



## November – Anaku Ipach'aanxa Yáamash

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## New infrastructure law to help with water system

*(Covid case demographics for the tribal community are on page 3 of this publication.)*

The Oregon federal legislative delegation sponsored this

There was a boil-water requirement for several months, and some instances of no water at all for a

Passage of the bill now allows

Another aspect of the infrastructure law is \$65 billion that will go toward connecting rural parts of the country to broadband internet: \$100 million is for Oregon's rural communities, like the reservation. This too has become a priority since covid began, as schools have developed more online learning options.

## District bond will add new Academy classrooms

Madras High School work will include a new roof and insulation; upgrades to the Career



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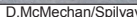
This is the first school district bond measure since 2012. That bond paid for half of the con-

struction of the Warm Springs Academy, as the tribes funded the other half.

See **ACADEMY** on 2

# Extra help with EMS at W.S. Fire and Safety

Please make sure your chimneys are cleaned and that



The Favorite Healthcare staff at the Warm Springs Fire and Safety Agency.

I am asking that the community welcome these medics and be patient with them while they are learning our culture and our res-

Hospitals were put on lockdown, making it impossible for students to get the clinical time that's required. Also, over-

**Karla Tias**, Warm Springs Fire  
and Safety.

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## Academy: ‘A thank-you to district voters’

(from page 1)

The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

The overall bond vote this month was 1,870 in favor; and 1,341 against.

For taxable property of the district, the approved bond measure is not estimated to increase the current tax rate due to savings from refinancing previously issued bonds and old bonds retiring.

In addition to the \$24 million voter bond, the district has qualified for a \$4 million matching grant from the Oregon Schools Capital Improvement Matching program.

A thank-you goes to voters of the Jefferson County School District, said district board chairwoman Laurie Dazuka.

“This is a critical moment for the future of our district and for our students,” Ms. Dazuka said.

“The district will now be able to improve the health, safety and security for all students. We are beyond grateful for our community for believing in this bond measure and supporting our current and future students.”

For questions or more information about the Jefferson County School District Bond



Entranceway to the Academy.

Courtesy Kirby Nagelhout engineering

Measure 16-98, please visit: [509jschoolbond.org](http://509jschoolbond.org)

“This bond measure will allow the district to make critical health and safety improvements and upgrades to all of our schools,” said school district superintendent Jay Mathisen.

“It will truly allow our students to flourish in 509J and get better every day.”

He added, the \$24 million bond measure will allow the school district to protect the community’s investment by improving the health, safety, and security in all of the district’s buildings, repairing and updating aging facilities and expanding vocational and early

learning opportunities.

The bond will also allow the district to make much needed improvements at the Madras High School Soccer Fields. The district will soon be releasing information about the Citizen Oversight Committee in the coming weeks.

The committee is an independent, volunteer, citizen-led committee established to oversee the use of bond funds.

Jefferson County School District will plan to issue bonds in early 2022 with bond projects estimated to begin in the summer of 2022.

## The Good Road for students

The Good Road programs at Central Oregon Community College are college-prep courses offered at Madras High School that prepare Native American students for success in high school, college and beyond.

Each class allows students to earn a college credit. Through the curriculum, the Good Road I and II emphasizes academic success strategies, leadership development and cultural knowledge and pride. The classes also introduce students to college resources, scholarship writing and financial literacy for success in college or wherever their paths may lead.

The goal of the Good Road is to encourage Native American youth to graduate from high school and pursue higher education, and ultimately, obtain a rewarding career and contribute to the community. Students come out of the Good Road with confidence to succeed in the college setting, COCC notes.

The programs offer a hands-on curriculum that integrates leadership, college preparation and culturally-relevant themes for Native American students.

ers and participants.

**Conflict resolution:** Students work through appropriate methods of handling conflict.

**Personal responsibility:** By completing written assignments, group work, and research projects, students learn to be responsible for themselves and become aware of their role as individuals in a group environment.

**Scholarship writing and financial literacy:** Students learn how to develop a personal narrative, apply for scholarships and become familiar with the financial aid process.

**Cultural pride:** Through hands-on projects and culturally-relevant programming, students are encouraged to celebrate and explore their heritage and take pride in what they have to offer as Native students.

Students who complete the Good Road I are eligible to participate in the Good Road II, earning both high school and college credit. Students are also encouraged to participate in STRIVE on the COCC Bend campus during the summer.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the online form. See [cocc.edu](http://cocc.edu)

For more information contact Kelsey Freeman, Native American College preparation coordinator at Central Oregon Community College. [kfreeman@cocc.edu](mailto:kfreeman@cocc.edu)

**Topics include**

**Team building:** Students practice and implement team-building skills that apply to their lives in college and beyond.

**Cross cultural communication:** By learning the fundamentals of communication in various contexts, students become active listen-

## Roadway work continues

The Highway 26 Safety Corridor project is scheduled for completion at the end of this month.

The project began about nine months ago, in March, while November 30 is the target date for completion.

The Warm Springs Construction Route 3 project will go into the early part of next year, with the paving being a large part remaining for completion.

Regarding the Highway 26 project: The completion day at the end of the month will mark the successful conclusion to a project that Tribal Council and state offi-

cials began planning more than three years ago. A year delay, last year, happend because of covid.

The features are the extended roadway paving from above the Kah-Nee-Ta Junction for eight miles through Warm Springs to milepost 111.2; and the safety pedestrian pathway, now mostly complete. A rock-fall mitigation aspect is still going on along the hillside by The Eagle Crossing Restaurant.

The Highway through Warm Springs sees a traffic volume in the range of 6,700 vehicles per day. The pedestrian pathway was an essential addition to the community.

## Wet fall in region so far

The Northwest, including the reservation and Central Oregon region, is seeing above average rainfall this month. More rain showers are forecast for this Thursday and Friday.

Bringing all of the rain to the Northwest are “atmospheric rivers,” extending from Washington State to California.

In some areas this is causing debris flows, heavy mountain snows and mudslides.

Flood watches have been in

effect west of the Cascades.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration is predicting a stormy winter across the northern U.S., and mild, dry weather elsewhere.

### Community notes...

Warm Springs Recreation and Community Wellness is hosting the November **Fitness Challenge**.

This Friday, November 19, there is a Turkey Trot, and you have a couple bonus activities including a 25 sit-up challenge and reverse crunches.

It is **Native Spirit Week** at the Warm Springs Academy.

This Friday, November 19, is School Colors Day: Wear red and white, or your Warm Springs Eagles t-shirt.

