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From the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee

Again this year we have to cancel the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow and Parade. We treasure the most natural resource in our community—and that is our people.

Vaccinations are still being given, and we want to keep our community safe.

Last year, the tribe handed out gifts to commemorate the signing of our Treaty of 1855, and it's possible we can do that again.

We want to celebrate life, when the right time comes, and honor those who have passed on. We're all in this together, and we wish everyone continued good health and safety.

Respectfully,

The Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow Committee.



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U.S. Senate passes bill to help W.S. water

The U.S. Senate last week passed proposed legislation to improve water quality and services for tribal communities. The bill is sponsored by Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

The 2019-2020 water crises on the Warm Springs Reservation were a primary motivation for this legislation.

The new law would provide \$250 million for tribal water infrastructure, and will ensure that tribes most in need are prioritized. Following Senate passage of the bill, Sen. Wyden mentioned specifically:

"Native American tribes like the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and others nationally that are facing drinking water crises, deserve urgent action, and today the Senate delivered."

He added, "I'm not going to stop until this legislation is in black letter law, and until the Warm Springs reservation is free from boil water notices and have no questions about the quality of their drinking water."

Sen. Jeff Merkley serves as the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for both water infrastructure and for tribal programs. Last week Sen. Merkley said:

"The crisis at the Warm Springs Reservation is a powerful example of how the coronavirus crisis made existing water infrastructure challenges even more serious."

And Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti commented, "This legislation would throw a lifeline to tribes like Warm Springs that are in dire need of water infrastructure improvements to serve the tribal membership."

Sens. Wyden and Merkley first introduced the Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act in 2019. The bill made some progress in 2020 and then last week made it through the Senate as part of the U.S. Drinking Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Act of 2021.

The vote in the Senate was 89-2; and the bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Last year, at the direction of Oregon lawmakers, the state Emergency Board unanimously approved \$3.58 million from state reserves to help address the water situation on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The BIA and Confederated Tribes for many years have known the water infrastructure on the reservation needs replacement and improvement. The water pipes are decades old; and in some cases, such as in the Campus area, are made of wood. This prevents economic development. In the summer time the leaking pipes put extreme pressure on the treatment, which itself is in need of replacement.

New path will address pedestrian safety along 26



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The walk-and-bike path will be on the westerly side of the highway, in the area where the bulldozer sits in this picture. Also as seen here: Pedestrians are required to walk immediately next to highway vehicle traffic, which often has to cross the center lines to make room for the people walking or biking.

Construction crews are now seven weeks into the Warm Springs Highway 26 Safety Corridor project. A feature of the \$6.5 million improvement will be the pedestrian path located to the side of the highway, from the Shell Station at Hollywood Boulevard to the Museum at Warm Springs and

Indian Head Casino. This will be a most welcome safety addition to the area, as this stretch of the highway is often used by pedestrians.

Another feature will be roadway repaving. The rock-fall safety work is now going on the hillside just before the Deschutes River Bridge.

Tribal Council, ODOT and state legislators initiated this over-

all safety project three years ago. The state allocated the funding in 2019, then last year the virus caused a one-year delay.

Highway repaving will be from the Highway 26-Kah-Nee-Ta junction—milepost 103.2—for eight miles toward Madsras to milepost 111.2.

The traffic volume on High-

way 26 through Warm Springs is about 6,700 vehicles per day.

The long-standing need has been for a sidewalk and bicycle lane within the Warm Springs corridor. A recent four-year survey showed 50 reported crashes along the corridor, a matter to be addressed with the current project.

Vaccination, community updates

Indian Health Service of Warm Springs reports this week that among the Confederated Tribes community, as of May 3, IHS had administered 2,347 primary Covid-19 vaccinations. The secondary booster shot number was at 1,965.

These are excellent numbers, and IHS reported having more than 200 primary doses on hand, as of May 3; plus 127 of the booster shots.

Also as of May 3, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center had administered 10,603 total tests since the pandemic began last spring. Among the tribal community, the total positive cases since then has been 749. Hospitalizations



Courtesy Warm Springs IHS

over this time has been 82. Testing of the membership from other facilities added another 92 positives, for a total of 841. This is a 7.06 percent positivity rate. As of May 3, one person from the community was hospitalized with covid. Fortunately, no one was on a ventilator.

As of May 3, there were 20 people with active Covid-19 on the reservation, receiving daily monitoring by tribal and IHS staff; and 27 close contacts receiving daily monitoring. While in another development:

The FDA plans to authorize Pfizer's covid vaccine for adolescents ages 12 to 15 by early next week.

Recent vaccination clinic at Warm Springs Fire Management



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Protocols for events for Longhouses

Following safety protocols, and with scheduling, the Longhouses of the reservation are open for community events.

The tribes’ Covid-19 Response Team and Council developed the protocols for safe use of the Longhouses.

The recommendations are subject to regular review and possible change based on the Covid-19 data updates. These are the protocols:

- It is highly recommended all gatherings only be open for local residents of the Warm Springs community.
- Application for use of a Longhouse is through the tribal Utilities Branch. You must apply a minimum of one week in advance.

Each application must assign a Covid-19 Coordinator, who designates the following:

All must have been vaccinated, or can show proof they had been Covid-19 tested prior to event; and participants must wear a mask at all times:

Drummers are to utilize entire bench to safely distance.

Cooks/Servers: If food is served, to reduce possible

exposure, all food must be served in take-out boxes. Masks required to be worn at all times with exception when eating or drinking beverages.

Monitor(s): Tasks include the following:

Take daily attendance. Check temperatures for all in attendance—Anyone with covid symptoms and/or has a temperature above 100.4 cannot be at the gathering, and needs to make an appointment with the clinic to get tested as soon as possible.

High touched areas need to be sanitized on an hourly basis and documented. Rest rooms need to be sanitized hourly, and supplies replenished; and garbage must be emptied on a regular basis.

The family, person or other applicant in charge is asked to clean up the Longhouse upon completion of the gathering. Clean and sanitize tables, seats, kitchen and any furniture after use.

Copy of attendance and monitor’s documentation must be turned in to Utilities after the gathering or event.

The Utilities Branch must keep attendance on file and make it available to the Com-

munity Health Program in case of an exposure for contact tracers.

Hand sanitizer and masks—children and adult sizes—are to be available on site. These items are available through Emergency Management and Health and Human Services.

Children must remain with adults at all times.

Households sit and stay together as a group but should maintain a minimum

of 6 feet distance.

Discourage shaking hands or hugging.

Please observe capacity: This can change depending on Covid-19 data collected weekly. If close or near capacity, allow for people to exit the longhouse before entering.

Encourage a Whipman be at the gathering to assist with monitoring protocols.

Protocols contingent upon ‘no outbreak in the community,’ to be reviewed over time.

Saturday transit service returns

Cascade East Transit has resumed its Saturday service.

Cascade East workers continue to frequently wipe down high-touch surfaces on buses, require riders and drivers to wear face coverings or masks, section off seats to adhere to social distancing requirements, and enforce maximum occupancy limits on buses according to the Oregon Health Authority guidelines.

For information on ride stops and times, see cascadeeasttransit.com You

can also call CET at 541-385-8680. Briefly, safety guidelines are:

Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.

Stay six feet apart from others who don’t live with you.

Get a Covid-19 vaccine when it is available to you.

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren’t available.

Employment with the Tribes

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

Part Time Surveillance Observer.

Protective Care Provider (four positions - full time).

Children’s Protective Services Center Supervisor.

Teacher Aide - Limited duration.

Fisheries Technician I - Limited duration.

Water Treatment Plant Operator (full time).

High Desert Museum Jobs Available - Full time.

Receptionist - Limited duration.

Chief Financial Officer.

Staff Accountant.

Disabilities Coordinator - Full time.

Community Health Nurse.

Assistant Engine Operator (two positions).

Travel Accountant.

Fish Biologist II.

Rangeland Management Specialist.

Fuels Monitor Technician.

Corrections Officer Trainee - Limited duration.

Fisheries Tech II.

Wildlife Technician.

Fish Tech II - Limited duration (four positions).

TERO Dispatch/Compliance Officer - Full time.

Patrol Officer.

Food Cart Trainee - Limited duration.

Bookkeeper - Part time.

Archaeologist II.

Administrative Officer.

Home Visitor - Full time (two positions).

Youth Program Employment - Limited duration.

Wildlife Technician.

COVID Temporary Technician - Limited duration (six positions).

Wildlife Biologist II.

Soil Scientist/Watershed Planner.

Director of Finance.

Development Director.

Corrections Officer (five positions).

Fisheries Department Manager.

US Census Field Representative.

Treasury Controller.

Healing conference in June

The Healing from Grief Conference is coming up in Warm Springs on June 9 and 10, a Wednesday and Thursday. The conference will be held in front of the Behavioral Health building. A theme of the conference is ‘Remembering all who lost their lives to Covid-19.’

There will be a Walk for

Healing on June from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information please call Rosanna Jackson, Anita Davis or Judy Charley at Warm Springs Prevention, 541-615-0036.

During the conference, social distancing and face masks will be required for safety.

Incident on reservation raises jurisdiction matter

Criminal jurisdiction on reservations can raise complicated and controversial issues, as demonstrated again last month at the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 2020 a road rage incident on the Warm Springs Reservation led to a man being convicted in federal court of two counts of unlawful use of a firearm.

The defendant in the case, one Dat Quoc Do, had been riding on Highway 26 in the passenger

seat of a vehicle. Someone in another vehicle apparently threw a beverage can at the vehicle, according to the court summary.

