

## Community update

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center on Tuesday of this week reported 23 new cases of Covid-19 in the community. This was out of 119 tests conducted.

The number added to the number of positive cases—99 at time—in the community on late Monday. This was down from an earlier spike that saw more than 140 positive cases, which in part prompted the current tribal and Academy shutdowns.

By Tuesday of this week, 42 close contacts were receiving daily monitoring. There were six positive tests reported from outside facilities among Warm Springs tribal members.

With the tribes, other communities across the U.S. and world are also experiencing the current post-holiday, Omicron wave of covid. One positive note is that the vaccinations—the initial doses plus the booster—are effective in preventing serious covid illness, hospitalization and death.

### Vaccinations

Vaccines are saving lives, and they are keeping people out of the hospital, said Hyllis Dauphinais, Clinic chief executive officer. Vaccinations are the primary way to bring the Covid-19 pandemic under control.

You can call the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center during business hours to schedule an appointment for your initial dose, your booster, or to arrange a vaccination for your child.

The number to call is 541-553-2131.

Health professionals are now recommending the booster dose for people ages 12 and over.

### Testing update

The Warm Springs Clinic Health and Wellness Center has conducted a total of 18,126 covid tests since testing became available in 2020.

Over that time, a total of 1,333 have returned positive among community members. An additional 179 positive tests have come from outside facilities. Combined, that is a total of 1,512 positive covid cases among the tribal community since the pandemic began.

As of earlier this week, two tribal members were hospitalized with Covid-19.

### Precautions

Please continue to follow the tribal Covid-19 protocol: Take precautions by wearing a face mask and maintaining distance from others, and please get vaccinated. And during the current wave, the booster is more important than ever. Some of the specific protocol provisions on the reservation:

- Wear a face mask in public places.
- Maintain social distance from other people.
- If you have covid symptoms, please stay home.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have Covid-19:

- Fever or chills, and cough. Loss of sense of taste or smell.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Fatigue, muscle and body aches.
- Headache and sore throat. Congestion or runny nose. Nausea or vomiting, etc.

## Tribes, Academy on temporary shutdown

An early January spike in Covid-19 cases in the tribal community has prompted a temporary shut-down of the tribal organization. At one point last week the Covid-19 count in the community reached 145 cases, “So there is a need to slow down our positive case numbers immediately,” Secretary-Treasurer and Councilman Glendon Smith said in the January 7 announcement.

The closure recommendation comes from the Covid-19 Response Team, including the Indian Health Service, tribal Health and Human Services, Community Health and Emergency Response.

Employees of essential ser-

vices—such as law enforcement, fire and safety, Utilities and essential health, for instance—remain at work.

This is similar to the events of spring 2020, when the virus first appeared in the community. In 2020 the covid shut-down began on March 30, with an idea of re-opening in mid April. Unfortunately, with no vaccine yet available at that time, the organization shutdowns lasted through much of the year, along with school closures.

The difference this year is that most people in the community are vaccinated against covid, and many have been boosted. This greatly reduces the risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death. The vaccines and boosters are effective against the recent wave of the

Omicron covid variant, the booster especially so:

Blood samples taken a month after a booster showed people harbored levels of omicron-neutralizing antibodies that were similar to amounts proven protective against earlier variants after two doses. “The emergence of Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters,” according to a January U.S. Centers for Disease Control report.

Because of a staffing shortage due to the current wave, Indian Head Casino also had to close to the public. The current tribal organization shutdown calls for the return to regular work on Monday, January 17. Listen to KWSO 91.9 for the latest updates.

### Academy closure

The Warm Springs Academy also closed this week because of the increase in cases throughout the community. The school district board made this decision as a partner and in cooperation with the Confederated Tribes, said district superintendent Jay Mathisen.

The goal of the district is to keep all schools open, and this has been successful since the beginning of the school year 2021-22. However, in the present circumstances:

“In partnership with the Confederated Tribes, 509-J has deferred to Tribal Council and their Covid-19 taskforce for protocols to protect individuals against covid throughout the pandemic on tribal lands,” Mr. Mathisen said.

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## New jail project now in siting phase

The team working on the Warm Springs Jail project have identified a potential preferred site for the future facility. The site is lot along Highway 3, up the grade from 26, by the Media Center on the way to the industrial park.

The project is in the early planning phase, and Tribal Council will review the proposed preferred site before any final decision, said Nancy Seyler, Public Safety acting general manager.

The facility will be funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs—Department of the Interior.

The tribal leadership has been advocating for a new tribal jail for about a decade. Last summer Interior announced the project will be funded. The announcement came after Starla Greene, Corrections Lieutenant, made extensive documentation of the problems at the former jail, which is no longer in use, located by the Police station and Dispatch.

Ms. Greene’s documentation demonstrates that a new facility is warranted, as addressing the needed improvements at the existing facility would be impractical.



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The field along Highway 3 by the Media Center and industrial park, a preferred site for the new jail.

The current Warm Springs Jail was built in 1970s, and is past its lifespan, said Bill Elliott, Warm Springs Chief of Police.

The tribes contract with the Norcor corrections facility at The Dalles to house inmates beyond the time of initial arraignment. The BIA also funds the Norcor contract. The drive is 70 miles each way, which is impractical, and another factor pointing to the need of a new Warm Springs facility.

After BIA-Interior last year in-

dictated a new facility would be a funding priority, Ms. Greene and Chief Elliott worked with Ms. Seyler of Public Safety, and James Halliday, Land Services Officer, Land Use and others.

The team has considered a number of sites. Based on the preliminary architecture plans for the new facility, the infrastructure needs and accessibility, the team identified the Highway 3 lot as the potential preferred site. The jail will be a 60-unit facility. A final site decision

would be pending Council review and approval, Ms. Seyler said. Representatives from BIA-Interior will also visit and review the options, she said.

The funding for the facility, including the needed infrastructure improvements, will come through the Department of the Interior—Facilities Management and Construction—Indian Affairs Office.

— Dave McMechan

## Clinic changes for check-in, pick-up, lab visits

The Warm Springs Clinic is working to safely move the outdoor operations back inside.

To keep patients and staff safe, the clinic staff will continue to take the following actions:

- Screening—All patients must enter through main entrance, that is, the Green Tent area.
- Full masking—The mask must cover the mouth and nose at all times.
- Safe distancing—The clinic will need to limit the number of people in waiting areas.
- Hand hygiene—Sanitizer will be located throughout the clinic.

### Call before you come in:

Schedule your appointment for medical, dental, optometry or Community Health programs.

Walk-in appointments may be restricted or unavailable.



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Edison Yazzie, Tribal maintenance, by the Clinic Green Tent area.

- Call Medical Nursing at 541-553-2610 to verify lab orders are ready.
- Please call the clinic at 541-553-1196, or the re-fill hotline at 541-553-2475 to ask for refills and to check on your medications before you come to the clinic.
- Please come inside to your appointment alone. One person

may accompany those needing assistance such as elders, minors, disabled or those needing wheelchair assistance.

