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Vaccinations for W.S. youth

The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine is now approved for young people ages 12-15. The Warm Springs Clinic is hosting a Youth and Adolescent Covid-19 vaccine event this Wednesday, May 19, and Monday, May 24.

Hours both days will be from 1 to 7 p.m. at the clinic. No appointment is needed. For more information call 541-553-2131.

Meanwhile, the clinic is also planning a community event the first week of June to encourage the reservation community in the effort to vaccinate the young people.

Health workers will be reaching out by phone to families regarding the interest in getting the household child or children vaccinated. They also encourage parents to give them a call, 541-553-2131. Either way, this is a chance to get your child or children's names on the youth vaccination list.

When the young people are getting their vaccines, the clinic can also provide vaccination to the adults of the same household, who have not already had the shot. Some other covid updates from the clinic:

If you would like to be tested for Covid-19, check in at the front gate at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center and they will direct you where to go. You should not get a Covid-19 vaccine if you:

Have had a known Covid-19 exposure and are currently quarantined. Have symptoms of Covid-19, including cough, fever, shortness of breath, or loss of taste and smell. Also: No vaccine if you have a pending Covid-19 test; or had any other vaccine in the past 14 days.

As IHS continues its vaccine program, covid testing among the tribal community is trending in the right direction.

The positivity rate for Warm Springs last week was 2.2 percent. For comparison, the rate for the week of May 3 was 3.28 percent; and for the week of April 26, the rate was 7.98 percent.

Tribal Council continues to require Covid-19 safety standards on the reservation: Masking and social distancing are required (see page 3). St. Charles Health System is maintaining its Covid-19 protocol as well.

The CDC has not lifted its mask and social distance guidance for people using public transportation, visiting nursing homes, at homeless shelters, and at prisons.

Some of the latest covid numbers from Warm Springs IHS:

- The Health and Wellness Center has administered more than 10,875 Covid-19 tests since the pandemic began last spring.

- Over that time, of the total tested, 757 have come back positive. Ninety-seven tests of Confederated Tribes members have come back positive from other facilities, for a total of 854 total positive cases among the tribal community.

Water Project opening Saturday

The community is invited this Saturday, May 22, to the grand opening of the tribes' solar-panel water project, hosted by the Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs Economic Development and Source Global.

Warm Springs Economic Development (WSED) has partnered with Source Global to create the innovative and new source of Warm Springs drinking water.

Source Global, based in Arizona, is a public benefit corporation. The company creates sustainable drinking water infrastructure for communities in the U.S. and around the world.

The technology involves a 'Source field' of solar hydropanels.

The panels harness solar power to condense water from the air. The high-quality drinking water will be made available for the first time to the tribal community this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WSED is also making available 2.5 gallon jugs that can be reused; or you can bring your own jug for filling.

The panel field is located at the Warm Springs industrial park on Holliday Street.

"We're excited about this. It's been a lot of work," said Jim Souers, chief executive officer of WSED. "Now we're creat-



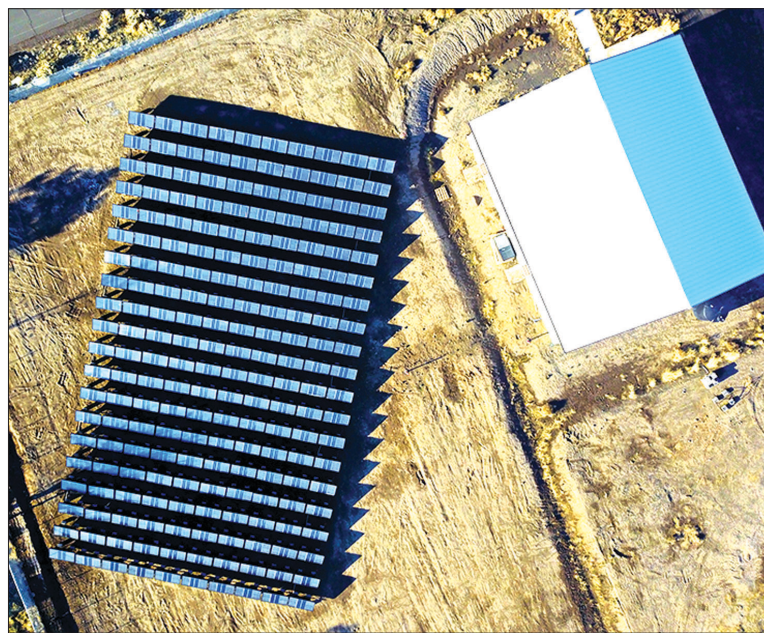
Warm Springs Construction crew—Jeremy KillsFirst, Warner Williams Jr. and Warner Williams Sr.—installing frames for a new set of Source solar-water panels.

ing our own sustainable source of drinking water, using nothing but the earth's renewable resources: Sunlight and air."

The Saturday grand opening will follow covid safety guidelines as developed by Tribal Council and the Response Team. After the opening, the WSED-Source water distribution site will be open on Mondays for water refills.

The Source field currently features 200 of the solar panels, producing about 158 gallons of water per day. The field eventually will be three times the current size, and able to produce up to 720 gallons a day.

See **WATER** on page 5



An aerial view of the Source panel field at the industrial park.

Tribal fisheries issue at Willamette Falls

Portland General Electric last week submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a draft "perpetual cultural practice easements" for Willamette Falls property, regarding tribal fishing at the falls.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and two other Treaty Tribes of the Columbia—Yakama and Umatilla—would not require the easements, as the tribes rely on their reserved fishing rights at all usual and accustomed fishing stations as specified in their respective ratified treaties of 1855.

PGE operates a hydro-dam at the falls, and under its hydro-facility license from FERC, it must ensure that it knows of and approves of all uses occurring within the license boundary area. The easement describes tribal cultural activities that PGE wishes to support, and for this reason submitted its draft easements request to FERC.

The Warm Springs membership has always fished at the falls, mostly for lamprey in modern times, and on occasion for salmon and steelhead as well.

The reason why PGE has now felt compelled to file the FERC 'perpetual cultural prac-



Mid morning scene at Willamette Falls.

tice easements' goes back 2018, when the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde constructed a fishing platform at the falls.

The Oregon Department of State Lands approved the Grand Ronde application for the platform. Previously, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife granted the Grand Ronde Tribes a state fishing permit to harvest 15 salmon and steelhead each year; and before they received state permission to build a platform, they fished from the rocks downstream of the falls. The Grand Ronde Tribe wanted to fish under its state license from a platform. However, the Department of State Lands did not conduct government-to-gov-

ernment consultation with Warm Springs, Yakama or Umatilla, all treaty tribes with fishing rights at Willamette Falls, before making its decision to authorize the Grand Ronde Tribe platform. The treaty tribes and PGE have appealed the DSL approval, citing a number of errors made by DSL in the process.