From his vehicle, Mr. Do fired shots into the air in retaliation against the other vehicle.

Mr. Do was arrested and charged with unlawful use of a firearm. The case was a federal prosecution, as the U.S. Attorney’s Office would have jurisdiction for a major crime on the reservation.

As the reservation is a fed-

eral jurisdictional area within the state of Oregon, the prosecutor charged Mr. Do under the state statute regarding unlawful use of a firearm.

On appeal, Do’s attorney argued that the federal law in question—the Assimilative Crimes Act—in this case would not allow the federal prosecutor to use state law in the prosecution.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, finding that the federal assault law should be used instead.

Firstly, the court found,

the federal assault law would cover roughly the same conduct as the state unlawful use of a firearm law.

Secondly, the federal assault law indicates an intent that the federal law would cover the situation, to the exclusion of the state law.

And for this reason the federal prosecution should have been brought under federal assault, rather than Oregon unlawful use of a firearm.



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Special Election ballots due May 18

Ballots are due in the Jefferson County election by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18. This is a Special District Election that includes:

- Two candidates for the Jefferson County Education Service District – 509-J Zone. Raylene Thomas and Jim Rahi are both running for position 4. For the Jefferson County Education Service District – At Large position 5 – Barbara A. Ibrahim is on the ballot, and Joan Starkel is running for position 7.
- Three positions are on the ballot for the Jefferson County School District 509-J. Incumbent Laurie Danzuka is running unopposed for position 1. Position 2 has Jamie Hurd and Lorien Stacona running. Jaylyn Suppah and Jacob Struck are vying for Position 3.
- There are three positions on the Jefferson County Library District with 3 candidates all running unopposed. Those individuals

are Susan Stovall, Karen Esvelt and Stephen Hillis.

- The Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services District has 3 open positions. John Curnutt and Janet Brown are both running for position 1. Position 2 has Patricia Neff and Joe Krenowicz on the ballot. Louise Muir and Mike Ahern are both up for Position 4.
- The Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District has 3 positions open.

Deanna Seibold and Teresa Baggett are both running unopposed, and Position 3 has Jillisa Suppah and Amy DeChamplain on the ballot.

You can find the full list of candidate filings for the May 18 Special District Election on May 18 at [kwso.org](#)

Different districts have different boundaries so some residents in Jefferson County may have different candidates on their ballots than others.

Recent tribal board appointments

By resolutions in March, Tribal Council made a number of tribal board appointments.

Council filled two positions on the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation, ‘Ventures,’ by appointed Dan Ahern, non-member, and Isaac George, tribal member. The terms for these positions are through December 31, 2021. (*Resolution no. 12,788.*)

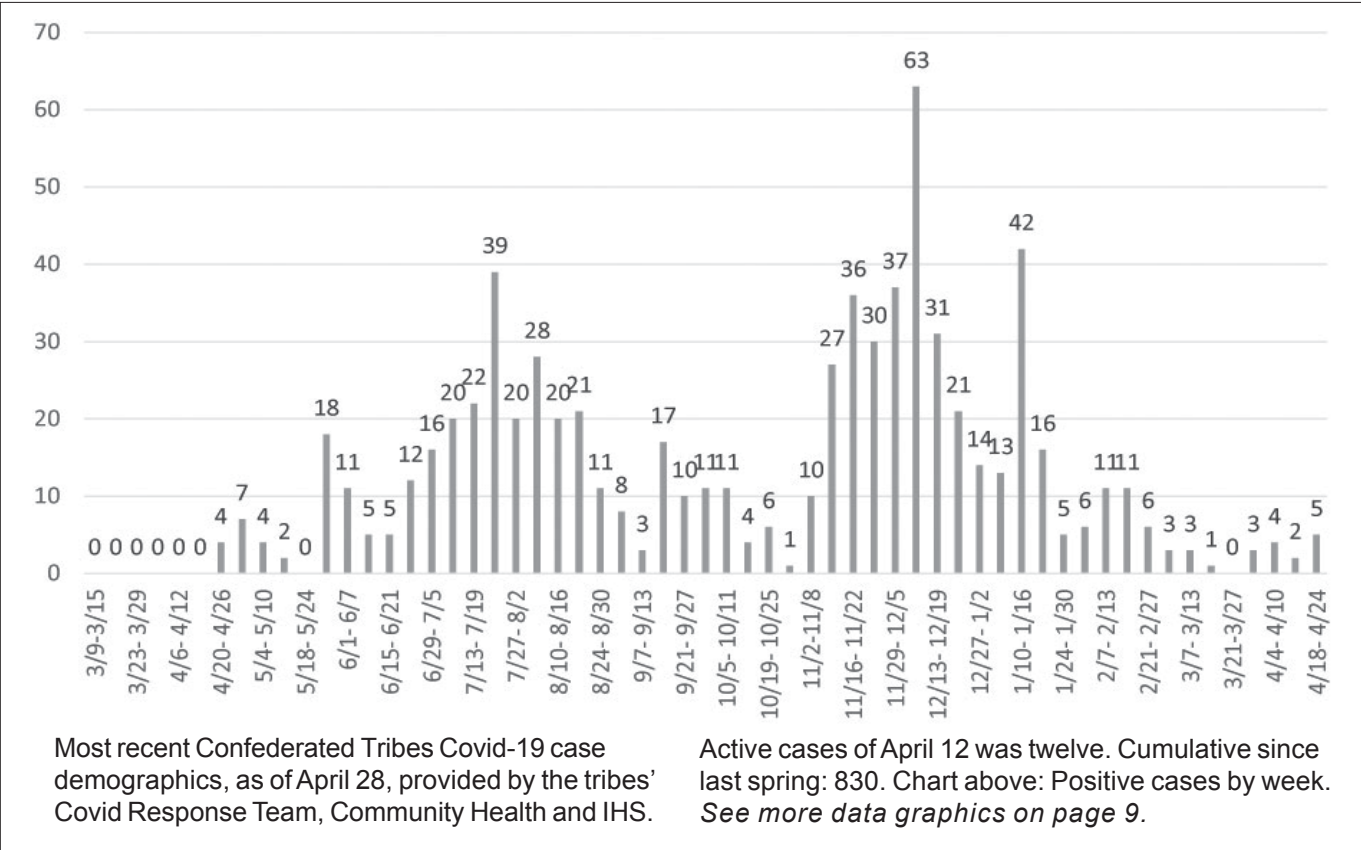
Council appointed Mavis Shaw, tribal member, to the Indian Head Casino Board of Directors. The appointment is through December 31, 2023. (*Resolution no. 12,786.*)

To the Warm Springs Telecommunications Enterprise, Tribal Council appointed Hyllis Dauphinais, executive director of the Clinic, for a term ending December 31, 2022. (*Resolution no. 12,787.*)

Council appointed Bruce Engle, non-member, to the tribal Credit Enterprise, term ending January 1, 2022. (*Resolution no. 12,785.*)

To the Warm Springs Financial Strategies LLC Management Committee, Tribal Council appointed Judith Charley, tribal member; Raneva Dowty, tribal member; and the Secretary-Treasurer-CEO.

To the tribal Water Board, Tribal Council appointed Flint Scott, term ending October 30, 2022; and Terry Squiemphen, term ending October 30, 2023. (*Resolution no. 12,784.*)



Summary of Tribal Council

April 20, 2021

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

- Secretary-Treasurer update with Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer-CEO.
- May agenda with Michele:
- Motion by Glendon approving the May business agenda, subject to change. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Wilson/yes, Anita/yes, Captain/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Governor Brown phone meeting report by Chairman Tsumpti.
- Federal legislative update call with Matthew Hill. State legislative update call with Michael Mason.
- Resolutions with Michele:
- Financial Strategies LLC:** Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,795 that there is hereby created the Warm Springs Financial Strategies LLC Management Committee for the purpose of managing, investing, and directing the appropriation for membership approved capital improvements and economic development.
- The members of the Management Committee shall be: Judith Charley, tribal member, Raneva Dowty, tribal member; and Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. The Management Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The term of a Management Committee shall be in accordance with Article 5.3 of the Warm Springs Financial Strategies LLC Operating Agreement. This resolution rescinds Resolution No. 12,764 adopted January 6, 2021. Second by Captain. Discussion.
- Glendon/yes, Joe/no, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/yes, Lola/yes, 8/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- **Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authority:** Motion by Brigitte adjusting the Vice Chair's compensation. Second by Glendon. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/abstain, Lola/yes, 8/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution 12,704A appointing members of the Warm Springs

Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authority effective immediately:

Sandra Main, Chairman, Mariam Tias, Vice Chairman, terms ending June 30, 2022. Second by Glendon.

Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/abstain, Lola/yes, 8/0/1, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

- Covid-19 and 509-J updates with Hyllis Dauphinais, IHS; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services; Chief William Elliot, Public Safety; and Louie Pitt, Governmental Affairs:
- A resolution will be presented to Tribal Council appointing Caroline to represent the Tribes at the Health Board meetings.
- Una Johnson will forward documentation to Tribal Council regarding a budget modification submitted to Finance.
- Ventures** update with Jim Souers, Daniel Ahern, Charles Jackson, and Laurie Danzuka:
- Motion by Brigitte approving the release of funds to Ventures so they can move forward. Second by Jay.
- Glendon/no, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, 6/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- **Enrollments** and relinquishment with Lucille Suppach-Sampson, Vital Statistics:
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,796 enrolling 4 applicants for March 2021; Second by Jay; Discussion; Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,797 enrolling 5 applicants for April 2021. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No.

