

Great rides for school attendance

LaDonna Squiemphen loves her job and community here in Warm Springs, and yet there are people she does not want to see before her during working hours: Ms. Squiemphen is the Juvenile Prosecutor for the Confederated Tribes.

The people she does not want to see as part of her job are young people and families who are having trouble with school attendance. LaDonna just made a personal commitment to this cause, creating a new program with family and friends, encouraging good school attendance.

When she used to work for the Umatilla Tribes, LaDonna got to know the nonprofit service Bikes for Tykes, founded by Randy Walls. Working together they provided new great quality bikes for deserving young people of Umatilla.

Moving back to Warm Springs, LaDonna took the job of Juvenile Prosecutor. And recently, already aware of the Bikes for Tykes resource, LaDonna again called Randy. And together they were able to secure 110 brand new



Education general manager Valerie Switzer, Juvenile prosecutor LaDonna Squiemphen and TAPP advocate Tony Cortazar with some of the new bikes; and above, the Convention Center where Bikes for Tykes stores the bikes.

bikes—in sizes for students of all ages—plus new bike safety helmets.

The bikes and helmets were at the Three Rivers Convention Center at Kennewick, Washington, where Bikes for Tykes keeps their equipment. And the new bikes were in boxes, not yet assembled. So how do we get the boxes from Kennewick to Warm Springs?

LaDonna and her husband Vernon rented a U-Haul, raised money with family members for gas and food, and drove there themselves. LaDonna, Vernon, Lennox Picard, Marci Picard and Randy Walls loaded the 110 boxes on the U-Haul, and brought them to Warm Springs.

For the bikes' assemblage, Edu-

cation branch manager Valerie Switzer had a great solution: The eight intern students at Education could put the 110 vehicles together, working and learning at the same time.

The Warm Springs Academy this Friday, December 17, will host a student assembly, giving these new bikes to the students who are show-

ing improvement in attendance—not perfect attendance, just some improvement to show the effort.

“I want to help families and students overcome whatever barriers they are facing,” LaDonna says. “I don’t want to prosecute anyone for truancy.”

As partners, Juvenile Prosecution and Education are working with the Tribal Attendance Pilot Project—TAPP—at the Warm Springs Academy. Tony Cortazar is the advocate at Academy TAPP. The only goal here is to improve student attendance, while realizing the challenges, all made worse by the covid. Tony says.

When it comes to attendance, “We don’t know what families are going through, and the barriers they have to overcome,” Tony says. His job is to encourage attendance, to work with families, the last resort being a referral to the Prosecutor.

And for her part LaDonna loves her job, though she would love even more never again to see another truancy referral.

— Dave McMechan

Dr. Locker retiring from Corps

Dr. Rachel Locker has worked at the Warm Springs Clinic since 1996 as an officer of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. She is retiring from the Corps this month, though will still work three days a week as a health provider at the clinic.

Dr. Locker explains how she first became interested in the health care profession. “I grew up in a small town in Alabama, much smaller than Warm Springs.” At school and at home, “service was very much encouraged,” Dr. Locker says.

By the seventh grade she was fascinated by the medical field. After high school she went to medical school in Alabama, where she learned about the Indian Health Services, finding the service of personal interest.

She came to the Warm Springs Clinic in 1995 to do residency work. Then a short time later Dr. Creelman called her about an opening at the clinic. Dr. Locker took the job and has been here since.

The people she works with, and the people and families she treats are easily the reason why she has loved working here.

And while she will no longer wear the Corps uniform, she will still be serving at the clinic, though with more free time. She has plenty to keep her busy with the extra days off: At home Dr. Locker has four bikes that she wants to ride more, plus a garden and other hobbies.

She looks forward to some day when the covid will not be a serious health threat, so she can work closer again with patients and families. Meanwhile her advice: Wear the mask, and get the vaccine and booster, not only for yourself but for family, friends, and others of the community.

Water, roads, school, treaty in 2021

Toward the end of each year a custom at the *Spilyay* is to look back at some of the memorable events of the past 12 months, and determine the top news stories of the year.

For 2021 the situation, like daily life itself, is a little complicated because the covid: The virus remained a constant presence through the past year. However, the virus was new in 2020—easily the biggest news event of that year.

The same is not really true for 2021: Covid is still a health risk, at times a crisis; and yet our precautions against it have

by now become a kind of daily routine, so not really ‘new’ for 2021. And so forgetting the virus for a moment, these were some of the other important tribal news stories of the past 12 months:

Safety corridor

The most visible change that happened on the reservation in 2021 is the Highway 26 Safety Corridor project. Years in the planning, and delayed in 2020 by the covid, the \$6.5 million project took most of 2021—nine months—to complete.

There are now safer walking areas and safer turning lanes, new paving and rock-fall mitigation. As

this ODOT-Tribal project was going on, Warm Springs Construction was improving a stretch of the Kah-Nee-Ta Highway, from the industrial park to the intersection with Highway 26.

Together, these projects should over time make for a safer and more transportation-friendly roadway system in Warm Springs.

Water system

The summers of 2020 and 2021 the Confederated Tribes saw domestic water interruptions, and prolonged boil water notices. Millions of dollars are needed to fix the water infrastructure system of

the reservation.

The federal government in 2021 has taken a step that in time will resolve, or at least mostly address this problem with long-term solutions.

Just a month ago the federal government passed the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure law. This new legislation specifically includes funding for tribal water systems.

More specifically: The law includes \$1 billion for Oregon. And of that amount, \$250 million is targeted for drinking water improvements for tribal communities of the state.

See 2021 on 2



Edward Heath Photography

The Madras High School Theater this month performed the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life*. The lead role of George Bailey starred Hayden Heath of Warm Springs, shown here with co-star Mia Mitchell as Mary Bailey. And other students from Warm Springs helped fill out the cast (see page 8). According to reviews the show was a great hit. Congratulations to the actors, to Madras High theater and band teacher Jared McFarland, and Shannan Ahern, who directs the high school Performing Arts Center.



Wishing the families of the Warm Springs Reservation a Very Merry Christmas, from Travis Bobb.



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Natural Resources protecting fire area

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources recently installed multiple seasonal gates on main roads in the Lionshead fire area.

These seasonal gates will be closed December through April 1 each year. This seasonal closure helps reduce the impacts to road systems in the winter months and secure wintering big game within the closure area.

Certain roads in the Lionshead fire area are systematically closed to motorized vehicle use to help protect wildlife habitat, decrease wildlife disturbance, and reduce road maintenance costs. However, some of these roads are temporarily opened for short periods to provide salvage operations in the southern part of the fire area. Public access for various use—including in the spring, April through summer, and fall for hunting, wood-cutting, cultural plant harvesting and gathering, and other recreational use—available when the Committee deems the area open in 2022-2025.

Gates may be closed or opened later or earlier than scheduled due to poor road conditions brought



Example of the Resources seasonal gate closure signage.

on by extreme weather conditions or highly hazardous conditions like falling debris, trees, and mudslides. In some cases, roads sustain severe damage from vehicle use and are closed to protect the various resources.

Tribal members are asked to leave all the gates free of obstructions. Members are reminded it is illegal to discharge firearms from or across tribal roads from vehicles. For additional information contact the Branch of Natural Resources office, 541-553-2001.

Seasonal Gate Locations:

- J-100 (tenino/whitewater rd)
- P-440 (Lionshead access rd.)
- P-400 (Noisy crk/Harvey lake rd)
- P-510 (N. Butte access rd)
- P-550 (S. Frk Boulder/N. Butte rd)
- B-210 (Trout lake rd)
- B-220 (Gravel pit/Lookout butte)
- B-230 (Lookout Butte access rd)
- B-233 (Old Mill Camp/S. Mill Crk)
- B-251 (Cedar Crk culvert)
- B-262 (Badger Crk culvert)
- B-266 (Fort Butte access rd)

Not all gates are install but will be in place for the 2020-2025 limited access closure.