The administrative appeal process is still pending, as the parties continue trying to resolve the matter, said John Ogan, tribal attorney.

While the Department of State Lands approved the Grand Ronde application, PGE claims the property actually belongs to PGE. If PGE is the owner of the rocks where the scaffold is located, then the state would not have had the

authority to issue the scaffold permit.

A means to resolve the matter may be to confirm PGE ownership of the site. And to ensure tribal fishing access for all tribes, PGE also would grant the perpetual cultural practice easements.

This would guarantee fishing access to members of all tribes claiming historic fishing at Willamette Falls, including Grand Ronde and Siletz. Warm Springs, Yakama and Umatilla would continue to rely on the usual and accustomed rights as specified in the treaties of 1855, and the easement from PGE would add to, and be consistent with, those pre-existing treaty reserved access rights, Mr. Ogan said.



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Indian Head, Travel Plaza jobs fairs

There are great employment opportunities at Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza.

Toward making the most of these opportunities, the casino and Travel Plaza this month will host two job fairs.

The first fair is coming up from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26 at the Plateau Travel Plaza. This job fair is for Plateau Travel Plaza positions only.

The next fair will be from 9 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 27 at the Indian Head Human Resources office, at the Plaza next to the casino.

The May 27 job fair will be for all available positions at the casino and at the Plateau Travel Plaza. Some features of the job fairs:

On-the-spot interviews will be available for most positions.

Applications will be available on-site, or you can complete the application online



prior to the job fair by visiting the ‘Careers’ tab at indianheadcasino.com.

If you have a resume, please bring it with you. Otherwise, all other documents will be provided upon arrival. All Covid-19 protocols will be enforced and facemasks will be required at all times.

Here are some examples of jobs that were advertised recently with Indian Head Casino:

Cage cashier. Chief financial officer. Coffee stations attendant. Custodian. Players Club host.

Players Club host—lead. Security officer. Server. Slot keyperson. Tule Grill attendant. Tule Grill cook.

And here are some recent positions advertised with the



Plateau Travel Plaza: Store cashier. Store shift supervisor.

Fuel attendant. Host cashier/server. Lead line cook. Line cook. Security officer.

Employment with the Tribes

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

Fish tech II . Timber sale officer. Maintenance worker. Look-outs (four positions). WIC certifier/nutrition technician. Office administrator. CPS specialist. Health coordina-

tor. Rangeland management specialist. Construction assistant - Level 1. Restoration field crew member. Budget contract and grant analyst. Associate design project manager. Communications officer. Criminal justice planner. Recovery mentor. CPS supervisor.

Conservation enforcement officer. Research and monitoring project leader. Hood River fisheries program supervisor. Surveil-

lance observer. Protective care provider (four positions). Fisheries technician I. Chief financial officer. Community health nurse. Bookkeeper. Administrative officer.

Youth program employment. Soil scientist/watershed planner. Director of Finance. Development director. Corrections officer (5 positions). Fisheries Department manager. U.S. Census field representative. Treasury controller.

Community notes

The **Boys & Girls Club** of Warm Springs is planning their summer program for youth 5 years and older. The summer program will start June 11.

The club will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The summer fee is \$25 per youth. Contact June Smith at 541-553-2323 or email jsmith@bgcsc.org

The Healing from Grief conference is coming up June 9-10 in front of the Behavioral Health Center. There will also be a *Walk for Healing* June 9 from 6-7 p.m.

Social Distancing and facemasks will be required.

Learn more by contacting Rosanna Jackson, Anita Davis or Judy Charley at Warm Springs Prevention, 541-615-0036.

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Welcome reopening of Warm Springs DHS

Warm Springs once again has an Oregon Department of Human Services office.

This is a welcome return after more than a year of people having to travel to Madras to visit the office.

The new office is next door to Warm Springs Commodities building, on Holliday Street at the industrial park. The DHS office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DHS is in the process of hiring a supervisor for the Warm Springs office, plus one more receptionist, three family coaches, two on-site eligibility workers, plus virtual eligibility workers. For



DHS receptionist Sonia Heath outside the new office.

now, the full-time permanent employee at the office is receptionist Sonia Heath.

Helping out until the new staff is on board are Alba Santos, manager of the Ma-

dras office, and Devin Conklin from the Bend office.

Oregon DHS provides services including assisting people with the Supplement

Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, employment-related day care, the Oregon Health Plan, temporary assistance for domestic violence survivors, initial eligibility for long-term care, and other services.

As of earlier this week at least, you can reach the Warm Springs DHS office at 541-553-1626—then press 1 as soon as it picks up. The office will have a new phone line any day, as the office is still settling in: The remodeled building is made possible by the tribes’ Department of Health and Human Services.

Reservation guidelines

Warm Springs Tribal Council has so far maintained the established Covid-19 safety guidelines for the reservation. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control last week announced new guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated. The action created some confusion among local governments and businesses.

The tribes so far are maintaining the safety protocols that have been in place during the pandemic: Face masks and distancing are required in tribal offices and public places on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The Covid-19 Re-

sponse Team will continue to monitor the data, and make recommendations based on the health and safety of the tribal membership.

Meanwhile off the reservation, the CDC guidance says that even people who are fully vaccinated should wear masks when using public transportation, in hospitals, health care clinics and long-term care facilities.

School students and teachers will still need to be masked and keep a safe distance apart.

It’s important to recognize that there is no way to know if someone without a mask has been fully vaccinated.

On the Tribal Council agenda for the remainder of May

The following are some of the items for the remainder of May on the Tribal Council agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

Thursday, May 20: Legislative Commission on Indian Services spring celebration, virtual, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 21: School District 509-J memorandum of understanding with the tribes. Meeting 10 a.m. to noon.

Monday through

Thursday, May 24-27: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians mid-year convention, virtual.

Monday, May 24

9 a.m.: Education update with Valerie Switzler.

9:30: Public Utilities update with Chico Holliday.

10: TERO program update with Wendell Jim.

10:30: Gaming Commission/Surveillance update with Josephine Johnson.

11: Covid-19/509-J

school district updates with the Response Team and school district superintendent.

11:30: Century Link right-of-way update with Jim Manion and tribal attorney.

1:30 p.m.: Landfill update with Joie Simtustus and Said Amali.

2:30: Personnel manual update with Cheryl Tom.

3:30: Enterprise Zone resolution with Jim Souers and tribal attorney.

4: Opioid litigation update

with Autumn Monteau.

