council approve utilizing Covid-19 relief dollars to cover costs for wells and septic tanks: Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes. Passes 7/0/0, Chairman not voting.

- Letter of Support for Judge Kasubhai:

- Motion by Brigitte approving the Chairman to sign letters of support to Honorable Jeff Merkley and Honorable Ron Wyden. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, 7/0/0

## PUBLIC NOTICE: Clean Water Act certification

Notice of proposed reissuance of Clean Water Act Section 401 certification to discharge to waters of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

1. Applicant: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Warm Springs – Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mailing Address: PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

This original 401 certification issued to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant in April 2000. The permittee has submitted an NPDES permit application for reissuance of the permit for a discharge from the Warm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant to Shitike Creek on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The permit will authorize certain discharges of pollutants into Shitike Creek subject to limits and requirements designed to minimize pollution and protect water quality. A description of the basis for the conditions and requirements of the draft permit is given in the Fact Sheet.

A draft permit and related fact sheet are available by contacting Mike McKay at 541-553-2020 or: [mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org)

2. Tribal certification:

This facility is located within the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reservation and discharges to waters under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the boundary with the State of Oregon's jurisdiction. Pursuant to Section 401 of

the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has the authority to grant or waive 401 certification.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs must either certify that the permit complies with Tribal water quality standards or waive certification before the final permit is issued.

### 3. Public comments:

Because of the Covid-19 virus, access to the Tribal Environmental Office building is limited. Please contact Mike McKay via email:

[mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org)  
 Or phone 541-553-2020 to request copies of the draft 401 certification or to submit comments.

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in the draft certification may do so in writing to the above e-mail address.

Comments must be received within the 15-day period to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. All comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – Water Control Board. PO Box C, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Phone 541-553-3257.

Technical contact: Mike McKay, 541-553-2020.

[mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:mike.mckay@ctwsbnr.org)  
 Public Notice Issuance Date: March 31, 2021  
 Public Notice Expiration Date: April 15, 2021.

The Senior Wellness Program is resuming meal deliveries. All curbside meals can be picked up at the Agency Longhouse starting at 11 a.m. The temporary phone number for meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings is 541-553-0498. All Covid-19 safety protocols continue to be in place.

Anyone 18 and older, or in some cases 16 and older, who lives in Warm Springs or works in Warm Springs, or who is IHS eligible, can get a Covid-19 vaccine. Just call 541-553-2131 for an appointment.

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## Letters to the editor

### Camelback Club on Wednesdays

Papalaxsimisha is hosting the Camelback Club every Wednesday in April, from 5:30-6:40 p.m. at the Rodeo grounds.

There will be door prizes for participants. Bring your best hiking shoes and mask. For more information contact me at:

charlene.dimnick@wstribes.org

Let's hike and have fun!

**Charlene Dimnick**, Family Peer Support Specialist, Warm Springs Family Resiliency Program. Phone 541-615-0037.

### Raffle winners

Jaihline Ramirez held a raffle drawing on March 31 for her trip to the Dominican Republic, representing the Pacific Northwest at an international basketball tournament.

Winners of the raffle are as follows (*honestly, we wish everyone could win*):

Rena Adams Smith, Starbucks cup with card.

Merle Kirk, Starbucks cup with card.

Shirelle Adams, eighth generation wool blanket.

Charnene Smith, Starbucks card.

Crystal M. Spino, Imitation elk set cream colored.

Tquanammy Kirk, Imitation elk set, blue.

Lovie Ike, 2-inch shell earrings.

Traci SoTo, Rawhide earrings with hat.

Esther Kalama, MMIW bundle.

Amy Suppah, Neon pink yellow VS set with earrings, mask.

Jaylyn Suppah, Size 4/5 ribbon skirt set.

Lori Switzler, Coach wristlet.

Nicole Main, Blazers tote, earrings mask.

Cheryl Tom, Beaded horse set.

Annie Tewee, Pink beaded wallet with earrings.

L. Raye Squiemphen, Sasquatch earrings.

Dayle Tufti, Shell earrings.

Lucy Suppah, Beaded Nike earrings.

Edna David, Basketball tie blanket with beanie.

Selena LeClaire, Orange butterfly earrings.

Carina Miller, Sterling silver cross necklace.

Danni Katchia, Star Wars bundle.

Tricia Stiffarm, Beaded earrings.

*Huge Thank You to everyone for all your love and support.*

### At TERO

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.

### To all high school students

The Cascades Campus of Oregon State University will host a five-day, in-person day camp, designed to ease you into the college experience.