Pedestrian struck, killed on highway

A Warm Springs tribal resident was struck and killed by an SUV last Tuesday evening, December 7, while attempting to cross U.S. Highway 26 near the Indian Head Casino, tribal police said Thursday. Tribal police were notified around 6:40 p.m. that Tuesday of the crash on Highway 26, Lt. Ron Gregory said.

They responded with Warm Springs EMS and found a male pedestrian had been struck by a silver Chevy Tahoe, Gregory said.

Life-saving measures were attempted, but the man died at the scene, the lieutenant said. The SUV driver, also a Warm Springs tribal member, was cooperative during the investigation, Gregory added.

Officers investigated and determined the man, wearing dark clothing, was walking on the highway and tried to cross it in an area with poor lighting, Gregory said. The male had stepped onto the road when he was struck by the westbound SUV.

Alcohol is not considered a factor in this case, Gregory said, declining to release further details.

Eight Oregon wolves poisoned

At least eight wolves were fatally poisoned in eastern Oregon earlier this year, and Oregon State Police investigators are hoping the public will help apprehend the culprits.

Tension between wolf advocates and ranchers, whose livestock has sometimes been preyed upon by the canids, has festered in Or-

egon since the animals began repopulating the state in the early 2000s.

Debates on how best to resolve conflict have grown contentious at times.

Conservation and animal protection groups are offering a \$26,000 reward for information that leads to a conviction in the case.

2021: treaty legislation celebration



During a 2021 celebration of the repeal of the Huntington ‘treaty of 1865’ U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley meets with Tribal Council office manager Doris Miller.

(from page 1)

The Oregon federal legislative delegation sponsored this aspect of the legislation, in large part because of the situation on the Warm Springs Reservation, though other tribal communities are in similar circumstances.

Clearly, in the coming year and years, this water infrastructure legislation will bring lasting benefits to the reservation.

Huntington ‘treaty’

This story was a long time in the making—156 years to be exact.

In 1865 the BIA superintendent for the region was J.W.P. Huntington. The reservation was just a decade old, having been created with the Treaty of 1855. At the time there were still many tribal members living year-round and fishing at the Columbia River. This was a source of jealousy and irritation to white settlers, and they brought their ridiculous grievances to the BIA superintendent.

In short, in 1865 Huntington was able to obtain a ‘supplemental treaty.’ The supplement purported to relinquish off-reservation fishing and hunting rights of the tribal members, as specifically recognized in the Treaty of 1855.

The 1865 supplement had hardly any signatures of the tribal members, and no compensation, among its other outrageous aspects. At no time has the 1865 document been recognized as binding by either the Confederated Tribes or the federal government. Nevertheless, its provisions have remained technically ‘on the books’ for the past 156 years.

Tribal leadership have long advocated for the repeal of the 1865 supplement. When this finally hap-

pened, the tribes in 2021 hosted a celebration, following the covid protocol. U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley joined the tribal leadership to mark the occasion (*more on the Huntington event on page 7*).

Back to School

March of 2021 saw students return to in-class learning. This was the first time in about one year that students went back to in-person learning. The start of

the pandemic in March 2020 put an end to the classroom until health and school authorities were able to determine the return could be done safely.

This was a very welcome start to 2021 for the teachers and staff, the students and their families.

Largest Clackamas salmon run since 1958

It’s been a record-breaking year for fish passage on the Clackamas River.

According to numbers from Portland General Electric, the number of adult early run coho salmon

returning to the Upper Clackamas from the ocean hit 9,000 fish by early-mid December, the largest seen at North Fork Dam since its construction and the start of data collection in 1958.

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Lost item

Lost at West Hills while on-the-job. Stainless steel Cross pendant with 'Jesus' spelled out vertically. It's about 1.75 inches long. Please call 541-325-3016 and leave a voice message if found. Reward offered for its return.

Christmas trees

To employees of the Confederated Tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, the Post Office and Warm Springs Churches:

The Timber Committee of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is keeping with the spirit of Christmas. The committee has authorized the cutting of a Christmas tree by the following: Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribal employees, Indian Health Service employees, Warm Springs Churches and Postal employees.

Cutting is limited to one tree per family or department. Trees will be cut on tribal land only. Trees should be cut along numbered roads and close to the ground. All live branches should be removed from the stump. Topping of trees and cutting trees larger than 12 feet in height is not permitted. Trees should not be cut that do not have another tree growing within 12 feet of the tree to be cut. Tree should be cut during regular work hours, Monday through Friday.

All non-tribal member employees wishing to cut a tree must obtain their Christmas tree tag from the Department of Forestry. Individuals will not be permitted to pick up tags for other employees. Tags must be stapled or nailed to the base of the tree when the tree is cut. All employees must also comply with all laws and regulations governing the Warm Springs Reservation.

Information on tribal land, harvest location and road conditions may be obtained from the Department of Forestry when you pick up a Christmas tree tag. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions, please call 541-553-2416.

The Tribal Timber Committee, Anthony Holliday Sr., Chairman.

Child care careers

The Heart of Oregon Corps' YouthBuild program announced a new Child and Youth Development career

track starting in January 2022. It introduces young adults into child and youth development fields and trains them for the future workforce.

The new training track helps fill the gap in quality childcare and youth development programs, and the workers needed to staff them. This new track is in addition to the YouthBuild program's current construction training track.

Central Oregon is a childcare desert: Currently, according to an Oregon State University study, there are three plus children between the ages of 0 to 5 for every one spot available for child care due to the lack of teachers and early education professionals. See the website: heartoforegon.org

MHS wrestlers

Congratulations to our Madras High School wrestlers. They Did amazing at the Culver Invitational!

The Madras High School girls:

Team, fourth place, 64.5 points.

Weight class: 83-99, First place, Arianna Flores.

123-128: Fourth place, Cadence Miller.

132-141: First, Itzel Andrade.

144-158: Fifth place, Julia Wolfe

Madras High School boys:

Team, third with 222 pts.

Weight class: 126, First place, Carlos Torres, earning Mr. Takedown.

138: Fifth place, Malacai Alire.

145: Fourth Place Tyler Clarkson.

152: Fourth, Collin Switzler.

160: First place Brady David.

170: Third, Cael White

182: First, Reece White.

220: Fifth, Conner Comingore.

285: Fifth, Angel Jimenez.

Yours truly, **Vangie Young**, attendance-discipline, assistant principal secretary, girls wrestling head coach.

Now hiring

Wallowa County non-profit Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland is seeking an energetic, values-driven leader to develop and implement programming, manage finances and oversee staff.

Excellent communication skills, business experience and intercultural competence are desired.

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Interviews begin January 3. Thirty hours a week, \$39,000 per year.

On her journey

My daughter left her mark, as she had a lot of relatives and friends from all over the Southwest and Northwest states attending. I spoke with a couple people. They had good words for her.

All in all everything went well, and we were able to help her on her journey. Thank you.

Rafael and Nola Queahpama and children.

Post-traumatic stress and service dogs

by **Frankie Williams**
Warm Springs Tribal Veterans Representative

More veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder will soon get help from service dogs, thanks to the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers—PAWS—Act.

A growing body of research into post-traumatic stress disorder—PTSD—and service animals paved the way for the PAWS Act for Veterans Therapy.

The legislation, enacted in August, requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to open its service dog referral program to veterans with PTSD, and to launch a five-year pilot program



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

in which veterans with PTSD help train service dogs for other veterans.