At our school students are Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute, as well as from other tribes and backgrounds. *Together, we are all Warm Springs Academy Eagles, so show your school team spirit on Friday!*

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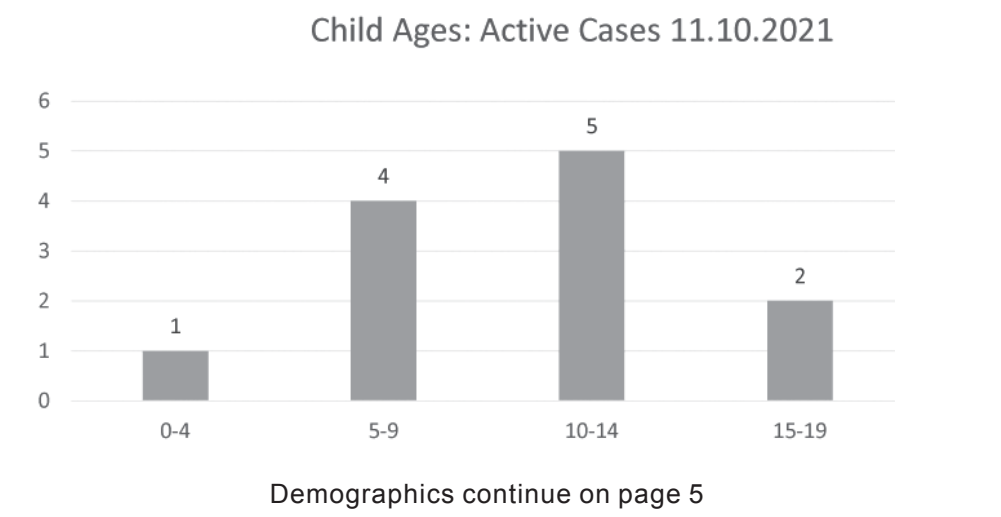
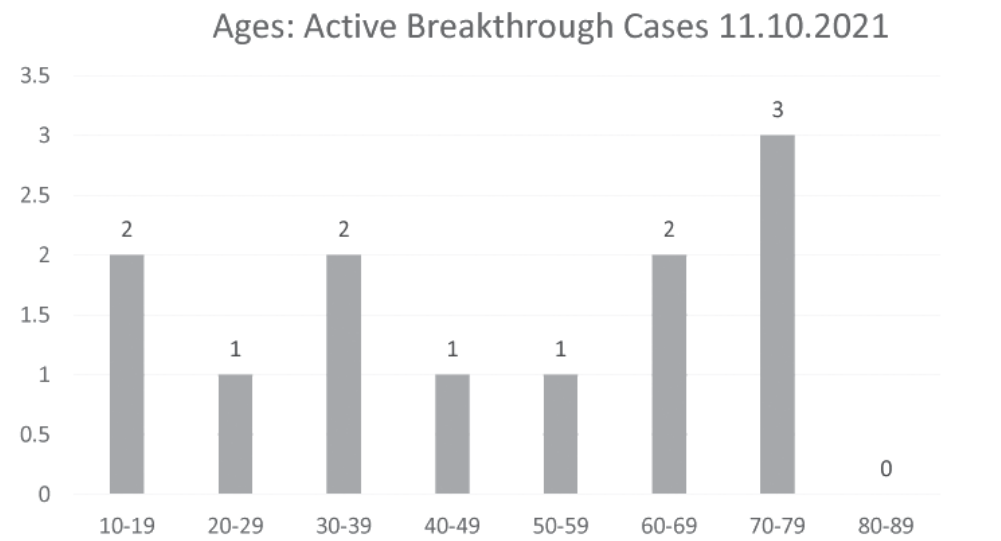
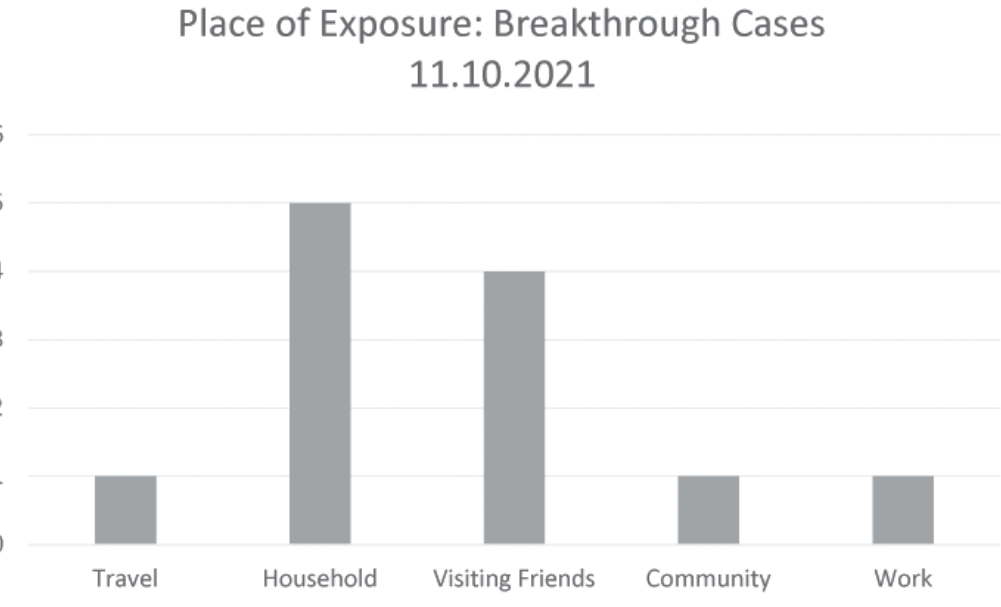
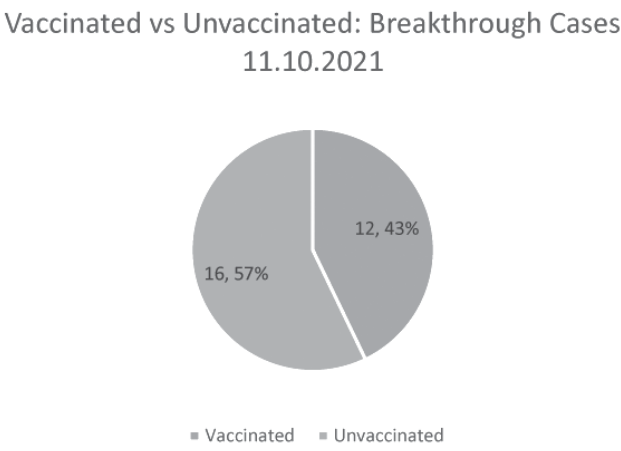
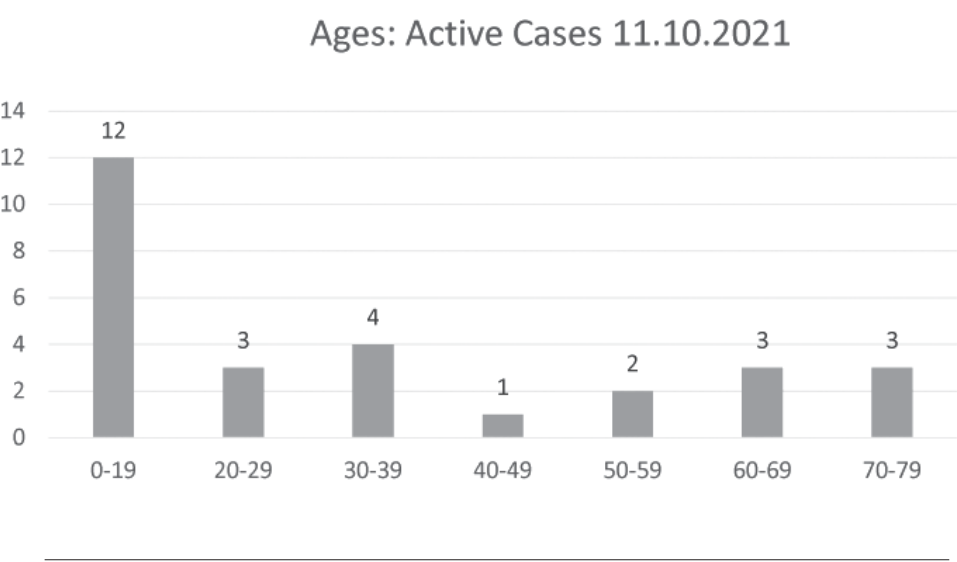


## Community covid demographics

There were 28 people with active Covid-19 among the tribal community, according to the latest Community Health demographics.