In addition, you will receive a \$500 scholarship to OSU-Cascades; and meet new friends while exploring your college and career interests with university professors and experts.

The camp will be in summertime in Bend; so we're getting outside, with daily adventures provided by student leaders and staff.

Participants will follow health guidelines and OSU policies. See the website: [osucascades.edu](http://osucascades.edu)

### Prevention event

Warm Springs Prevention and Health and Human Services are planning a community grieving event, tentatively set for June 9-10. The event will be at the grassy area just outside of the Behavioral Health Center. The plan is to have speakers, drumming, prayers and presentations.

## Diversity of views on Indian Reorganization Act

*In 2017, the Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 13—SB13—now known as Tribal History-Shared History.*

*The law directs the Oregon Department of Education to create K-12 Native American Curriculum for inclusion in Oregon public schools, and provide professional development to educators. This article is a contribution to this project:*

Hello, My name is Lonnie James. I am currently working with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Culture and Heritage program as a Kiksht elder. We are currently working under the auspices of Oregon SB13 to create curriculum for teaching in Oregon public schools.

My request revolves around a section, aimed at eleventh graders, regarding Tribal Sovereignty from the Native view. This section looks at the 1928 Meriam Report on living conditions for Treaty tribes under the assimilation mandate that the U.S. government

was operating under. It found deplorable conditions on Indian reservations as well as in Indian boarding schools. After the report, there were some changes made to improve conditions. These changes did not include the abolition of the allotment policy.

In 1934, the Wheeler-Howard Act was passed, and was comprised of the mandate to create local Native governments in an attempt to provide individual tribes the ability to manage their own affairs. This act also ended the allotment policy and allowed for restoration of some lands that had gone from tribal ownership to private ownership. The act also changed the assimilation policies to allow the tribes to preserve their own culture.

We are currently referring to opposing opinions from elders from other tribes to demonstrate the variety of thoughts about the issue. These thoughts are valued and reflect the speakers impression of the impact of one or both of the subjects on their tribe.

As the SB13 Committee is interested in speaking to the impact of a variety of

issues as they relate to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, we are seeking recordings or interviews with tribal elders from Warm Springs of that period on the impact of one or both of these subjects. Recordings or printed material would be helpful, as it would provide students the ability to read or hear the impressions of the elder, and bring the students an understanding of the impact in the context of the local reservation. As this would be used in a public curriculum, materials cannot be copyrights and should be in the public domain.

Here are the current references:

**'It set the Indian aside as a problem'**—A Sioux attorney criticizes the Indian Reorganization Act.

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which became known as the Indian New Deal, dramatically changed the federal government's Indian policy. Although John Collier, commissioner of Indian Affairs who was responsible for the new policy, may have viewed Indians with great sympathy, not all Native

Americans viewed the Indian New Deal in equally positive terms. In this 1968 interview with historian Joseph H. Cash, attorney Ramon Roubideaux, a Brule Sioux, denounced the Indian Reorganization Act as "a white man's idea" of how Indians should live, and argued that it "set the Indian people aside from the mainstream of American life and made them a problem."

**Ramon Roubideaux:** Well, I might say as far as the Indian Reorganization Act is concerned, I think this is possibly one of the best intentioned but unfortunate happenings that could have possibly taken place, as far as the Indian People are concerned. What I am speaking about is that, although it did not stop the alienation, the sale of Indian lands and did not stop the allotment system, it created a socialistic society, and set the Indian people apart from the mainstream of American life and made them a problem.

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## Education grants still available to Oregon veterans

*From the desk of Frankie Williams, Warm Springs Tribal Veterans Representative.*

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is still accepting applications for the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant. This is a grant program implemented last year to help Oregon veterans complete their educational goals.

The Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program provides financial assistance to veterans who are unable to complete their education. The program also provides training due to the unavailability of one or more required classes or periods of training.

The Oregon State Legislature established the program in 2019 with the passage of House Bill 2201.

The Veterans Education Bridge Grant Program pro-



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

vides grants to eligible student veterans to alleviate the financial stress during a gap period when required courses are unavailable, allowing them to stay in school or their apprenticeship training, and finish their program.

Under the program, eligible student veterans who are unable to complete their education due to the unavailability of required classes or training may receive grants of up

to \$5,000.

Recipients must be a veteran eligible for GI Bill benefits, must be an Oregon resident, and must be enrolled in an Oregon-based academic or training program that is approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

To date, Oregon Veterans Affairs has awarded over \$200,000 to more than 40 veterans in academic and training programs that include traditional degrees, professional certificates, flight programs and apprenticeships.