### When you arrive:

You do not have to stop at the entry gate. Follow signs to patient parking area

For any appointment, go to the

main entrance—the Green Tent—for screening and check-in.

- Medication pick-up: To avoid an over-crowded waiting area, please call Pharmacy at 541-419-4371 from your car.

If you do not have a car or phone access, please check in at the Green Tent before you enter the building. You will be asked to wait in your car or in the Green Tent waiting area until a room is open for medication pick up. Contact us with comments and suggestions: Shawnetta Yahtin, Patient Experience specialist, 541-553-2487; or any clinic administrator at 541-553-1196.

*Thank you in advance for your help and patience as we work through this change to return to more normal operations.*

**The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.**



## Council seeks to fill Election, Counting board positions

The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes seeks to fill positions on the tribal Elections and Counting boards. The tribal member positions are:

One Counting Board member; and one Election Board alternate.

The candidate should be community oriented, and possess a positive rapport with the community.

The candidate must have an interest in the tribal culture and heritage; and understanding and appreciation of and capability to interpret the traditional activities of the community. And the candidate should possess some understanding of the tribal organization and functions.

If the candidate is an employee of the Confederated Tribes, the person should have the approval

of the supervisor to serve on the board. The approval should be submitted with the application.

If you are interested in serving, letters of interest and resume should be submitted no later than January 18, 2022. You can drop off at the tribal administration building, addressed to Glendon Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.

Or send by mail to Glendon Smith, S-T; PO box 455, Warm springs OR 97761. Or submit by email:

[gsmith@wstribes.org](mailto:gsmith@wstribes.org)

Please sign a criminal background check:

Forms are available at the Management area at administration; or can be mailed to you.

Information will be submitted confidentially to the Secretary-Treasurer.

## SHUTDOWN

“In alliance with Warm Springs and the Task Force recommendation, there will be no school for students attending the K-8 Academy through Friday, January 14.”

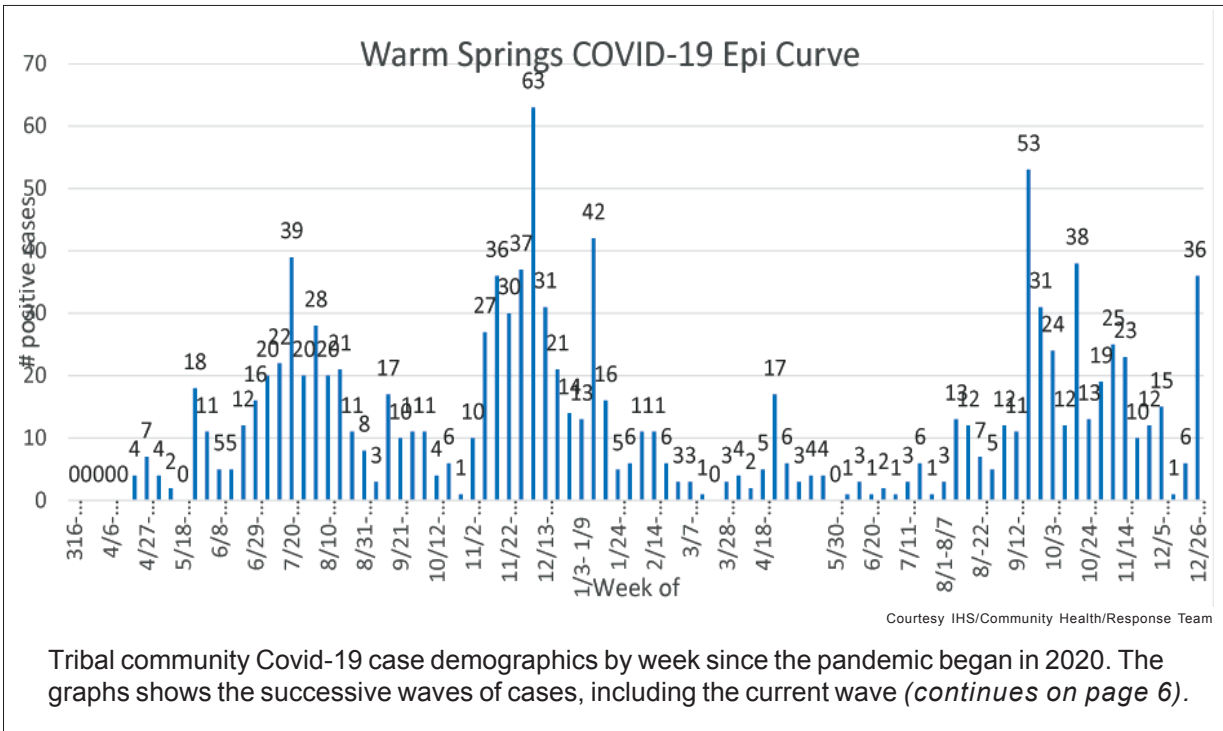
The decision to close the school down was not made lightly, Mr. Mathisen said, adding:

“Current numbers of covid-related absences for students and staff are not driving this decision. We are making this decision as good partners with the tribes while they take precautionary measures to slow the spread of the

highly contagious Omicron variant.”

Last school year, 2020-21, saw the extended closures of the schools of the district, requiring distance learning. Shorter closures—a week, for instance—would not require this approach.

The teachers can make assignments for the closure days, keeping in touch with students as the week progresses. Without question, Mathisen said, the goal of the district is to have in-person learning in the classroom throughout the school year.



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## 2022 SCHEDULE

- ★ Winona LaDuke – February 1
- ★ Examining Inequalities in Central Oregon – February 22
- ★ Black History Month Events – February
- ★ Inequity in Healthcare – March 3
- ★ Climate Justice as Freedom – March 10
- ★ And More!

Winona LaDuke  
FEBRUARY 1

Julie Sze  
MARCH 10

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In advance of College events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability should contact Caitlyn Gardner at 541.383.7237. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Disability Services at 541.383.7583.

## WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET VACCINATED.

COVID fatigue is the biggest threat to keeping Oregon schools open and kids safe this winter. But, getting vaccinated is just one of 11 health and safety measures we can take to protect what’s most important. Find out more at [Oregon.gov/readyschools](https://Oregon.gov/readyschools).









Letters to the editor

From the W.S. IHS Pharmacy

The Warm Springs Indian Health Service Pharmacy has moved back inside the clinic. Pharmacy hours are 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., closed for lunch at noon. They ask that folks:

- Call before coming, 541-553-1196; or the refill hotline, 541-553-2475 to ask for refills. Please check on your medications before coming to the clinic. Refill requests will not be accepted inside the clinic.

- Check in when you arrive: Call 541-419-4371. Or if you have no phone check in at the Green Tent before you enter the building. You should wait in your car or in the Green Tent waiting area until a room is open for medication pick up.

**The Warm Springs IHS Pharmacy.**

Great for youth

Dear Warm Springs Families and Community,

You may know someone 16 to 24 years old who needs extra support in school, or maybe wants to gain work experience in construction, or child and youth development.

With YouthBuild, the student can earn a paycheck, and a scholarship for college or trade school. Applications for this program are due January 25.