12,798 approving the relinquishment request for a tribal member to enroll with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. Second by Jay. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/no, 7/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Indian Head Casino discussion with Jeffrey Carstensen and Fran Moses-Ahern:
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,700 that Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Second Amended Charter of WSCE, attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A; and also approves and adopts the Second Amended Charter of WSIHC, Exhibit B is attached. Discussion.
- Glendon/yes, Joe/yes,

Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Wilson/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- Commissary project update with Chris Watson and Marissa Ahern-Crabb.
- Other business:
- An agreement needs to be signed for the ballot box at Simnasho, which is being reviewed by the tribal attorneys.
- The Museum's request for funding was submitted to the Senators in Washington, D.C.
- Brigitte and Anita will attend the virtual Blumenauer's roundtable, with assistance from the federal and state lobbyists.
- Raymond will be joining the LCIS virtual interviews this week.
- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission seeks to hire a **Fishery Technician III**, temporary full-time. There are two positions. Location is La Grande. Closing date **May 28**. Starting salary range: \$40,533.00 – \$43,234.00. Closing date: May 28, 2021. Employment application and full job announcement located [critfc.org](#)

Why are COVID-19 cases in Oregon rising?

Along with increased social gatherings without face coverings, **more transmissible variants are in Oregon.**

Variants of concern have **mutations** in the virus genome that **cause the virus to act differently.**

50%

One variant, B.1.1.7, has now become the dominant variant in Oregon statewide. B.1.1.7 is 50% more transmissible and may cause more severe disease.

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Letters to the editor

Equitable representation

If you have questions or concerns about what is transpiring from a letter to the editor in the Madras Pioneer do reach out. Our goal remains the same and even more so after what we are feeling from that letter: Equitable representation is critical to a student body who is made up of 71 percent BIPOC (Latinx and Native American) students and their families in our school district. To address the letter is to give it power. We choose education. We choose transparency. We choose equity. We choose factual information.

Our school district receives federal funding called Impact Aid in lieu of taxes on behalf of Warm Springs Reservation residents and students.

This school year 2020-21, 509-J school district received \$2,858,000 on behalf of our Native students. For the school year 2019-20 the district received \$3,045,327. I can continue but these numbers are the average amount our school receives every year in lieu of taxes.

This number does not include the Title VI funding (specific to Native American students), or the many grants the district receives based on the data from our Warm Springs students' opportunity gaps they experience resulting from generations of trauma stemming from boarding schools and assimilation policies and practices.

I would also like to acknowledge the district receives such funding due to the fact that Tribal people were forced onto reservations by the government. Why? Because of land: Land that anyone in this country gets to call home. Land our ancestors roamed, lived off of and took care of since time immemorial.

The positions we are running for have a responsibility to the people they serve. This responsibility includes clear communication and transparency on the funding, being a voice for the students and families and ensuring the safety of our children.

I hope the school board members as well as the candidates who are running as our opposition address the misconception in this letter. I hope they do not condone these types of attacks on their constituents and families they claim to serve.

Each school district candidate has children in the district and I can say as a par-

ent in the community I do not feel safe with this attack on our community.

If you have concerns please reach out. If you want to know how to support the slate of candidates you can do so by sharing our social media, helping spread the word with your family and friends, sign up to text and phonebank and most importantly showing up to vote by May 18!

Thank you to all those who continue to support and show up for us. It is very much appreciated.

Jaylyn Suppah
#representationmatters

Advocate for children

Hello,

I am Lorien Stacona and I am running for 509-J School Board, Seat #2. I am running for school board not because I want to, but because I feel like I need to. The current school board lacks one very key element: Communication.

Communication has two key components, sharing and listening, and I do not believe the current school board does either very well.

I have advocated for equality, for our children to have the same programs and opportunities offered to those in Madras. I put my concerns up through the chain of command all the way to the school board a number of times and just felt dismissed every time.

As a parent advocate I am well aware of the issues our families and school staff are constantly dealing with just by listening and being a part of this community. Some of those key issues include bullying, support programs and staff communication.

I have two children that attend the Warm Springs K8 Academy: My cultural loving eighth-grader Kiahna and my competitive athlete Kiellan. I also have one year old Branson. I know my children will be okay because I will always hold them accountable and show up to advocate for them. However, through my role as a case manager and involved community member, I know every child does not have a person who will show up and advocate for them.

We need someone on the school board that knows our community and our struggles and is ready to address those issues on day one.

Anybody that knows me knows that I am not afraid

to have difficult conversations. I am not a "typical" politician, I am not afraid to hurt someone's feelings, in order to fight for all of our kids.

I am now asking for your support so I can be the change. I can promise that I will speak up for every child to have equitable opportunities. I will bring change and I will not dodge difficult or sensitive conversations and issues.

In order for our children to thrive, their teachers and staff need better support. As parents in this community, communication needs to happen and not just through a survey. Staff and parents need follow through when they give feedback. We need brave voices to ensure all of the right issues are addressed.

There are people in our school district that are hoping that you don't show up. They are depending on it. I encourage you to vote and encourage you to advocate for your family and friends to show up to vote for our kids.

A vote for Lorien is a vote for your kids.

Lorien Stacona

For all learners

Dear Jefferson County 509-J School District community,

I am running for a second term on the Jefferson County 509-J School Board to continue advocating for the best educational opportunities for all learners.

My work as a board member centers on serving all of the children in the community. As a board member, I have numerous goals for moving forward.

1. Support the transition of our new superintendent. Help him build relationships in the community to gain a deep understanding of the dynamics within our district.

Connect him to the current work and goals for the district and then build upon that foundation.

2. Support staff, students and families as we recover from impacts of the pandemic. Gain a deep understanding of student needs, and support those needs through 509-J programs.

3. Allocate resources and work with outside organizations to ensure students are healthy, physically and emotionally. Even before the pandemic, this work was important.

4. Expand community partnerships and explore alternative resources so we can sustainably add more culturally-relevant and career-ready learning opportunities for our students.

5. Proactively build partnerships with the community and families to increase engagement. Continue work to expand upon engagement events and virtual platforms. Our students will be most successful when they have support from the staff, family and community around them. Gathering input from the community will help drive district work.

As a school board member, I know my responsibilities as an incumbent. I have had four years to become a leader for all students. During that time, I have been part of a team that has participated in numerous board

trainings, implemented a plan for continual policy updates, and developed superintendent and board evaluations to make sure the lens on our work is continual.

The challenges are always growing and I want to reinvest my four years of experience in another term of service. I humbly ask for your support when you mark your ballot

Thank you for your support,

Jamie Hurd, Jefferson County School Board Member, Position 2.

Representation matters

Two-thirds of the student population in the Jefferson County School District is BIPOC—Black, Indigenous and People of Color. Yet, there is only one person of color on the Jefferson County School District board, and none on the Education Service District board.

Those reading this might say, "All that matters is that they care about the students." As an educator myself, caring about the students is important, but also understanding that for BIPOC students their lived experience has been different than mine. That is why it's important to have equitable representation on our education boards.

When we elect people of color to represent our students of color, they are better able to understand the needs of those students because they are from the same communities. That's why I was appalled at a recent letter to the editor in the Madras Pioneer that targeted Warm Springs candidates.

The author's message was that if you don't pay property taxes, you shouldn't run for office. This is highly offensive, exclusionary, racist and downright incorrect.

While the author's clear target was Warm Springs residents who do not pay county or state taxes because they live on a federal reserve, I'm curious if the author would extend this thinking to white citizens of Jefferson County? The conclusion of this kind of thinking is that anyone who is not a property owner, such as renters, should not be allowed to run for office in the county in which they reside.

According to city-data.com, at least 29 percent of Jefferson County residents are renters. How many other people in our community believe that one-third of our residents do not deserve to run for county offices? That two-thirds of our students don't deserve representation from someone that looks like them?

The fact is, in order to run for county offices, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, fill out the appropriate paperwork and pay a small candidate fee.

To suggest that one must own property to run for office has racist roots. Historically, only white men were allowed to own property and therefore be allowed to vote or hold office.

Fortunately, our nation has progressed from there to allow all U.S. citizens the ability to vote and hold office.

Unfortunately, there is still much work to be done, as is evidenced by the remarks of

the aforementioned letter to the editor.

Think you're not racist? If you believe that our Native population does not deserve representation, you are upholding the structures of systemic racism. If you believe our Latino population—who are largely renters—does not deserve representation, you are upholding the structures of systemic racism.

Stop calling yourself colorblind and see that inequities exist in our own community. Until you are ready to be anti-racist and support the leadership of people of color, until you are able to recognize the racial stereotypes you believe about our neighbors, you will continue to perpetuate the racism our nation needs to shed.

Heidi Casper, Warm Springs.

Regarding the letter

There was a letter to the editor in the Madras Pioneer on April 28 that got my blood boiling. Several pot shots were taken at the Warm Springs community and twisted incorrect information and stereotypes. It is up to all of us to reject these and educate ourselves with facts.

Our 509-J schools have many funding resources and while the county property taxes support our schools at 15 percent, they are not the majority of our financial resources which come from the state, federal government and grants.

Impact Aid is received specifically to support school districts where land has been removed from the local tax rolls by the federal government, including tribal lands. The 509-J school district receives more than \$2 million every year through this program.

There are additional Title VI funds that are specifically to support additional staff such as music, language, and similar as determined by the community.