The average award has been \$4,382, and the average turnaround from the receipt of a completed application has been just five days.

"The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs is grateful for the opportunity to help so many worthy veterans complete their education or vocational training, which we know can have a

lasting, meaningful impact on the quality of life they are able to lead for themselves and their families," said department director Kelly Fitzpatrick.

"Particularly in the midst of the unprecedented circumstances brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, we recognize the barriers many student veterans face in achieving their educational goals, and our team stands ready to help in any way we can."

Veterans may also be eligible for retroactive funding in certain circumstances. Any veteran who believes they meet eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply.

*If any Oregon veteran has questions regarding this educational bridge grant, you can contact me at 541-460-0605 (c) or 541-777-2957 (office). Or email: [frankie.williams@wstribes.org](mailto:frankie.williams@wstribes.org)*

## Maximizing your muscle strength training

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

Strengthening is an important component of a balanced exercise routine. Research has shown that consistent strength training helps individuals reduce injury risk, enhance daily function, and improve mental health.

There are three main types of muscle contractions used to improve strength. They are called concentric, eccentric, and isometric contractions.

A combination of these three are common through our daily movements and can be used to optimize exercise programs and accelerate progress towards fit-

ness goals.

**Concentric:** A concentric muscle contraction is one in which a muscle generates force by shortening its length.

An example of this exercise is the phase of a bicep curl when you are bringing the weight closer towards your shoulder. Concentric exercise can be helpful in increasing strength, building mass, and toning tissue.

**Eccentric:** An eccentric muscle contraction refers to when a muscle is lengthening under tension.

These types of contractions are crucial in maximizing strength results. Research has shown that eccentric contractions generate more force and use less

energy and oxygen than concentric.



be performed at a slower pace with a focus on control. Examples of eccentric exercises include sitting down in a chair, stepping down stairs, or slowly lowering back to the ground from the top range of a push up. When attempting these exercises, try to pace the movement at a count of five or more seconds.

**Isometric:** During an isometric exercise, the muscle remains at the same length and joints do not move. These exercises can be very

Eccentric exercises should

helpful for stabilizing muscles around a painful joint without increasing irritation. There is also research demonstrating that isometric exercises help to reduce pain in tendons, which is the connective tissue attaching muscles to bones. Isometric exercises are often held for a longer duration and include planks, wall sits, or glute bridges.

All three types of muscle contractions are beneficial and hold an important place in a balanced exercise routine.

If you have further questions on how to optimize your strength training program, please feel free to reach out to the physical therapy team at Warm Springs Holistic Health for more information. Phone 541-777-2663.



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# Indian Reorganization Act

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So what this has really done, it has substituted in place of the governing system that the Indians had prior to the Indian Reorganization Act, a white man's idea of how they should live, rather a paternalistic type of government which had as its object the socializing of all the activities of the Indian people, and while farmers of this act and the ones who are responsible for the idea of formulating it probably had the best intentions in the world, I cannot help but think that there was maybe not an overt conspiracy, but one in the back of the mind of these bureaucrats to really perpetuate their own existence.

Question from Joseph H. Cash: The bureaucrats in the Bureau of Indian Affairs?

Roubideaux: Right! Now, when I speak of bureaucrats, I not only include the actual office holders, but the families and friends of all these office holders who form the controlling and guiding memberships of these eastern Indian organizations. I want to elaborate a little on the effects of the Indian Reorganization Act insofar as it has deterred the development and the independent thinking of the Indian

people.

In the first place, it set the Indian aside as a problem. The Indian was told he was a problem from the very day that he was born under this system and as he grew older, he was by the presence of these so-called experts in agriculture and ranching and other activities they were paying lip service to teaching the Indians, he was somehow made to feel that he was inferior, that he wasn't able to compete. So that the whole system emphasized the activities of the Indians as a whole for the benefit of the whole, rather than the individual, private enterprise of our American system.

He wasn't taught to be a capitalist, which he must be taught in order for him to survive in this country.

Many of the programs had limitations on them, particularly, say, the cattle program. They would allow an Indian to acquire some 200 head of cattle, and he couldn't get any more. I forget the exact figures, but there were limitations put on him so that any programs that were instituted were not aimed at benefitting the Indian, but where some side effects did benefit him,

it was probably an unfortunate occurrence because their main objective was to show what they've been doing to members of Congress on the Appropriations Committee to justify the millions of dollars they were spending when actually the Indian was getting little or no benefit from any of this.