On the date of the demographics, November 10, there had been a total of 1,186 total cases among the tribal community.

On this page are the graphics from the latest demographic report, courtesy of Community Health, Indian Health Services, and the Covid-19 Response Team.



## Tribal Council agenda in November

The following are items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of November (subject to change at Council discretion):

**Wednesday, November 17**  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Blue-stone workshop.

**Monday, 22**  
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith.  
10: December agenda and review minutes with the

S-T.  
11: Draft resolutions.  
1:30 p.m. Legislative update calls.  
2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.  
3: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.  
4: Water treatment plant update with Barry, Chico and tribal attorney.

**Tuesday, November 23**  
9 a.m.: Finalize the 2022 tribal budget.  
**Wednesday, Novem-**

**ber 24:** Organization early shutdown at 12 noon.

Thursday and Friday, November 25-26: Organization closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. by email for review (Word form). No exceptions.

**Items for further consideration:** General Council meeting on the 2022 proposed budget.

## Summary of Tribal Council

### November 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 by Vice Chair Brigette McConville. Roll call: Lincoln Jay Suppah, Glendon Smith, Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody, Chief Joseph Moses, Anita Jackson, Lola Sohappy, Wilson Wewa Jr. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.  
• Natural Resources update with Robert Brunoe.  
• Education update with Valerie Switzler.  
• Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.  
• Public Safety update with Nancy Seyler.  
• Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.

• Tribal Veterans Services update with Frankie Williams.  
• Purchasing and Procurement update with Libby Chase.  
• Tribal Council office update with Glendon Smith.  
• Managed Care update with Michael Collins.  
• Public Utilities update with Chico Holliday.  
• Human Resources update with Carol Funk.

• Letter supporting the nomination of Gerard Rodriguez to the Willamette Falls Locks Authority: Motion by Wilson approving the Chair/Vice Chair to sign the letter of

support nominating Gerard Rodriguez to the Willamette Falls Locks Authority. Second by Glendon. Glendon/yes, Wilson/yes, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Lola/yes, Anita/yes, 6/0/0, Vice Chair not voting. Motion carried.

• Tribal Employment Rights Office update with Wendell Jim and Wayne Gilbert.  
• Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.  
• Secretary-Treasurer, Administrative Services, and General-Administrative update with Glendon Smith.  
With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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## Breakthrough covid cases

The Oregon Health Authority’s most recent update on Covid-19 breakthrough cases found that 71 percent of reported covid cases occurred in unvaccinated people.

Twenty-nine percent of all cases were among vaccinated people.

The average age of the breakthrough cases was 45. Forty breakthrough cases involved residents of care facilities, senior living communities or other congregate care settings. There were 76 cases in people ages 12 to 17.

To date, there have been 39,686 Covid-19 vaccine breakthrough cases in Oregon. The average age of all cases is 48. Breakthrough cases have been reported in all 36 counties.

Cases of Covid-19 are far more common in unvaccinated people. The report shows that the rate of covid in unvaccinated people is four times higher than in vaccinated people. To date, 4.4 percent of all vaccine breakthrough cases have been hospitalized and 1.1 percent have died. The average age of vaccinated people who died was 80.

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# Letters to the editor

## Open enrollment

The Confederated Tribes are offering open enrollment through November 30. If you missed your opportunity for coverage, this is your chance to sign up for health coverage, supplemental insurance coverage, flexible spending account, and 401k. HealthComp is the tribes plan administrator for health insurance. Sun Life is the tribes’ supplemental insurance carrier. Allegiance, a Cigna company, administers the Flexible Spending Account for childcare and medical.

RV Kuhns is the tribes’ investor of the 401k. And Bank of Oklahoma is the 401k plan administrator.

Enrollment forms for HealthComp, Alegiance flexible spending accounts, and 401k must be returned to the tribal Compensation and Benefits department in order to enroll.

Human Resources can be reached at 541-553-3262. The acting Human Resources director is Carol Funk. Office coordinator is Steven Bradley, and the Comp and Benefits coordinator is Janaiya Rowe.

## CARES Act education assistance

CARES Act—Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act—funding is available to members of the Confederated Tribes who have been directly impacted by Covid-19.

Available funding is available through the Covid-19 Emergency Education Assistance Program.

The purpose of the program is to provide emergency education-related assistance to members directly impacted due to the covid public health emergency. See the website for the application: [www.cognitoforms.com/EducationCaresAct1/](http://www.cognitoforms.com/EducationCaresAct1/) [aresactconfederatedtribesofwarmspringscovid19emergencyeducationassistanceprogramapplication](mailto:aresactconfederatedtribesofwarmspringscovid19emergencyeducationassistanceprogramapplication)

The deadline is this Friday, November 19. Applications will not be accepted after that date. Only completed applications will be considered.

Checks will be made payable to the parent or guardian, unless student is 18 years or older.

If student is 18 years or

older, they will need to fill out their own application.

This benefit is tax-exempt pursuant to the Warm Springs Tribal Code Chapter 550, Tribal General Welfare Ordinance.

A W-9 form may be requested if you are not in the tribal accounting system.

Eligible Expenses: Acquiring computers and similar digital devices.

Incurring additional transportation costs; or

Expanding broadband capacity. Funds are available as follows:

Pre-k (ages 3 and 4) - \$100. Grades k-5, \$150.

Grades 6-8, \$200. And grades 9-12 and GED, \$250.

Higher education (full and part-time); and vocational: \$500. For more information you can contact Ardis at: [aclark@509j.net](mailto:aclark@509j.net)

## Storytelling

Wilson Wewa, Northern Paiute, is featured on the Confluence Project website with storytelling, this Wednesday, November 17. The talk will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Mr. Wewa is regularly called upon as an orator, storyteller, and ceremony leader.

He lectures on health, spirituality, the environment, treaty rights, history, and ethnobotany. See the website: [confluenceproject.org](http://confluenceproject.org)

## To tribal employees

In the spirit of the Holidays, full-time tribal employees who are present and normally scheduled for a full day of work on Wednesday, November 24; Thursday, December 23; and Thursday, December 30 are authorized for early release starting at 12 p.m.

The tribe will be off work for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26. The Christmas holiday on Friday, December 24, and the 2022 New Years Day holiday on Friday, December 31.

Employees with kids at the Early Childhood Education Center are required to pick up kids no later than 12:30 p.m. on each of the early shutdown dates listed above.

Early shutdown does not apply to the following departments and programs: Tribal police, Corrections, Police dispatch, Fire and Safety Emergency medical

technicians, tribal group home and Public Utilities personnel.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season, and thank you for the services you provide to our community in spite of the very challenging times our organization and community have experienced.

**Glendon Smith**, Secretary-Treasurer-Chief Executive Officer.

### Missing



Please help me find my dog Pepper. I miss him dearly. Please contact me if you see or find him. Call 541-410-7112. **Susie Smith.**

## Veterans cards

I would like to thank Mrs. Rodin’s kindergarten class for all of the wonderful Veterans Day cards and poems that were given to me.

It was very thoughtful of your class to honor our Veterans on this special day.