The Warm Springs Academy is the only partnership of its type in the nation where it is funded in half by the residents of the Warm Springs community and a neighboring community.

They created this partnership by getting a loan and basically paying for 50 percent of the K-8 Academy to be built.

We should be proud of this impressive partnership that supports the students in the Warm Springs communities.

The letter to the editor I reference at the top was sent out by the spouse of someone running against a tribal member.

That is what it was about, trying to persuade people to vote for her husband by putting the community of her husband's opponent down.

That's terrible and uncalled for. Tell us why you want us to vote for your husband and leave the personal and prejudiced attacks towards the Warm Springs community out of it.

Kim Schmith, Jefferson County resident.

To Family and Friends

It's been almost one year, May 17, 2020, since my little brother's home burned. Air Life took him to the Burn Center in Portland. He was on a machine for 18 days, off machine June 3, just the machine was working. My heart is so, so broken. Only me left from 11 children born to Tom and Sadie Brown, Lamont has two sons, one granddaughter, many grandchildren with Patricia Johns Brown.

Planning the Memorial, no momentum yet. I was so lucky for my children and extended family, who helped me with the funeral. Thank you Sam Starr and Txlee Winch for going to pick up my brother. The wonderful dressing: Thank you Levi and Pearl Van Pelt for being with me when he was taken off the machine. And also for the help with our Traditional ceremony. The girls, Sandy Dave, Carol Lawrence, Terry Saldudo—Ladonna Squiemphen for the money help when we had to be in Portland. Thank you Marella Van Pelt for feeding us, Prayers you all could be with us.

On June 12, wherever—the Pavilion or Wolfman Suppah's home—Prayers the longhouse be open. James Sam for the wonderful work on his buckskin outfit. Will be giving Indian names (12), Tony Van Pelt's four children, Wolfman Suppah's three children, Eliza Medrano's four children, Curtis Brown granddaughter, Leonard and Ashley's daughter. Anyone else, Let me know. We'll start opening Memorial at 8 a.m., Lunch, then naming.

Much blessing to Wilson and Lucille for all the work and progress. Thank you Mushy for your work. Been a hard year for me, I lost my sister in December. When I drive down the road I look for my brother. Both sister and brother loved the casino. Lamont was a praying man, blessed our table at Senior Lunch, traveled with us ladies for Senior Days.

Hoping will see you at the Memorial. Thanks,

Eliza Brown Jim and Family, Levi and Pearl, Chet Jr. and Family, Anthony Van Pelt and Family, Wolfman and Children, Lillie Van Pelt, Marella Sam and Family, Tony Van Pelt and Family, Leonard Bryan and Family, Marella Van Pelt, and Eliza and Rego and Family.

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Fine coffee and gifts at Painted Pony Espresso

Painted Pony Espresso offers great coffee, plus gifts, artwork and crafts—all from a great location next door to Indian Head Casino. The shop manager is Emily Courtney, business and marketing director with the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

The Community Action Team purchased the coffee shop last year. Part of the business area is the coffee shop, and the front space is for the display of works by members of the Tananáwit art co-op. Painted Pony Espresso is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Working with Emily at the shop are young people who are part of the Melinda Poitra’s WIOA—Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act—program. The crew had their training day last week for the upcoming season. Stop by Painted Pony Espresso, or order a coffee by phone, 541-797-9688.

At Tananáwit

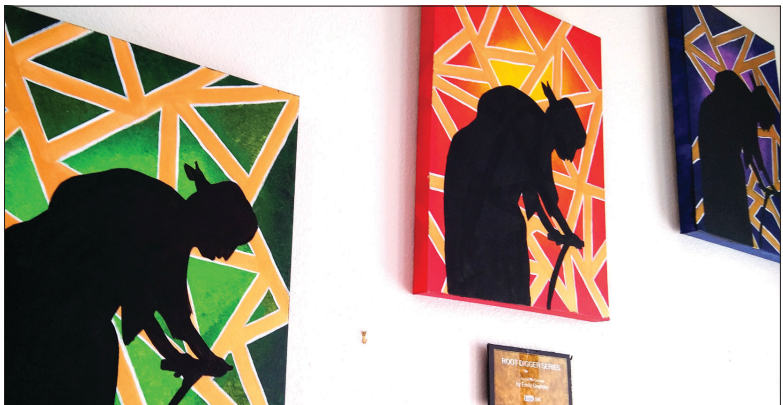
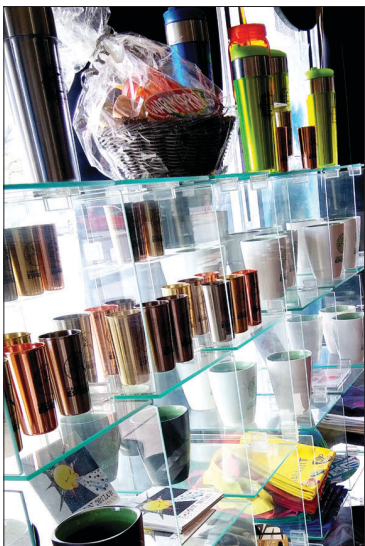
Jaime Scott recently re-joined the Warm Springs Community Action Team as the new executive director of the Tananáwit art co-op. Mr. Scott is a former coordinator of the WSCAT Outdoor Market. Tananáwit membership is now at more than 160 artists from the tribal community. To learn more about Tananáwit call the Community Ac-



At the recent WOIA training session at Painted Pony Espresso, lone Jim, Sha'Rita Johns and Treauna Blueback (front from left); and Xariya Holliday, Niya Bagley, Emily Courtney, WSCAT business and marketing specialist, and Whitney Kalama (back from left).

tion Team at 541-553-3148. The co-op members are talking about hosting a street fair sometime in the future, taking the covid precautions into consideration. The long-term home of Tananáwit will be at the WSCAT Commissary small business incubator building. This is the project that will involve

relocating and restoring the historic Old Commissary building. The Community Action Team has funding in place for the Commissary project. On-the-ground work was close to starting early last year, when the pandemic put a temporary halt to the project. The schedule now calls for the move to happen in 2022. Some of the gift items; and *The Root Digger* painting series by Emily Courtney (below).



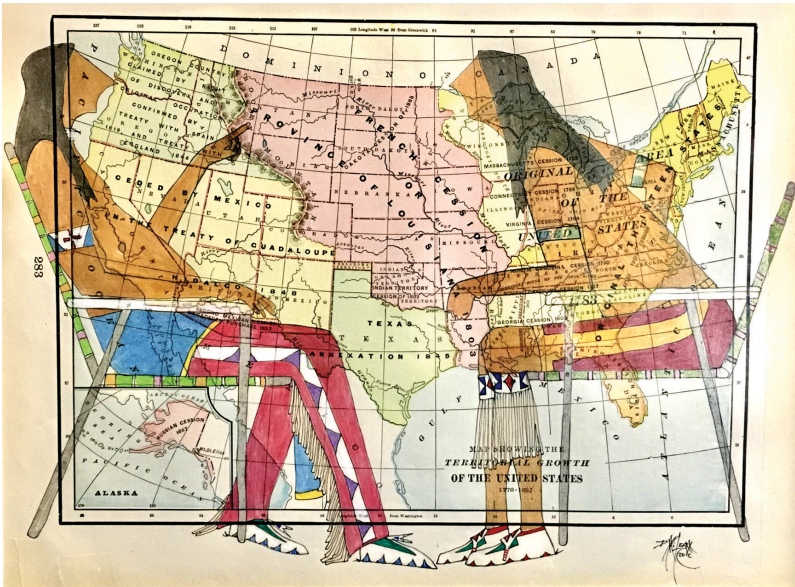
Unique Native art on maps of North American

Raven Makes Gallery in Sisters presents an exhibition of Native American narrative art on antique Western world cartography. Twenty Indigenous artists from across North America have created works on sixty antique original maps from the seventeen- and eighteen-hundreds. The name of the show is *The Homeland Collection, First Edition*. Participating artists include three masters with works on permanent display at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The artwork goes beyond a new interpretation on a traditional medium, ledger art, to establish a new artform that parallels a two-decade long movement within the

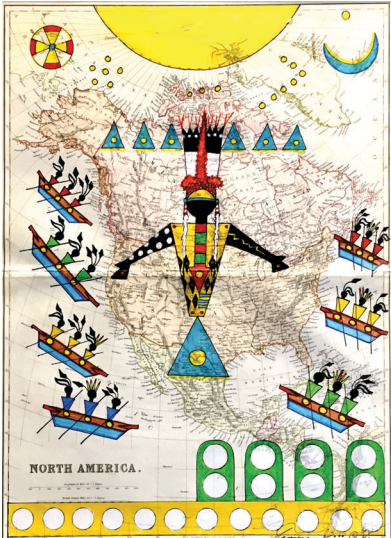


fields of Geography and Cartography known as ‘Decolonizing the Map.’ Due to covid restrictions, no reception will be held for the opening. The exhibition goes on dis-

play at the gallery this Friday, May 7. Raven Makes Gallery is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and closed on Wednesday.



At top: *Héstaneeho'o - The People*, George Curtis Levi, Southern Cheyenne and Southern Arapaho on 1852 No. 5 Map of the United States. And above: *Something's Missing Here*, Dwayne Wilcox, Oglala Lakota, on 1889 Map Showing the Territorial Growth of the United States. And at right: *The Creation of the Nations*, Terrance Guardipee, Blackfeet, on 1882 map of North America.



The gallery is in Sisters.

