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Community update

Warm Springs Indian Health Service is hosting a Covid-19 vaccine clinic—*Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Protect Your Elders.*

This will be an after-hours covid vaccine event, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16 at the clinic.

Everyone over the age of 5 is welcome. All three vaccines are available. You can receive your first dose, or second dose. The booster is available for those 12 and up.

Please call 541-553-2131 to schedule. Remember to bring your vaccine card.

Covid incidence

The Warm Springs Covid-19 Response Team updated the covid incidence among the tribal community, as of February 4. On that date there were 92 people with active Covid-19; and 47 close contacts receiving daily monitoring.

On that date there were five community members hospitalized with covid.

Vaccinations

IHS reminds the community: If you have received two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or one dose of the J&J vaccine; and it has been at least five months since your last dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or two months since your last dose of J&J, you are eligible for a booster dose.

If you are not boosted, or within six months of your vaccination series, you will be asked to quarantine if you are exposed to someone with Covid-19.

If you only received one dose of Moderna or Pfizer, please return to complete the vaccine series. You require the two doses to complete the series and for fuller protection.

Call to make your vaccine appointment at 541-553-2131. Appointments are available Monday-Friday in the Community Health Clinic.

For anyone currently in isolation due to covid, or are in quarantine, you need to wait until you are out of isolation or quarantine to make your vaccine appointment.

Being fully vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your family, and your community from covid illness. Data show that boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against the virus variants, including pervasive Omicron.

Precautions

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. Cough, and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Fatigue, muscle or body aches, and a headache.

Another sign is the loss of taste or smell. Sore throat, congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting.

If you have any of these symptoms, please stay home.

Council nominations in for spring vote

The three districts of the Confederated Tribes hosted the Council nomination meetings in early February. There were 17 nominees for the Agency District; eight for the Simnasho District; and six for Seekseequa.

Background checks are required for all nominees, followed by certification of Tribal Council. As stated in the By-Laws of the Confederated Tribes: Article II—Qualifications of Office: No person shall represent the Confederated Tribes on the Council unless the person is a duly enrolled member of the community who has attained the age of 21 years, and who has never been convicted of a major crime.

After the background

checks, the nominees' eligibility will be certified by Tribal Council.

Council has scheduled April for the election. The new Council—the Twenty-Ninth of the Confederated Tribes—would then take office in May.

Those accepting nomination for the Simnasho District are: Carlos Calica, TJ Foltz, Raymond Moody, Emerson Squiemphen, Jaylyn Suppah, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Ronnie Suppah, and Levi Van Pelt.

Accepting nomination for the Seekseequa District are: Rosa Graybael, Ruben Henry, Vesta Johnson, Brigitte McConville, Wilson Wewa, and Martha Winishut.

Accepting nomination for Agency are: Reina Estimo, Eugene Greene Sr., Danni Katchia, Cyrille Mitchell, Alvis Smith III,

Johnathan W. Smith, Ryan Smith Jr., and Valerie Switzler. Agency nominations by written form are in for: Rain Circle, Michael Clements, Anita Jackson, Uren Leonard Jr., James Manion, Daniel Martinez, Glendon Smith, Jason Wesley Smith, and Dennis White III.

So there are eight nominees for Simnasho; six for Seekseequa; and 17 for Agency. Again, this is the preliminary list, to be finalized by Tribal Council certification.

Longest-serving Council member and current Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. received a nomination for the Simnasho District, though Chairman Tsumpti declined.

Agency and Simnasho each have three Council representatives, and

Seekseequa has two. Including the three Chiefs, who serve for life, the Council includes a total of 11 members. Each elected member serves a term of three years.

The Vital Statistics Department maintains the voter lists for the three districts. The lists show the district in which each voter has voted in the past to the best ability of Vital Stats. The department also maintains a current voter list that may be made available for inspection, considering the covid protocols now in place within the organization.

Any person may change voting districts by filling out the district change form. However, any registration change must be filed more than 60 days prior to any election in order to be effective for that particular election.