And I think the main thing that was wrong with the whole thing was that the setting of the Indian aside on a different place in the state, designating him as a problem, making him feel he was a problem, beating down rebels, beating down Indians who expressed any independent thinking, rewarding collaborators, rewarding them with positions of importance and completely stifling independent and creative thinking from the Indian people, having different laws apply to him, setting up a different kind of government.

In other words, he wasn't under the same kind of government that his white neighbors were. Rather, what this Indian Reorganization Act should have done, it should have set up a county system exactly like the neighboring counties, with county officials, with municipal officials, with Indians going about their daily political and economic activities in the same way that other people in the state are, so that they

could benefit from the intercourse with their white neighbors and the meetings that we have, state-wide meetings of county officials, municipal officials, and in fact becoming part of the mainstream of American life.

'It had a lot of benefits'— Alfred Dubray praises the Indian Reorganization Act. He says:

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 dramatically changed the federal government's Indian policy. Not all Native Americans viewed the Indian 'New Deal' in equally positive terms. But in this 1970 interview, Sioux tribal leader Alfred Dubray argued that the Reorganization Act, on balance, brought positive changes.

Alfred Dubray: It had a lot of advantages that many of the people didn't see, such as making loan funds available, huge amounts of

that. Farm programs were developed through this. Cattle-raising programs were initiated. Educational loans were beginning to be made available for Indian youngsters who had never had any opportunities before, hardly, to attend any higher institutions. Unless they just did it by sheer initiative, and if somebody is sponsoring it. So there was a new field there in education, and of course they established their governing bodies, and voted on their representatives and Council members.

I think it was difficult for the people to really recognize what they were doing for probably several years after that, until they got into the change.

Article by **Lonnie James, Radine 'Deanie' Johnson**, Culture and Heritage Department. (This article will conclude in the April 21 Spilyay.)

## Employment with the tribes

The following are positions posted by the Confederated Tribes Personnel Department. You can reach the department at 541-553-3262.

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Protective Care Provider. Outreach Coordinator. Covid Temporary Technician (six positions). Teacher Aide. Disabilities Coordinator. Wildland Fire Module Crew Member.

General Staff Technician. Indian Language Teacher. Limited Duration Fish Tech I. Hood River Fisheries Program Supervisor. Wildlife Technician. Wildlife Biologist II. Secretary - John Day.

Soil Scientist/Watershed Planner. Corrections Officer Trainee. Deputy Clerk. Director of Finance. Indian Language Teacher. Development Director. Corrections Officer (five positions). Wildlife Biologist II. Fisheries Department Manager. CPS Center Supervisor. US Census Field Representative. Treasury Controller.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Enforcement is hiring four new police officers. The officers will be based at Hood River or Boardman. Starting salary range is \$50,506 to \$55,157. Closing date is April 30. Employment application and full job announcement: [critfc.org](http://critfc.org)

## Taking their games at the next level



Courtesy photos

Dominique Walker and Jiana Smith-Francis, during their playing days at Madras.

Dominique Walker and Jiana Smith-Francis this week are playing their first game as teammates on the Chemeketa Community College women's basketball team.

Dominique and Jiana are both former players for Madras High School, and both are from Warm Springs.

They play guard for the Chemeketa Storm, their first game scheduled for this Wednesday, April 7 against the Clackamas Cougars. The teams are the Northwest Athletic Conference.

The Cougars-Storm game will be at 5 p.m. at Chemeketa in Salem; their next game, this Saturday, April 10, at Clackamas in Oregon City.

## Regional employment sees boost as restrictions ease

After moving out of the extreme category of Covid-19 public health restrictions, Central Oregon began to see more sustained job gains in February. Around seven out of every 10 jobs lost during the initial Covid-19 shock has been added back across the region.

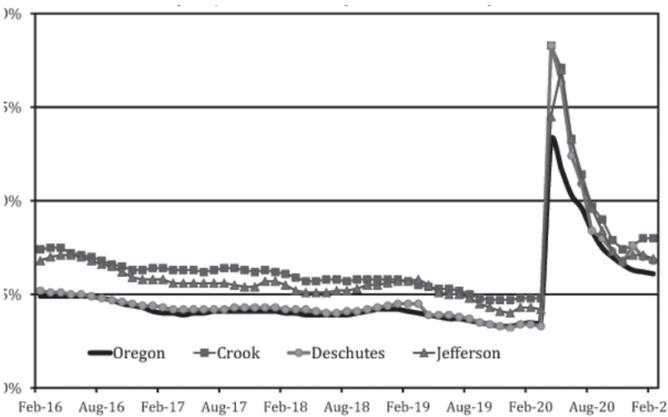
Jefferson County posted a modest loss of 20 jobs in February, due to seasonal adjustment.