One in four female vets have reported experiencing military sexual trauma (MST) while serving in the U.S. Armed Services.

MST, combat violence and brain injuries are among the experiences that

put service personnel at greater risk for developing PTSD.

The symptoms include flashbacks to the traumatic event, severe anxiety, nightmares and hypervigilance.

Psychologists note that such symptoms are actually a normal reaction to experiencing or witnessing such violence.

A diagnosis of PTSD happens when the symptoms get worse or remain for months or years.

For more information on the PAWS act, contact the Warm Springs Veterans Service Office.

Frankie Williams, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tribal Veterans Service Officer, 541-460-0605.

Howlak Tichum

Sandra Lea Rangila ~ 1945-2021

Sandra Lea Rangila, former reporter for *Spilyay Tymoo* and longtime friend of Warm Springs, passed away in Redmond October 2, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. Sandy lived an adventurous life on both sides of the Cascades and abroad, but she considered her time in Warm Springs to be a high point.

Sandy was born in Portland on February 13, 1945, a descendant of the railroading Thielsen family, for whom Mt. Thielsen was named. She graduated from Grant High School in Portland, then went on to Portland State University, where she met Raymond Rangila in a Russian language class.

Ray and Sandy were married in 1967, and a few years later they embarked on an epic 13-month trek via VW camper through



Alaska, Scandinavia, England, Russia, Europe, and North Africa. In every country they drove through, Sandy absorbed the local language and made connections with people.

Once back in Oregon, Ray was hired as the Tribes' planner, a position he held for over thirty years, and Sandy embraced her new life as a "desert rat." In 1976, *Spilyay Tymoo* editor (atwai) Sid Miller tapped her to help launch the

Tribes' brand-new biweekly. For the next several years, Sandy used her natural writing and photography skills to cover tribal government, business, and culture for the paper. As seriously as she took her work, there was often a wink just beneath the surface of her stories. One memorable series focused on the origin of tribal members' nicknames; and Sandy had particular fun with "Spilyay Caught Streaking," about the speeding ticket Sid received on one of their white-knuckle Friday drives to the printing press in Prineville. Yikes!

The Rangilas' rental house on the campus was a gathering spot where friendships formed. Living across from the fire hall, Sandy couldn't resist the wail of the siren—responding first as a reporter and then as the department's first female volunteer firefighter.

Sandy and Ray eventually settled into a log home in Madras, and there they nurtured a garden and numerous cats. They also hosted two

AFS students—Willie TeAho, a Maori from New Zealand, and Alan Chung from Malaysia—with whom they've maintained lifelong bonds.

In addition to travel, Sandy pursued many interests: skiing, swimming, hiking, dancing, sewing, studying languages, gardening, exploring her Thielsen history, and reading voraciously. Her curiosity was endless and her mischievous sense of humor stayed intact even when her health declined.

Sandy is survived by Ray, her husband and travel buddy for 54 years; one of her two sisters; nieces and nephews; and "honorary sons" Willie and Alan. She also leaves behind the words and images that documented not only her own rich life but a slice of Warm Springs history. Ray welcomes any memories or thoughts about Sandy as he faces this new chapter in his life.

Wainanwit Hoches (Bettles) Schroeder ~ 1981-2021

Wainanwit Hoches (Bettles) Schroeder was born on September 2, 1981 to parents Quinten Bettles and Maura Ochoa in Klamath Falls. She began her journey to be with her Creator on November 18, 2021 in Fort Klamath.

Known affectionately by many as 'Nanny,' she was raised in Chiloquin, surrounded by a large family of siblings, cousins, and friends she treated as family.

As the only girl in a family of eight brothers, she was always well looked after and protected.

In her high school years, she met her future husband and love of her life, Ronnie Schroeder, and the two went on to marry in 1999 before going on to raise a family of five beautiful children together.

Her family was her life, and she loved nothing more than making memories with them, whether it be at home, on the powwow trail, the tourney trail, or out on her homelands picking berries, digging roots, camping, hunting or fish-



ing.

Nanny was proud to be an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes, as well as a descendant of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, Aleute Tribe, and Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

From the time she was born, Nanny was immersed in learning and practicing the traditional ways of her people, and over the years became talented in beading, sewing, singing, dancing, crafting, and sharing her culture with her children and larger family.

Throughout her lifetime she traveled the Northwest competing in competition powwows as a fancy and jingle dress dancer, and sing-

ing with her parents and brothers in their family drum group, which went by various names over the years, including Choke-cherry Stick, Bear Guts, and Horse Thieves.

During this time she gained a large powwow family, gaining additional, siblings, nieces, nephews, and 'adopted' children, all whom held a special place in her heart.

After giving birth to her second daughter, Nanny went back to school in 2002 to earn her GED and eventually graduated from Klamath Community College in 2012 with her Associates of Science degree, an accomplishment she was extremely proud of.

A huge supporter of higher education, she instilled in her children the value of learning and encouraged her children to follow their dreams and attend college after high school.

She was an avid fan of Chiloquin High School sports, and was usually the loudest mom in the gym cheering on her kids and other family members at the top of her lungs.

She loved supporting the leadership efforts of local youth, helping out by heading up countless bake sales,

raffles, and Indian Taco benefits over the years to help them raise money for trips and activities. She leaves behind a legacy of love and compassion, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Nanny was preceded in death by her father, Quinten Bettles, sister Nora Bettles, brothers Michael 'Spud' Bettles, Mangus Bettles, Ian Bettles, grandparents Joseph and Priscilla Bettles and Richard and Laura Ochoa.

She is survived by her mother Maura Ochoa, husband Ronald 'Ronnie' Schroeder, son Orville, daughters Laura, Hannah, Scarlett and Adeline, brothers Christopher Arthur, Michael Jim, Joseph Bettles, Donovan Bettles, Cecil Bettles, Joseph Ochoa Jr., and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and 'adopted' siblings and children who she shared her home with over the years.

The family encourages loved ones to take care of themselves mentally, spiritually, and physically during this time.