Wednesday and Thursday, May 26-27: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission meeting.

Monday, May 31: Tribal organization is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Items for further discussion: December 2020 financials. January 2021 financials. Board appointments. NCAI 2021 mid year conference. Native Nation event in June.

IHS report on covid testing across Indian Country

The Portland Area of the Indian Health Service in May continued to see an increased Covid-19 positive testing trend. The trend began earlier in the spring, and continued into this month, according to the latest IHS data.

According to the data, across all of Indian Country, IHS has administered 2.37 million coronavirus tests. Of that total, 196,379 tests have returned positive for Covid-19.

Based on the cumulative

percent positive testing, the highest rates have been seen in three areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate:

The Navajo Area, 15.3 percent positive tests.

The Phoenix Area, 13.2 percent positive.

The Oklahoma City Area, 12.2 percent positive.

The 7-day rolling average positivity column offers a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows

where Covid-19 cases have been increasing recently.

Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, three areas, out of 12 IHS areas, are seeing higher Covid-19 rates. They are:

The Portland Area, 7.5 percent positivity.

The Phoenix Area, 5.3 percent.

The Bemidji Area, 5.1 percent

Overall, across Indian Country, 8.9 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic,

the data shows. Meanwhile, the 7-day average has declined significantly after increasing during the holiday season. It now stands at 2.7 percent.

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

Man charged with DUII following motor vehicle crash

Three drivers were hospitalized after a motor vehicle crash Sunday night, May 16, on Highway 26 on the reservation. One driver later was cited for driving under the influence, assault and other charges.

An unsafe pass attempt led to the wreck.

OSP troopers and other first responders were called to the scene around 9:50 p.m. on Highway 26 near milepost 97.

A preliminary investiga-

tion found that a 20-year-old Bend man was heading east at the wheel of a pickup and attempted an unsafe pass of a car driven by a 69-year-old Bend man. The pickup collided with a car driven by a 22-year-old Sandy man, then with the other Bend man’s car.

The man from Sandy was flown by Life Flight helicopter to St. Charles Bend.

The 20-year-old was taken to the Bend hospital by ambulance and the 69-year-old

was taken by ambulance to St. Charles Madras.

The younger Bend man was taken into custody after release from the hospital and taken to the Jefferson County Jail, where he was cited on charges of DUII, third- and fourth-degree assault, reckless driving and

reckless endangering, the OSP captain said.

The crash and investigation closed Highway 26 Sunday night.

OSP was assisted by Warm Springs EMS, Warm Springs Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Community Notes...

The Central Oregon Community College **2021 commencement ceremony** will happen on the Bend campus as a drive-thru event, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 12.

The event will be open to graduates of both 2021 and 2020, who will be assigned a specific time slot depending on their major. Graduates will be able to exit their vehicle, in turn, and receive their degree or certificate on

stage.

All are welcome to a free **Heart of Oregon Corps** information session, happening every Tuesday through July.

This is for young people ages 16-24. The information sessions take 30 minutes, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Take this quick opportunity to learn more about Heart of Oregon Corps. Participating youth must be eligible to work in the U.S. See the website: heartforegon.org



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Digital Radio award



Scott with the award from Digital Radio Tracker.

Digital Radio Tracker has recognized the recent popularity of Scott ‘Blue Flamez’ Kalama for his single *Wash Away*, released in December. Digital Radio Tracker gathers information on more than 30 million songs streaming on programs like iHeart, Sirius XM, TuneIn and many others.

DigitalRadioTracker.com each week awards the top 150 songs—of the tens of millions of songs that are streaming, *Wash Away* was among the top 150.

Scott works at Warm Springs Prevention. He won a Nammy Award a few years ago for his music video *Rez Life*. He was surprised this week when he received the Digital Radio Tracker Award as one of the top streaming songs this month. *Find the song wherever you stream your music.*

symptoms stop.

Disinfect commonly used surfaces in the house. And make sure you do not prepare food for others while you are sick.

Family, friends

I’m currently incarcerated here in St. Helens, Oregon. I want to send my love and respect to my family, extended family and friends. I’m saddened by the news of the recent passing of my uncle Eric Frank. Due to my incarceration I was unable to be there with family and attend services and burial. I can only smile and laugh remembering my Atwai Uncle Eric.

Growing up one of the most important things I learned from my uncle was to keep my sense of humor about things no matter the situation. It probably would not be appropriate to express in print some of my uncle’s favorite expressions, which I know family and friends would understand. He is in a better place now. **Stuart A. Smith Sr.**

From Wildhorse

Wildhorse Resort and Casino announces the cancellation of the 2021 Wildhorse

Great games, Tournament champions



Dylan Heath, of Warm Springs, Derek Main, Warm Springs, Lester W(Yakama), Realand RJ Russell, Montana and Warm Springs, Matthew Tre McConville, Yakama, Melvin Tewee III, Warm Springs, Coach Melvin Tewee Sr., and Mathias McConville, Yakama (standing from left); and Michael Belgard, Warm Springs, and All-Star Jordan Mitchell (front).

Our team Red Nation traveled to Lapwai, Idaho for the recent Roc Your Mocs 2021 High School Boys 11-12th Tournament.

Red Nation played in a 16-team bracket. We played six games and had four wins—And our boys won the championship, 55-53!

Awesome job, Boys! Tanya Tewee

MHS hoops

In order to maintain Covid-19 compliance for total indoor capacities, spectators for Madras High School basketball are being reserved for senior athletes only: Each senior athlete can have two spectators.

When spectators enter the door, they will be asked the name of their senior athlete, and no more than two people will be allowed to enter per senior athlete.

Tickets will not be issues; rather, each family needs to decide who will come represent their senior athletes.

Staff are monitoring the

metrics closely in hopes that the restricted number of spectators can be lifted as soon as possible. **Madras High School.**

Norovirus

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center reported recently that they had seen a number of cases of Norovirus, also known as a stomach bug. The illness is marked by symptoms including nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

The best way to prevent the spread of germs is to do good hand washing. You should stay home if you are sick, at least 48 hours after

New guide to Confluence sites

Just in time for what will hopefully be a post-quarantine summer, we have a new printed guide to show you the way to the Confluence sites.

Our new map brochure is years in the making to help travelers find culturally significant sites along the Columbia River system.

It includes QR codes to connect your phone’s camera with our digital library. In that way you can hear stories and insights directly from tribal elders



and leaders.

Thanks to the amazing Brian Boram of RMB Vivid for making this possible!