In the county, the employment levels remain down around 2 percent from this time last year, or a loss of 130 jobs.

Jefferson County has regained 84-percent of the jobs lost since the initial Covid-19 shock. The leisure and hospitality sector remains down by 100 jobs from this time last year, and manufacturing is down by 40 jobs. Retail trade posted a gain of 50 jobs over the past year.

Crook County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 8 percent in February. The unemployment rate remains significantly higher than in February 2020, when it was 4.8 percent.

Employment in Crook County



Graph shows the large spike in unemployment a year ago, and the gradual recovery since that time.

remains down 3-percent from last year. The county has regained 69-percent of jobs lost last spring.

Deschutes County, especially the Bend-Redmond areas, saw the unemployment rate drop by 6.8 percent in February, down from 7.0% in January. The rate remains up from February 2020, when it was 3.4 percent.

Deschutes County posted a gain

of 430 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in February. These gains were primarily concentrated in leisure and hospitality, as the county moved out of the extreme category of Covid-19 restrictions, allowing for a return to indoor dining and recreation. There was also a notable gain in local government education, after a partial return to in-person school.

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## In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LEONA TENORIO, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV81-15 JV82-15. TO: LEONA TENORIO, MARTIN MEDINA:**

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**IN THE MATTER OF: NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME. Case No. DO64-21. TAW LEE WINCH, Petitioner:**

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from TAW LEE WINCH to KUN-WAK-SHUN TAAAW LEE WINCH. A hearing on this matter has been set for 3:00 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 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 2<sup>ND</sup> day of JUNE 2021.

**JAMES WOLFE, Petitioner, vs CTWS, Respondent; Case No. DO53-21. TO: JAMES WOLFE, PATRICIA WOLFE, TAMMY BLYNN, HOWARD GALLIANA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR 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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**ROBIN SMITH, Petitioner, vs AARON MITCHELL, Respondent; Case No. DO55-21. TO: ROBIN SMITH, AARON MITCHELL, 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 27<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**SASHA MITCHELL, Petitioner, vs AARON MITCHELL, Respondent; Case No. RO21-21. TO: SASHA MITCHELL, AARON MITCHELL, VOCS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING 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 27<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**CORINNA SOHAPPY, Petitioner, vs LOLA SOHAPPY, Respondent; Case No. DO15-21. TO: CORINNA SOHAPPY, LOLA SOHAPPY, GABRIELE SOHAPPY CHARLIE, DAVIS SOHAPPY SR., DAVIS SOHAPPY JR, RENEE SOHAPPY-GARCIA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR 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 29<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL, 2021 @ 1:30 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARI ANN TENORIO, Respondent; Case No. JV28-20. TO: CARI ANN TENORIO, CPS, JV PROS:**

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 27<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2021 @ 11:00 AM

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 13<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 4:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KISHON GRAYBAEL, Respondent; Case No. JV35-10, JV12-15. TO: KISHON & MARION JR GRAYBAEL, ROSA & MARION SR. GRAYBAEL:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 9:00 AM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILLIAM FRANK, Respondent; Case No. DO178-14. TO: WILLIAM FRANK, TAAW LEE WINCH:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR 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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KARI WAHNETAH, Respondent; Case No. JV58-17. TO: KARI WAHNETAH:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR 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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 2:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KEITH CHARLEY JR, Respondent; Case No. JV30-07. TO: KEITH CHARLEY JR:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 18<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 3:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MANDY SWITZLER, Respondent; Case No. JV154-16. TO: MANDY SWITZLER, ANDREW & DESIREEE YOSHIHARA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 25<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 2:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELEANOR WILLIAMS, Respondent; Case No. JV167,168-05. TO: ELEANOR WILLIAMS, MARCUS MULDRON SR, VERA THOMAS, ELMER CHARLEY:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW / SHOW CAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 27<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2021 @ 4:00 PM

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs DAVID LECAIRE JR., Defendant; Case No. CR113-20. TO: DAVID LECLAIRE:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CRIMINAL ARRIAGNMENT 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 20, 2021 @ 8AM

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs JEREEN THOMAS, Defendant; Case No. CR260-20. TO: JEREEN THOMAS:**

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 20, 2021 @ 8:00 AM

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs JOSEPH STARR JR., Defendant; Case No. CR251-20. TO: JOSEPH STARR JR.:**