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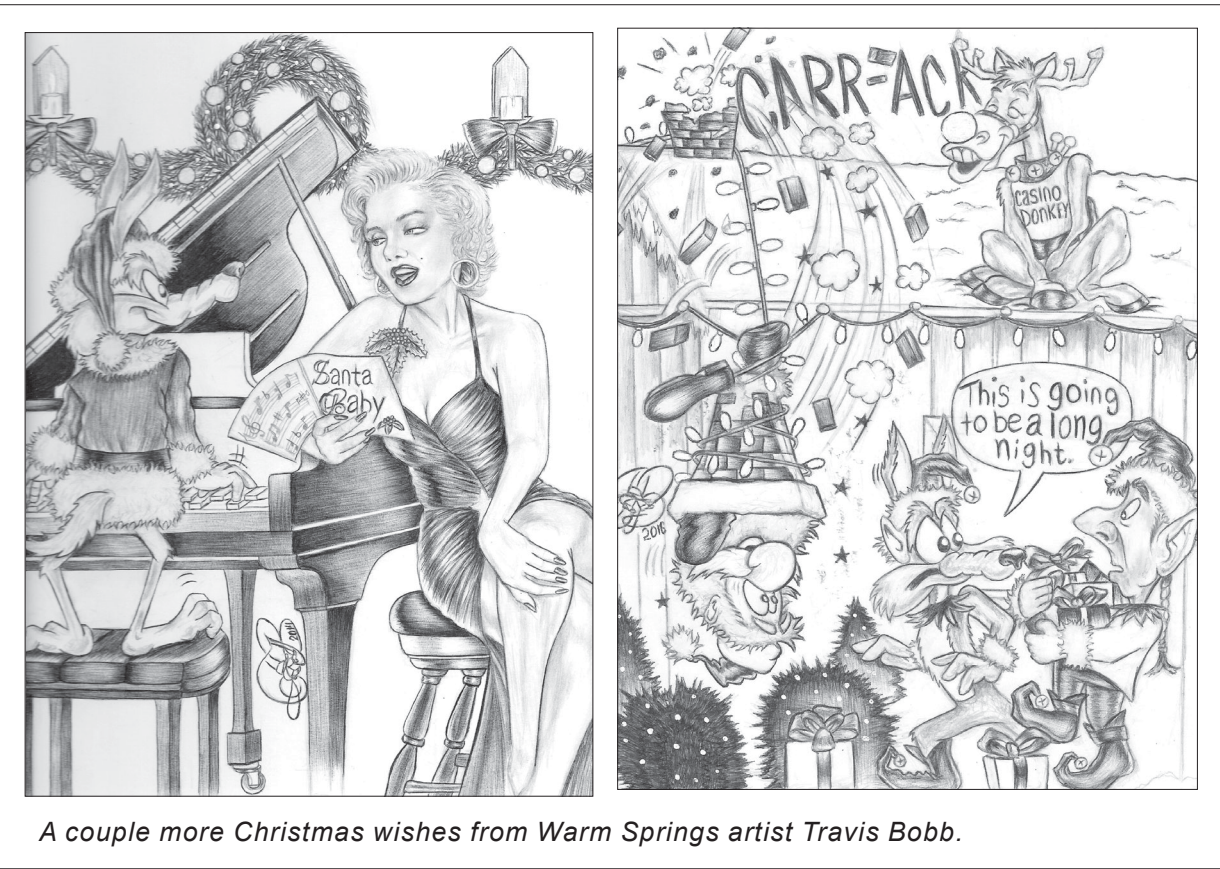
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A couple more Christmas wishes from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

Arrest in Utilities case

Warm Springs police arrested Levi Joshline Jim on warrants, and on suspicion of burglary at tribal Utilities. The case is being referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Jim was wanted on two tribal warrants, a Jefferson County felony warrant and a Washington State warrant.

He is also the primary suspect in the theft of a Ford F350 pickup from Utilities; a utility detector, security system and tools.

Warm Springs Tribal Police Chief Bill Elliott said detectives were in the Upper Dry Creek when they saw Jim, knowing he was wanted on the warrants. As officers tried to contact Jim, he ran but was captured after a brief chase.

Based on the follow-up interview with Jim, and on other evidence, the detectives determined they had enough probable cause to charge him with the theft at tribal Utilities.

Jim's Jefferson County felony warrant was the result of an indictment for multiple burglaries that occurred at businesses in Madras during the month of October.

As the theft from Utilities qualifies as theft or embezzlement from a tribal organization, a federal offense, the case is forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's Office for review of charges.

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(as continued from the December 1 Spilyay)

The month of May saw the approval of the **Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for young people ages 12-15**. The Warm Springs Clinic in May hosted a Youth and Adolescent Covid-19 vaccine event.

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. In preparation, health workers are reaching out by phone to families regarding the interest in getting the household child or children vaccinated.

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April

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

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

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



Courtesy IHS

Indian Health Services and Community Health host a late April 2021 vaccination clinic at Fire Management.

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 hydropanel. The panels harness solar power to condense water from the air.

Portland General Electric in May 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 en-

sure 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.

Happy Birthday to George and Charlie, from Donna and Bubba!



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May

Indian Health Service of Warm Springs reports that among the Confederated Tribes community, as of May 3, IHS had administered 2,347 primary Covid-19 vaccinations. The secondary booster shot number was at 1,965. These are **excellent numbers**, and IHS reported having more than 200 primary doses on hand, as of May 3; plus 127 of the booster shots.

The community in May attended the grand opening of the

Plaza space available

The Plaza at Warm Springs has a suite available on January 1, 2022. The location is on Highway 26 next to Indian Head Casino. The suite is approximately 525 square feet. If you're interested, please email your business plan to: Sandra.Danzuka@wstribes.org Or call 541-553-3565 if you have any questions.

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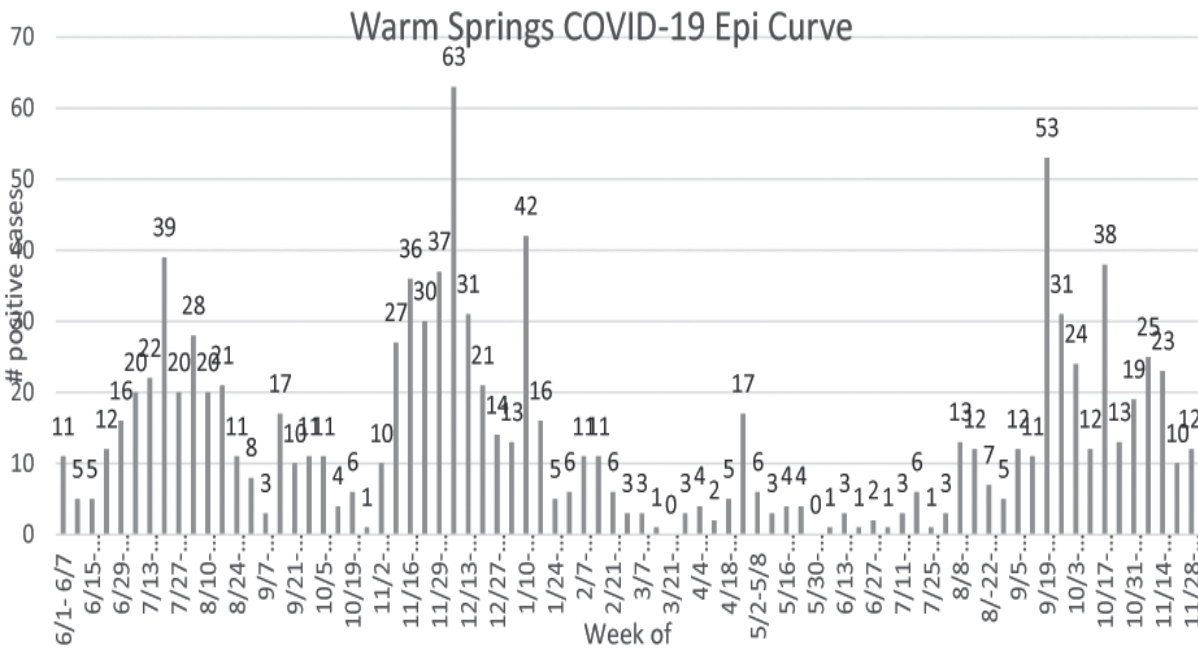
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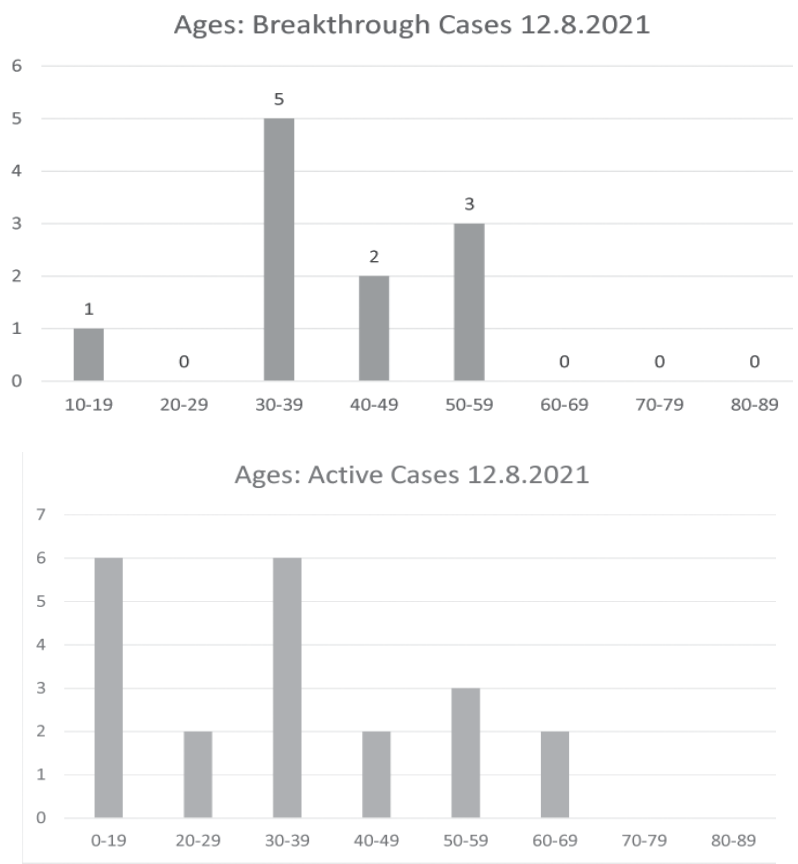
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The above demographic chart shows Covid-19 cases among the tribal community, as updated on December 8 by Indian Health Services, Community Health and the Response Team. *More demographics on page 6.*