‘Game changer’ at St. Charles Madras

A new 3D mammography machine in the Central Oregon Radiology Clinic at St. Charles Madras will be a “game-changer” for breast cancer screening in Jefferson County, says mammography technologist Stefanie Brown.

“The statistic that always jumps out at me is that one in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime,” said Ms. Brown, who has worked at the Madras hospital since 2018.

“In my family, we have at least eight women, and so I look at them and I know the odds are one of them will get breast cancer. As a family member and as a caregiver, I want them to get 3D mammograms.”

Until late April, Madras had a 2D mammography machine, which produces a flat image of the breast. Now, it has a 3D machine—made by the medical technology company Hologic—that creates 50 to 80 millimeter “slices” providers can flip through like the pages of a book.

This gives providers a much clearer, more comprehensive look at the breast, which means they have a chance to catch can-

cer earlier, said LeeAnn Ford, mammography supervisor with Central Oregon Radiology Associates.

And with breast cancer, early detection is key: Women who are diagnosed early have a 98-percent or higher survival rate in the first five years.

“With a 2D image, you have a lot of superimposed breast tissue, so you’re kind of just watching for shadow changes,” Ms. Ford said. “With 3D, you’re actually seeing inside the tissue, so you can see little things hiding in there.”

In addition to earlier diagnoses, the 3D, more detailed images mean more certainty and fewer false positives.

“For two weeks, people say, ‘What is it? Do I have cancer?’” Ford said. “There’s anxiety, when really it was just a tissue clump that might’ve been more easily seen in a 3D image.”

Many women in Warm Springs and the surrounding areas have been driving to Redmond or beyond for 3D mammograms. The new machine means they can get the care they need closer to home.

3D mammograms now available in Madras

When it comes to breast cancer, early detection is key. And now the gold standard in breast cancer screening is available locally. Patients can now schedule their 3D mammograms at St. Charles Madras by calling 541-382-9383.

3D mammography provides more accurate breast screening results compared to 2D technology and greater accuracy means better cancer detection at an earlier stage.

Women whose breast cancer is diagnosed at an early stage have a 98% percent or higher survival rate in the first five years. If you are 40 or older, annual mammograms are an important part of your preventive health care. **Don't wait, schedule yours today.**

Call 541-382-9383 to schedule your appointment.

Roc Your Mocs tourney



At the 2021 Roc Your Mocs High School Boys Basketball Tournament, Jordan Mitchell, All-Star, and David Belgard celebrated their Championship win, and Jordan Mitchell walks away an All-Star! Good job boys! Tanya Tewee

IHS reports vaccine numbers

The Indian Health Service has updated its coronavirus data, showing Cov-19 vaccination distribution and administration through late April 26.

According to the data, the IHS has distributed 1,676,635 Covid-19 vaccine doses across 11 areas of Indian Country. Of that amount, 1,219,857 have been administered, representing 72.8 percent of the total.

The data shows the Oklahoma City Area has received the largest number of vaccines. The 438,790 doses account for 26.4 percent of the total. Of that amount, 73.6 percent have been administered in the region.

With 247,165 doses distributed, the Navajo Area comes in second, accounting for 14.9 percent of the total across the IHS. Of those, 79.4 percent have been administered in the region.

The Portland Area of the IHS has received 85,825 doses, as of late April.

According to the IHS, vaccination distribution and administration will be updated weekly across the 11 areas that are receiving doses directly from the agency.

Tribal health facilities in Alaska have chosen to receive their supplies from the state, so their region is not included in the data.

Food Bank serving reservation families

Commodities is great for families who need a little help. The Warm Springs Food Bank allows us to work with individuals who may not qualify for Commodities, or for Food Stamps.

I started the Food Bank in December of 2020, and established a partnership with NeighborImpact.

We receive donations from the Waves Foundation, as well as others, and we serve hundreds of participants a month, sometimes a little less, sometimes a little more.

The Food Bank hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. We are closed noon to lunch, and on tribal holidays and during shutdowns.

The Food Bank is in the Commodities building at the industrial



Theodore Perez Zamora (here with some of the available items) started the Warm Springs Food Bank with help from NeighborImpact, the Waves program and tribal Health and Human Services programs.

park, 4217 A Holiday Street, Warm Springs. If you have questions contact me at 541-553-3579. Or email: theodore.perez@wstribes.org
Theodore E. Perez Zamora

From the desk of the W.S. Veterans Representative

Frankie Williams, the Confederated Tribes Veterans Representative, can be reached at 559-798-7102; or at his email: frankie.williams@wstribes.org His office is at the Warm Springs Forest Industries LLC building by the former mill. This week Mr. Williams wishes to share this recent item in the news:

After decades of failing to curb sexual assault in the armed forces, federal lawmakers and Pentagon leaders are poised to make major changes in military laws that many experts have long argued stand in the way of justice.

A bill championed by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Democrat of New York, would remove military commanders from a role in prosecuting service members for sexual assault and has gained support from scores of key members of Congress.

Among them is Senator Joni Ernst, Republican of Iowa and a retired National Guard lieutenant colonel, who said her own experience with assault and her daughter's stories from West Point helped shift her views on

the issue.

"I have been torn," Sen. Ernst said. "On the one hand, I was a commander in the National Guard and know how important that role is. But also, as a sexual assault survivor, I know we have to do more. I never really wanted to take this out of chain of command, but we are not seeing a difference."



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

the defining moment for passing it," said Ms. Gillibrand, who has pressed her colleague on the issue for years. "She is the only female combat vet among the Republicans."

Adding to the momentum, a panel appointed by Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III has

made a similar recommendation, saying that independent judge advocates should take over the role that commanders currently play.

These independent military lawyers would report to a special victims prosecutor, who would decide whether to court-martial those accused of sexual assault, sexual harassment or domestic violence.

The responsibilities could also extend to those accused of hate crimes.

The change to military law would require an act of Congress.

Jefferson County remains at 'High Risk'

Based on case data from April, the state of Oregon last week updated its county Covid-19 risk categories. Jefferson County, including the reservation, remained at its same risk category, that of 'High Risk.'

Fifteen counties moved into the Extreme Risk category, and two—Hook and Umatilla—moved from Moderate to High Risk. Jefferson is one of nine counties in the High Risk category. Eighteen counties moved into higher-risk categories, while only two saw improvement, moving into the green 'Lower' category; while four counties were at 'Moderate.'

To the north, west and south of Jefferson, all of the counties—Wasco, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Lane, Deschutes and Crook counties—are at the Extreme covid threat level. Immediately to the east of Jefferson, Wheeler County is one of the fortunate counties in the green Lower category.

The new designations were based on Oregon seeing more than 300 people statewide in the hospital with Covid-19.

As Jefferson County remained at its same risk level, the school district sports activities, and business restrictions—regarding gymnasiums and restaurants, for instance—continue as they were in April.

The state will update the county category designations this Thursday, May 6. In making the announcement last week, Gov. Kate Brown said:

"The fastest way to lift health and safety restrictions is for Oregonians to get vaccinated as quickly as possible and follow the safety measures we know stop this virus from spreading. I recognize the burden these restrictions place on Oregon businesses and working families.

"My goal is to lift these restrictions as soon as it is safely possible, and keep Oregon on the path for

lifting most health and safety requirements by the end of June so we can fully reopen our economy. But we will only get there if enough Oregonians get vaccinated. There are appointments available right now all across the state."

Cases by county

The new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases reported by the Oregon Health Authority, last Saturday, May 1, are in the following counties:

Baker (4), Benton (10), Clackamas (96), Clatsop (7), Columbia (15), Coos (4), Crook (6), Deschutes (88), Douglas (9), Grant (2), Harney (2), Hood River (2), Jackson (33), **Jefferson** (5), Josephine (9), Klamath (55), Lake (2), Lane (66), Lincoln (8), Linn (38), Malheur (5), Marion (60), Multnomah (115), Polk (5), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (9), Union (3), Wallowa (3), **Wasco** (4), Washington (106), Yamhill (22).

About 'breakthrough' vaccine cases

A so-called 'breakthrough case' is an instance when a person tests positive for Covid-19 at least 14 days after receiving the final dose of a covid vaccine series.

While breakthrough cases are rare, they are expected to occur with any vaccine because no vaccine is 100 percent effective.

The Covid-19 vaccines that have received Emergency Use Authorizations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have all proven to be highly effective at preventing Covid-19, and that remains true despite the small number of vaccine breakthrough cases that have occurred.

Importantly, breakthrough cases can be prevented through basic public health interventions, such as masking, physical distancing and avoiding social gatherings. These protective measures remain essential as long as there is significant Covid-19 circulating in our communities.

2 reasons why we're seeing more Covid-19 cases

Covid-19 cases have been on the rise in Oregon recently. This can seem surprising, because vaccination rates are high across the state. There are two reasons why cases have been increasing, according to the Oregon Health Authority:

Virus variants are more transmissible, and some people are socializing more without face coverings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Oregon Health Authority are

closely monitoring variants of concern, VOCs.

VOCs are variants that have mutations in the virus genome that alter the characteristics and cause the virus to act differently.

One variant is B.1.1.7 which has now become the dominant variant in Oregon statewide. It is 50-percent more transmissible and may cause more severe disease. At this point, it appears that Covid-19 vac-

cines are effective against variant B.1.1.7. While we are seeing this variant become more prominent in Oregon, people also seem to be relaxing their precautions. Much of the increase in cases we're seeing is in younger people and is due to social gatherings where people are not wearing face coverings. The fact that variant B.1.1.7. has become Oregon's dominant strain is intensifying the spread at these events.