For the Commissary business project

One of the most interesting business projects for the tribes will be the Commissary incubator enterprise. The Warm Springs Community Action Team has been working on the business incubator idea for a few years now.

Like many other things, the project met with delay caused by the 2020 arrival of the pandemic.

The business incubator envisions moving the Commissary—quite likely the oldest historic structure on the reservation—from its current location by the Post Office and Police Station.

The move will be to a site by Highway 26. This area was cleared in preparation for the move, just before covid arrived in March of 2020.

Recently, a crew with Alpine Abatement Associates did some health and safety work on the Commissary. This involved removing lead paint from the



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

A team with Alpine Abatement Associates safely removes lead-based paint chips from the outside of the Commissary.



Architects' conceptual renderings of how the incubator building may look once in operation.



building; so the eventual move would not disturb the paint. Once ready, a contracting firm will transport the building most carefully to

the new location.

In time the plan calls for the artists group Tananawit to have a spot at one end of the building. There

will also be a café, an outdoor food court; and other businesses that may wish to join the wholly renovated structure.

On the Tribal Council agenda for February

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

Wednesday, February 9: Open agenda.

Monday, February 14
9 a.m.: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

Tuesday, February 15
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith.
9:30: March agenda and re-

view minutes with the S-T.
10: Draft resolutions with the S-T.
1:30 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.
2: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) update with Wendell Jim.
2:30: Gaming Commission/Surveillance update with Josephine Johnson.

Wednesday, February 16
9 a.m.: Human Resources update acting Carol Funk.
9:30: Finance update Isaac

George.
10: Procurement update with Libby Chase.
10:30: Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.
11: Managed Care program update Michael Collins.
1:30 p.m.: Administrative Services update with Glendon Smith.
2: Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.
2:30: Veterans Office update with Frankie Williams.
3: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.
3:30: Education update with Valerie Switzler.

Thursday, February 17
9 a.m.: Public Utilities update with Chico Holliday.
9:30: Public Safety update with Nancy Seyler, acting GM.
10: Natural Resources update with Robert Brunoe.

Monday, February 21: Organization closed in observation of Presidents Day.
Note: All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. Send by email: gsmith@wstribes.org



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Warm Springs Telecom reported last weekend that an unknown vehicle struck and took down the Warm Springs fiber optic cable near the four-way intersection by the Community Center, at Hollywood Boulevard and Tenino Road. This also led to an electrical outage for Pacific Power and Light customers. Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to contact Warm Springs Police, 541-553-1171. The fiber-optic cable is the internet connection for the tribal organization; so the system was down for all the



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offices this week. The event also impacted the Warm Springs Academy, and customers off of Pelton dam. Phone systems were affected: Phones were down at the Indian Health Service clinic, so the health workers were using designated cell phone numbers on a temporary basis. Medical is 541-675- 5285; Dental 541-777-7482. Optometry 541-777-7482. Pharmacy 541-675-5400. WIC 541-675-5379. At left: The fiber optic cable was lying on the ground following the incident, though a crew later hung the wire up for safety.



Jayson Smith photo

The Madras Lady Buffs varsity basketball squad plays at home on Friday, February 11 at 7 p.m. The team won on the road recently in Molalla, moving to the top of the Tri Valley League with a 6-0 record. Friday they host Estacada then have a game at North Marion on February 15.

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Summary of Tribal Council

January 24, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Glendon Smith, Secretary-Treasurer. Roll call: Glendon Smith, Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody, Anita Jackson, Chief Joseph Moses, Lola Sohappy, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Lincoln Jay Suppah, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Chief Delvis Heath. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Oregon State University Traditional Foods Project discussion with Rosanna Jackson.
 - Tribal attorneys update.
 - Covid-19 update with the Response Team:
- Caroline will draft the recommendations then present it for approval.