A Year in Review ~ 2021 ~

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June

For years now the leadership of the Confederated Tribes has advocated for a new **Warm Springs Jail**. The jail is a BIA facility, so funding at that agency, part of the Department of Interior, has been an obstacle.

Tribal Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti has been a long-time main advocate of the project, emphasizing the need for a safe and reliable jail for tribal law enforcement. The current Warm Springs Jail, built in 1970s, is old and well past its useful life, Chairman Tsumpti has said.

The Department of Interior announced in June that the project will be funded. A new jail is now in the preliminary planning phase, said Police Chief William Elliott. However, the agreement at the Interior Department and BIA to go forward is great news for public safety of the reservation. Elsewhere:

For almost 15 months now since the pandemic began, the basic **traditional ceremonies** of life and passing have been cancelled or very limited, or otherwise potentially dangerous.

Warm Springs Behavioral Health, Prevention, Health and Human Services and partners last week hosted the Grief Conference. The gathering—safely outside on the lawn by Behavioral Health—was possible because of the suc-



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At the Healing from Grief Conference in June 2021, the undertakers are honored for their valued services during the pandemic.

cess of the Tribal-IHS vaccine program.

The two-day conference was a chance to remember those we have lost to the virus, share prayers and words of hope. This was a kind of way to rejoin or restart some traditional social gatherings of the tribes. And this:

In 2000, the membership voted to acquire a one-third ownership interest in the **Pelton Project** from Portland General Electric, with future purchase options available.

In 2021, Tribal Council authorized Power and Water Enterprises to advance notification to PGE that the tribes will exercise an additional purchase option.

June 25 marked the **One-Hun-**

dred and Sixty-Sixth Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1855. For safety reasons the tribes again had to cancel the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow.

On the treaty anniversary day this year, Tribal Council and staff, along with Housing held a giveaway with members arriving at the administration building in vehicles and receiving the gift bags. In other news:

Firefighters of the Confederated Tribes have always been heroes. This is especially true during these days of extreme heat and drought. The Museum at Warm Springs in June opened an exhibit honoring the hero. The new exhibit is *Into the Fray: Native Ameri-*

can Wildland Fire-fighters of Warm Springs and Beyond.

Into the Fray highlights the history and contemporary activities of the brave Native wildland firefighters. Elsewhere:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs maintains its **sovereign immunity** when it comes to lawsuits filed pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act: This was the ruling in June of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Deschutes River Alliance in 2018 filed a lawsuit against the Confederated Tribes and Portland General Electric. The suit alleged that the operation of the selective water intake tower at the Pelton-Round Butte hydro system was violating provisions of the Clean Water Act.

A lower court had ruled in favor of the tribes and PGE, finding the Clean Water Act provisions were flexible enough to accommodate the operation of the intake tower. The Deschutes River Alliance then appealed this decision.

July

The Confederated Tribes and the Bureau of Land Management in July completed a land exchange, helping the tribes improve management of the **Pine Creek wildlife conservation area**. The Bonneville Power Administration supported the project.

In the land exchange, the tribes receive 4,200 acres of land, consolidating the Pine Creek wildlife conservation and mitigation area near the John Day River. The tribes’ Pine Creek property is now adjacent to the newly designated Spring Basin Wilderness Area.

The transaction brings the tribes Pine Creek Conservation Area ownership to 34,012 acres.

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Solar water panel installation, spring 2021, Warm Springs Ventures.

Tribal homelands bill back at Congress in 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Lawmakers are set to approve another round of Indian Country bills, including a long-anticipated yet controversial measure that will help tribes restore their homelands.

Four bills of interest went to the U.S. House of Representatives starting early in December, according to calendar of the Majority Leader. All bill are to be taken up under a suspension of the rules, a process typically used for legislation that’s expected to pass the chamber with bipartisan support.

“We are in a new era,” said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, who is the first Native person to lead the department.

“An era in which we can embrace our identities as Indigenous people and be proud of how much we have accomplished,” said Haaland, who is a citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna. “An era of real opportunities to engage with the federal government.”

After taking office in March,

Haaland restored a legal opinion that helps address a disastrous decision from the U.S. Supreme Court, eliminated a roadblock facing Alaska Natives, and removed procedural hurdles within the Bureau of Indian Affairs. More recently, her department engaged in consultations to protect and restore tribal homelands.

“That effort is a historic opportunity to provide clarity to the land-into-trust process,” Robert McGhee, the vice chair of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, said during the White House Tribal Nations Summit this month.

But the executive branch initiatives are only one part of the strategy, as Indian Country has long sought a permanent fix to the Supreme Court decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*. The ruling has made it more difficult for tribes across the nation to restore their homelands through the land-into-trust process at Interior.

“As you all know, the Supreme Court’s 2009 decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar* has upended the tribal

land-into-trust process for more than a decade,” McGhee said.

Nearly 13 years after *Carcieri*, H.R.4352 provides the fix Indian Country is seeking, and in a bipartisan fashion. The bill, which is sponsored by an equal number of Democrats and Republicans, ensures that all tribes—regardless of the date of their federal recognition—can follow the land-into-trust process.

“Currently, tribes are working on a legislative fix and we would appreciate the administration’s support of these efforts in Congress,” McGhee told Secretary Haaland during a December White House meeting. “That’s another vehicle.”

Carcieri injected uncertainty by requiring tribes to show they were “under federal jurisdiction” as of 1934 in order to restore their homelands. Opponents in Alabama have used the decision against the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, whose federal recognition wasn’t confirmed until 1984, five decades after the date cited in the case.

H.R.4352 resolves the long-run-

ning debate once and for fall by removing the clarifying that “any federally recognized Indian Tribe” can to through the land-into-trust process. And, to resolve any lingering doubts, any trust land acquisitions taken since 2009 are deemed to have been “ratified and confirmed” by Congress, a step that would prevent litigation and other challenges.

“For those of you who do not know us, the Mashpee Wampanoag people have lived in what is now southeastern Massachusetts since time immemorial, and we have been fighting to retain our homelands since our ancestors first welcomed and saved the Pilgrims from starvation,” Chairman Brian Weeden of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe said during a consultation on tribal homelands and last month.