Heart of Oregon Corps' YouthBuild program may be the right fit for the young person you have in mind.

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is a registered BOLI—the Bureau of Labor and Industries—pre-apprenticeship program for the construction trades.

Young people will leave our program with their core construction certification; or Child and Youth Care Certificate. They earn one of these, plus an OSHA 10 Safety Certificate, CPR and First Aid and Food Handler's Certificate—All while gaining valuable work experience in one of the fields.

In the construction field youth will be building, repairing and renovating homes, and learning apprenticeship skills.

In the field of Child and Youth Development, they will be working in childcare facilities—assisting teachers and learning positive youth development skills and practices.

All youth will work towards earning service hours towards an AmeriCorps

Education Award and Scholarship for college or vocational school.

Apply by January 25. Upcoming introductory sessions are set for this Thursday, January 13; and the following Thursday, January 20; and Tuesday, January 25.

The introduction is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the YouthBuild home office: 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters. All interested applicants must attend one pre-enrollment session.

Virtual pre-enrollment sessions are available by appointment: Call 541-526-1380.

Sessions can be held at YouthBuild partner sites upon request: Call the number above.

The Mental Toughness Orientation begins January 31. See the website: heartoforegon.org

Sincerely, **HOC YouthBuild.**

Action Team tax help

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will be offering Tax Aide again this year. You can schedule an appointment for February by calling 541-553-3148.

The service will be drop off and pick up so you will need to gather everything needed for your income taxes and then drop it off on your appointment date.

Tribal law

Karnopp Petersen is the long-time firm representing among its clients The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

This month, Karnopp Petersen merged with Best Best & Krieger. The combined firm will continue to be known as Best Best & Krieger. This merger is right for many reasons, including our complimentary practices and culture, and aligned views on client service, community, diversity, work ethic and more.

The combination provides the firm's public and private sector clients with new resources, greater bench strength and expanded geographical reach. Clients will benefit from the many firm synergies across key practice areas, including business, energy, environmental, health care, real estate, trusts and estates, and more. Additionally, BB&K expands its services with the addition of Karnopp Petersen's widely respected Native American Law practice. **BB&K**

Howlak Tichum

Catherine Ann Katchia Tul-puh – Chit-si-ak ~ 1957-2021

Catherine Ann Katchia Tul-puh-Chit-si-ak—Cassie, as she preferred to be called—was born in Redmond to Prosanna Tohet Katchia and Cyrus Katchia. She was the sixth of seven children.

Her parents, older brother Daniel Katchia, and older sister Sharon Katchia preceded her in death. She left an only child James Ray Katchia, and siblings John Katchia, Louise Katchia, Lyle Katchia and William Katchia; and four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her working life began in Sandy, each summer on a berry picking farm, where her family and others from Warm Springs lived for the berry season. Fondest memories were on the ranch at the end of Upper Dry Creek valley with her grandparents, parents and lots of cousins. Helping from childhood with all the cousins with the cattle and horses. At the ranch and the Agency Longhouse Cassie began the lifelong 'Way Of Life' that our people live with every day.

This developed the strong roots and commitment that led to her being appointed as our Leader of the Agency Longhouse, by our late Wasco Chief, Udwai Nelson Wallulatum, Udwai Bernice Mitchell and Udwai Adeline Miller. Cassie maintained

this leadership until her death, calling her sister and others from her hospital bed to make sure certain things were taken care of in the traditional manner for Feasts and other spiritual ceremonies.

As a child, her maternal grandfather Udwai Alex Tohet encouraged his children to send his grandchildren to the Warm Springs Baptist Church, to learn the Bible teachings. After the church services were over, they all went to the Agency Longhouse to finish Sunday services in our traditional way.

She graduated from Madras High School in 1975 and flew off to college in Kansas with her cousin and best friend. They both later returned and enrolled at Central Oregon Community College to continue their college education.

In high school she enjoyed playing volleyball with Mr. Wiles as her coach. She was an active member of the Native American Club, that was earlier established, in 1970-1971, at the high school, and for a week the club shared a lot of fun things about our Native culture: Tipi set up race, Stick Game, Pow Wow and of course a traditional meal.

Back then there was no Little League softball, so Cassie played with the Warm Springs Bravettes Fast Pitch Softball Team, and travelled many places to compete in tournaments. They went to Portland twice a week for league games in the summer.

As a COCC student in

the early '80s she began work for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Finance Department. This led to a permanent position, and she broke into her job fast because it was time for the annual audit.

The Confederated Tribes was the first to establish a Joint Venture Project with the U.S. Department of Defense-Veterans Affairs/Department of Health and Human Services, and built the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. The tribe provided the building and Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service provided the funding for its operation, with doctors, nurses, support staff for medical, dental, vision care, etc. for its service area.

When Udwai Kenneth Smith was the assistant director of the Department of Interior, he laid the groundwork for establishing this joint venture relationship. In 1994 Cassie was assigned as the Joint Venture Budget Analyst to monitor the federal appropriations to make sure that the money allocated for Warm Springs stayed in Warm Springs.

She took training in Washington, DC for the federal appropriations, and learned the law that goes with the funding. She showed our IHS Service Unit director Russ Alger at that time, that the IHS Regional Office could not pull back any unspent appropriation of funds back to the Regional Office, proving that all funds appropriated to Warm Springs, stayed in

Warm Springs.

She worked until her retirement in 2018. Being an advocate for promoting Our Way of Life and healthy living, she coordinated the New Year's Eve Safe Night Out, which offers families a night of games, activities and snacks. She organized all holiday meals and events at the Agency Longhouse for the community to partake in.

When the Warm Springs Nation Little League was established, Cassie was on the board to support all our children involved. Actively involved with her grandchildren's lives, she enjoyed watching Little League games, taking them to the State Fair, attending school activities and watching news with them. She was very disciplined about keeping up with all news, reading newspapers, watching CNN throughout the day.

Being a descendent of the original founders of the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Pow Wow, she was the committee's treasurer-vendor boss-organizer. The work for this annual commemoration of our Treaty of 1855 begins each year in March or April, gathering tipi poles, until the last day of the Pow Wow.

When she had down time, she kept busy stringing beads, fringing shawls and spending time with family. She was a mother of one, grandmother to many and teacher of all. She will be truly missed.

Josiah George Thompson ~ 1990-2021

Josiah George Thompson, age 31 years old, passed away on December 20, 2021 in Warm Springs, Oregon.

Josiah is survived by: His two young children Josephine and Jevon Thompson. Mother to children Emily Seidaman. His father Curtis Thompson Sr., and mother Sarah Frank. Brothers Curtis Thompson Jr., Devon Thompson, Bavis Thompson and Kanet Wolfe Jr. And grandparents Calvin and Barbara Poncho.

He has numerous family members in both Warm Springs and Nixyaawii. Josiah was preceded in death by paternal grandparents Leland Sr. and Deanna Thompson, and his maternal grandparents Elvis Frank and Carol

Burke.

Josiah grew up in Warm Springs until age 17 when his family moved to Pendleton, where he graduated from Pendleton High School. Josiah also attended Walla Walla Community College.