- Warm Springs Water and Power Enterprises update with Jim Manion.
- Warm Springs Composite Products update with Jacob Coochise and Scot Lowe.
- Warm Springs Ventures—Kah-Nee-Ta discussion with Jim Souers:

Motion by Anita approving the request from Economic Development Corporation. Call for a Second. Second call. Third and final call for a Second, Second by Captain. Discussion. Glendon/no, Captain/yes, Jay/yes, Delvis/yes, Anita/yes, Brigitte/yes, Lola/yes, 6/1/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Motion by Jay to adjourn at 5:05

p.m.

January 25

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr. Roll call: Glendon Smith, Vice Chair Brigitte McConville, Anita Jackson, Wilson Wewa Jr., Lola Sohappy, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Delvis Heath. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Covid-19 update with the Response Team:
- Caroline will work with the Secretary-Treasurer on the recommended amendments, to be presented on January 26.
- Akana/Blue Stone discussion with Said Amali, John Mooers, Kevin Locklear: A resolution will be presented this afternoon.
 - Telecom update with Tim York:

Motion by Brigitte adopting Resolution No. 12,896, the Tribal Council fully supports and encourages Warm Springs Telecom to build and provide high-speed internet on Warm Springs Reservation to serve the areas which are today without service, and we support any grants for which they may apply to achieve this goal. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Lola/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- High Lookkee Lodge update with Lonnie Parsons.

- Fish and Wildlife Committee Off-Reservation Committee update with Ronald Suppah.
 - The Museum At Warm Springs update with Elizabeth Woody.
 - Fish and Wildlife Committee On-Reservation Committee update-Jonathan Smith
 - Blue Stone updated budget discussion with Glendon Smith:
- Motion by Brigitte adopting the Phase II Recovery Allocation Planning Process ARPA Planning Budget Memo. Second by Anita. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Joe/yes, Captain/no, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Lola/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, 6/2/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Education Committee update with Ardis Clark:
- Motion by Captain appointing Valerie Switzler as a representative to the Title VI. Second by Brigitte. Discussion. Glendon/yes, Captain/yes, Delvis/yes, Alfred/yes, Lola/yes, Brigitte/yes, Anita/yes, 7/0/0, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Brigitte to adjourn at 3:55 p.m.





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A Valentines Day wish from artist Travis Bobb.

Vote on Nammy nominations

There are 21 Album and Artist categories with 16 Single Song and Music Video Categories this year for the Native American Music Awards, the Nammys.

This year's awards are for music and videos released from 2019 through 2021.

From Warm Springs at the Nammies this year are the Best Debut Group or Duo: Blue Flamez and YL for their song *Warrior*.

Pop Recording: Blue Flamez for his song *Blessed*.

Best R&B Recording: Blue Flamez X Kaos for *Game Time*.

Brutis 'Bigg B' Baez was nominated for his song *Hometown*. Best Rap Hip Hop Recording: Blue Flamez, *Blessed*. Single of the Year: Kalliah Jackson and Blackwater for *I Will Always Fight*. Best Animation in a Video: Blue Flamez, *Warrior* featuring Tanaya Winder. Best Rap Hip Hop Video: Blue Flamez, *Relentless Flow*. Carina Miller: Best R&B Single.

You can find the Complete list of nominees at namalive.com And you can vote at the site.

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Letters to the editor

Spiritual items from Longhouse

When the Agency Longhouse was shut down due to the meth contamination in previous years, there were hand drums and other personal items still at the longhouse.

After holding the hand drums and personal items a few weeks, a former chief operations officer stated that these items were going to be destroyed, since the meth seeped onto the hide of the drums, and the fear was that the contamination could not be removed from them.

Since hand drums and other items (bells) are spiritual tools used for Our Way Of Life (Washut), the Agency Longhouse Leader told the pervious chief operations officer to hold off throwing those out and give them to one of our medicine men, Richard ‘Animal’ Tohet. Richard held on to them a few more weeks, sealed in clear plastic bags, and some of the owners, making inquiries, had their hand drums returned to them. Those that were not claimed were taken care of, like our loved ones are, by ceremony and burial. They were not treated like trash and thrown out and the garbage dump.

There were drummers that assumed that those hand drums were put away in my sister’s storage shed, but they were not. She did not want any meth contaminated items taken to her home or storage. Thank you.