If you have provided your address to us before, look for this printed guide in your mailbox soon. Or see: confluenceproject.org

From the desk of the W.S. Veterans Representative

New village in Bend aims to provide shelter, aid to homeless people

by Frankie Williams
Warm Springs Tribal Veterans Representative

St. Vincent de Paul in Bend is transforming an empty lot behind its food bank on Third Street into a 10-unit village for homeless people in need of a temporary shelter.

Each unit will be about 100 square feet with a window, bed, small table and chair. The structures will offer homeless people a stable location, said Gary Hewitt, Bend’s St. Vincent de Paul manager.

“It’s meant to be a first

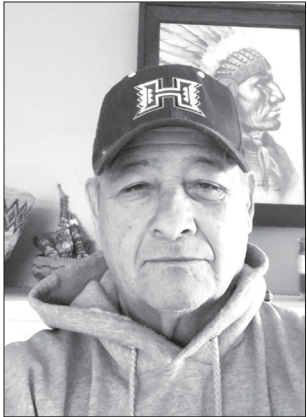
step out of homelessness,” Mr. Hewitt said.

“We simply want to help somebody who is unhoused for whatever reason.”

The nonprofit social service agency was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to start construction on the homeless village project. The local agency hopes to raise at least another \$150,000 to fully fund the project.

Construction is expected to begin this month, and the 10 units could be completed by the fall, Hewitt said.

A house next to the empty lot will be turned into a resource center for the residents at the village. The center will offer internet access and a space to meet with advocates and get referred to



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

Suites Motel, which the Bend City Council had considered turning into a year-round homeless shelter until the city discovered significant foundational and structural issues on the property.

“This is a time when I think a lot of progress could be made if we use all of those resources wisely,” Cook said.

Still, the 10-unit village is just one piece of a larger puzzle, Cook said. The region needs to establish permanent shelters and housing after people leave the villages, he said.

“We are not going to do all of these things and solve the problem tomorrow,” Cook said. “It’s going to take time.”

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Ways to relieve osteoarthritis, from W.S. Holistic Health

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Osteoarthritis is a common chronic condition that can lead to joint pain, swelling and stiffness. It occurs when the cartilage that covers joint surfaces begins to break down, reducing the cushion between the bones. This can lead to difficulties with movement and decreased activity tolerance.

While some may worry about movement making their pain worse, research has shown that exercise is the most effective non-drug or surgical option for reducing symptoms of osteoarthritis.

Exercises that can help with osteoarthritis:

Aquatics: Exercises in the water go far beyond

swimming.

Other options include walking against current, water aerobics, strength training, or balance. Several exercises that are performed on land can be modified for the pool.

The benefit of exercising in water is that the force of buoyancy reduces the pressure of body weight on the joints by making you feel lighter. This allows individuals to have a better tolerance to exercise with less pain.

Aerobic exercise: Aerobic exercise helps to strengthen the heart and lungs, control weight gain, and improve endurance.

Individuals with osteoarthritis can benefit from aerobic exercises that have low impact on the joints. Examples include riding a bike or running on an elliptical machine. These exercises

should be performed 30 minutes per day, five days per week.

Strengthening: Strength training is an important component of exercise programs for individuals with osteoarthritis.

Strong muscles can help to offload and support affected joints. This helps to reduce pain and improve tolerance to daily activities. Strengthening exercises should be performed at least twice a week.

Range of motion: Stiffness is a common complaint associated with osteoarthritis. This often happens when the joint is in a single position for a prolonged period of time. An example would be sitting at a desk for multiple hours through the work



day.

Gentle stretching and movement exercises can help to reduce discomfort, improve flexibility, and ease transitions between lying down, sitting, and standing.

If you have additional questions about Osteoarthritis and the benefits of exercise, feel free to contact the Physical Therapy team at Warm Springs Holistic Health for more information.

We are also accepting new patients on a referral basis.

If you have further questions about stress management, Please reach out to the Warm Springs Holistic Health Physical Therapy team at 541-777-2663. Or call to make an appointment.

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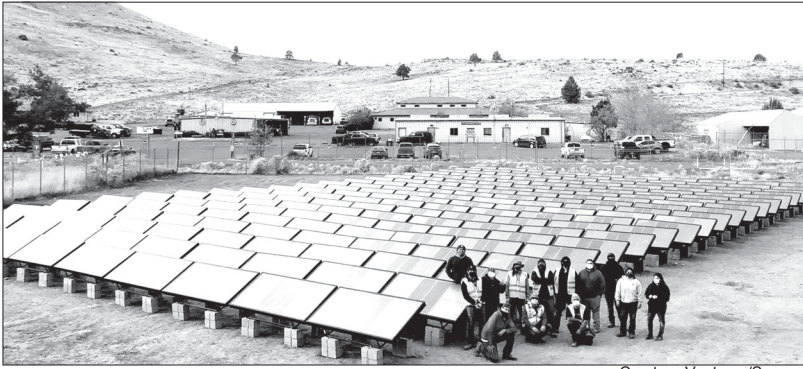
Water project: Public opening on Saturday

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WSED and Source have installed a 1,600-gallon tank for storing the water, which will be increased to 6,000-gallon at buildout completion. At the grand opening, you may see a crew working on the panels, as they are working on the expansion. The Source field uses new technology to create the drinking water: An initial point of interest is that a vast amount of water exists in the air, even in drier climates. As the panels create the water, there is no impact on air quality. As it's collected, the water at first is like pure distilled water. The Source system then enhances the water with healthy minerals, creating the equivalent of high-end bottled water. "It's like a Rattlesnake Spring, it's available free of charge to the community," Mr. Souers said.

Last year a Source crew installed hydro-panels by the Warm Springs Community Action Team building. This water is also available to the public. The field system is a larger version of the Community Action Team system.

Also last year, Tribal Council made available Cares Act funding



Construction at the panels, during initial set-up last year.

to install Source panels at up to 50 homes. Thirty-four households are now on the system, with two panels per residence. Funding is available for another 16 homes. If you're interested, call 541-553-3565 for more information.