“Despite our continued occupation of these same lands since before European contact, the federal government’s abject failure to protect our rights to our aboriginal territory directly resulted in our tribe

becoming landless and unrecognized,” Weeden said.

But even though the House a few years ago eventually passed the *Carcieri* fix, as well as the bill benefiting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Senate never took up the legislation.

“Taking land into trust is a critical component of the federal government’s trust and treaty obligations to Tribal nations,” Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said following introduction of S.1901.

“Since the Carcieri decision, tribes’ ability to rebuild and protect their homelands and promote economic development on those lands has suffered,” Schatz added. “The Supreme Court’s misguided decision has also increased litigation and created major delays in getting infrastructure projects off the ground. Congress must act to right this wrong. This bipartisan bill does just that, so I look forward to holding a hearing in the Indian Affairs Committee.”

In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

LESLEE HENDERSON, Petitioner, vs CTWS, Respondent; Case No. DO162;163-21. TO: LESLEE HENDERSON:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a NAME CHANGE HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 4:30 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ERICA SERRANO GALVEZ, Respondent; Case No. DO51-12. TO: ERICA SERRANO GALVEZ, WILSON WEWA, JIMMY TOHET JR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

JEREMY HERKSHAN, Petitioner, vs JAMIE BALL, Respondent; Case No. DO30-20. TO: JEREMY HERKSHAN, JAMIE BALL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **19th day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

SIAGIGI HINTSATAKE, Petitioner, vs BENJAMIN HINTSALA, Respondent; Case No. DO07-21. TO: SIAGIGI HINTSATAKE, BENJAMIN HINTSALA:

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 **25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

MARYANN BRITO, Petitioner, vs JESSIE KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. DO154-16; DO111-14. TO: MARYANN BRITO, JESSIE KALAMA, ROSS KALAMA SR. JUANITA KALAMA WHITE ELK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION 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 **27TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs JAYDEAN GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. JV2-11. TO: JAYDEAN GILBERT, TERRINE RABBIE, RON HAGER:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED 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 **27TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHELSEY HEATH, Respondent; Case No. JV82;83-19, JV69-13, JV128-07. TO: VERN HEATH, CHELSEY HEATH, RANDOLPH BOISE JR., CPS, JV PROSECUTION:

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 **19TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MANDY SWITZLER, Respondent; Case No. JV25-13. TO: MARIA MACHIC-HOLLIDAY, MANDY SWITZLER, BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED 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 **25TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

MICHELLE GONZALES,

Petitioner, vs RENEE MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV73-08. TO: MICHELLE GONZALES, RENEE MILLER, ERICK LEAL:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION/ CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **3RD day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

JAIME SCOTT, Petitioner, vs LACE FRANK, Respondent; Case No. JV153-16. TO: JAIME SCOTT, LACE FRANK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MODIFICATION has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **17TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

IDELIA CLOUD, Petitioner vs JARROD YAHTIN-CLOUD, Respondent; Case No. RO57-20. TO: IDELIA CLOUD, JARROD YAHTIN-CLOUD:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **11TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 9:30 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESSIE LAWSON, Respondent; Case No. JV28;29-13. TO: HECTOR SAIZA, REGGIE MEDINA, ESSIE LAWSON, CPS, JV PROSECUTION:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW & SUPERVISED PROBATION REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **31ST day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

EDNA WILLIAMS, Petitioner, vs LOUIS TEWEE JR, Respondent; Case No. DO149-19. TO: EDNA WILLIAMS, LOUIS TEWEE JR.:

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 **3RD day of JANUARY 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

LARRY SCOTT SR., Petitioner f/ CHRISTINE SCOTT, vs JAYDEAN GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. DO155-21. TO: JAYDEAN GILBERT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

LARRY SCOTT SR., Petitioner f/ CHRISTINE SCOTT, vs JUSTIN GILBERT, Respondent; Case No. DO156-21. TO: JUSTIN GILBERT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

RISTY JOHNSON, Petitioner, vs ALLISON MITHCELL-SCHUSTER, Respondent; Case No. JV115-05. TO: KRISTY JOHNSON, ALLISON MITCHELL-SCHUSTER, JASPER SWITZLER:

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 **6TH day of JANUARY, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

LARRY SCOTT SR., Petitioner f/ CHRISTINE SCOTT, vs ALLEN GILBERT III, Respondent; Case No. DO154-21. TO: ALLEN GILBERT III:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ELDER PROTECTION ORDER has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the **11TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LUCILLE POLK, Respondent; Case No. JV15,16,17,18,19,20-21. TO: LUCILLE POLK:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an 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 **12TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

CHANTEL PICARD, Petitioner, vs CAMERON SMITH LUCERO, Respondent; Case No. DO31-21. TO: CHANTEL PICARD, CAMERON SMITH LUCERO:

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 **17TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

LATASHA VILLA, Petitioner, vs VERNON WINISHUT, Respondent; Case No. DO24-10. TO: VERNON WINISHUT, LATASHA VILLA:

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 **24TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs PATRICE SPINO, Respondent; Case No. JV4-21. TO: PATRICE SPINO:

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 JANUARY 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs TANAYA HUNT, Respondent; Case No. DO91-20. TO: TANAYA HUNT, BLAKE WEASELHEAD, SYLVANIA RUSSELL-BROISBOIS, TIFANY HUNT:

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 **24TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

MICHELE GONZALES, Petitioner, vs JAYCE ALLEN, RENEE MILLER, Respondent; Case No. DO10-21. TO: MICHELE GONZALES,

JAYCE ALLEN, RENEE MILLER:

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 **26TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDNA WINISHUT, Respondent; Case No. JV43-11. TO: NELLIE TANEWASHA, EDNA WINISHUT:

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 **26TH day of FEBRUARY 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

CTWS, Petitioner, vs IVY WALLULATUM, Respondent; Case No. JV113-14. TO: IVY WALLULATUM:

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 **18TH day of JANUARY 2022 @ 11:00 AM**

PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of **George Clements Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR08. To Georgette Clements, Meleah Clements-Krugle, Kayleen Clements, Jennifer Clements, Justine Clements, Merle Kirk, Matthew Clements Jr., George D. Clements:** You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for **March 3, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

In the matter of the estate of **Liza M. LeClaire, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR23.** Notice is hereby given that Liza M. LeClaire, who at the time of her death last known residence was 6510 Highway 3, MP7, Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 2nd day of May, 2021 and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of

Omicron variant now in Oregon

Oregon’s first three cases of Omicron-variant Covid-19 have been confirmed in Washington and Multnomah counties. Oregon Health & Science University Laboratory conducted the sequencing that detected the variant on December 13.

“We recognize this news is concerning to many people,”

To veterans

*To all tribal veterans,
I have eight food gift cards for Christmas dinner—four for \$25, and four for \$50, depending on family size. First come first serve. Requesting proof of being a veteran.*

Frankie Williams,
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Veterans Service Office, 541-460-0605.

Partick P. Kalama, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR10.