Louise Katchia.

Excellent grades at the Academy

The Warm Springs Academy announced the students who have Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors. Congratulations to the following students!

Sixth grade

Honors: Ellison Chavez Jr. Tairia Govenor. Riley Heath. Lynnelle Danzuka. Mar Rie Gill. Harold Greene.

JoLessa Main. Mylez Stevens. Jadrian Kalama. Myla Spino. Siddalee Suppah. Mason Frye.

Jared Jim. Kaylee Johnson. Askewin Tom. Joshua White.

High Honors: Jicelle Gill. Warriian Graybael. Jesiah Johnson. Toaali’i Smith. Tyree Starr.

Katlyn Victorino. Brylee

Berry. Mya Blackwolf. Derise Jefferson. Miayala Suppah.

Highest Honors: Fiske Clark. Mikaylah Dowty. Sequoya Edwards. Cherish Parra.

Seventh grade

Honors: Kristopher Caldera. Colten Culp. Caldera Kade Fuiava. Lucius Stevens. Abigail Eriza. Jamie Ike. Sam Jackson Jr.

Davin Slockish. Delton Switzler. Dennis White IV. Kiona Aguilar. Leander Williams. CaitLynn Hunt Anson.

Giselle Medina. Arthur Miller Jr. Donnie Polk Tewee. Dustin Tanewasha. Ciara Wolfe Lahr.

Amare Brunoe. Nokian Jackson. Riyah Stacona. Orion Wewa.

High Honors: Kiellan Allen. Haydyn Cross Dog. Elijah Domingo. Kyra Eastman. Jaycee Merrifield. Aiyana Saunders.

Tuimanua Smith. Harlan Wahleneka Jr. Caden Greene. CheyLene Mireles. John Bufalo Ball Jr. Liam Circle. Kylan Stevens.

Eighth grade

Honors: Cody Brunoe. Richard Crooked Arm. RedSky Wahleneka. Yamile Adams. Evaristo Antunez Jr.

Brayden Hintsala. Aja Nah Jefferson. Irenecia Smith Queahpama. Dakota Wewa. Ramon Greene.

Deklyn Parton. Amarius Stevens. Daunte Hurtado. LeQuisha Jackson. Janea Ike. Jason Rabbie Jr. Gavin Williams.

High Honors: Jare Anderson. Jalena Howe Weaselhead. Mahayla Cisco. Myron Crooked Arm. Maria Johnson. Heaven Stwyer.

Arema White. Wallace Hekshan. Kalyssa Fuentes. Paradise Smith. Skye Victorino.

Peyton Frank. Cayman Ippolito. LaRhia Stevens. Jessica Johnson. Donavon Tanewasha.

For my school

I am helping my school with a really cool fundraiser! It’s easy for you to participate and I would greatly appreciate your support.

To participate, all you need to do is go to SchoolStore.com

At the site there are great options to show your support.

The easiest way to show your support is by donating a Caring For Classrooms gift card to my teacher. One-hundred percent of your do-

nation goes directly to my teacher to purchase valuable classroom resources.

When you help me support Warm Springs K-8 Academy, I earn points toward awesome prizes and Warm Springs K-8 Academy earns much needed funds.

I hope you are able to help me. Thank you for your time and support!
Annabelle Yahtin Arthur

Rodeo season opening in the region

The Coastal High Desert Stampede is returning to Redmond this March. This annual PRCA NFR Playoff Series ProRodeo stop is back bigger than ever as one of the top 60 rodeos in the country.

We are expanding to four nights to give contestants and fans additional opportunities to participate. Join us live and in-person March 23-26 at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center’s First Interstate Bank Center. Let’s rodeo!

The Coastal High Desert Stampede Professional Rodeo Cowboy’s Association NFR Playoff Series kicks off professional rodeo for the entire West Coast each year.

This exciting new series highlights the biggest rodeos in the nation and provides top Wrangler National Finals

Rodeo hopefuls the best opportunity to punch their ticket to Las Vegas in December.