**Frankie Williams**, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribal Veterans Service Officer.

## Living Well workshops online

The tribal community is invited to enjoy these free, online Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshops.

The workshops are on Tuesday afternoons, 2:30-4:30 p.m., through December 16.

To join, call 541-322-7746. Or visit: [yourhealthcentraloregon.org](http://yourhealthcentraloregon.org)

*It’s hard to function when you’re not feeling well...and when you’re feeling bad most of the time, it’s devastating. If a chronic condition is making it hard to live your life and spend time with the people you love, there is hope.*

## Jobs with CRITFC

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission seeks to fire for the following positions:

SCHISM modeler/oceanographer. Salary \$75,799-\$80,854. Closing date is December 15.

Accounting technician. Salary: \$42,731 - \$55,546.

Staff accountant/Accounts payable. Salary: \$44,155 - \$67,946.

Fishing site maintenance worker. Salary: \$34,496 - \$36,796.

CRITPD-Police Officer. Salary: \$51,516 - \$56,261.

CRITPD-Dispatcher. Salary: \$39,937 - \$43,661.

All positions are permanent full-time unless otherwise noted.

The complete job description, minimum skills, application requirements, deadlines, and pay information are available on the CRITFC website

## Flu season during covid

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center offers the testing that is needed to tell the difference between Covid-19 and influenza, or the flu.

Covid-19 testing is available at the clinic outside testing area—the Orange Tent—Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 p.m.

Covid and the flu share many of the same symptoms, and people can be infected with both the flu and covid at the same time, and show symptoms of both.

The clinic reminds you that the best way to prevent the flu and Covid-19 is to get vaccinated, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, wear a mask and social distance.

### The vaccines

Getting vaccinated is the safest way to prevent yourself, your family, and your community from serious illness caused by either the flu or covid. The clinic has the vaccines you and your family need. The include:

The 2021-22 influenza vaccine. All of the available Covid-19 vaccinations for ages 5 through adults. And the

[www.critfc.org](http://www.critfc.org) Careers. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## Happy Thanksgiving

*Happy Thanksgiving to ALL My Family—Hugs—Love Ya. Donna and Bubba.*

## CET bus driver

Cascades East Transit is seeking a bus driver for a shuttle bus between Warm Springs and Mt. Hood this winter.

Free CDL training services are available.

To apply visit: [coic.org/careers](http://coic.org/careers)

## B&G Club hiring

Just a reminder: The Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs is closed on Fridays because off a staff shortage.

They are advertising for part-time, year-round staff for three to five hours a day.

You must be vaccinated and at least 16 years old. Contact club director June Smith if you are interested: [june.smith@wstribes.org](mailto:june.smith@wstribes.org)

## For our health

The tribes remind everyone: Please continue to take Covid-19 precautions by wearing a face mask and maintaining distance from others.

Vaccinations are the key to bringing an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, you can call to schedule a Covid-19 vac-

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*EMERGING SYMPTOMS BASED ON RECENT DATA		

clinic is providing covid booster shots following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC now recommends that children between the ages of 5 and 11 years receive the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric Covid-19 Vaccine.

Call the clinic vaccine line to get your influenza and covid vaccinations, 541-553-2131.

### Patient Advocate

You can follows the clinic on Facebook at Warm Springs Indian Health Service for the latest on clinic closures and other important clinic events.

If you would like to speak with the Warm Springs Clinic Patient Advocate, Shawnetta Yahtin, you can email at: [shawnetta.yahtin@ihs.gov](mailto:shawnetta.yahtin@ihs.gov)

Shawnetta can assist with navigating the clinic and its services including getting appointments, referrals to outside health service, and connection to resources. She can help you understand your rights and responsibilities; and hear and resolve written or verbal concerns you may have about your experience at the clinic. She can help serve as the vital bridge between patients and staff. Call 541-553-2487.

can be made to follow up with a Behavioral Health Counselor.

## Pet food bank

The Warm Springs Community Pet Food Bank will provide free pet food on the second Saturday of each month.

The next opening is on December 11 between 10 a.m. and noon at 2334 High Lookee Street, across from the senior center.

You can reserve your pet food by calling or texting 503-319-9838 or email Pet Food Bank: [petfoodbank@fencesfordido.org](mailto:petfoodbank@fencesfordido.org)

## Senior lunch

Senior Lunch this Wednesday, November 17 is for pick-up or delivery at the Greeley Heights Community Center. On the menu: Asian pork ribs with pineapple slaw and fruit.

## Member show at Museum

The Tribal Member Art Show is now on display at the Museum at Warm Springs in their Changing Exhibits Gallery.

The Museum is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday. They are closed on Sunday and Monday.



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# Region posts highest covid rate in the state of Oregon

The three counties of Central Oregon, as of late October, had the highest rate of new Covid-19 infections in the state.

The Oregon Health Authority report lists the total number of cases, the cases per 100,000 residents and positive test rates of all counties with a population over 2,000.

A key indicator is the per capita number—the rate of cases per 100,000 residents—allowing for a comparison between counties of different sizes.

At the end of October, Jefferson County had the highest per capita: 542 new cases per 100,000 people.

Crook County had 469 new cases per 100,000 people; and Deschutes County 401 new cases per 100,000 people.

For comparison: The statewide rate was 192 cases per 100,000 people.

Sherman County—the state’s second least populous county—had a rate of 791 cases per 100,000.

Since late June, the delta variant drove infections, hospitalizations and deaths to new records for the pandemic that first reached Oregon in February 2020.

The Oregon Health Authority reported the variant attacked the unvaccinated. While breakthrough cases of Covid-19 have risen somewhat during the spike, those who have received immunization account for less than 5 percent of cases requiring hospitalization and under 1 percent of deaths.

The spike peaked just after La-

bor Day and then began a steep drop, but at a rate slower than public health officials had initially forecasted.

The Deschutes County numbers in the risk report issued Monday are significant in that they are so high for a county with a large population. The 2020 U.S. Census put the population at 198,253.

While the per-capita rates are higher in Jefferson and Crook counties, both are in decline. Deschutes County cases were rising.

All three Central Oregon counties have test positivity rates above 10 percent over the past week—twice the rate that state officials have said can be controlled by public health measures.

The state average was 7.3 percent, but falling.

## Richard ‘Dick’ Montee ~ Celebration of Life

Please join Dick’s family for the Celebration of his Life on Saturday, November 27 from 1-3 p.m.

We will be meeting at the Jefferson County Community Center, 860 SW Madison, Madras.

# Howlak Tichum

## Diane Pittock Perkins ~ 1942-2021

Diane Pittock Perkins passed peacefully at her home in Fairbanks, Alaska, on October 27, 2021. She overcame two tumor surgeries in her 70s and was lively until recent months, when her heart started to fail. The family is very grateful to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and especially the hospice care she received in her last weeks.

Diane was born February 19, 1942, in Portland. She graduated from Portland’s Lincoln High School in 1960, where she starred in tennis and golf. Always active and adventurous, she raced and rallied sports cars as a member of the Cascade Sports Car Club.

She worked for Joie Smith’s Ski Shop and Alpine Towing in Rhododendron, where Diane participated in moun-



tain rescues and assistance by road and horseback. While working in the Cascades, Diane was given the honorable position of dog sitter for Timberline Lodge’s famous St. Bernards. Additionally, her beloved dog Kosi was a gift from the Warm Springs Reservation.