As a Youth Worker, Josiah worked all four years at the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Pro Shop.

As an adult Josiah worked at Wildhorse Resort & Casino at the Golf Shop, Theatre and Custodian Department. His last job was at Brightwood in Madras.

Josiah enjoyed being a father, playing golf, fishing, riding horses and skateboarding.

As a child Josiah was both a Traditional Dancer and Grass Dancer at Powwows.

Throughout his life he attended Living Hope Christian Center, Warm Springs Full Gospel, Warm Springs Baptist Church, and Mission Assembly of God churches.

Josiah learned to play golf his freshman year and put his heart into the game. He led Pendleton High School to State in 2008.

He also played for Team Oregon at the National Indigenous Games in Denver Colorado in 2006, and Cowichan British Columbia in Canada 2007, where he earned a Silver and a Bronze Medals. (These medals were recently stolen from West Hills. The family would greatly appreciate them returned).

Josiah also represented Team Oregon in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June 2007.

Dressing service took place at Living Hope Chris-

tian Center in Madras. Family took him back to the Umatilla Indian Reservation, where he was buried at the Agency Cemetery. Carlos Calica officiated Traditional service in Madras.

Pastor Brigham Brown shared a message at Living Hope. Grandfather Fred Hilll officiated Traditional burial services on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Josiah was remembered as a quiet, respectful, hard working young man who loved his son and daughter and didn't speak bad about others.

He was loved by many and will be missed greatly.

(Please note: Any information regarding the medals can be sent to: sarahfrank3170@gmail.com)

Most important now to get your flu vaccine

Flu is still circulating, and you still have time to get protected against it.

Health professionals anticipate an increase in flu activity over the coming months. This is because low flu activity last year means less community protection this year, plus we don't have the restrictions we had last year—kids are in school and businesses are open.

But there is still time to get vaccinated against the flu,

and you can often get flu and Covid-19 vaccinations at the same time.

Getting vaccinated against both is important, especially for people at higher risk of illness, such as children and pregnant people.

CDC recommendations for the current flu season:

- Get a flu vaccine as soon as possible. There's still time to protect yourself from the flu this season. A vaccination is the best tool

for preventing the flu and can reduce the risk of hospitalization and death associated with flu.

- Take everyday preventive actions that can help reduce the spread of germs, including flu.

- Stay home when sick. Cover coughs and sneezes. Wash your hands often.

Although the CDC does not recommend wearing a face mask to protect you from getting flu, wearing a

face mask is recommended to protect you and others against Covid-19 at this time.

If you develop flu symptoms—which can be similar to those of other respiratory viruses—contact your healthcare provider who may advise testing to determine whether your sickness is due to flu or another virus that has similar symptoms, such as covid. Take antiviral drugs for flu if prescribed by your healthcare provider.

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## January brought transportation challenges

The tribal organization, the Warm Springs Academy and other schools of the district were closed for part of last week, as a winter storm passed over the area. Jefferson County, the Sisters District and Crook County schools had to close because of the storm, while all other schools in the region were on a start delay.

The weather event began on the Monday following New Year’s weekend, and continued mostly through the week before clearing over this past weekend.

Meanwhile last week, transportation on the reservation was disrupted for a time after a large boulder fell from a hillside and closed one lane of Jackson Trail Road, around milepost 8. BIA Roads re-



Courtesy KWSO

Boulder on Jackson Trail Road blockeing traffic last week.

sponded. No injuries were reported.

And in another weather-transportation event: Highway 26 was

closedfor a time last week from milepost 62 to 96 due to the snow and downed trees.

## They made a difference for the tribes

Hello,  
My name is Wa-Thlu-Na. My given name is Valerie Squiemphen. I am of Wasco/Warm Springs/Yakima descent. Wa-Thlu-Na came from my mother, Udwai, Rita Squiemphen; which in turn came from Eva Thomas, who was Jake Thomas’ eldest daughter. Jake Thomas was my grandfather, Udwai Lucinda Smith’s grandfa-ther.

Wa-Thlu-Na, or Eva Thomas, was a no nonsense, take charge kind of woman. My mother used to take after her, she was the same kind of strong, Wasco woman. I’ve been told that I take after my mother.

Wasco names have no particu-lar meaning, they are Indian names given to Wasco people. Wasco people can choose who they want to carry on their names. My mother told me after I became an adult and a mother, late in my life, that I would get her Indian name.

I learned a few things about my parents that I never knew. They were both very strong leaders in our community, which I already knew. They stood up for what was right and were always looking out for their people; I knew this as well. They didn’t just help their own tribal people, they tried to help people from either of our three tribes. It was amazing to me that they were smart and forward thinking people. A lot of elders are stuck in the ‘old days’ and have ‘outdated’ visions. They were par-ents that I could look up to and hope that I would become the kind of people they were. I certainly don’t have their drive to be on Tribal Council, but hope I take after them in other ways.

They were always helping people, not just on Tribal Council, but on a personal level. They applauded the loudest when some-one graduated from high school or college, as they both only made it to the eighth grade. Both of my parents got their GED’s late in life. My dad received his Mechanic’s certification the old way... through the mail. And I found out while he was still working at the mill, that he was short one or two classes away from getting his Pilot’s li-cense. He was taking lessons at the airport in Madras after work. Plus, he was always reading my school books that I bought when I was in college... He was always willing to learn.

They helped people on the ro-deo circuit, when people were short on money getting to the ro-deo or getting home from the ro-deo, or if they needed help with their entry fees. They even loaned

out my Dad’s horse, Buck. My mother helped out by baking pies whenever someone lost a family member. She never asked if they wanted help, she just did it! Or she would donate give-away items to a funeral; she never asked them if they needed help, she always stepped up and did it! There was never an ulterior motive to her actions. She did it out of the good-ness of her heart. Same with my Dad, when he helped someone, he didn’t expect anything in return. I used to get mad because I felt that some people were taking advantage of them. But they were of the mind-set that they get what they deserve.

My parents believed that if we needed money, we had to work for it. Whether it was putting the time and energy in to raise the money or working our butts off to earn it. They believed in not taking handouts from the Tribe if pos-sible; if we could raise the money, all the better.

She and my Dad were instru-mental in putting on the very first Fire Management potluck/awards banquet for All of Fire Manage-ment staff, after a summer of nothing but fires. She set a date, then started recruiting the family members of those workers in Fire Management. They bought a lot of the awards out of their own pocket. They did some fund-rais-ing, but it didn’t cover everything, so they donated all of the rest of the awards to the banquet. She had help from William Wilson in get-ting names together and what de-partment. It was a major under-taking and she pulled it off. I re-member a lot of people com-plained about the awards, but con-sidering it came out of their pocket, it was something. Together, my parents were a force to be reck-oned with. They got family mem-bers to cook side dishes; my mother had a way about her that she could people excited about something and then worked her butt off to see it thru and make sure it happened. And it did hap-pen. There were a lot of apprecia-tive people afterwards. People got the recognition they deserved and all because my folks had a vision.