Each of the three fast-paced performances at the High Desert Stampede are composed of eight professional rodeo events including: Bull, Saddle Bronc and Bareback riding, Team and Tie-down Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing and now Breakaway Roping.

This year, The Coastal High Desert Stampede will start on Wednesday, March 23 with a Broncs, Bulls &

Brawn special section. This fourth night is a special performance of rough stock rodeo featuring more of our outstanding animal athletes as well as the likes of all three Wright brothers last year.

Rodeo Tickets are on sale now at Coastal on Highway 97 in Redmond and online: highdesertstampede.com

Ownership

The Warm Springs Community Action Team and Warm Springs Housing Au-

thority are hosting their next Financial Education class *Pathways Home: a Native Homeownership Course*, starting this Thursday, February 10.

This will be a Zoom class with five sessions on Thursdays 5:30 to 7:30.

This course is required for anyone in the Community Action Team’s Individual Development Account program for home ownership.

To sign up email leah@wscat.org

Their phone number is 541-553-3148.

Tough decision having to resign

I have submitted my formal letter of resignation to the Tribal Council.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work for you and with the many tribal departments, and mostly the tribal veterans and their families.

I have worked in this capacity as the tribal veterans service officer since December 2020.

The reason that I have decided to resign is mainly due to the travel requirements.

It is 100 miles one way, and approximately 600 miles a week back and forth to Portland,



Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

It was a difficult decision to make since I have made many friends here at Warm Springs and the support has been outstanding. It saddens my heart to have to leave but the travel was just too much.

I will continue to pray for the tribal families and members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal nation.

My last day of work here at the tribe was February 7. Submitted respectfully,

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

Parenting, Anger Managing support groups starting soon

The Behavioral Health will host a Parenting Support Group next Thursday, February 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Join them for this free support group.

The gathering will be at the Behavioral Health Center, 1115 Wasco Street (previously called Community Counseling). This will be the first meeting of this state-certified group, meeting parenting class requirements for the Department of Human Services and Children’s Protective Services.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. What will you learn? This parenting support group is an opportunity to:

Learn about child developments (‘Is my child’s behavior normal?’). Share parenting strategies (‘What do you do at bedtime?’). And connect with other

families to create a community where children can thrive. Call 541-553-3205 for information.

Managing Anger skills group

Earlier in the day on Thursday, February 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Behavioral Health will host a Managing Anger Skills Group. This meeting will meet the Anger Management requirements for Children’s Protective Services, the Department of Human Services, Parole and Probation. What you will learn:

Self-control skills to take power over thoughts and actions. The root causes of anger, and anger as a secondary emotion. Effectively managing anger; and How to honor anger without aggression or destruction. Call 541-553-3205.

Anger is normal. Going it alone isn't.

Managing Anger Skills Group

Thursday Feb. 17, 2:30-4:00

Did you know? Feeling anger too often or too intensely places extreme physical strain on the body.

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Join Us For Free

Join us at the Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center, 1115 Wasco St., previously known as the Community Counseling Center and the old girls’ dorm. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Meets anger management class requirements for CPS, DHS, and parole and probation.

What You Will Learn:

- Self-control skills to take power over over thoughts and actions.
- The root causes of anger/“anger as a secondary emotion”
- Effectively managing anger
- How to honor anger without aggression or destruction.

Teen dating awareness message from W.S. VOCS

Every February, young people and their loved ones join together across the country in the national effort to raise awareness about the issue of teen dating violence. This year the awareness month is dedicated especially to advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts.

Michele Gonzales, advocate, and Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services would like share this information to help raise awareness.

Roughly one and a half million high school girls and boys across the U.S. admit to being intentionally hit or physically harmed in the last

year by someone they are romantically involved with.

Teens who suffer dating abuse are subject to long-term consequences like alcoholism, eating disorders, promiscuity, thoughts of suicide, and violent behavior.

One in three young people will be in an abusive or unhealthy relationship. Thirty-three percent of adolescents in America are victim to sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional dating abuse.