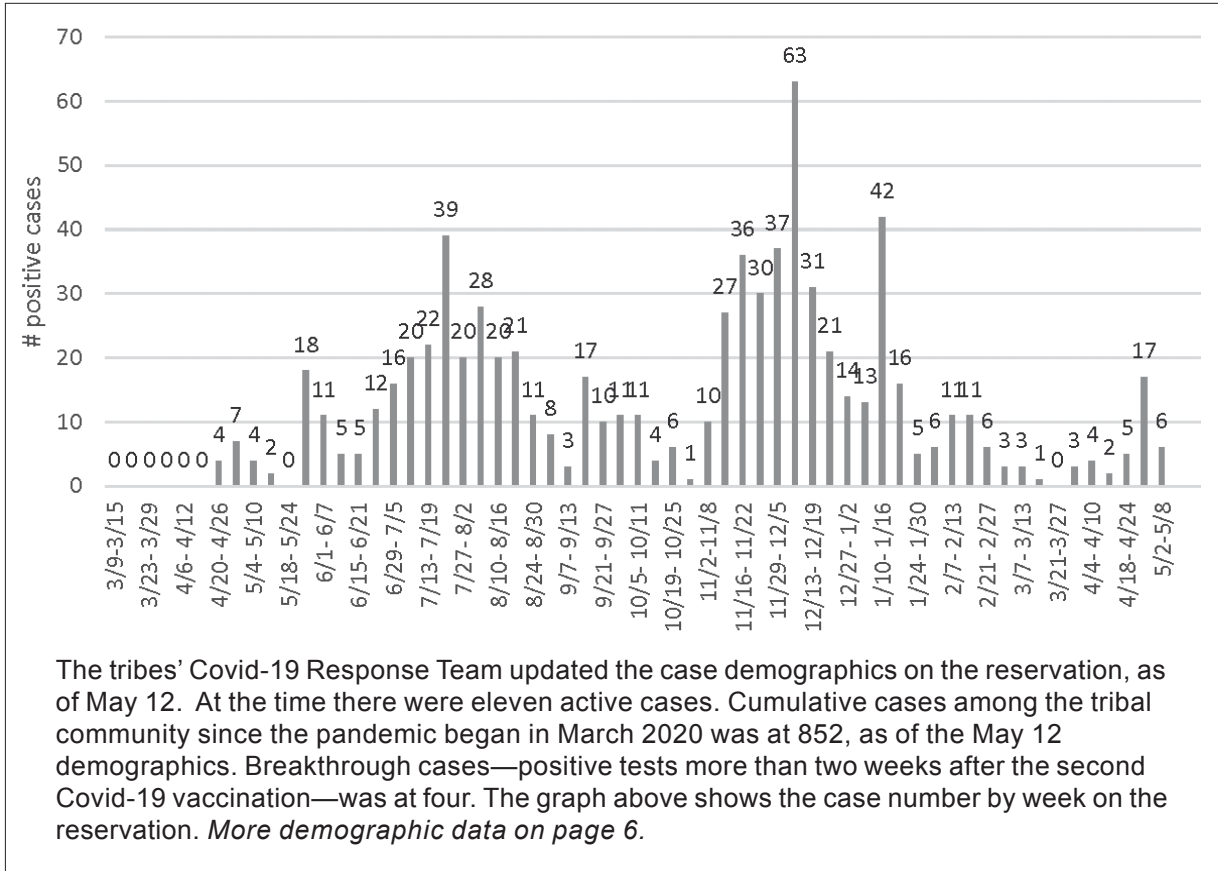
The systems serving the homes, and the panel field system have 10-year warranties, as Source agreed to extend the standard five-year warrant. "They are a great partner," Souers said. "Things like that don't often happen in business."

Another great feature of the project is that the local labor force, Warm Springs Construction, is hired for the installation work. Members

are also trained in the maintenance and repair of the system.

The tribes have welcomed Source as a partner in helping address some of the drinking water needs on the reservation. "We're honored to be a part of the project," said Colin Goddard, Source Global market development director. "We think it can be a model for other water-stressed communities around the world."

Source has received the Lemelson-MIT Prize, America's top award for innovation; and is on Fast Company's list of the most innovative social good companies. Source operates across 45 countries and six continents.



MMIWG initiative slowed by pandemic

State legislators and federal officials across the U.S. and Canada are finally paying attention to activists who demand an end to the impunity that results in disappearances and murders of Native women and girls.

In 2019, Oregon lawmakers declared Missing and Murdered Women a statewide emergency. HB 2625, signed by the governor in May of that year, directed Oregon State Police to study how to combat the unsolved killings and disappearances of Native Americans.

What has happened and what has not happened in the two years since this emergency was declared? The Covid-19 pandemic slowed the state's efforts. A series of state-

wide listening sessions with lawmakers, state agencies, law enforcement, and tribal communities in both rural and city environments was cut short, due to the state's pandemic limitations on gatherings.

While the state police released their report in September, the agency says it's waiting on lawmakers to take additional action.

\$20,000 in meth found after vehicle stop

Warm Springs police pulled over a driver who was swerving on the highway. After the stop and a probable-cause search of the vehicle, officers came across drugs with an estimated value of \$20,000.

Arrested was Vanessa Jones, 43, of Vancouver, Washington. The incident happend at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. The controlled substance was 8.7 ounces of methamphetamine. Officers also found a glass smoking device, a digital scale and empty baggies.

Jones was arrested on felony charges of unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine; and with tribal charges for bringing the drugs onto the reservation. She was lodged at the Jefferson County Jail. The matter is also referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Healing From Grief Conference

When: June 9, 2021 from 8am-7pm
June 10 from 8am-5pm
Location: In front of the Behavioral Health Building

"Walk for Healing"

June 9 from 6pm-7pm

For more information please call Rosanna Jackson, Anita Davis or Judy Charley at WS Prevention (541)615-0036

Social Distancing and face masks will be required for safety

Survivors of loss

- Death leaves a heartache
- no one can heal
- Love leaves a memory
- no one can steal

Tribal board vacancies

Tribal Council seeks to fill one position on the **Telecom** board of directors. The Class III position is for a tribal member.

The Telecom board of directors is responsible for control and management of the business and affairs of the enterprise. To apply for the position, submit a letter of interest and resume no later than **Friday, June 4, 2021**.

The letter and resume can be dropped off at tribal administration, addressed to Michele Stacona, Secretary Treasurer/CEO.

The letter and resume may also be mailed to Michele Stacona, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Or send by email: michele.stacona@2wstribes.org

With the application please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be emailed or mailed to you. If you mail in your application, the forms will be mailed to you once your letter and resume are received. Information is submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

Cannabis Commissioners

Tribal Council also seeks to fill three positions on the Warm Springs Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Positions are for tribal member or non-members. Cannabis Regulatory commissioners serve a term of three years.

In selecting applicants for any Cannabis Commission position, the Selection Committee must satisfy the following conditions: Each Cannabis Commissioner must have expertise and knowledge in two or more of the following fields:

- Law enforcement. Federal drug policy. Food and drug regulation. Pharmaceutical, alcohol or other controlled substance production, processing or regulation. Food cultivation and processing. Finance and banking. Drug and alcohol dependency, and dependency treatment. Medicine and medical treatment.