I often wonder what they would have done during the pandemic. They would have had some ideas about what could have been done.

They would have been proud of their kids and grandkids, all are hard-working adults and all have jobs, or else they have retired. They would be especially proud of their granddaughters, Amanda and Teri Jo, who live in Portland and are making names for themselves do-

ing good work for their commu-nity. At the young age of 28 and 30 years old, both are becoming forces to be reckoned with. Amanda is gaining a large circle of contacts for certain projects she’s working on. She was the driving force behind the Chuush Fund.

Teri Jo is making a name for herself in the world of photogra-phy and other crafts. They take after their parents and grandpar-ents in that they work hard at what they do and have a lot of integrity, highly unusual in people so young.

I have gotten slightly off track with where I was going with this. But I did want to bring to light that my parents were both strong people of great integrity. My mother was a hardworking Wasco woman and my dad was a strong warrior, both were strong leaders in Warm Springs.

### And thank you...

Anyway, after all that, I would like to thank everyone that showed up to help during our Name Giv-ing on November 20. It was a lot of work and I’m very proud of my son in that he was the driving force behind making it happen. He is a strong Wasco man, who is also taking after his grandparents. We had many people helping with making sure it was a success. Any-body that puts one of those to-gether knows how much work it is.

Thank you to Gary and Angela for making sure everything went as it should have; thank you to An-drew Wildbill for officiating, Thank you to Monica, Amanda, Teri Jo, Cr , Gladys, Terry, Jordan, Evelyn, Aunt Susie, Cousin Emerson, in-law Vernon Tias, Jennifer Clements and daughter (for making all the lunches) and everyone that worked in helping to make sure it went as it should have. We couldn’t have done it without all of you. I espe-cially want to thank my family members that showed up to show their support. It meant a lot to me. A lot of us were not raised in the traditional ways.

On behalf of myself, my grand-son Gary III and great grandson Kysen, Thank you everybody!

Because I wasn’t raised in the traditional manner, I told my fam-ily they better get all the pictures they could of me in my wing dress, as that’s the last time they’ll ever see me in a dress!

Thank you, everyone who worked to make it a success and thank you to all the people who showed up to witness this event.

**Val Squiemphen, ‘Wa-Thlu-Na’**

## Park for day use only

For the health and safety of the membership, Tribal Coun-cil has determined that Elmer Quinn Park is for day use only.

In response, Warm Springs Police, Emergency Response and volunteers helped move transients from the park.

They then cleaned up the

debris that had accumulated around the park.

Health and Human Services and Emergency Management set up a temporary shelter in the gymnasium at the former Warm Springs elementary school.



Courtesy KWSO

Scene at Elmer Quinn Park, as volunteers and police clean up debris from a transient camp, moved temporarily to the former elementary school gym.

### Around Indian Country

## Nooksack disenrollment controversy

EVERSON, Wash. — The Nooksack Indian Tribe are remov-ing 300 people from tribal enroll-ment. This has been bitter process, with many people facing home eviction. To make matters more difficult, this happens in winter, and during the pandemic.

Tribal police were called on to enforce the evictions. Educational aid, health services and financial stipends are also denied to those who are disenrolled; along with a loss of some sense of community.

The disenrolled Nooksack mem-bers are now petitioning the fed-eral government to intervene. “On the face of it, for sure we want sovereignty,” said Michelle Roberts, an expelled Nooksack member who faces eviction. “But when that sovereignty is used as a tool to bully people and take advantage of the system, to kick them out of their tribe or to take any kind of ser-vices or anything away from them, then that’s when it needs to be con-trolled somehow.”

The Nooksack Tribe includes about 2,000 members. The tribe has trust land and a small reserva-tion, bringing in revenue from a

casino, convenience store and a gas station. The right to fish salmon along the Nooksack River is a treaty right.

The Nooksack situation is not unique around Indian Country: A number of tribes have moved in recent years to cut their member-ship rolls. The process involves scrutinizing family trees, and cut-ting those deemed to have insuffi-cient tribal heritage. This can strengthen tribal identity. However, another aspect involves casino and other tribal business revenue, and job opportunities.

Regarding the Nooksack, their Northwood casino has not been a big money earner. The disenrolled say job opportunities and tribal leadership positions are more cen-tral issues, as they have been for years.

Nooksack leaders have said the expelled people are descended from a tribal band based in Canada, and should not have enrolled as Nooksack in the first place. For instance, none had direct ancestors included in a key tribal 1942 cen-sus.

## Record large sturgeon at Idaho

In three decades of capturing and tagging white sturgeon, re-searchers with the Idaho Depart-ment of Fish and Game have handled more than 4,000 fish. Of those, fewer than ten have mea-sured longer than 10 feet, and the people taking part in the sturgeon-

sampling work hadn’t caught one that big in more than five years.

Then late last month, all that changed in what regional fisheries bi-ologist Joe DuPont called an “amaz-ing week” on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The research team hooked three 10-foot sturgeon.

## Hatchery staff save 4 million salmon

On Christmas Day at 11:30 p.m. an alarm for low water was activated on the ponds at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Kendall Creek Fish Hatchery on the North Fork Nooksack River near Deming.

The failure of these two water pumps put at risk 1.5 million spring Chinook salmon, 850,000 Nooksack River coho yearlings, 1 million coho in incubation, 100,000 early-winter

steelhead, 375,000 Kendall Creek coho, and “a bunch of trout,” ac-cording to WDFW regional Fish Pro-gram staff.

All told, the quick thinking and hard work of Flowers and the oth-ers protected nearly 4 million young salmonids — fish vital for future recreational, commercial, and tribal treaty fisheries, and important for species including Southern Resi-dent killer whales.

## Oregon’s southernmost glacier may be gone

Until recently, Oregon’s south-ernmost glacier was on Mount Thielsen, an extinct volcano moun-tain in the Cascade Range, east of Diamond Lake in Douglas County. But sometime over the past half decade, Lathrop Glacier disap-

peared.

Oregon Glaciers Institute Presi-dent Anders Carlson said Lathrop Glacier was a little less than half the size of a football field, just 0.002 square kilometers in area. It was Oregon’s smallest glacier.

## Pet Food Bank this Saturday

The Warm Springs Com-munity Pet Food Bank pro-vides free pet food on the sec-ond Saturday of each month.

This month Fences for Fido postponed distribu-tion to this Saturday, January 15 from 10 a.m.



until noon.

You can reserve your pet food by calling or texting 503-319-9838 or email: petfoodbank@fencesforfido.org



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

All proceedings are held at the CTWS Tribal Court.