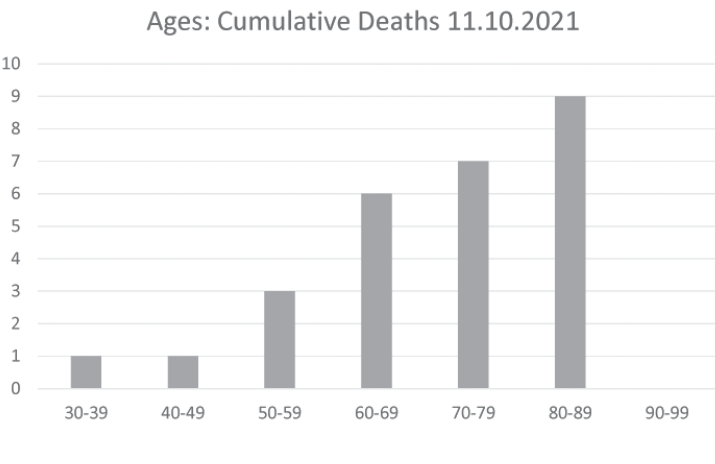
The Warm Springs tribe also let her participate in tribal fishing near Celilo Falls, a great honor for someone who was not a member of the tribe. Diane will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

## Community covid demographics

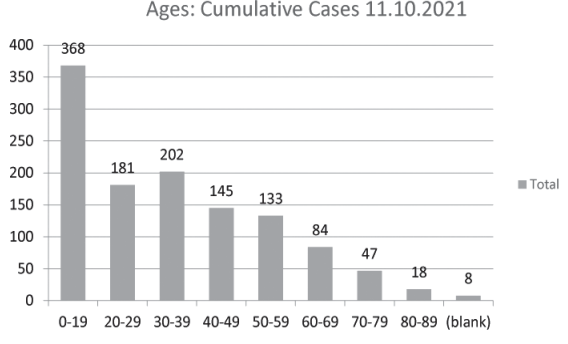
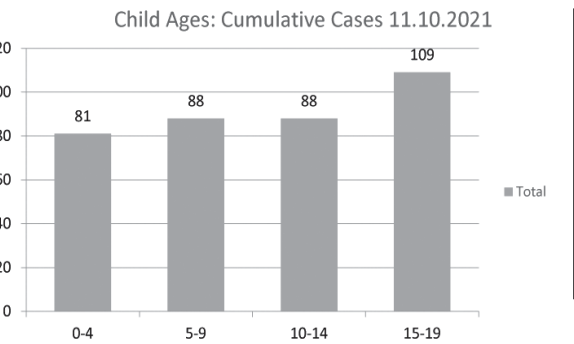
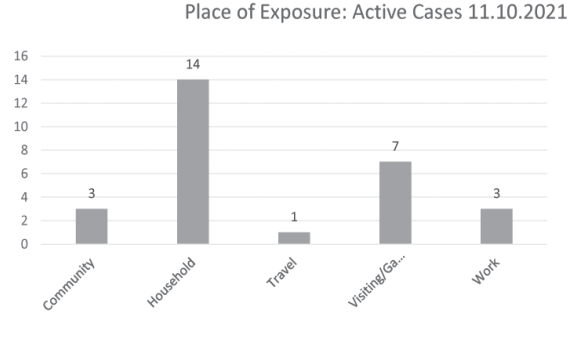
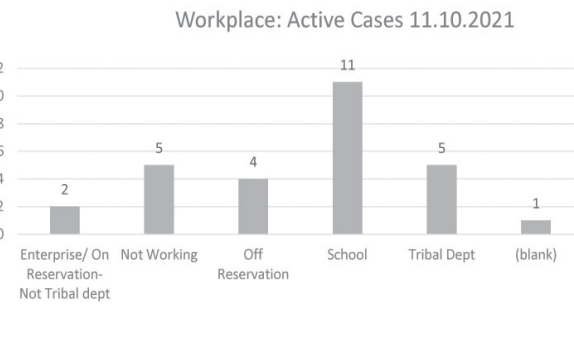
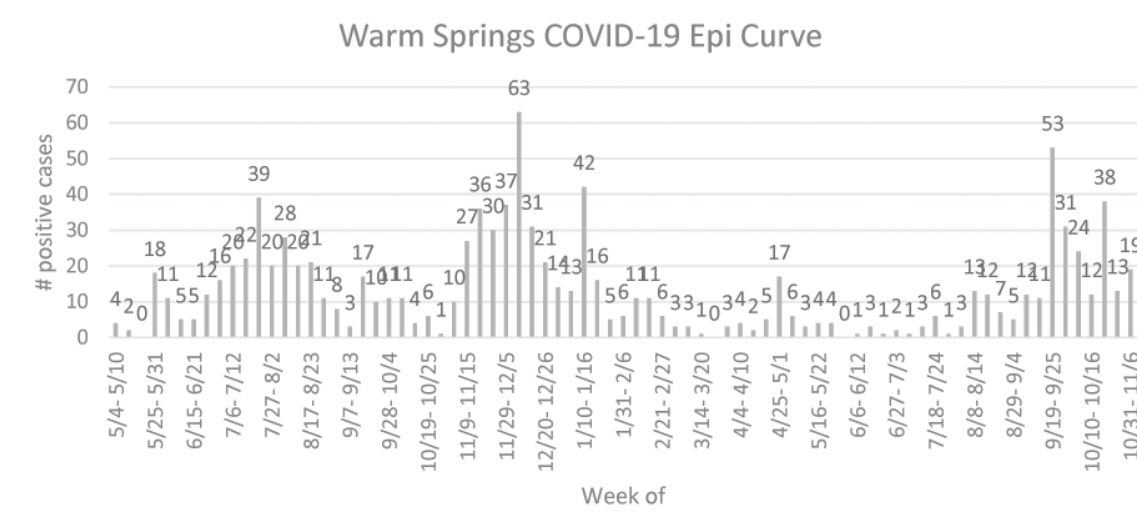
Since the covid pandemic began in the spring of 2020, a total of 27 members of the tribal community have passed away due to the illness, according to the latest Community Health demographics report.

Ninety-one people have been hospitalized with covid. At the time of the recent report, November 10, there were no hospitalization due to covid.

The most recent covid death was on November 6.



## Cumulative Cases



## Portland IHS Area sees lowest covid percent

The national office of the Indian Health Services updated its coronavirus data through November 9: According to the data, 277,984 tests have returned positive for Covid-19 across U.S. Indian Country.

That represents an increase of 0.8 percent from the number of IHS diagnosed cases from the two days before.

Altogether, IHS has conducted 3,291,974 coronavirus tests across all of Indian Country. That represents an increase of 0.7 percent

from two days prior.

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

These numbers represent the totals since the pandemic began last year.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in five areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate toll of Covid-19 in the state. The high numbers are as follows:

Navajo Area, 13.7 positivity percentage rate. The Phoenix Area, 12.6 percent.

The Oklahoma City Area, 12.3 percent. The California Area, 10.3 percent. The Albuquerque Area, 9.7 percent.

The seven-day rolling average positivity column offers a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows where covid cases have been increasing recently.

Based on the seven-day rolling average positivity, all 12 IHS areas

are seeing high covid rates, marking yet another instance of surges across every region of Indian Country. The numbers by IHS area are as follows:

The Albuquerque Area, 14.7 percent. Navajo Area, 14.3 percent. The Bemidji Area, 14.3 percent.