At all times at least one Cannabis Commissioner shall have expertise and knowledge in the fields of law enforcement or federal drug policy. At all times at least one Cannabis Commissioner shall have expertise and knowledge in the field of drug and alcohol dependency, and dependency treatment.

Application process same as above.

Composite Products

Council seeks to fill two positions on the Warm Springs Composite Products Board of Directors. One of the positions is for a tribal member, and the other for a non-member.

The business and affairs of Warm Springs Composite Products are managed and controlled by the board of directors. Application process same as above.

Power & Water

Tribal Council seeks to fill two positions on the Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors. One of the positions is for a tribal member, and the other for a non-member.

Applications, process same as above, are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4.

TERO Commission

Council seeks to fill three positions on the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission, TERO. Any Indian 18 years and older who works or resides on the reservation is qualified to be appointed to the commission.

Application deadline and submission process same as above.

Court of Appeals

The Warm Springs Court of Appeals consists of judges appointed for a term of three years by Tribal Council. Appeals Court judges shall not serve on the Tribal Council, or any other tribal board or committee.

Application process and deadline same as above. Background and credit check forms can be picked up at the Executive Management office at the administration building. Or download at: [CTWSBoardCommitteeInfo](#)

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All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

THOMAS KALAMA, Petitioner, vs GREG ARQUETTE, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO78-21. TO: THOMAS KALAMA, GREG ARQUETTE:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15th day of June, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

THOMAS KALAMA, Petitioner, vs TIMOTHY KALAMA, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO79-21. TO: THOMAS KALAMA, TIMOTHY KALAMA:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15th day of June, 2021 @ 9:30 AM**

JULIUS BAGLEY, Petitioner, vs CLARICE RIOS, Respondent; Case No JV89-10, JV75,76,77-09. TO: JULIUS BAGLEY, CLARICE RIOS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **16TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

DARRYL SMITH, Petitioner, vs DENNIS SMITH SR., Respondent; Case No. DO74-19. TO: DENNIS SMITH SR, DENNIS SMITH JR, CHERYL SMITH, DANIEL SMITH, EMMITT SMITH, MARCIA SOLIZ, DARRYL SMITH, TONI MADE:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **7th day of JUNE 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KAYLYN WOLFE, Respondent; Case No. JV145,146-16. TO: KAYLYN WOLFE, SALBADOR ROBINSON-ANGELES:
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 **10TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

LIANE WABAUNSEE, Petitioner, vs FELIPO BRITO, Respondent; Case No DO135-20. TO: LIANE WABUANSEE, FELIPO BRITOO:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an FILIATION 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 @ 1:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLIVIA GLEASON, Respondent; Case No. JV91-17. TO: OLIVIA GLEASON:
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 **10th day of JUNE 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARMEL ANDREWS Respondent; Case No JV5,6-13. TO: CARMEL ANDREWS, CARLOS GARCIA, SHELLY & MODESTA MINTHORN:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an MODIFICATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **16TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILMA TUFTI, Respondent; Case No. JV85-17. TO: WILMA TUFTI, LAWRENCE LAIROPI:
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 **16TH day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LOREEN STORMBRINGER, Respondent; Case No. JV89-16. TO: LOREEN STORMBRINGER:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **22ND day of JUNE, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANGELA THOMAS, Respondent; Case No. JV164-04. TO: ANGELA THOMAS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **14th day of JUNE 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JULIA SIMTUSTUS, Respondent; Case No JV68-17, JV91-14. TO: JULIA SIMTUSTUS, JARREN DAVIS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **24TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JESSICA TUFTI-JIM, Respondent; Case No JV110-16, JV108-15. TO: JESSICA TUFTI-JIM, LEVI JIM:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **28TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR CHANGE OF NAME - IN THE MATTER OF: MICHELE HENDERSON, Case No. DOI51-20; MICHELE HENDERSON, Petitioner.
The above individual has filed a Petition with this Court to change said name from MICHELE RENEE HENDERSON to MICHELE RENEE ST. GERMAINE. A hearing on this matter has been set for **2:00 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 **24TH day of JUNE, 2021**.

ELISA OROZCO, Petitioner, vs GABRIEL MARQUIS, Respondent; Case No DO33-21. TO: ELISA OROZCO, GABRIEL MARQUIS:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CHILD SUPPORT 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 the **30TH day of JUNE 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALLEGRA GILBERT, Respondent; Case No JV68-19. TO: ALLEGRA GILBERT:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **8TH day of JULY 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

Valerie Switzler, Petitioner, vs Mayanne Mitchell, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO1,2,3-16, JV67-19. TO: Valerie Switzler, Mayanne Mitchell, Allen Mitchell:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **21ST day of JUNE, 2021 @ 4:00 PM**

DEVONNA GOODLANCE, Petitioner, vs ERLAND SUPPAH Jr., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV1-14 JV2-14. TO: Devonna Goodlance, Erland Suppah Jr.:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a VISITATION 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 **3rd day of JUNE, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

Danielle Wood, Petitioner, vs Leticia Leyva, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO160-19. TO: Danielle Wood, Roxanne McInturff, Leticia Leyva, Larry Switzler:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR/ GUARDIANSHIP 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 **23RD day of JUNE, 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

CHEY CULPUS, Petitioner, vs VALENE WHEELER, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO51-11. TO: CHEY CULPUS, VALENE WHEELER:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **21ST day of JUNE, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

Kristen Holliday, Petitioner, vs Zachary Everhart, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO137-20. TO: Kristen Holliday, Zachary Everhart, Patricia Mckinstry:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR/ GUARD-

IANSHIP 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 **23RD day of JUNE, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHANELLE JACKSON, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV192-07 JV193-07 DO38-07. TO: CHANELLE JACKSON, WAYNE EAGLESPEAKER:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **21st day of June, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JENNY BIRD, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV27-12. TO: JENNY BIRD, ELIJAH CUNNINGHAM:
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 **15th day of JUNE, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

Charlie Chee Jr., Petitioner, vs Cherilynn Starr, RESPONDENT; Case No. RO1-21. TO: Charlie Chee Jr.; Cherilynn Starr:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Show Cause has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **15th day of June, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

Ursela Russell, Petitioner, vs Cameron Rowe Sr., RESPONDENT; Case No. RO25-21. TO: Ursela Russell, Cameron Rowe Sr.:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Restraining Order 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 **22nd day of June, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

PROBATE
In the matter of the estate of Theda Whalawitsa, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR21. To Lonnie James, Rodney Guerin and Susan Guerin: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for the **June 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Anthony R. Shadley, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR04. To Carol Shadley, Jack Shadley and Dorothy Shadley: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **July 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Agnes Lumpmouth, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR01. Notice is hereby given that Agnes Lumpmouth, who at the time of her death last known residence was 8462 B 100 Road, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 2nd day of January, 2021, and the court appointed Kim LeClaire and Coleen Reed as public administrators.