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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION

WORK-EXPERIENCE-DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT PROGRAMS for Adults and Youth

Summary of Tribal Council

April 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Brigitte McConville, Vice Chair. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond (Captain) Moody, Wilson Wewa Jr., Anita Jackson, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Glendon Smith, Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chairman Raymond Tsumpti (afternoon session). Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Health and Welfare Committee update with Eugene Greene Jr. and Cassie Katchia.
- Land Use Planning Committee update with Jonathan W. Smith.
- Irrigation, Range and Ag Committee update with Terry Squiempfen.
- Timber Committee update with Tony Holliday and Levi VanPelt.
- Water Control Board update with Terry Squiempfen.

Willamette Falls Legacy Project discussion with Louie Pitt:

- Motion by Anita approving the Chairman to sign the letter to the

Willamette Falls Legacy Project Partners, with noted edits. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Wilson/yes, Captain/yes, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting; Motion carried.

- Meet and greet the new 509-J Superintendent, Jay Mathisen.
- Portland Harbor update with Robert Bobby Brunoe and Ellen Grover:
- Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,800 authorizing the Tribal Council Chair or Vice-Chair to execute settlement agreements and consent decrees with all potentially responsible parties settling their natural resource liability through the Phase II process. Authorizes the authorized representatives, the Secretary-Treasurer or the General Manager of the Branch of Natural Resources or their designee to perform or undertake any further actions or execute further documents reasonably necessary to carry out the inten-

tions of the foregoing resolution as deemed in the best interest of the Tribe. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/abstain, Jay/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, Wilson/yes, 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- 509-J Memorandum of Understanding update with Valerie Switzler and Ken Parshall:
- Motion by Glendon to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Second by Wilson. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/no, Brigitte/no, Anita/no, Delvis/yes, Captain/no, Wilson/yes, 3/4/0, Chairman not voting. Motion failed.
- Culture and Heritage Committee update with Myra Johnson-Orange and Lonnie Rosie Tom.
- Covid-19 update with the Respones Team.
- Resolutions with Michele Stacona: Fisheries:
- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,801, that Tribal Council approves the attached proposed “2021 Commercial Crayfish

Harvest Regulations”. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,802 approving the 2021 ceded lands subsistence fishing regulations; Second by Jay; Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting; Motion carried.

National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA):

- Motion by Anita appointing Joseph Moses as the representative and Raymond Tsumpti Sr. as the alternate. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, 5/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Anita adopting Resolution No. 12,803 authorizing the staff to pay the dues for NIGA membership of \$1,500. That Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon hereby appoints Joseph Moses as the Nations Representative to NIGA, and

Raymond Tsumpti, Sr., as the Alternate; That their appointments will be in effect for the year 2021 and beyond until replaced by Tribal Council; That this resolution rescinds Resolution No. 12,671 adopted February 25, 2020. Second by Jay. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Delvis/yes, Captain/yes, 5/0/0, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

Simnasho Ballot Box:

- Motion by Anita approving the Intergovernmental Agreement #21-003 between Wasco County and the Community of Simnasho granting the County to locate a ballot drop box and video security surveillance recording system. Second by Jay. The Secretary-Treasurer, Michele Stacona will poll other Tribal Council members. Glendon/abstain, Jay/yes, Anita/yes, Captain/yes, 3/0/1, Vice Chair not voting.

Other Business:

- Discussed the action taken by Tribal Council regarding the funding for the hemp program and the process for Financial Strategies LLC.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs DAVID LECLAIRE JR, Defendant; Case No. CR113-20; CR252-20; CR253-20. TO: DAVID LECLAIRE 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 **June 8, 2021 @8:00am**

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

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-

FIED 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 **June 8, 2021 @8:00am**

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

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs KAYLYN WOLFE, Defendant;

Case No. CR235-20. TO: KAYLYN WOLFE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **JUNE 8, 2021 @ 8:00AM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs LARRY SWITZLER, Defendant; Case No. CR226-20. TO: LARRY SWITZLER:

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs MAURICE SMITH JR., Defendant; Case No. CR90-19. TO: MAURICE SMITH 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 **JUNE 8, 2021 @8:00AM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs LARRY SWITZLER, Defendant; Case No. CR486-19; CR489-19. TO: LARRY SWITZLER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PRE-TRIAL HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **JUNE 9, 2021 @ 3:00PM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs SOPHIE ESPINOSA, Defendant; Case No. CR609-19. TO: SOPHIE ESPINOSA:

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 **JUNE 8, 2021 @8:00AM**

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs URSELA RUSSELL, Defendant; Case No. CR170-20. TO: URSELA RUSSELL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **JUNE 8, 2021 @ 8:00AM**

Around Indian Country

Tribes hoping beavers may improve habitat for First Foods

C’waam and Koptu were once a staple meal for the Klamath Tribes. They’re a rarity now—members are allowed to catch only two of the suckerfish a year. The ray-finned C’waam, with its long snout and the smaller white-bellied Koptu, with a large head and lower notched lip, are only found in the Upper Klamath basin.

Once fished in their thousands as one of the tribes’ important First Foods, the fish populations were decimated when the health of their spawning grounds declined from a spate of dam building in the Upper Klamath Lake during the 1900s.

The lake has been plagued by toxic algae, which starve the fish of oxygen, and the tribes have seen suckerfish populations plummet from the tens of millions down to less than 45,000. They are now endangered. The C’waam, also known as Lost River sucker, can grow up to almost 3 feet long, and weigh 10 pounds. The Koptu, also called the shortnose sucker, can reach 18 inches and live up to 30 years.

The Klamath tribal government has tried various tactics to restore fish populations: Raising young fish to older ages before releasing them in the lakes, monitoring water quality, working with landowners to restore riparian habitat, and bringing a lawsuit, which was eventually dropped, against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to save the C’waam and Koptu.

Now the tribes are turning to an unlikely hopeful savior: The beaver.

“Their activity is a driver for the productivity and diversity for the

whole ecosystem,” says Alex Gonyaw, senior fisheries biologist for the Klamath Tribes in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Last fall Gonyaw oversaw the construction of a beaver dam analog, a manmade structure that mimics a natural beaver dam and is used to attract beaver families.

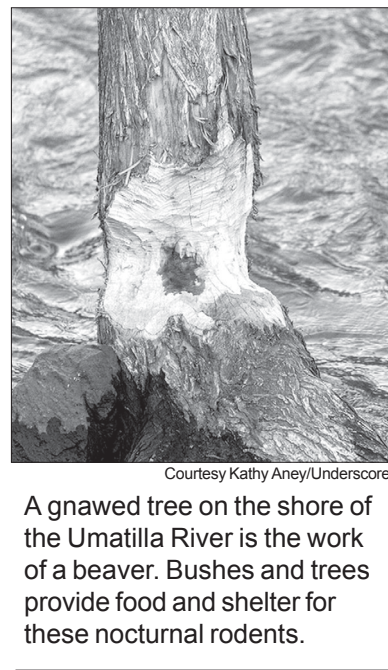
As the Koptu, or shortnose sucker, populations have declined sharply due to habitat loss, the Klamath Tribes are hoping beaver re-introduction will improve waterways and help with recovery.

Oregon is The Beaver State. And yet state law classifies beavers as predators, meaning they can be hunted and trapped on private land across Oregon with few restrictions.

Once an endemic species across the U.S. before the semi aquatic rodents were trapped into near-extinction during the 1800s fur trade, beavers are a vital component to the ecosystem, improving water quality and fish habitat. The animals are known to improve salmon habitat, but Gonyaw’s venture is the first attempt to use beavers to stabilize the suckerfish populations.

Two bills currently moving through the Oregon state legislature would respectively prohibit the taking of beavers on federally managed public land and exclude beavers from being classified as predatory animals.

“Our aim is to work with nature not against it,” Gonyaw explains. The tribal government, which hopes to establish a stable fish population as a food source, wanted to reshape the land to provide healthy fish habitats. But they



A gnawed tree on the shore of the Umatilla River is the work of a beaver. Bushes and trees provide food and shelter for these nocturnal rodents.

didn’t want to use bulldozers to reshape the Williamson River. “We needed to hold the water back, and beavers do that naturally.”

Beavers, a keystone species, have been found to help mitigate the spread of wildfires, thanks to their water-damming habits.

Gonyaw hopes the tribes’ efforts at attracting beavers—by using natural posts and woven willows to give the animals a foothold to make dams—will start to hold back water and that the historic vegetation, of local lily pads and bulrushes, will return.

“And we’ll eventually have a shallow lake wetland system again,” Gonyaw says. “If there is continuous standing water here, we hope fish biodiversity would increase and we would have an opportunity for tribal fishing rights to return.”

No beavers have arrived—yet.

“It’s a long way from the nearest beaver dam, but if we don’t see activity in the next year, we’ll work with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to move nuisance beavers,” he adds.

Relocating beavers on private land is allowed, but it’s an onerous process to gain a permit, which is issued through the state. Individuals must obtain signatures from every landowner within four miles of the proposed site testifying that the landowners have no objection to the beavers being moved in.

On public land, beavers are considered furbearers, so they can be hunted in season, and there are no limits on how many beavers hunters can trap. On private land, “you can kill as many as you want, whenever you want, however you want, and you don’t have to tell anyone about it,” explains Jakob Shockey, executive director of The Beaver Coalition, a nonprofit working to increase public and private landowner support for beavers.