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYNITTA MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV63-19. TO: LYNITTA MILLER, BRADLEY BRONCHEAU, FANCUDNO BALDERAMA:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Caleb Jim, Defendant; Case No. CR238-21. TO: Caleb Jim:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 **JANUARY 17, 2022 @ 8:30am**

**SHALEA ELLIS, Petitioner, vs JANAIYA ROWE, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO135-06. TO: JANAIYA ROWE, LANELLE ROWE, SHALEA & JESSE ELLIS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a GUARDIANSHIP 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 2<sup>ND</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**LATISHA WAHENEKA, Petitioner, vs JESUS VAZQUEZ, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO115; 116-20. TO: JESUS VAZQUEZ, LATISHA WAHENEKA:**  
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**CANDICE JIMENEZ, Petitioner, vs WHITNEY MILLER, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO141-21. TO: CANDICE JIMENEZ, WHITNEY MILLER:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of **February, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**JULIA WALLULATUM, Petitioner, vs LUOIE VANPELT, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO22-07. TO: JULIA WALLULATUM, LOUIE VANPELT:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANTIONETTE TALLBULL, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO101;102-20. TO: ANTIONETTE TALLBULL, CIGANY SCOTT, CPS, JV PROSECUTION:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PRELIMINARY 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 8<sup>TH</sup> day of **February, 2022 @ 11:00 AM**

**LEMINNIE PICARD, Petitioner, vs LONNIE CALDERA, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO161-09; JV30;31-14. TO: LEMINNIE PICARD, LONNIE CALDERA:**  
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 21<sup>ST</sup> day of **February, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILLIE DANZUKA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV33-21. TO: WILLIE DANZUKA, ROMELLE SPEAKTHUNDER, 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 10<sup>TH</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LEONA TENORIO, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV81;82-15. TO: LEONA TENORIO, MARTIN MEDINA, CPS, JV PROSECUTION:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs RAENELE WEASELHEAD, Respondent; Case No. JV41-18. TO: RAENELE WEASELHEAD:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs GLENDA FISHER, Respondent; Case No. JV167-06. TO: GLENDA FISHER, JOSE & CINDY CHAVEZ:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs DELSIE LOGAN, Respondent; Case No. JV34-21. TO: DELSIE LOGAN, CPS, JV PROS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a BENCH 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 9<sup>TH</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARY JANE WILLIAMS, Respondent ; Case No. JV29-21, DO15-19. TO: MARY JANE WILLIAMS, JERIMIAH SMITH, CPS, JV PROS, P&P:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a SUPEVISED 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 24<sup>TH</sup> day of **JANUARY, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILMA BAZA, Respondent; Case No. JV12-18. TO: WILMA BAZA:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYNITTA MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV63-19. TO: LYNITTA MILLER, BRADLEY BRONCHEAU, FANCUDNO BALDERAMA:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LYNITTA MILLER, Respondent; Case No. JV66-19. TO: LYNITTA MILLER, BRADLEY BRONCHEAU, FANCUDNO BALDERAMA:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a TERMINATION HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 26<sup>TH</sup> day of **JANUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs TALLULAH MCGILL, Respondent; Case No. JV57-14B. TO: TALLULAH MCGILL:**  
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**SUSAN MITCHELL, Petitioner, vs BERNICE MITCHELL, Respondent; Case No. JV57-14B. TO: SUSAN MITCHELL, BERNICE MITCHELL:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

## From VOCS in recognition of Awareness Month

*This month marks National Stalking Awareness Month—The annual call to action recognizing and responding to the serious crime of Stalking. The awareness month—now in its eighteenth year—carries greatest significance to Native American communities, where approximately half of American Indian women have experienced stalking in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice.*

*If you have questions or concerns regarding this subject, please call Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services at 541-553-2293. Or email Michele Gonzales at: michele.gonzales@wstribes.org*

The general definition of stalking is behavior that causes a reasonable person to feel fear. However, the definition can differ among tribes because individual tribes define the crime themselves.

During the course a year, approximately one in 10 Native women experience stalking. The person stalking can be a stranger, a current intimate partner or former partner.

The stalking victims say the “stalking was often committed by people they knew or with whom they had a relationship,” according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, completed by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention—the CDC.

To put numbers to that finding: More than 66 percent of female victims were stalked by a current or former partner, and 24 percent were stalked about an acquaintance.

The percentage for female victims being stalked by a stranger was lower at one in eight. For male victims, one of 19 have been stalked in their life, according to studies.

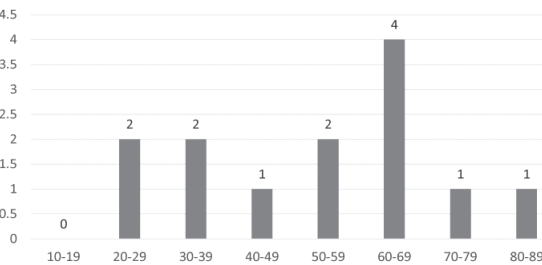
Everyone having a phone and many people existing on social media platforms have influenced these numbers.

**Signs of stalking**  
Signs of stalking can be the stalker sending unwanted gifts or messages; following you to work or events; showing up unexpectedly, listening into phone conversations, repeatedly calling or texting; sometimes calling and hanging up or driving by your work or home.  
Besides Warm Springs Victims of Crime Service, the StrongHearts Native Helpline is another resource that can help anyone in need. More information can be found at the StrongHearts Native Helpline website: [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)  
The hotline is available at 1-844-762-8483. The hotline is available Monday through Friday during working hours.

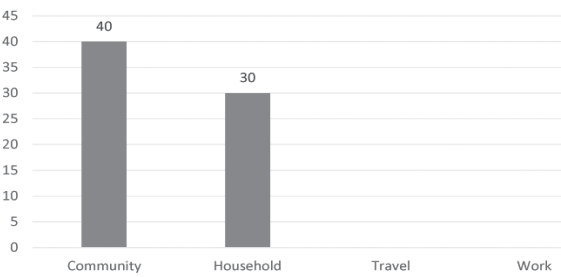
### Covid-19 ccommunity case demongraphics, as of January 5, 2022

The January 5 Covid-19 case demographic update from Indian Health Service, Community Health and the Response Team demonstrates how rapidly the positive cases in the community have increased over the past week. The January 5 update shows there were 70 confirmed covid cases in the community. Less than a week later the number had possibly doubled, to more than 140, thout that number has since gone down, with the latest number being 114.

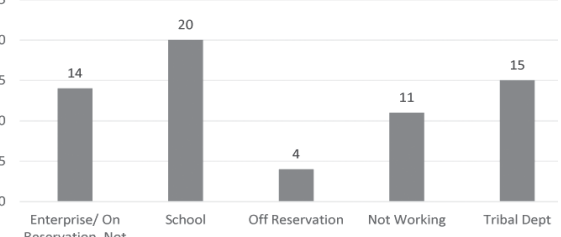
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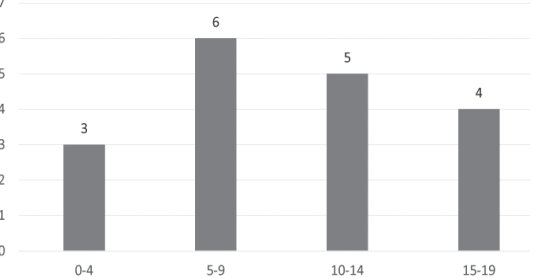
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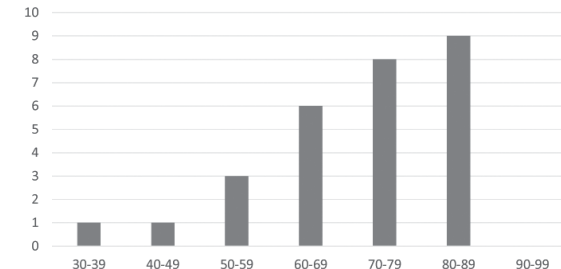
Workplace: Active Cases 1.5.2022