In the U.S., 25 percent of high school girls have been abused physically or sexually. Teen girls who are abused this way are six times more likely to become pregnant or contract a sexually transmit-

ted infection.

Females between the ages of 16 and 24 are roughly three times more likely than the rest of the population to be abused by an intimate partner.

Eight States in the U.S. do not consider a violent dating relationship domestic abuse. Therefore, adolescents, teens, and 20-somethings are unable to apply for a restraining order for protection from the abuser.

Violent behavior often begins between sixth- and twelfth grades. Seventy-two percent of 13- and 14-year-olds are ‘dating.’

Fifty-percent of young people who experience rape or physical or sexual abuse

will attempt to commit suicide.

Only one-third of the teens who were involved in an abusive relationship confided in someone about the violence.

Teens who have been abused hesitate to seek help because they do not want to expose themselves or are unaware of the laws surrounding domestic violence.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing Teen Dating Violence please contact the Warm Springs Police Department, Victims of Crime, 541-553-2293. Or come to our office located at 1108 Wasco Street in Warm Springs. **Michele Gonzales**, VOCS advocate.

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Zone 6 tribal fishery

Courtesy CTWS/PGE

A large portion of the ladder was capped to reduce the risk of damage from rockfalls (left).

Gear is limited to dip nets and the nets must be attended continuously. The Branch of Natural Resources will have creel technicians to check your harvest, if you are not checked, you are required to report your catch to the harvest manager within 24 hours. The phone number is 541-460-0272. Please leave a message if Resources are unable to answer the phone in time. Tribal member who are fishing must have his or her enrollment card on hand. If asked, you must allow your catch to be inspected by tribal, federal or state officers.

"Feeding your own people, there's nothing better than that," said Mary Greene-Trottier, president of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations.

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PROBATE

CTWS, Petitioner, vs. Randy Zarate, Respondent. Case no. JV59,60-17. To Randy Zarate and Latonna Smith: You are hereby notified that a custody review has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribla Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing sched-

Around Indian Country

\$500,000 for Siletz broadband infrastructure

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have earned \$500,000 in federal funds for work on planning activities for broadband infrastructure connection, construction, and service deployment.

The \$500,000 for the Siletz Indians is from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will use their grant for a planning study to develop a solution for broadband infrastructure connection, construction, and service deployment to unserved Na-

tive American households, businesses, and community anchor institutions.

“The grant funds will allow the tribe to start a network of planning activities to develop a solution for broadband infrastructure in the greater Siletz area,” said Tribal Chair Delores Pigsley.

“The planning will address broadband connection, construction, and service deployment for currently unserved Native American households. We appreciate getting the funds and thank the senators for addressing this need.”

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

BIE sending 600,000 masks to schools

The Covid-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected Indigenous populations across the country, including among children. In response, the Bureau of Indian Education announced today it is acquiring personal protective equipment to distribute to schools for the health and safety of the Tribal communities it serves.

“Tribal communities have been seriously impacted by the pandemic and have taken proactive measures to protect their communities to stop or slow the spread of covid for the past two years,” said Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

“With this initiative, we are leveraging our existing resources in rural and remote communities to improve access to protective masks and respirators. These are critical

public health tools that teachers, administrators and students need to protect themselves and others from Covid-19.”

BIE will distribute 600,000 surgical masks for K-12 students at all 183 BIE-funded schools and 600,000 N95 respirators to K-12 schools for staff and adults in student’s households, as well as to Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute for students and staff.

“We must each do our part to protect ourselves and each other,” said BIE director Tony L. Dearman. “We are deploying every resource at our disposal to help protect our students, staff and Tribal communities from this devastating global pandemic.”



Another Valentines Wish from Travis Bobb!

GeoVisions hiring field technicians

Warm Springs GeoVisions is currently looking for Part-Time Field Technicians to conduct archaeological fieldwork and surveys.