In the matter of the estate of Carolyn R. Lawrence, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR87. Notice is hereby given that Carolyn R. Lawrence, who at the time of her death last known residence was 2627 Juniper St., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 22nd day of December, 2020, and the court appointed Dennis J. White III has public administrator.

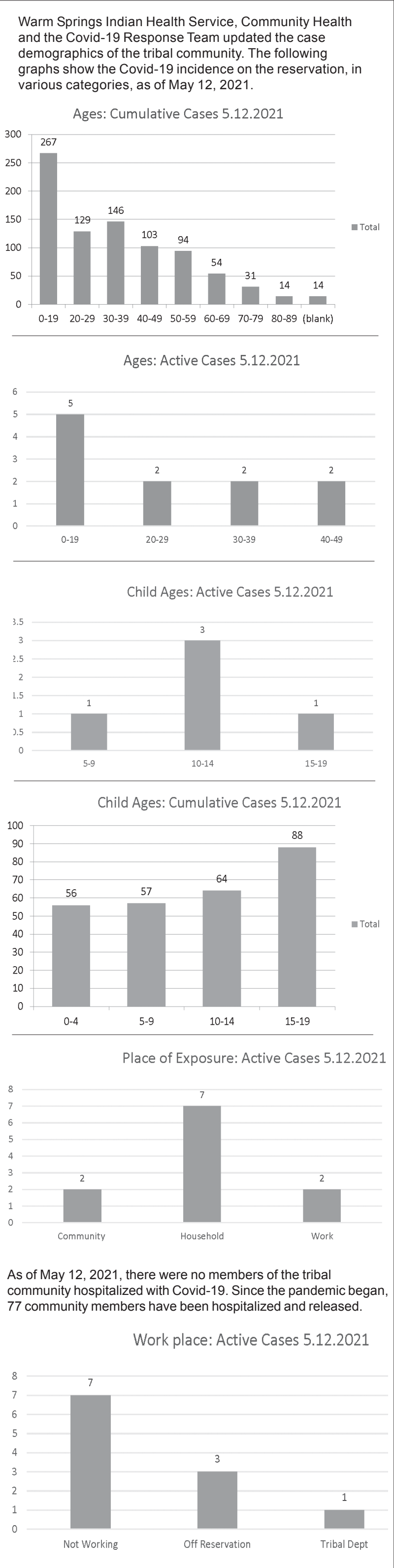
In the matter of the estate of Walter Quinn, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR51. Notice is hereby given that Walter Quinn, who at the time of his death last known residence was 2321 Olallie Lane, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 6th day of September, 2020, and the court appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Everett Miller, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR09. Notice is hereby given that Everett Miller, who at the time of his death last known residence was 2474 Kuckup Street, Warm Springs OR 97761, and the court has appointed Dennis J. White III as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of Melvin Scott Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2014-PR12. To Melvin Scott Jr. and Aaron T. Scott: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 14, 2021 at 2 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Matthew McKinley Arthur, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2010-PR29. To Tyrell Arthur-Poitra, Renee Arthur-Poitra, Jacqueline Sargent, Juliane Bonser, Stephanie Herrera, Virginia Arthur, June Aguilar, Joseph Aguilar, Ralph Aguilar Jr., Myntora Aguilar, Thomas Tahkeal, Cassie Tahkeal, Walter Tahkeal, Shawna Tahkeal, Christina Tahkeal and Tasha Tahkeal: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 21, 2021 at 10 a.m.**

In the matter of the estate of Anthony O. Mitchell Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2012-PR08. To Anthony Mitchell Jr., Aaron Mitchell and Sasha Mitchell: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is



bate hearing is scheduled for **June 17, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Mary Ellen Spino, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 768-PR17-93. To Mattie Spino, Sunny Spino, Mary Suppah, Francis Suppah II and Julie Suppah: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Anthony J. Gonzales, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR35. To Ronald Gonzales and Ida Frank: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **July 12, 2021 at 2 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Patrick Mitchell, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2013-PR21. To Carmen Mitchell: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is

scheduled for **June 21, 2021 at 2 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Stanley R. Smith Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2017-PR29. To Rollina Smith, Lori Smith, Stanley Smith III, Jason Smith, Joella Smith and Jacoba Smith: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **July 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Jerritt J. Smith, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2019-PR58. To Children's Protective Services: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **July 14, 2021 at 9 a.m.**
In the matter of the estate of Frank W. Trimble Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2014-PR18. To Delton Trimble: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **June 16, 2021 at 9 a.m.**

Fishing regs for Sherars Falls, Hood River

The 2021 spring salmon season at Sherars Falls is now through July 15. Fishing times are Thursday to Saturday from dawn until dusk.

All un-clipped spring chinook must be released all year. The Fish and Wildlife Committee will monitor the fishery weekly to see if modifications are necessary.

All chinook may be retained between July 16 and March 31 of next year. Other salmon species, with the exception of sockeye, may be retained.

The remainder of Deschutes River is closed through July 15. Other salmon species, with the exception of sockeye, may be retained.

2021 Hood River

The 2021 Hood River sub-basin including all forks and tributaries is open through July 15, Thursday to Saturday from dawn until dusk for spring chinook salmon, with the exception of the following areas that are closed



Tribal fishermen at Sherars Falls

Courtesy photo

year round:

- One-hundred feet up or downstream from the Dee Mill fish trap in the East Fork of the Hood River.
- In the West Fork of Hood River upstream of Green Point Creek.
- In the entire length of Rogers Creek, a tributary to the Middle Fork of Hood River.

Only marked hatchery chinook may be retained. Other salmon species may be retained during the spring chinook season.

If 378 Hood River origin adults

had not passed Bonneville Dam by May 15, an ‘emergency closure’ was to be implemented by the Fish and Wildlife Committee in consultation with the Branch of Natural Resources.

Gear must be removed on the last day of the season.

Gear left over 24 hours after the end of the season will be considered abandoned and become the property of Branch of Natural Resources. For information call Natural Resources, 541-553-2001.

Summary of Tribal Council

May 3, 2021

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

- Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Brenda Bremner, Superintendent.
- Bureau of Trust Funds Management update call with Kevin Moore, Pendleton.
- Realty items with James Halliday, Land Services Administrator:

- Documentation for the Davis home site needs to be presented before any action is taken.
- Federal and state legislative update calls.
- Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, Dr. Locker and Michelle Miller.
- Covid and 509-J update with the Response Team.
- Tribal attorney update with Howard Arnett: Executive session, 1:30-2:10.
- Tribal Attorney update with John Ogan.
- Composite and Indian Head Casino lease updates with Brenda Bremner, BIA Superintendent.