Child Ages: Active Cases 1.5.2022



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that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLIVIA GLEASON, Respondent; Case No. JV33-18. TO: OLIVIA GLEASON:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**LAVENA IKE, Petitioner, vs DENA THOMAS, Respondent; Case No. JV92,94,95-17. TO: THOMAS SAM, DENA THOMAS, LAVENA IKE:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a 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 23<sup>RD</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**MARIO PEREZ JR, Petitioner, vs MARTIN & SARAH SPINO, Respondent; Case No. DO63-17. TO: MARIO PEREZ JR, TASHEYNA SOHAPPY, MARTIN & SARAH SPINO:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MICHELLE CHARLEY, Respondent; Case No. DO63-17. TO:**

**MICHELLE CHARLEY, CELESTINE CHARLEY:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CODY MILLER, Respondent; Case No. DO57,58-17. TO: CODY MILLER:**  
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 3<sup>RD</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs DAWN**

**ROWLAND, Respondent; Case No. JV34,35,36-17. TO: DAWN ROWLAND, ROBERT WARNER SR.:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 26<sup>TH</sup> day of **JANUARY, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARION GRAYBAEL JR., Respondent; Case No. JVV35-10, JV12-15. TO: MARION GRAYBAEL JR.:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTANT GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 20<sup>TH</sup> day of **JANUARY, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

## Apology

I am extending a very heartfelt apology to all my family and friends for a bad and hurtful decision that has me serving a prison sentence here in Wilsonville at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. I am charged with Assault 2. I apologize to B.R., K.A., C.A., M.M. and her paternal family. As well as to friends and acquaintances.

Sadly, I've made a bad choice that has affected so many people. I can only move on to becoming a better person to one and all. Alcohol was a big factor in my situation. And due to Covid-19, this facility Wellbriety classes are at a standstill. I've been trying to ob-

tain my own copy of Red Road to Wellbriety. And to no avail. If there's anyone out there who has the contact information to our tribes' drug and alcohol program, Can you please forward that to me. I'd be very grateful.

I would love to hear from any of you. I love to write letters and would welcome all.

Again, I sincerely apologize to everyone. Thank you for hearing me, and may 2022 be a blessed year for each and every one of you.

**Veronica Redfox,**  
#10212950. CCCF, 24499 SW Grahams Ferry Road, Wilsonville. OR 97070



# Culture grant helps murals project

The Warm Springs Community Action Team just received funding to continue the Youth Murals Project, an opportunity for young people to design, paint and maintain murals around the tribal community. The unique and colorful mural on the Campus basketball court is a great example.

The \$25,000 grants come from the Oregon Community Foundation.

**Tananáwit grant, and others**

The artist co-op arm of the Action team—Tananáwit—also received \$5,000 from the Community Foundation Arts and Culture Recovery Fund.

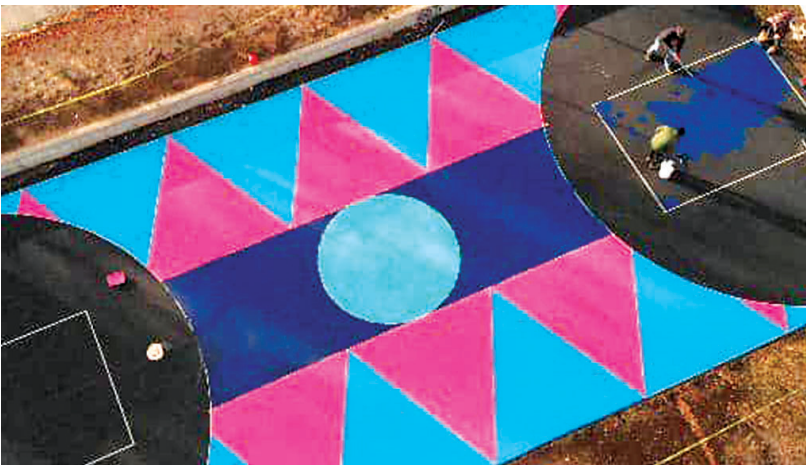
This grant will support artists who have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team began Tananáwit in 2013. The co-op has since opened a shop and an e-commerce site to help market its artists' work.

The recent grant will help increase the e-commerce work, and support the store. This will allow the team to bring on more artists, opening greater paths to success.

Some other notable recipients of the recent Community Foundation grants:

The Columbia River Institute for Indigenous Development received funding to help establish a program to document, preserve



This past fall saw the Action Team's muruls project beautify the Campus basketball court.

county cultural coalitions in Oregon. In the past, they've given grants to local school districts, the Jefferson County historical society, the Jefferson County Library District, Madras High School Key Club, and the Madras Saturday Market. They're still in process of distributing grants for 2022.

OCF grants have funded hundreds of organizations across the state. This year the grants range from all 36 county cultural commissions, and all nine federally recognized tribes, and to over 100 art and culture non-profits.

## Community notes...

The Warm Springs Low Income Home **Energy Assistance** program offers financial assistance with home energy costs for those eligible.

There is currently funding to assist with furnace, wood stove and heat pump repairs. Contact Warm Springs Social Services at 541-553-2590 to learn more.

**Tribal veterans** are invited to take advantage of a free weekly transport service. Please call 541-408-4147 for information.

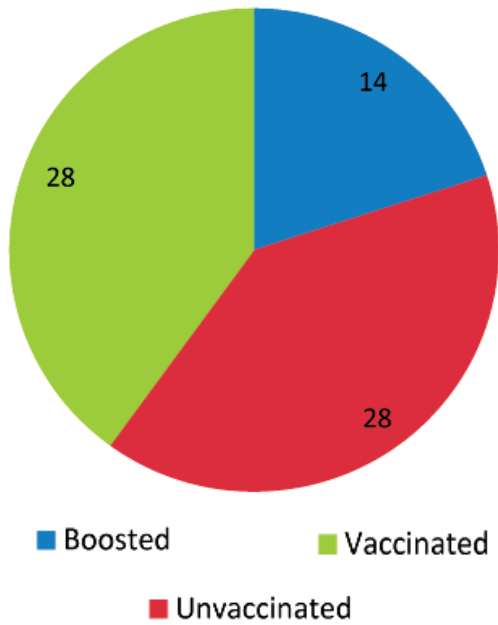
## Covid-19 ccommunity case demongraphics, as of January 5, 2022

As of January 5 date, there had been a total of 1,397 confirmed covid cases in the community since the pandemic began.