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 20, 2021 @ 8AM

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs DAVID LECLAIRE JR., Defendant; Case No. CR217-20. TO: DAVID LECLAIRE JR.:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for APRIL 20, 2021 @ 8AM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MALLORY GILBERT, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV59-17 JV60-17. TO: MALLORY GILBERT, MARGARET SILVA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP & 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 18th day of MAY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MADELINE BRUNOE., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV28-15**

**JV29-15. TO: EDWARD JONES, MADELINE BRUNOE, MELISSA & HARLAN WAHENEKA:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 20th day of MAY, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs VIRGINIA MCKINLEY, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO150-06. TO: VIRGINIA MCKINLEY, CHARLIE WAINANWIT:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

**TAIMA ANTUNEZ, Petitioner, vs EVARISTO ANTUNEZ., RESPONDENT; Case No. DO94-16. TO: TAIMA ANTUNEZ, EVARISTO ANTUNETZ:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CHILD SUPPORT 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 MAY, 2021 @ 2:30 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDNA WINISHUT., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV59-17 JV60-17. TO: NELLIE TANEWASHA, EDNA WINISHUT:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 17th day of MAY, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KISTA FLORES., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV109-09 JV110-09. TO: KISTA FLORES, DIAMOND TEWEE, CINDY & JOSE CHAVEZ:**

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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs JENNY BIRD, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV148-08. TO: JENNY BIRD, AARON KEELE:**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs GRACIA DESROSES, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV74-17 JV78-17. TO: GRACIA DESROSES:**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ASHLYNN SOHAPPY, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV177-08. TO: ASHLYNN SOHAPPY:**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2021 @ 3:00 PM

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME - IN THE MATTER OF: GUNNER BAILEY JR. (DOB: 09/21/2005). Case No. DO51-21. JONI WALLULATUM, Petitioner:**

The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from GUNNER JOHNSON BAILEY JR. to GUNNER JOHNSON WALLULATUM JR. A hearing on this matter has been set for 9:30 AM on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 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 28th day of APRIL 2021.

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ROSELYNN KALAMA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV44-13. TO: NELLIE TANEWASHA, ROSELYNN KALAMA, LESLIE ROBINSON, JV PROSECUTION, CPS:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

### PROBATE

**In the matter of the estate of Theda E. Charley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2010-PR18. To Alias Charley, Benjamin Charley,**

**Caremiah Charley and Alveda Charley:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2021 at 2 p.m.

**In the matter of the estate of Agnes G. Lumpmouth, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-01. To Coleen Green-Reed, Laurel Wheeler, Kim LeClaire, Desmond Wheeler, Michelle Holliday, Trudy Bennett, Truman Lumpmouth Jr., Joseph Stevens, Jess Stevens III and Olea Yahtin:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for May 3, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**In the matter of the estate of Lorene F. Wainanwit, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR16. To Samantha Tappo and Glenn Brunoe Jr.:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 9 a.m.

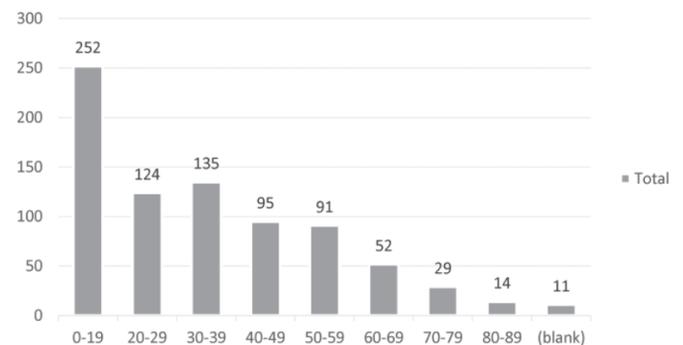
**In the matter of the estate of Everett Miller, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR09. To Leffert Miller, Travis Miller and Emerson Miller:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2021 at 3 p.m.