Tucson Area, 13.9 percent. Phoenix Area, 9.6 percent. The Great Plains Area, 8.8 percent.

Billings Area, 8.3 percent. Alaska Area, 7.8 percent.

California Area, 7.8 percent. Oklahoma City Area, 6.3 percent. Nashville Area, 6.1 percent. **The Portland Area**, 5.5 percent.

Notably, the seven-day rolling average positivity for the Alaska Area has steadily grown in recent weeks. The region recorded its

highest-ever rate with the release of data in October, and the rate has stayed consistently high.

Throughout most of the pandemic, the Alaska Area had seen the lowest rate of covid cases within the IHS.

Overall, 9.0 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows. Meanwhile, the seven-day average stands at 9.6 percent following a long period of far lower rates in the spring of 2021.

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 said.



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

*All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.*

**JOHN-FRANCIS JUDE SUPPAH, Petitioner, vs DELSON SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. DO98-21. TO: DELSON SUPPAH, JOHN FRANCIS JUDE SUPPAH:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SHOW CAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **7<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs REX ROBINSON ANGELES, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07, DO110-09. TO: REX ROBINSON ANGELES:**  
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 **13<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs KELLI LANGNESE, Respondent; Case No. JV8-18. TO: KELLI LANGNESE:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW / SUPERVISED PROBATION 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 **6<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARIANN TENORIO, Respondent; Case No. JV28-20, JV139-05, JV85-15. TO: CARIANN TENORIO:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PROBATION REVIEW / SHOW CAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **9<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALLEGRA GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. DO30-21. TO: ALLEGRA GILBERT:**  
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 **15<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs HESTER TAYLOR, Respondent; Case No. JV91-19. TO: HESTER TAYLOR:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDINAHSHIP 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 **14<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 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 PERMANENCY 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 **16<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ALLEGRA GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. JV68-19. TO: ALLEGRA GILBERT:**  
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 **15<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESTER LAWRENCE, Respondent; Case No. JV40-21. TO: ESTER LAWRENCE:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a DISPOSITIONAL / TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION 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 **15<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 11:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs HESTER TAYLOR, Respondent; Case No. JV19;20;21-19. TO: HESTER TAYLOR:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDINAHSHIP 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 **14<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2021 @ 9:00 AM**

**PROBATE**  
**In the matter of the estate of Alexander R. Tohet, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR36.** Notice is hereby given that Alexander R. Tohet, who at the time of his death last known residence was 6510 Highway 3, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.  
**In the matter of the estate of Darrell F. Winishut, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR41.** Notice is hereby given that Darrell F. Winishut, who at the time of his death last known residence was 2462 Kuckup Street, Warm Springs, OR 97761, died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

**In the matter of the estate of Herbert H. Stwyer, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR43.** To Jarvis Stwyer, Herbert Stwyer III, Nicola Littlebull and Forrest Stwyer: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 27, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Erland M. Suppah Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR45.** To Sally Whiz, Benjamin Arthur, Ambrosia Suppah, Erland Suppah Jr., and Chloe Suppah: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 7, 2022 at 9 a.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of William Mark Caldera, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR48.** To Archie Caldera and Roberta Tufti: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Leila J. Govenor, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR17.** To Terrance Miller: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Iva M. McKinley-Meanus, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR55.** To Aaron Hart, Harold Pennington, Roland Kalama III, Kywon Thompson and Vera Pili: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 7, 2022 at 2 p.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Timothy B. Greene, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR51.** To Tianna Greene and Justin Greene: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 7, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Amos Switzler Jr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR50.** To Thaydra Switzler, Feather Switzler, Charley Switzler, Mandy Switzler, Margaret Switzler, Alice Farias aka Alice Queahpama, and Children's Protective Services: You are hereby notified that an informal probate is scheduled for **March 7, 2022 at 3 p.m.**

**In the matter of the estate of Eugene T. Danzuka, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR30.** Notice is hereby given that Eugene T. Danzuka, who at the time of his death last known residence was 8430 Sidwalter Butte Rd., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

**In the matter of the estate of Janice Clements, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR18.** To Georgette Keo, Denise Clements, Kayleen Clements, Jennifer Clements, Justice Clements, Merle Kirk, Matthew Clements Jr., and George D. Clements: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled **December 6, 2021 at 9 a.m.**

## Public Summons: Notification to Serve as Juror

### To the following individuals:

You are hereby notified to appear before the Tribal Court to serve as a Juror on each date, listed below, during the month of December, 2021.

Orientation for people with last name A-G: 3:30 p.m. on December 8, 2021. Orientation for people with last name H-P: 4 p.m., December 8. Orientation for people with last name Q-Z: 4:30 p.m., December 8.

Voir dire: Last name A-M: December 9, 8:30 a.m.

Trial date: December 9, 2021 at 10: a.m., all selected jurors.

Trial date: December 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., All selected jurors.

If you fail to appear on the dates and times listed above, you may be charged with Contempt of Court.

**To:**  
Aguilar, Myntora L. M  
Antunez, Dahl'Ana Christel  
Berry, Bobbie Jo  
Bobb, Amy Nicole  
Brisbois, Naomi Joann  
Caldera, Aaron Ray  
Charley, Buddy Alexander  
Clark, Ardis Juelle  
Clements, Reggie T  
Cooper, White Dove  
Culps, Ronnie Joshua  
Foster, Dondi Leon

Flowers, Sage Morgan  
Frank, Socorro Vanessa  
Gilbert, Tommy James  
Hatlestad, Jessi Valjon  
Heath, Louella  
Henry, Leah  
Holliday, Savannah Elizabeth  
Ike, Brittony Faye  
Jensen, Timothy James  
Jim, Selina Jade  
Knight Crane, Vanessa Frances  
Leclaire, Louis Dean  
Lopez, McKinley Luis  
McKinley, Edna Louise  
Medina, Thomas Neil  
Miller, Dylan Elias  
Moore, Brianna Dawn  
Nelson, Donminic Keith  
Pennington, Samantha Jo  
Ramirez, Enrique Antonio  
Sahme, Menamoo Lorraine  
Sam, William Leroy  
Satanus, Rayann Katchia  
Simtustus, Star Lyn  
Smith, Kah-Liese June  
Sohappy Jr., Davis Dennis  
Speakthunder, Keyshawn Rob-

ert  
Tatoosh Jr, Justin Edward  
Stanley  
Thompson, Alyssia Eileen  
Thurby, Chad Victor  
Tias, Neda Rose  
Torres, Raymond Sterling  
Van Pelt, Tony Gregory  
Wainanwit, Timothy James  
Wallulatum, Wacey Lee  
Wheeler, Desmond Lymon  
Winishut, Devin Paul  
Yahtin, Rosaleen Marie

## For tribal treaty rights

The U.S. government is announcing a set of memoranda from 18 federal agencies, regarding tribal treaty rights.

The memoranda of understanding are from the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Commerce, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, Transportation, Veterans Affairs, State, and the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Personnel Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Council on Environmental Quality.

The agencies are ordered to issue reports on their efforts to strengthen treaty protections within the next 180 days.

The following is a statement from Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), executive director of Native Organizers Alliance:

“The President’s announcement comes after a journey thousands of miles across Indian Country, and countless prayers offered from Native peoples across the nation, that the federal government do more to protect our most sacred places. Our people have spoken across Indian Country, saying enough is enough. Our sacred sites must be protected and our treaty rights upheld.”