Part-Time Field Technicians

Job responsibilities:


- Conduct archaeological surveys, monitoring, and excavation in support of cultural resources management fieldwork.
- Use electronic and traditional navigational equipment (GPS, iPad, compass, transit, etc.) to orient yourself and perform fieldwork.
- Record and photograph cultural resources identified in the field including artifacts, ecofacts, features, excavation units, land use, landscapes, historic structures, unique environmental features, archaeological sites.

- Record accurate, organized, and clear field notes, maps, drawings, logs, forms, tables, and other project documentation.
- Complete project tasks and errands as directed by the Crew Leader or Principal Investigator.
- Maintain, organize, and return company-provided field equipment, supplies, and vehicles.
- Follow all safety and health guidelines at project work sites.
- Travel for extended periods of time if necessary.

Compensation:

- For applicants without driver’s licenses, pay starts at \$15 per hour.
- For applicants with driver’s licenses, pay starts at \$16-20 per hour, depending on experience.
- We offer paid training, as well as hotel and per diem for out-of-town travel.
- Possibility for position to become full-time.

Requirements:



- Must be a Warm Springs Tribal Member.
- Must be willing to work outdoors and able to walk 5-10 miles regularly.
- Hunting, fishing, and gathering are all valid forms of experience

To Apply:

- Send contact information to hello@wsgeovisions.com, or
- Come to Warm Springs Ventures office (4204 Holliday St) and leave contact info there.