“They’re so important for the environment that we can’t afford to have them trapped out,” Shockey says, particularly when it comes to wildfires, which in 2020 were the most destructive in the state’s history, burning more than 1 million acres. Beaver dams create pockets of lush, saturated landscape that resists fires.

“If we could boost the health of (Oregon’s) creeks, we could have a shot at our cities not burning down again. And the answer is relocating animals—beavers, to be precise.”

The two proposed laws moving through the state legislature—HB 2843, which protect beavers on

public lands, and HB 2844, which would take them off the predator list, would mean stricter policies around how, when, and where they can be killed—could make an “enormous” difference in improving the health of Oregon’s landscape and biodiversity, says Suzanne Fouty, a hydrologist who helped legislators craft the bills.

“It is really serious what we are faced with, and we have very little time left to create conditions that help our wild and human communities be somewhat buffered against the impacts of climate change,” Fouty said.

It is illegal to relocate a beaver without a permit, but one tribal program has been carrying out relocations in partnership with the state’s wildlife department discreetly for years. Tod Lum, wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been working with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to move nuisance beavers onto federal land for the past decade.

“We’re considered the Beaver State, for good reason,” he said. “They’re little engineers and they’re good at what they do but there’s conflict. A lot of people don’t want them on their land.”

Lum says most landowners are happy to have the beavers relocated rather than to have the animals undergo a lethal removal alternative, describing the trapping program, which is funded by the tribe, as an “intervention.”

Story by Lucy Sherriff. She is a freelance multimedia journalist based in California.

White Buffalos sports update —

The Oregon Health Authority last week updated its mask guidance for non-contact sports. Outdoor sports include cross country, track and field, tennis, swimming, cheer and dance. The current guidance allows non-contact sports to remove masks during competition.

“We are revising the current guidance on the use of masks outdoor during competition,” the Health Authority said in a statement.

“The guidance will allow people to take off face covering when competing in non-contact sports outdoors, and maintaining at least six feet of distance from others, and the other virus protective protocols.”

Although the masking exception allows athletes to take off face covering during

competition, the OHA says athletes will still be required to wear masks during practice. “The exception will not apply while training and conditioning for these sports. The exception will not apply before and after competing.”

At Madras High School

Just a reminder to spectators, while Jefferson County remains in the High

covid risk category, home competitions or traveling competitions will not be allowing traveling spectators. For home competitions, the high-risk spectator capacity for outdoor facilities is 15 percent.

For track, baseball and softball, staff will continue to monitor the number of spectators that show up to watch competitions. If the number of spectators begins to creep upwards toward the maximum capacity at 15 percent, then staff will be-

gin to administer passes to future competitions.

Staff are continuing to ask home competition spectators to be responsible about their social distancing and wearing masks when on school property. So long as our county stays in high risk, concession stands are closed.

As the high risk level changes, staff will continue to reevaluate how spectators are able to participate in MHS athletic events. Regardless of the risk level, staff intends to continue live

streaming each of our home competitions throughout the rest of the athletic seasons.

Madras High School has completed its opt-in paperwork to begin indoor athletic events the week of May 10—this will be a week of practice; competitions start the week of May 16.

Season 4 sports include basketball, swimming and wrestling. These indoor sports require heavy guidelines and required waiver forms similar to those required of football.

Despite drought, good water supply predicted for Columbia River

Drought plagues much of the West, but officials predict abundant water supplies this year for the Columbia River System.

Nick Bond, climatologist, said the Columbia system is in much better shape than, for instance, the Klamath Basin at the Oregon-California border.

According to an April report, snowpack in the Upper Columbia River Basin is 108-percent of normal for this time of year.

The water level at The Dalles Dam also looks good, according to Joye Redfield-Wilder, of the Washington State Department of Ecology. That’s an important indicator for water allocations.

Bond said while it might seem strange that the Columbia River is getting more water while other areas are getting less, it makes sense according to current climate change models, which predict lower latitudes will experience increasing drought while higher latitudes will experience more extreme winter snowfalls.

He expects this trend to continue. “If anything, while other places are getting drier, the Columbia River overall may be getting more water in the future than in historical times,” he said.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is recruiting for a **Fishery Technician III**, Temporary, Full-time. There are three positions available. Location is Portland, The Dalles or Hood River. Starting salary range: \$41,893.00. Closing date: **May 19**. Employment application and full job announcement located critfc.org

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CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYNNITA MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV66-19. TO: LYNITTA MILLER, FACUNDO BALDERAMA, 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 **8TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYNNITA MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV63,64,65-19. TO: LYNITTA MILLER, BRADLEY BRONCHEAU, 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 **8TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. jv32,33-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER SR:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **10TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV02-06, JV37-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, JAMES SMITH JR:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **10TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TONI TAIL, Respondent; Case No. . DO171,172,173-14. TO: TONI TAIL, PAULETTE BOISE:
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 **14TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANDREW SMITH SR., Respondent; Case No. JV72,73-17. TO: ANDREW SMITH SR.:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **28TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELLEN JACKSON, Respondent; Case No. JV3-19. TO: ELLEN JACKSON, ROBERT LUCEI:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **30TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME - IN THE MATTER OF: MICAYLA LEN WAHSISE , DOB: N/A. Case No. DO75-21. ELYSEBETH SCOTT-BOISE, Petitioner.
The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from MYCAYLA LEN WAHSISE to MYCAYLA LYNNE SCOTT. A hearing on this matter has been set for **3:30 PM on the 6TH day of JULY 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 **22nd day of JUNE 2021**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JERI SMITH, Respondent; Case No. DO03-09. TO: JERI SMITH:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs WATKINS JOHNSON, Respondent; Case No. JV136-06, JV110-05. TO: WATKINS JOHNSON:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **12TH day of JULY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

SHARAYA SCOTT, Petitioner, vs ANDREW STACONA JR, Respondent; Case No. RO23-21. TO: SHARAYA SCOTT, ANDREW STACONA JR:
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 **25TH day of MAY, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