- Other business: Meetings added to the May agenda: Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Convention virtual meeting is scheduled for May 24-27.

Legislative Commission on Indian Services virtual spring celebration, May 20.

Public Safety virtual cluster meeting, May 18. Inter-Tribal Timber Symposium virtual conference, May 17-19. National Congress of American Indians virtual Mid-year Conference in June. Native Nations Conference in June.

- Michele and Glendon will work with a tribal member on an appeal for the Education grant (CARES funds).
- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

Jefferson County school district 509-J launches bond development committee

The Jefferson County School District 509-J has launched a citizen-led Bond Development Committee to provide input on the district’s facilities needs and define the priorities of a potential bond measure.

The Bond Development Committee was formed this spring to seek input from parents, students, staff, and community members. Since the passage of the last bond measure in 2012, the district has worked hard to maintain its facilities. The challenges of aging buildings coupled with new standards for health and safety have motivated district leaders to investigate strategies to preserve district facilities for years to come.

In December 2020, the district hired an independent firm, Design West, to conduct a facilities condition assessment of all district owned schools and buildings. This assessment helped the district form a Long Range Facilities Plan, which identified long term needs and areas of capital improvement. The Bond Development Committee will review the plan and identify key projects to be included in a potential bond measure.

“The board and the district are committed to providing safe, modern schools for generations to come,” shared Laurie Danzuka, Jefferson County School District Board Chair. “The Bond Development Committee will provide invaluable guidance as we strive to be stewards of community resources while providing the best education possible for our kids.”

Volunteers in the Bond Development Committee will meet over the course of the next few months and will provide a final recommendation to the board of directors by early Summer. The committee is being facilitated by BRIC Architecture of Portland, Ore.

For questions or more information about the Bond Development Committee, please contact Martha Bewley, Jefferson County School District Chief Financial Officer, at mbewley@509j.net

Jefferson County Education Service District hires new superintendent

The Jefferson County Education Service District and the High Desert Education Service District has named Shay Mikalson as the Education Service District superintendent.

Mr. Mikalson will serve as the ESD superintendent, while also continuing in his current role as chief student access officer with the High Desert Education Service District.

Mikalson brings 20 years of education leadership experience to the Education Service District, and served as superintendent for Bend LaPine schools for five years prior to joining the High Desert Education Service District in July of 2020.

For nearly 50 years, the part-time ESD superintendent position has been the shared responsibility of the Jefferson County School Dis-

trict 509-J superintendent. This year, the school board decided to split the position, when 509-J announced that district superintendent Ken Parshall will be retiring in June. Jay Mathisen, currently the director of education leadership at George Fox University, will be the new superintendent, starting this summer.

Mikalson will spend between five and ten hours per week leading the ESD, as he continues supporting all Central Oregon school districts with their implementation and evaluation of Oregon’s Student Success Act. Mikalson also leads school improvement efforts for approximately 35,000 students through the High Desert Education Service Districts four school districts: Crook County, Bend-LaPine, Redmond and Sisters districts.

Employees clash with Native nations

In an ethical debate, some tribal nations are considering Covid-19 vaccine mandates. Some tribes are enacting them, some are not. Warm Springs has not. On the other hand, for the Santee Sioux Nation, their spring vaccine mandate has caused upheaval.

The nation originally told employees they could either be vaccinated by or have an appointment by the deadline of May 1. Then on

April 30, they then told people that if they did not have the vaccine they should not come to work.

Santee Sioux Vice-Chairman Sid Tuttle said he stands by the decision, citing the recommendations from federal health experts.

While the move may be upsetting to some, legal experts explained the tribe is well within its rights.

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<div>2008 GMC Acadia - 91,408 miles - \$13,995 #18756B</div> 	<div>2006 Chevrolet Silverado - 160,901 miles - \$19,995 #08841A</div> 

Around Indian Country

Wash. court undoes piece of racist past

Apparently, it takes a while to clear residual bigotry from a state’s laws and precedents. This month, the Washington Supreme Court took the final step in overturning a century-old racist decision.

The case involved Alec Towessnute, a member of the Yakama Nation. In 1915, he was arrested for fishing in the Yakima River miles away from any tribal lands. A lower court exonerated him because a treaty between the Yakama and the federal government guaranteed fishing rights where he was.

Prosecutors appealed, and the Supreme Court con-

cluded that there was no native sovereignty, treaties weren’t binding, and any rights to the land and fisheries came from white settlers.

“The premise of Indian sovereignty we reject. The treaty is not to be interpreted in that light. At no time did our ancestors in getting title to this continent ever regard the aborigines as other than mere occupants, and incompetent occupants, of the soil,” the court wrote in its shockingly bigoted decision. “Only that title was esteemed which came from white men.”

In 2014, the Legislature

passed a law that gave Native American defendants and their heirs the right to have convictions overturned if they were exercising their treaty fishing rights. Many did, but Towessnute’s heirs hit a snag. Though his name was on the Supreme Court case, no one could find records of his actual conviction.

So the Supreme Court intervened last year. It issued an order repudiating that old decision and clearing Towessnute. This month, it elevated that order to an opinion of the court. Now the legal precedent in Washington is once again what it should be.

Whale of a controversy for treaty tribe

In exchange for ceding thousands of acres of land to the U.S. government in 1855, the Makah, of coastal Washington state, secured the right to continue hunting whales under the Treaty of Neah Bay.

That treaty established the Makah as the only U.S. Native American nation with a whal-

ing right clearly specified in its treaty—though the tribe voluntarily stopped hunting in the 1920s, when the gray whale population dwindled dangerously due to overzealous commercial whaling.

By the 1940s, only a few hundred eastern Pacific gray whales swam in the Pacific Northwest.

The whales have since rebounded to a healthy population, numbering around 26,000 today. Which is why the Makah sought an exemption to the federal ban on whaling.

The Makah are arguing that this right is already guaranteed.

Fire season

The 2021 fire season officially opened last week. The limited precipitation across the region this spring has affected down woody fuel moisture content, as well as the condition of live vegetation fuels and their susceptibility to fire ignition and spread.

Conditions are unseasonably dry and at an increased risk of fire spread. The start of fire season, May 15, is historically early. Typically weather and fuels in the Central Oregon region begin to warm and dry in late May or early June, with fire season usually beginning in mid-June. However the lack of spring rains this year and the rapid loss of snow-pack in the higher elevations has moved this timeframe forward by several weeks.

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