**In the matter of estate of Laura Kelly, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR13. To Allison Kelly, Lavonne Boise, Davis Stwyer Jr., Brandi Stwyer, Nicholas Kelly and Harley Kelly:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

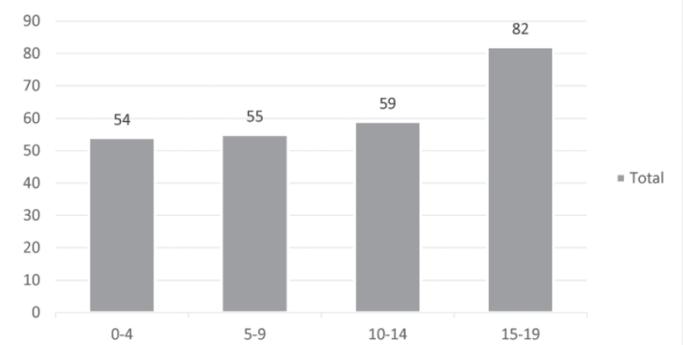
**In the matter of the estate of Kamiken L. Spino, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR40. To Danny McGraw Jr.:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Active Covid-19 cases on the reservation as of March 31, 2021: Four. Cumulative cases on the reservation since the pandemic began: 803. **Note:** Due to the total number of active cases being less than five, only the cumulative numbers are being reported for patient confidentiality.

Ages: Cumulative Cases 3.31.2021

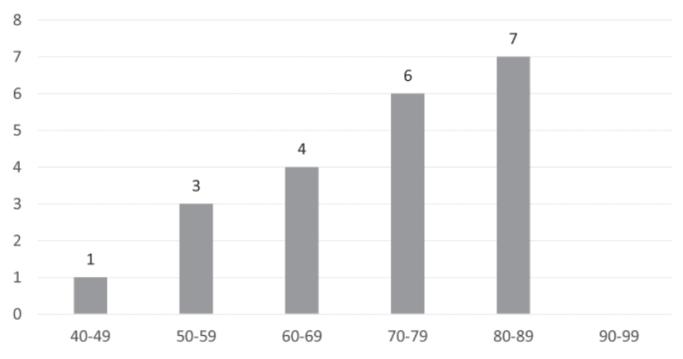


Child Ages: Cumulative Cases 3.31.2021



As of March 31, 2021, there were no residents of the reservation who were hospitalized with Covid-19. Over the months since the pandemic began, 74 people from the reservation were hospitalized due to covid. Total deaths has been 22.

Ages: CumulativeDeaths 3.31.2021



## Tribal jurisdiction case at Supreme Court

The United States Supreme Court has taken up its first Indian law case of the term, with a surprising number of justices seemingly ready to stand up for the sovereign authority of tribal governments, at least when it comes to policing on reservations.

During oral arguments in *United States v. Cooley* last month, several members of the Supreme Court took interest in bolstering public safety in Indian Country. They voiced concerns about the ability of non-Indians to come onto tribal land and get away with criminal activity.

“Consider the situation where the tribal officer has reasonable suspicion that a driver is driving under the influence and would present a danger if allowed to continue to drive, but the officer is pretty certain this person is not an Indian,” Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. said during the hearing.

“What can the tribal officer do there? Just let the person go?” Alito wondered, seemingly in awe of the idea that such an individual would in fact be allowed to keep driving simply by being non-Indian.

The question wasn’t the only one of its kind during the hearing, which ran over the 60 minutes al-

lowed for arguments. Justice Clarence Thomas, who is widely considered to be the most conservative member of the court, took the non-Indian offender situation to an even greater extreme.

“Let’s change the facts,” Thomas told the attorney for a non-Indian who claims a police officer from the Crow Tribe had no authority to investigate his client for suspicions actions on the reservation in Montana.

“Rather than the police officer looking and determining that the respondent was nervous and that he may have had bloodshot eyes, rather, he fit the description of a serial killer ... a serial killer who did not commit any of the crimes on the reservation but happened to be exactly where respondent was,” Thomas continued.

“Would you make the exact same argument in that case?” asked Thomas.

Unsurprisingly, the response from the attorney for Joshua James Cooley did not appear to sit well with some of the justices. Eric R. Henkel told the court that a tribal police officer might have to let the potential serial killer go, regardless of the danger posed to the local community.

### Tribal success with the vaccine

Despite enduring and tragic loss during the pandemic, tribal nations have led the way on vaccination: This was feeling of witnesses at a recent hearing of the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

“We consider our work with the Indian Health Service to be a success story,” said Rodney Cawston, chair of the Colville Business Council for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Nespelem, Washington.

The IHS-Colville Tribes collaboration led to 40-percent of those tribes’ vulnerable population—roughly 3,000 patients with underlying health conditions—receiving a vaccine.

Similarly, the vaccination num-

bers for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, administered through the Indian Health Service, are impressive. This week the IHS reported 2,140 primary doses of the Covid-19 vaccine have been administered; plus 1,671 secondary doses. These numbers are among a reservation population of approximately 4,000 people.

All three vaccinations—Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson—are being administered on the reservation. The Moderna is available to members, residents and local workers 18 and over. The Pfizer is available to the population 16 and over. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine is available to the population 18 and over.