LOUISA FUENTES, Petitioner, vs TRACY FRANK, Respondent; Case No. DO16,17,18-21. TO: TRACY FRANK, LOUISA FUENTES, LORI FUETES:
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 **2ND day of JUNE, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs RANDY ZARATE, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: RANDY ZARATE:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MELANIE POLK, Respondent; Case No. JV84-17. TO: MELANIE POLK:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT 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 **14TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JENNY BIRD, RESPONDENTCase No. JV27-12. TO: JENNY BIRD, ELIJAH CUNNINGHAH, HEATHER WILLIMAS-STEWART, WILLIAM STEWART.
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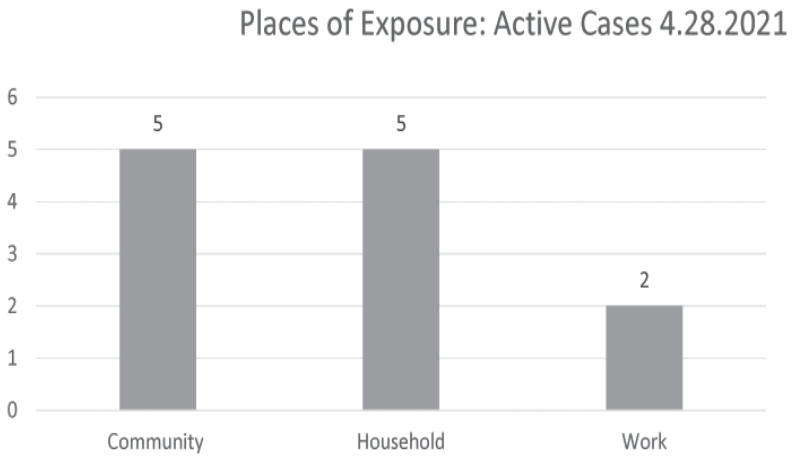
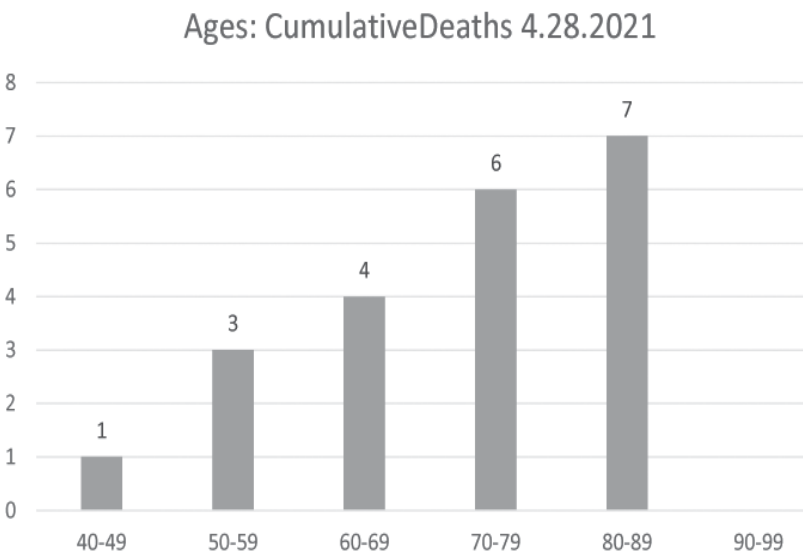
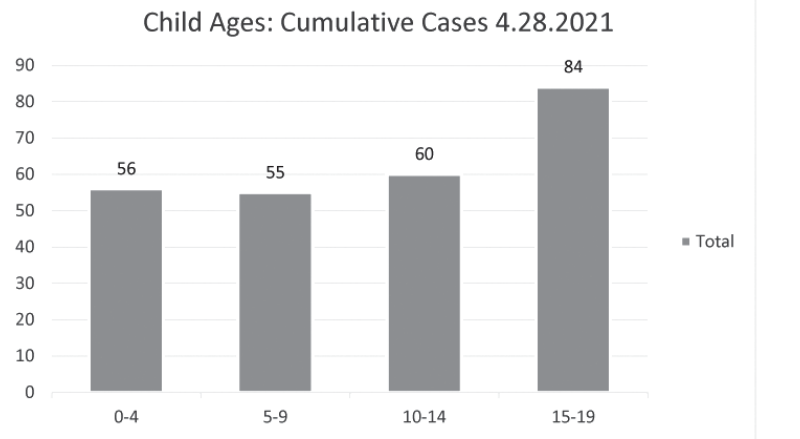
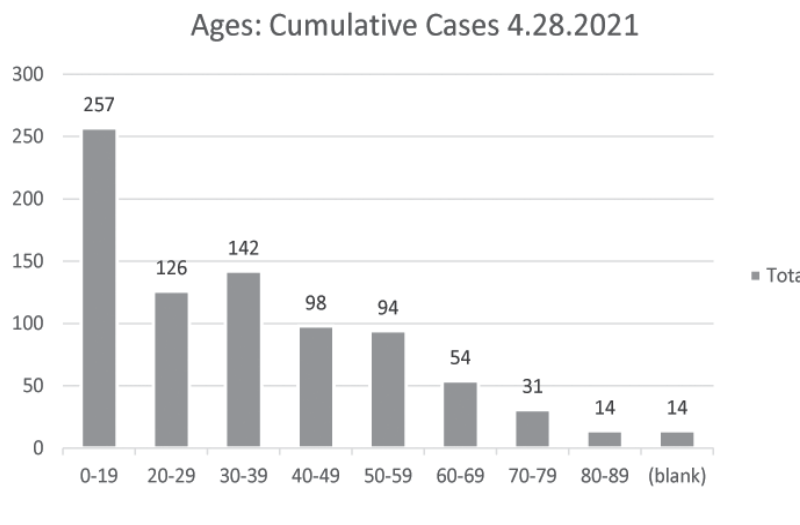
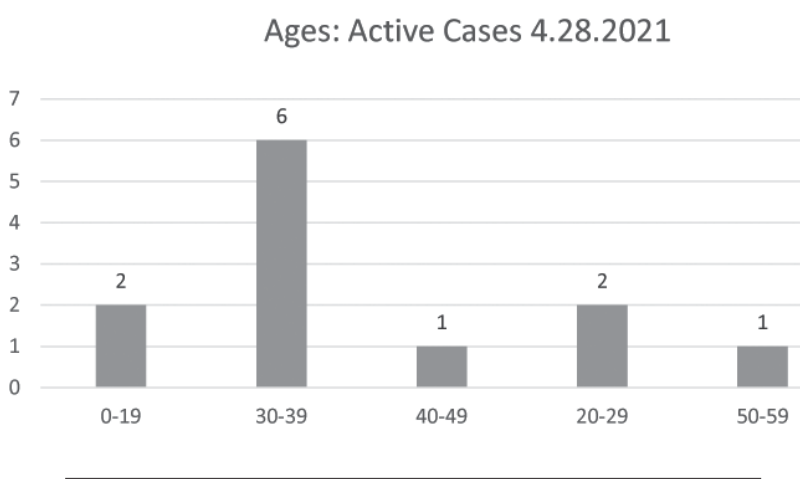
Latisha Waheneka, Petitioner, vs Jesus Vazquez, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO115-20; DO116-20. TO: LATISHA WAHENEKA; JESUS VAZQUEZ:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **9th day of JUNE, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs GLENDA FISHER, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO159-06. TO: GLENDA FISHER, ANGEL DEJESUS MEDEL:
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 **9th day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

PROBATE
In the matter of the estate of Leila J. Governor Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR17. Affidavit of giving notice of final account and order setting time for filing objections was posted on April 19, 2021.
In the matter of the estate of Melvin Scott Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2014-PR12. Affidavit of giving notice of final account and order setting time for filing objections was filed on April 19, 2021.
In the matter of the estate of Latoya E. Henry, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 009-PR09-06. Affidavit of giving notice of final filing objections was filed on April 19, 2021.
In the matter of the estate of Raymond Sam-Smith, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2018-PR32. Affidavit of giving notice of final account and order setting time for filing objections was posted on April 19, 2021.
In the matter of the estate of Neda B. Wesley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR88. Notice is hereby given that Neda B. Wesley, who at the time of her death last known residence was 4440 Upper Dry Creek, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 23rd day of December 2020, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Robert Sam Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR53. Notice is hereby given that Robert Sam Sr., who at the time of his death last known residence was Kah-Nee-Ta Hamlets #166, Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 10th day of September, 2020, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Samuel L. Scott, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR31. To Dorothy James: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled June 8, 2021 at 2 p.m.
In the matter of the estate of Lupe Samuels, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR33. To Walter Langnese, Daniel Samuels, Janaea Frye, Kira

Langnese-Cook, and Kayla Casey: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Willyum Hoptowit, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR92. To Tamera Kalama, Donald Hoptowit, Rocky Kalama, Shirley Hoptowit, Dawn Hoptowit, Katherine Kalama and Dondi Hoptowit: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Kami Wahnetah, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR69. To Shawnee Johnson, Cheyene Wahnetah and Justine Clements: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 7, 2021 at 3 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Adena R. McGill, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR48. To Daniel McGill, Allen Gilbert III, Jovon Gilbert, Jaydean Gilbert and Justin Gilbert: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 9, 2021 at 9 a.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Maury G. Rhoan Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Probate estate no. 2020-PR57. Notice is hereby given that Maury G. Rhoan Sr., who at the time of his death last known residence was 1705 Foster St., Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 13th day September, 2020, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as the public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Neda B. Wesley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR88. Notice is hereby given that Neda B. Wesley, who at the time of her death last known residence was 4440 Upper Dry Creek, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 23rd day of December 2020, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Valena A. Sargeant, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR70. Notice is hereby given that Valena A. Sargeant, who at the time of her death last known residence was 2381 Oitz Loop, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 3rd day of November, 2020, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Celia C. Greene, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR81. To Michael Greene, Ramona Baez, Sarah Gonsales, Timothy Green, Delsie Greene, Wendall Greene, Roscoe Greene, Myrna Greene, Damien Frank, Anthony Aronica, Alexandria, Jamesina, Josh smith, Rhonda Smith, Gary Smith, Gabriel Green, Jefferson Greene, Ramon Greene, Quinton Greene, Lupe Galicia and Adrianna Perez-Greene: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 8, 2021 at 3 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Allen Gilbert Jr. W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR59. To Allen Gilbert III, Jovon Gilbert, Jaydean Gilbert and Justin Gilbert: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Darrell Anthony James Smith, W.S.,U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-39. To Cheryl Smith and Mackalin Kalama: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **May 24 ,2021 at 10 a.m.**
In the matter of the estate of George Danzuka Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR06. Notice is hereby given that George Danzuka Jr., who at the time of his death last known residence was 2334-B High Lookkee, Warm Springs, OR 97761, and the court has appointed Dennis White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Willie Sittinghorse Kirk, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR50. Notice is hereby given that Willie Sittinghorse Kirk, who at the time of his death last known residence was 1319 #A Deer Loop, Warm Springs, OR 97761, and the court appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.
In the matter of the estate of Tony J. Thompson, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR36. Notice is hereby given that Tony J. Thompson, who at the time of his death last known residence was 1728 Bray St., Warm Springs, OR 97761, and the court appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.

The graphs below are a snapshot, as of late last week, of Covid-19 case demographics on the reservation. The data is as of last Thursday, April 28, as provided by the tribal Covid-19 Response Team, IHS and Community Health.



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Tribe’s fish study is ‘a call to alarm’

Nearly half of the wild spring chinook populations in the Snake River Basin have crossed a critical threshold, signaling they are nearing extinction and without intervention may not persist, according to analysis by the Nez Perce Tribe.

Modeling conducted by fisheries scientists at the tribe and shared with other state, federal and tribal fisheries managers in the Columbia Basin indicates if current trends continue, 77 percent of Snake River spring chinook populations and 44 percent of steelhead populations will be in a similar position within four years.

Tribal fisheries officials say a wide array of short- and long-term actions, such as new conservation hatcheries, predator control, increased spill at Snake and Columbia river dams, and adoption of Rep. Mike Simpson’s plan to breach the four lower Snake River dams, are urgently needed.

Fisheries officials in Oregon and Washington agree dam removal should be considered and other actions above and beyond current salmon and steelhead recovery efforts should be pursued.

The tribe found 42 percent of Snake River spring chinook and 19 percent of steelhead have reached the quasi-extinction threshold—an analytical tool used by the federal government to assess the risk of extinction or measure the viability of fish populations.

The threshold is tripped when a natural origin population of fish has 50 or fewer spawners return to natal streams for four consecutive years.

Veto sought for wolf-killing bill

Nearly 30 retired tribal, state and federal wildlife managers sent a letter last week to Idaho Republican Gov. Brad Little asking him to veto a bill backed by agricultural interests that could cut the state’s wolf population by 90 percent.

The former workers at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Nez Perce Tribe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, University of Idaho and U.S. Forest Service say the methods for killing wolves allowed in the measure violate long-standing wildlife management practices and sportsmen ethics.

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