More than 85,000 people signed

a petition calling on the President to direct federal agencies to uphold the treaties and gain the consent of tribes in infrastructure and development projects.

“We urge each agency to craft a memorandum that not only respects treaty rights but acknowledges the great harm done when tribes and Native peoples are not given the opportunity to consent to projects affecting their lands, waters, and resources,” Ms. LeBlanc said.

“It is not enough to check a box to ‘consult’ with tribes with projects like dams, mines, and oil pipelines. The treaties demand that tribes give their consent to these projects. This failure of agencies to gain the free, prior, and informed consent of tribes is a violation of treaty rights and a flawed process that leads to the desecration of our sacred sites.

“For generations, the federal government has failed to follow through on its commitment to tribes. This failure has led to the destruction and desecration of our sacred lands, waters, and resources. Promises were made to our ancestors but never kept. We are hopeful that today’s announcement directing federal agencies to strengthen treaty protections is a critical step towards upholding our tribal treaty rights.”

## Judge in Nevada rules against tribes trying to protect land

Two Native American tribes have failed again in their bid to persuade a federal judge in Nevada that a lithium mine planned near the Oregon line is on sacred lands where their ancestors were massacred in 1865.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du ruled last week that additional historical accounts the tribes submitted still fall short of evidence needed to temporarily block dig-

ging.

She refused a request by the Oregon-based Burns Paiute Tribe and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony to reconsider her earlier ruling denying their bid to block an archaeological survey.

Nevada Lithium Corporation’s construction is scheduled to begin next year about 230 miles northeast of Reno.

## Court to hear case of destruction of sacred site

A federal appeals court is hearing a case of major significance to Native American tribes this week after the U.S. Federal Highway Administration bulldozed a longstanding sacred site near Mount Hood in 2008 to add a turning lane to a nearby highway.

Members of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde say the government broke numerous federal laws by bulldozing their sacred site, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Free Exercise Clause of the Constitu-

tion, and several environmental laws. Hereditary chiefs Wilbur Slockish and Johnny Jackson, and elder Carol Logan, alerted the federal government to their use of the site before construction began.

But their pleas fell on deaf ears, and the government destroyed the site anyway.

In response to their lawsuit, the government says it has complete authority to destroy sacred sites located on federal land, and the trial court agreed.

This week’s argument comes shortly after the Ninth Circuit heard oral argument in a similar

case, *Apache Stronghold v. United States*.


There, the lawyer represents the Apaches whose sacred site, Chi’chil Bildagoteel, or Oak Flat, is on the brink of being obliterated by a foreign-owned copper-mining company.

In both of these cases, the destruction of the indigenous sacred site would end longstanding Native American religious practices forever.


The lawyers in the cases are asking the Ninth Circuit to protect the ability of Native Americans to continue their traditional faith practices.

Warm Springs Head Start is closed to children the week of Thanksgiving. But parent-teacher conferences will still take place.





## 2021-2022 CTWS Hunting Seasons



[Off-Reservation](#) and [Reservation](#) hunting regulations have been approved. Please login to tribal website <https://hunting.warmsprings-nsn.gov/login> or order by email ([wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org](mailto:wildlife.tags@ctwsbnr.org)) or phone (5415532001) permits requested by phone come by Natural Resources office to pick up your permits and regulations.

Please take advantage of off reservation hunting tags, these opportunities take hunting pressure off the Reservation due to fire closures, which help improve wildlife populations. Please make sure off reservation hunting takes place on public (unclaimed) lands. It is the HUNTERS' responsibility to know where they are hunting, where they are allowed to hunt, what weapons they are allowed to use and what the bag limit is. For questions regarding hunting please contact the Natural Resources Department at 541-553-2001.

ON RESERVATION HUNTING		
NO DESIGNATED HUNTERS OR TRANSFER OF TAGS IS ALLOWED.		
Reservation Hunt	Open Season	Bag Limit/Regulations
<a href="#">Buck Deer</a>	Oct. 2 – 17	Open to buck deer with visible antler. <b>One tag per lead hunter or head of household. Limit of only one (1) buck deer.</b>
<a href="#">Bull Elk</a>	Nov. 13 – 28	Open to bull elk with visible antler. <b>One tag per lead hunter or head of household. Limit of only one (1) bull ek.</b>
<a href="#">Bighorn Ram: (2 tags)</a>	Oct. 2 – Nov. 28	One bighorn per tag. Tags will be awarded to 3 Tribal members through a public drawing.
<a href="#">Bighorn Ewe: (1 tag)</a>	Oct. 2 – Nov. 28	
<a href="#">Black bear</a>	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year & sows with cubs.
<a href="#">Cougar</a>	Open season	Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

Off-reservation hunting is designated for OFF-RESERVATION public open and unclaimed lands (USFS, BLM, & State Lands w/ hunts open in common with tribes). Illegally harvesting wildlife on the Reservation using off reservation tags or harvesting the wrong sex can have great long-term negative impacts to the Tribes wildlife populations. Overharvesting wildlife and illegally harvesting females reduces wildlife population numbers for multiple generations. Please help protect the Tribes wildlife resources by reporting poaching violations to 541-553-2033 or 541-553-1171.

OFF-RESERVATION HUNTING		
Off-Reservation Hunt	Open Season	Bag Limit/Regulations
<a href="#">General Buck Deer</a>	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31 & <b>NEW</b> Dec. 1 – Jan. 31	Open to buck deer with visible antler. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Rifle season closed Nov. 1-30 for black tail and mule deer.</b></li><li><b>(Metolius Unit Special Regulations - refer to regs below)</b></li></ul>
<b>NEW</b> <a href="#">Late Archery Buck Deer</a>	Nov. 1 – 30	
<a href="#">Ceremonial Deer</a>	Open Year Around	
<a href="#">John Day River Buck Deer: Rifle</a>	Nov. 1 - 30	
<a href="#">White-tail Deer</a>	<b>NEW</b> Open Year Around	Open to white-tail deer of either sex
<b>Metolius Unit Buck Deer Hunts Special Regulation Dates</b>		
<a href="#">Metolius Buck Rifle:</a>	Aug. 1– Oct. 15	Open to buck deer with visible antler (weapons restrictions)
<a href="#">Metolius Buck Muzzleloader:</a>	Oct. 16 – Oct. 31	
<a href="#">Metolius Buck Archery:</a>	Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	
<b>ELK OFF-RESERVATION</b>		
<a href="#">General Elk Archery</a>	Aug. 1 – Oct. 1	Open to any elk with archery only.
<a href="#">Early &amp; Late Elk Rifle</a>	Sept. 1 – Oct. 1 & Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	Spike bulls and Antlerless Elk with rifle. <b>Closed to branch antler bulls rifle hunting.</b> Any elk with a bow is allowed.
<a href="#">General Bull Elk Rifle</a>	Oct. 2– Dec. 31	Open to bull elk with visible antler. <b>Only 1 tag at a time allowed with limit of two per month.</b>
<b>SPECIAL ANIMAL HUNTS</b>		
<a href="#">Pronghorn Antelope</a>	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31	Either sex pronghorn antelope.
<a href="#">Bighorn sheep</a>	Sept. 1 – Nov. 30	(5 Ram tags) (4 Ewes) One bighorn sheep per permit.
<a href="#">Black bear</a>	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31	Either sex; excluding cubs less than one year and sows with cubs.
<a href="#">Cougar</a>	Open Season	Either sex; excluding spotted kittens or female cougars with spotted kittens.