### Senator: virtual town hall from Warm Springs

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Carina then asked Sen. Wyden about his position on cannabis equity—treating sovereign tribes the same as other jurisdictions of the state in terms of the legality of cannabis. The state is addressing the equity issue, Ms. Miller said, but the federal government still considers cannabis among its Schedule 1 illegal drugs.

Sen. Wyden said he and colleagues are sponsoring a bill that would allow for sensible oversight regulation of cannabis in all jurisdictions, including on reservations.

Some of the questions on the Facebook Live town hall came from Madras, including one from Mike Britton, general manager of the North Unit Irrigation District.

The district and region have suffered through chronic water shortages. “And this is the worst year in terms of allotment and reservoir

levels,” Mr. Britton said.

Sen. Wyden described his bill—introduced with Sen. Merkley—the *Water for Conservation and Farming Act*.

The bill would help communities in Oregon and across the West experiencing high levels of drought, Mr. Wyden said.

If passed, the law would improve water access for agriculture and conservation by funding projects that improve dam safety, create more resilient watersheds and benefit agricultural and urban water users.

Sen. Wyden mentioned that in his time in office, he has conducted 970 in-person town hall meetings, and now continues with the virtual meetings, until the pandemic is over. He thanked the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and KWSO 91.9 for hosting the Monday virtual town hall.

— Dave McMechan

### Summary of Tribal Council

#### April 5

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Vice Chair Brigitte McConville. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith, Chief Joseph Moses. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

• Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Brenda Bremner, Superintendent.

• Federal and state legislative update calls.

• Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais and Dr. Locker.

• Covid-19 update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Danny Martinez and Caroline Cruz:

The recommendation was given to continue with 100 percent workforce with tribal offices doors remaining closed. Tribal buildings

will remain closed and appointments can be made ahead of time to see staff, walk ins will be screened per covid protocols.

• School district campaign update with candidate Jaylyn Suppah.

• Tribal attorney update with Josh Newton:

Executive session, 2:05-2:48.

• Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

Motion by Captain to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

### WATER: bill also repeals ‘embarrassing’ laws

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“In many cases, these laws are more than a century old and do nothing but continue the stigma of subjugation and paternalism from that time period.”

Laws that would be repealed by the Respect Act include permitting the forced labor of Native Americans, and allowing for children to be taken away, said Sen. James Lankford, a Republican

from Oklahoma and co-sponsor of the bill. He called congressional action long overdue.

“I’m embarrassed that we as a nation ever had these laws in the books. I’m really embarrassed that they’re still on the books,” Lankford said.

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### Portland Area of IHS sees covid increase

The Portland Area of the Indian Health Service—including Oregon, Washington and Idaho—has seen a recent increase in Covid-19 positive testing, according to the national IHS headquarters. The data was reported as of April 3. On the national level, according to the data:

Among the IHS service areas and members, a total of

190,810 covid tests have returned positive since the pandemic began.

The total positive tests were from more than two million coronavirus tests conducted by IHS.

Based on the cumulative percentage positive, the highest rates have been in three areas: the Navajo Area, the Phoenix Area, and the Okla-

homa City Area.

IHS also provides a covid average for a recent seven-day period, through April 3. Based on this average, two areas are seeing much higher Covid-19 rates:

The Portland area, and the Bemidji Area. The Portland area serves about 150,000 Native Americans in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

### For decades Chinook Nation has fought for federal recognition

For many decades the Chinook Indian Nation has been trying to prove its sovereignty to the United States government by seeking formal federal recognition. Official status acknowledges the tribe's sovereignty and the federal government's obligations to it, as generally outlined in tribal treaties.

With federal recognition comes health care through the Indian Health Service, education through scholar-

ships, and access to land through creation of a reservation. Today, there are 574 federally recognized tribes.

Hundreds of others are unrecognized, though, with varying claims of legitimacy. The process for the Chinook has involved decades of litigation, petitions, congressional legislation and appeals to presidents—yet the tribe is still unrecognized. The impersonal bureaucracy obscures the personal urgency and pain

that tribal members feel as time moves on, elders pass and children grow up.

The pandemic has exacerbated the Chinook's lack of the kind of social safety net recognized tribes possess.

While the Covid-19 mortality rate of Indigenous people is almost 2.5 times that of white people, unrecognized tribes have not received any of the government financial aid passed by Congress last spring.

**"Getting vaccinated is something we can do to protect our community from COVID-19."**  
Tim Wainanawit, WS Health & Wellness Center



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