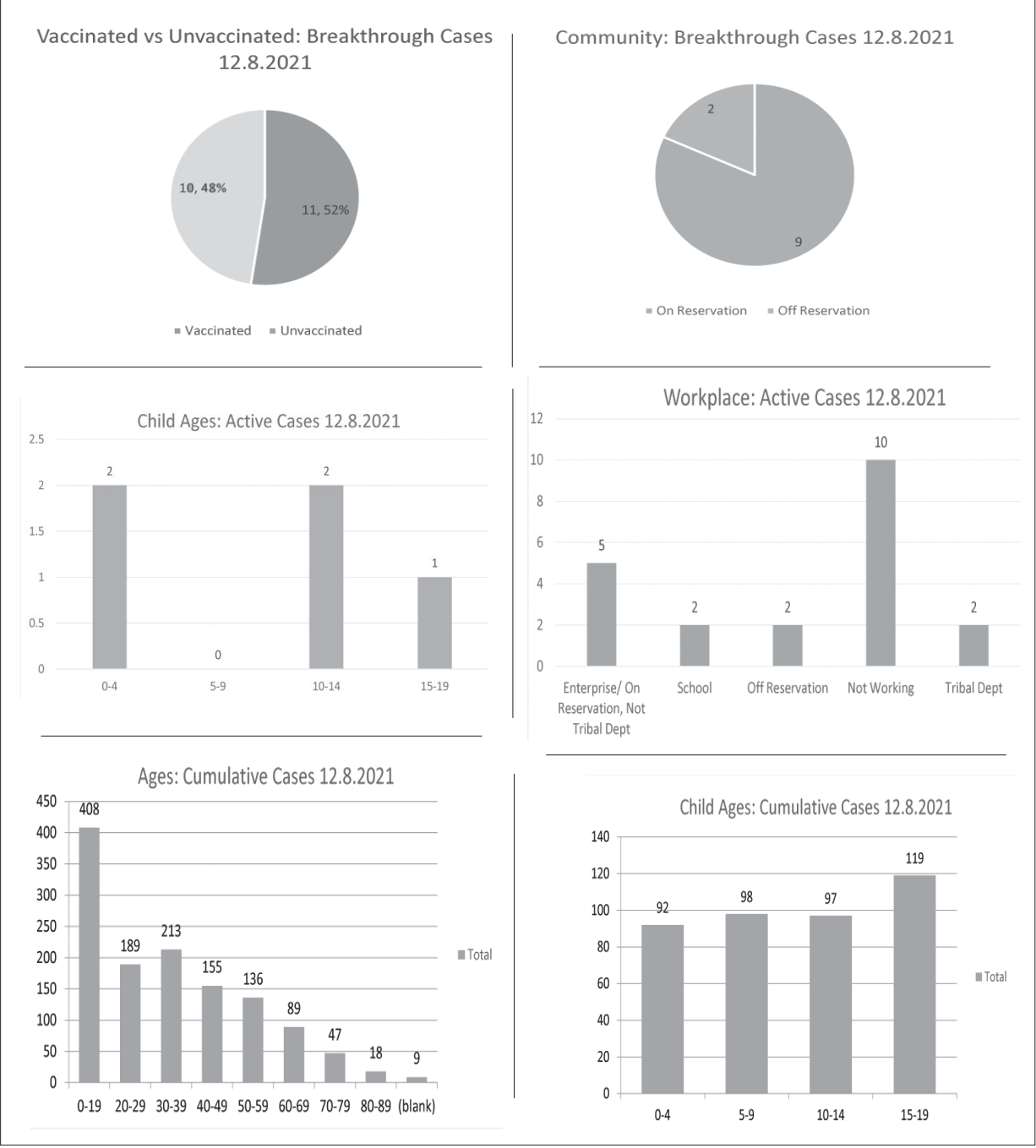
Notice is hereby given that Patrick P. Kalama, who at the time of death last known residence was 2305 Hollywood Blvd., Apt. A, Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 21st day of February, 2020, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of **Evaline Patt, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR14.** Notice is hereby given that Evaline Patt, who at the time of her death last known residence was 8240 County Line Rd., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 15th day of March 2020, and the court appointed William Patt as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of **Luther Clements, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2021-PR06.** Notice is hereby given that Luther Clements, who at the time of his death last known residence was 2760 E. Spur, Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 16th day of January 2021, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

In the matter of the estate of **Barbara L. Jim, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2020-PR07.** Notice is hereby given that Barbara L. Jim, who at the time of her death last known residence was 6608 Webster Flat Rd., Warm Springs OR 97761, died on the 12th day of February 2020, and the court appointed Valerie Squiemphen as public administrator.

Covid-19 case demographics among the tribal community: 12-8-21



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June

The tribes, the Oregon Department of Transportation and contractors are five months into the **Highway 26 Safety Project**. Some of the new safety features—the pedestrian path along the highway and rock-fall work, for instance—are taking shape.

The work began in early March after a few years of tribal planning and funding work with state lawmakers and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The \$6.5 million project is scheduled for completion in late October or early November.

July

The Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo returned in July after a year off because of covid.

One of the great things that happened at the fair this year was TeShaun D. Yazzie winning the **2021 Grand Champion Market Poultry Prize**. TeShaun is the son of Trevern Yazzie. He wishes to thank his 4-H coach Amy Hamilton, who encouraged him to join the club and raise the prize poultry. And thank you to buyer, Haystack Farm & Feed.

This is the second year in row that TeShaun, 13, has won the County Fair Grand Champion Poultry Prize. *Great job and Congratulations, TeShaun!*

Tribal Council appointed Glendon N. Smith as the **Secretary-Treasurer** of the Confederated Tribes. Councilman Smith takes over the S-T duties from Michele Stacona, who will be staying on for some time during the transition.

Mr. Smith, on his first Tribal Council term, served previously as S-T in 2015-16 before returning to the Tribal Court as an Associate Judge. He had served previously as a Tribal Court Judge from 2008 to 2015, for a total of nearly 10 years as Judge.



The Eugene Cougar Greene American Legion Family #48 and the Confederated Tribes hosted the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Parade in August 2021, honoring veterans, especially those the men and women who served in the Armed Forces during the years 1955-1975.

Glendon was elected to Council in 2019 as a representative of the Agency District.

As the **new school year** begins in September, masks will be required for students, teachers and anyone else inside of a school building.

This will apply at all schools of the Jefferson County 509-J district, including the Warm Springs Academy.

As partners at the Academy, the school district left the mask-mandate decision to the tribes. Based on updated covid safety guidelines of Tribal Council, regarding masking in all tribal buildings, the mandate applies at the Academy.

Following recent developments in meeting the ongoing challenge

of the Covid-19 pandemic, the tribes' Response Team in July recommended **new safety measures**. Tribal Council then approved the recommendation.

Effective immediately, the protocol again applies to all tribal buildings, enterprises and the community. Factors leading to the enhanced safety measures are concern about the low overall vaccination rate, especially for young people; and the strength of current Covid-19 variants.

August

Last year due to covid restrictions, **Indian Head Casino** missed the opportunity to celebrate the



This was a typical scene along the highway through Warm Springs during much of 2021, the ODOT-Tribal Safety Corridor project.

2021: A victory over the Huntington scandal

The Treaty of 1855, signed on June 25 of that year, has always been the only recognized and enforceable treaty between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the United States. And the treaty clearly recognizes the tribal members' rights to off-reservation hunting, fishing and gathering at all usual and accustomed places on the vast Ceded Lands.



Shortly after the signing of the treaty, Indian people fishing along the Columbia River and other areas of the Ceded Lands—as they had done from time immemorial—became a source jealousy and irritation to settlers of the region. The settlers brought their grievance to then-superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Oregon, J.W. Perit Huntington.

In response, Huntington was able to obtain a 'supplemental treaty.' This document, from 1865, purported to relinquish off-reservation rights recognized by the 1855 Treaty; and to confine Indians to the reservation without written BIA permission to leave.

From its inception, the 1865 document has been viewed as a fraud:

Neither party to the Treaty of 1855—the tribes or the United States—has ever viewed the Huntington scandal as legal. And yet over the decades it remained 'on the books.'