There is mandatory reporting of all hunter harvest. Failure to report harvest results for off reservation and reservation hunts will result in a loss of hunting privileges for subsequent tags. Please be honest with your hunter reporting! If you are issued a tag, you have the right to hunt and harvest an animal. Harvest and hunting information are important for the wildlife department in determining wildlife population sizes, herd compositions and hunting pressure. In addition, this information helps us determine where there are and are not animals, which helps focus our habitat restoration efforts on the Reservation. Your continued support and participation with hunter reporting are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your participation!

# North Unit looking at possibly using Lake Billy Chinook for irrigation water



Lake Billy Chinook between Jefferson County and the Warm Springs Reservation.

Farmers in the county have contended for years with persistent drought. As a possible solution, the North Unit Irrigation District is studying possibly using water from Lake Billy Chinook. The proposal would draw water from the lake from April 1 through October. This year North Unit ran out of water in August. By then the source of water, Wickiup Reservoir in Deschutes County, was virtually dry. Farmers in Jefferson County at times had to leave parts of their land vacant due to the water shortage. Lake Billy Chinook could be a sustainable source for farmers, according to the irrigation district study. The district is also assessing whether use of the lake water could provide environmental benefits. A pumping project from the lake would, however, be expensive: An initial estimate puts the price around \$400 million to \$500 million, not including ongoing operation and maintenance. Due to the cost and scale of the project, the federal government would have to be a source of funding.

**Interesting history notes**

The Wickiup reservoir covers an area on the Deschutes River that was known as the Wickiups. It was a camping area for Native Americans during the fall. Billy Chinook was a chief and member of the Wasco tribe. Among other details of his interesting life, Billy Chinook was a guide for John C. Frémont and Kit Carson, who explored Central Oregon from 1843 to 1844, and from 1845 to 1847. Mr. Chinook also served as First Sergeant, U.S. Army Wasco Scouts during the Snake War.

## Rare wildfire insurance claim

Oregon will likely file a claim on its one-of-a-kind wildfire insurance policy with Lloyd's of London. The claim could be an estimated \$19 million

claim, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry. The policy with the 335-year-old British risk insurance pool will help pay for

fighting fires that burned 225,007 of the 16 million acres protected by ODF. ODF has purchased the insurance since 1973 as a hedge against firefighting costs that could overwhelm the budget of a heavily forested state with limited resources to battle major blazes. While the insurance coverage runs from April to April, Gersbach said all but a fraction of fires and costs occur between late spring and mid-autumn.

# Senator urges fishery disaster declaration

Oregon’s U.S. legislative delegation is urging the Department of Commerce to grant a catastrophic regional fishery disaster declaration for the state of Oregon, after three consecutive years of drought and changing ocean conditions have severely harmed salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest. U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley is leading members of the Oregon delegation, including U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio, Kurt Schrader and Suzanne Bonamici. “The value of salmon to Oregon cannot be overstated. In addition to the economic activity generated by this industry, salmon are an important part of the cultural heritage of Pacific Northwest tribes, generate recreational activity, and are a treasured natural resource across the state,” the lawmakers wrote in a letter to Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo. “However, the challenging impacts of climate change, increased drought, and changing ocean conditions complicate the recovery of salmon populations in the Pacific Northwest.” From 2013 to 2017, the commercial value of Chinook salmon was around \$6.3 million annually for Oregon fisheries. But with the impacts of climate chaos impacting salmon populations, the economic value has dropped precipitously—down to \$2.3 million in 2018, \$2 million in 2019, and \$1.4 million in 2020. “Federal support for this industry is critical while local, state, and federal partners continue to work toward long-term solutions,” the delegation wrote.

# Controversial water deal at The Dalles

The Dalles City Council has approved an agreement to deliver an undisclosed amount of groundwater to Google, which plans to build new data centers in the city. With the city’s unanimous vote, the tech giant has secured another key piece of its plan to expand its operation in the Columbia River Gorge. The city and Wasco County in October approved a separate agreement to significantly reduce property taxes on new Google developments. The agreements have been the subject of rigorous debate in recent months. The water deal in particular has drawn intense scrutiny from public officials and area residents seeking to protect an increasingly precious resource. City officials have refused to reveal how much water Google is requesting for the proposed data centers, which has been the primary frustration for area residents. The company considers water use at its facilities a proprietary trade secret and forbids disclosure.

**Why does Google need so much water?**

Google built its first data center in The Dalles back in 2005. It was the company’s first big corporate data center anywhere and Oregon’s first, too. Since then, Facebook, Apple and Amazon have all built large data centers in rural parts of the state, and Google has expanded. Data centers are very resource intensive, typically using as much electricity as a small town to power their computers and substantial volumes of water to keep the computers cool. Google says it may build two more data centers in The Dalles, but it needs more water. The company won’t say just how much more, but the city is near its maximum capacity of 10 million gallons a day. So Google has offered to pay \$28.5 million to upgrade the city’s water system, increasing capacity by about 50 percent. Google and the city say that would be enough to meet the company’s needs with additional water left over for other users. No organized opposition has emerged to the city’s agreement with Google, but rural property owners, farms and environmentalists have all expressed concern about committing water to an industrial customer during a prolonged drought.



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Dedication at CPS



Children's Protective Services hosted the Dedication and Honoring Volunteers last week at the new playground. CPS presented appreciation gifts (above) to the volunteers who were on hand for the dedication. Drummers (below left) help celebrate; while Cecelia Collins, CPS director, and Melissa Williams, executive director of Every Child, (below right) cut the dedication ribbon with youngster Phoenix Fire Moody.

## Road work for meadow restoration

The Branch of Natural Resources is working on an erosion control project at the Log Springs Meadow.

This is a large multi-phase project, and important to prevent erosion and sediment build-up that damages salmon and steelhead habitat downstream in Beaver Creek

"I'm sure the fleet of trucks and large stockpile of rock has raised some questions as to what is happening on the 410 Road," said Scott Turo, habitat manager with Natural Resources.

"In support of the Log Springs Meadow Restoration project, the 410 Road will be graded from Highway 26 to BIA Route 3 to safely and efficiently transport heavy equipment to the meadow, as well as approximately 21,000 tons of crushed rock."

Over the past two years, the Log Springs Meadow Restoration team has been working with Edward Heath and Jay Suppah of the Branch of Natural Resources Roads Department.

They have identified certain areas that will be receiving the crushed rock to improve drainage and protect some culverts.

In total there are 14 areas that will have rock imported to cover exposed culverts, improve drainage, and improve water quality in runoff areas.

Of the approximately 12 miles of the 410 Road, less than 2,000 feet will be

rocked with approximately 250 cubic yards of material. The rest will remain as a native surface, seasonal road system.

The rock being hauled by the contractor will be stockpiled at the staging area at Log Springs Meadow to be used in the upcoming restoration work.

Recent wet weather has created unfavorable conditions to complete this phase of the project.

The contractor will winterize the project site to prevent further erosion and work will resume when conditions allow in the spring.

A new woodcutting map is available at the Forestry main office. For anyone cutting firewood, please be aware that much of the burned areas are off limits for cutting; however, the Timber Committee has opened a few locations in the closed fire area.

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