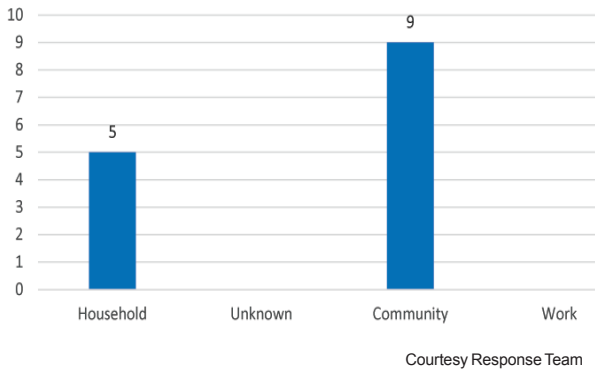
There have been 28 total confirmed covid deaths in the community since the start of the pandemic in early 2020.

Ninety-five people have been hospitalized with the virus since that time. As of the January 5, 2022 update: There was one hospitalization, in-patient, with Covid 19. A more recent report shows there are two hospitalizations.

Breakthrough cases - as if Jan. 5, 2022



Place of Exposure: Boosted Breakthrough Cases 1.5.2022



The **KWSO 91.9 phone app** makes it easy for you to listen to KWSO on your phone. The app features the daily community calendar and local news, plus more connections to information, opportunities and language lessons. Search 'kwsO' in the Apple Store or Google Play.

# Your health insurance could be free.

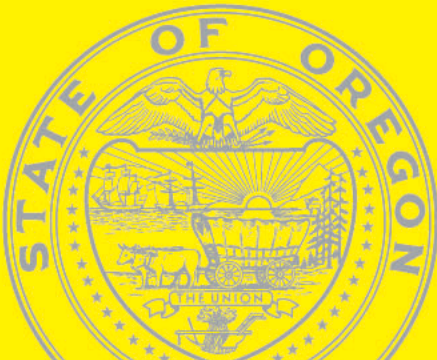


Health insurance can expand your options and help pay for additional services so you can get the care you need. It covers a wide variety of providers and services including Tribal/IHS clinics and non-tribal providers, hospitals, pharmacies and more. If you're a member of a federally recognized tribe, you can sign up anytime, year-round. If you qualify, your insurance may even be free.

**Do you qualify?** Tribal members are eligible for additional savings through the Marketplace. Find out if you're eligible for free insurance and payment assistance to eliminate your out-of-pocket costs:

- Preview savings at **OregonHealthCare.Gov**.
- Get **free help** at your tribal headquarters.
- Or call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at **855-268-3767 (toll-free)** and ask for free, local help.

**Get started at OregonHealthCare.Gov**





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<div>2021 Sierra 1500 - 15,354 miles - <b>\$50,995</b> #02905A</div> <div></div>	<div>2021 Chevrolet Traverse - 100,214 miles - <b>\$18,995</b> #12385A</div> <div></div>
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## Covid boosters okayed for 12-15 year olds

Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for 12- to 15-year-olds, and a shortened wait time between the initial series and boosters of the Pfizer vaccine.

Based on the FDA recommendation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control—the CDC—then adopted the new authorizations, providing tribes and states guidance for implementation.

The FDA-CDC action amended the authorization of emergency use/ of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine guidance in three ways:

First: Expansion of booster doses to children 12 through 15 years of age. Booster doses were only available to people 16 years of age and older.

Second: Shortening the time between completion of the primary vaccine series and a booster dose from six months to five months.

And third: Allowing for a third primary series dose for certain immuno-compromised children ages 5 through 11.

Several steps happened last week before the tribes and states began implementation of the new guidance:

First the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed the FDA's evaluations and made its official recommendations to the CDC director.

The CDC director then recommended moving forward on the guidelines, allowing the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup to review the data, issuing a recommendation for vaccine administration in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California.

The tribes and the Oregon Health Authority then issued updated guidance for the administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.



## Zone 6 winter sturgeon fishery

A commercial sturgeon season is set through 12 p.m. on Monday, January 31. The open area is all of Zone 6.

Allowed gear is setlines with no more than 100 hooks per line of 9/0 or larger, and treble hooks are not allowed. Visible buoys must be attached and have the operators name and tribal identification. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks.

Allowed sales are sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool, and between 43 and 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools. They may also be kept for subsistence use.

Sanctuaries are the standard dam areas applicable to setline gear. Fish landed during the open period may be sold after it closes. Questions contact Mark Manion, Harvest Manager, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: mark.manion@ctwsbnr.org

## Victory in tribal fisheries case

After over five years of investigations and court filings, a shellfish trafficking case brought by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has ended with a judge ruling the court didn't have jurisdiction to hear the case in the first place.

It's the second big win for Tulalip fishermen Hazen Shoppell and Anthony Paul. In early 2021, the pair received a \$50,000 settlement for a countersuit over a false arrest claim stemming from the case.

Washington Fish and Wildlife began their investigation into Shoppell, Paul, and their company Puget Sound Seafood Distributors back in 2016. The lead investigator believed the pair were illegally trafficking shellfish, selling clams off-reservation without proper documentation.

Days before the trial was set to begin, a flurry of court filings changed the case and the arguments of the state, including where the alleged crimes had taken place. At issue: Did the actions being prosecuted happen on tribal land, or inside Washington?

Last week, Judge Brian Stiles determined that the state's case did not belong in a Skagit County courtroom, telling lawyers as he dismissed the case.

"My decision is consistent with the heart of the Treaty of Rafeedie Consent Decree, preserving Treaty Rights that were gained many years ago. This court shouldn't be involved in those issues," Stiles ruled.

The question over who should have had jurisdiction has floated in the background for years. The Tulalip Tribe chairwoman essentially told Fish and Wildlife to back off in previous letters.

Following reports on this case, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Council wrote a similar letter, urging them to stop enforcement actions that violated law. The letter said it looked like Fish and Wildlife was "focusing its enforcement efforts against tribal members who typically do not have the resources to defend themselves."

It's a similar argument to what attorney Gabe Galanda had said in court, arguing that rather than go after powerful tribes—Fish and Wildlife was instead going after individual tribe members.

Washington Fish and Wildlife has denied that it was going after tribal members, though questions were by defense attorneys about handwritten notes by Fish and Wildlife investigator Wendy Willette. Those notes included questions like, "Why is PSSD selling crab to other wholesalers while monopolizing the Tulalip crab fishery?" and "Why has PSSD taken all business from other established Tulalip buyers?"

Galanda specifically noted her use of terms "reverse-racism," and a quote: "We're going to sell to our own kind now," in her notes.

The latest ruling doesn't mean things are over for Shoppell and Paul: It's still possible that the state could appeal the decision.

To date, Washington Fish and Wildlife has made it clear that despite the complaints of racism, and targeting of tribal members that they've simply followed the investigation where it led to.

## Sea lion removal at Bonneville

Seventy-six salmon-eating California sea lions have been lethally removed at Bonneville dam over the past five years.

The federal government adopted the lethal removal policy after realizing some years ago that the non-lethal hazing method was ineffective.

Tribes and states have implemented the lethal removal policy.

The sea lions are not native to this body of water, and the sea lions have been consuming up to 13,000 salmon each spring, according to fisheries studies.



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