Finally, last year the federal government officially nullified the Huntington document. Former Congressman Greg Walden introduced the nullification legislation in 2019. U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden sponsored the bill in the Senate, with support of Gov. Kate Brown. And it passed in October 2020, signed by then-Pres. Trump.

In August of this year the Tribal Council and staff hosted a gathering to officially mark the nullification. On hand for the event, Sen. Merkley explained that he first learned of the tribes' treaty history 20 or so years ago, when Governmental Affairs director Louie Pitt invited him to Pi-Ume-Sha. And since that time, the senator has always been in support of the Huntington nullification. Senator Wyden, Gov. Brown and others also sent the tribes their best wishes on the 2021 celebration occasion.

August

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the casino. So this year Indian Head in August is celebrating this milestone anniversary.

The original Indian Head Casino opened its doors in 1995. At the time the casino was at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. And at the time there were up to 70 to 90 casino employees. Today, Indian Head employs between 165 and 185.

The casino relocated to its current Highway 26 location in February of 2012, to be more accessible to passing travelers.

ber, students returned to class—the **first fall term since 2019**. All of the schools were following the safety rules, masking, distancing, no parents or other non-staff allowed in the buildings. Still, it was good to have everyone back for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Flu vaccines this month arrived at the Warm Springs clinic, and tribal and IHS health workers are at work administering the doses.

You can get the seasonal flu shot at the clinic, while health workers are also hosting community events offering easy access to this year's flu vaccination.

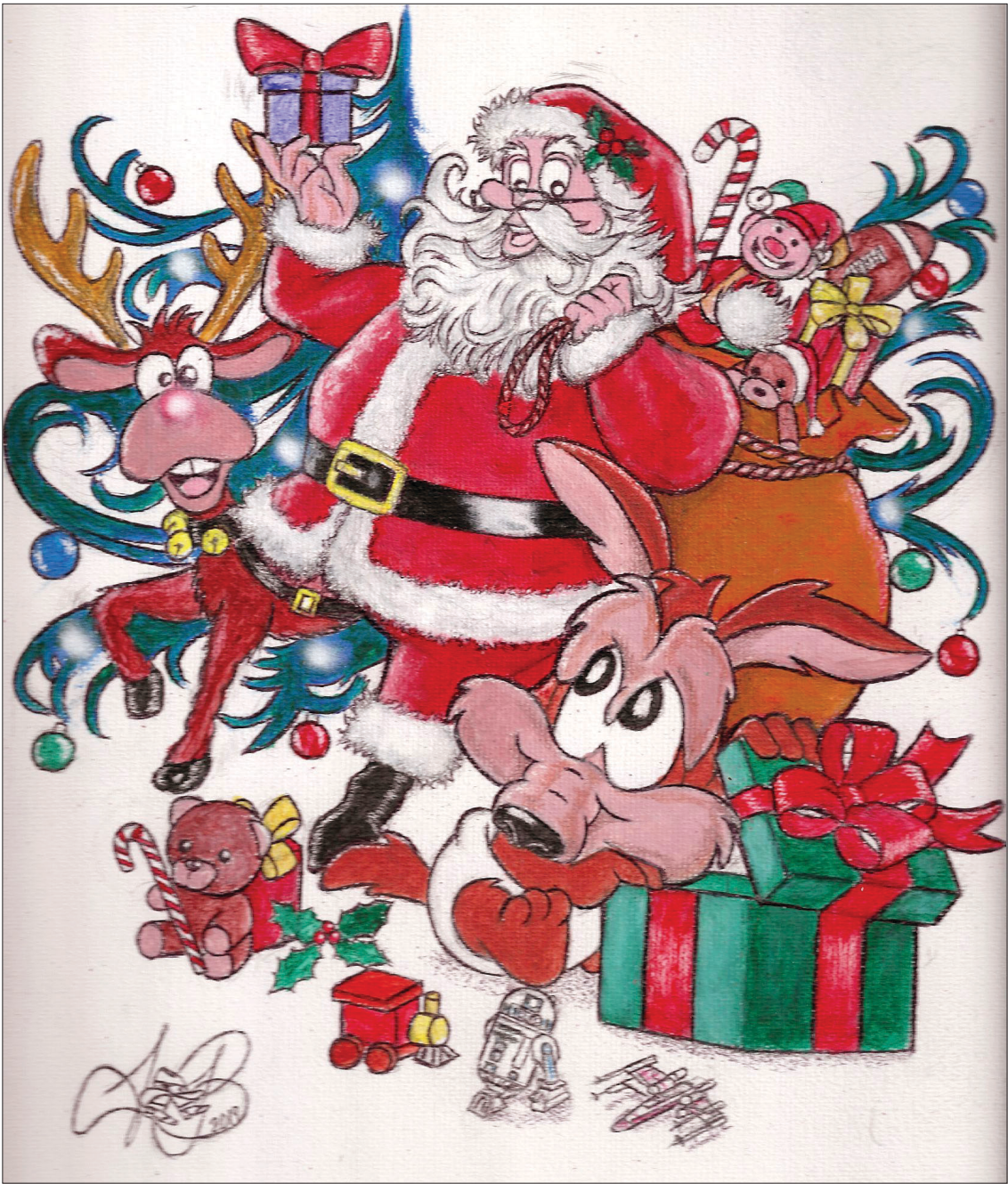
The Tribal Council and staff have developed a draft **2022 budget** for the organization, with a bottom line of \$16,627,983. This is \$323,142 above the current year budget expenditures of \$16,304,841.

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And the first week of Septem-



A very Merry Christmas to the people of Warm Springs, from Travis Bobb.



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2017 Dodge Journey - 98,214 miles - \$16,995 #48707A

2015 Chevrolet Silverado - 95,264 miles - \$46,995 #58388

2015 GMC Terrain - 93,779 miles - \$19,995 #30585A

2015 Dodge Journey - 104,740 miles - \$15,995 #07407A

2014 Hyundai Elantra - 116,587 miles - \$11,995 #C0143

2014 Ford Fusion - 118,473 miles - \$13,995 #75693B

2013 Kia Optima - 109,395 miles - \$12,995 #75693W

2013 GMC Sierra - 132,922 miles - \$24,995 #P2087A

Madras High School Theater cast of the recent production of *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Removal of Condit Dam shows Snake River dams should go, too

from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

This fall marks the tenth anniversary of the removal of the Condit Dam, and the liberation of the White Salmon River in south-central Washington.

The resurgence of salmon and steelhead in the White Salmon also highlights the importance of removing Lower Snake River dams, as Northwest leaders are currently contemplating.

After Condit Dam was removed, salmon returned and the river came back to life.

Biologists from the Yakama Nation's Fisheries program have observed adult salmon and steelhead in the White Salmon River above the former dam site.

This is what the Creator intended: For our sacred salmon to spawn and rear throughout the clear, cold waters of the White Salmon, and replenish the watershed with their life-giving nutrients.

Recovery is also possible for Snake River salmon and steelhead—if we remove the four dams currently pushing these fish to extinction. In the ten years since Condit Dam removal, we have witnessed salmon and steelhead recolonizing long dormant mainstem reach and tributaries.

Similar recovery is possible in the Snake, if we give these fish a chance.

Picking up bikes for student donations in the U-Haul were Lennox Picard, Vernon Squiemphen, Randy Walls, LaDonna Squiemphen and Marci Picard. The first bike distribution for student attendance improvement will be this Friday, December 17.

Another Christmas Wish from Travis Bobb.

The Second Annual Papalaxsimisha Virtual Gingerbread House Contest will be accepting pictures of your Gingerbread House through this Friday, December 17. Post your photo to Facebook with the hashtag: #PapalaxsimishaGBHC and you will be entered into a drawing for prizes on December 18.

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