For more information, please contact us at: hello@wsgeovisions.com

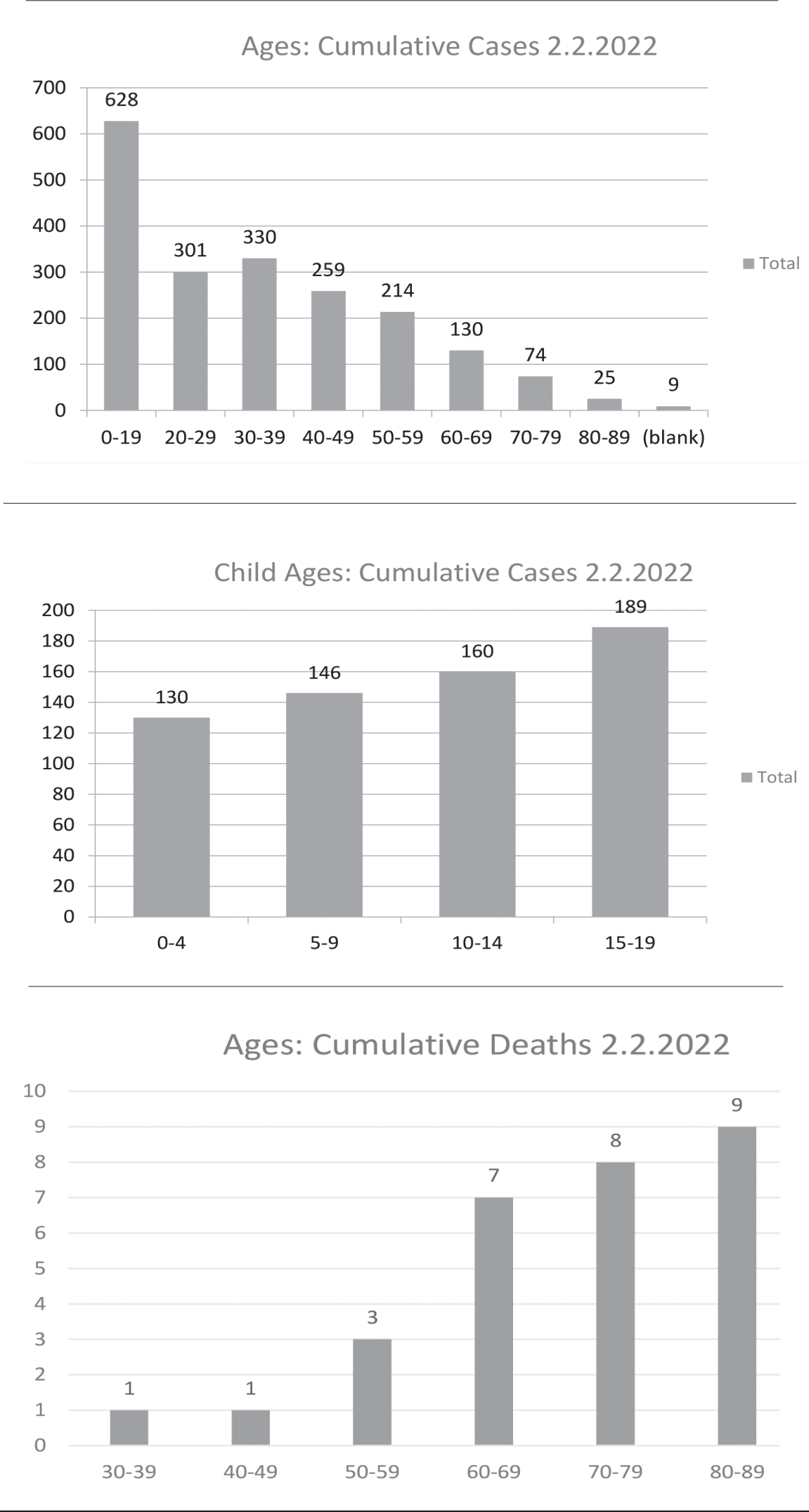
Covid-19 case demographics update

The Covid-19 Response Team, Indian Health Service and Community Health updated the covid case demographics for the tribal community, as of February 2.

At the time of the report, there were 94 active cases in the community. Breaking down the total: There were 42 active cases among the unvaccinated; forty-two among those

who were vaccinated without the booster; and 13 among the fully vaccinated with the booster.

At the February 2 time of the recent report: There were five in-patient Covid-19 hospitalizations among the community, bringing the total hospitalizations to 106 since the pandemic began.



Standoff closed hwy. for 6 hours

Highway 26 between Warm Springs and Madras was closed to traffic for six hours last Wednesday afternoon, February 2.

The incident began about 8:30 a.m., when Warm Springs Police attempted to make a vehicle stop based on an outstanding warrant.

Rather than pull over, the driver continued south on the highway, before turning off on Pelton Dam Road, where the driver then stopped.

The driver, a 41-year old female from Warm Springs, was taken into custody without incident.

The male passenger, Janson Harrington, 34, refused to exit the vehicle. He brandished a firearm, barricading himself inside the vehicle, according to police. This



Scene of the stand-off on Pelton Dam Road.

prompted the six-hour closure of the highway.

After extensive negotiation, a tactical team used a flash-bang device to get Mr. Harrington from the vehicle, authorities said.

Harrington was wanted for crimes on the reservation, and on a felony probation violation out of Jefferson County. At the scene of

six-hour standoff were Warm Springs and Madras police, sheriffs deputies and other members of the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team. Also on the scene were two Bearcat armored vehicles, a K-9 team, and a drone helping keep watch on the vehicle.

Most fortunatley, the incident ended without injury.

Portland Area IHS reports lower covid cases

The Portland Area of the Indian Health Service reported the tied-for-lowest Covid-19 seven-day incidence rate among the 12 IHS areas. The most recent data is through early February.

The Portland Area and California Area each reported a recent seven-day incidence rate of 20.4 percent, followed narrowly by the Alaska Area at 20.6 percent incidence rate. For comparison, the seven-day incidence rate for the Tucson Area was 46.4 percent.

This number reflects the seven-day incidence rate among those tested during the time frame. The Billings Area was at 46.4 percent; and Albuquerque at 40.1 percent. In other early February IHS covid data from around Indian Country:

The IHS has conducted more than 4 million covid tests for its service membership across Indian Country. Of the total, 426,146 have returned positive since the pandemic began. The data shows an increase in cases from late January to early

February. Warm Springs has cases falling in recent weeks, from the large spike that happened in the weeks following the December holidays.

Two of the IHS regions with the highest overall incidence are in Arizona: The Navajo Area and the Phoenix Area. The Oklahoma City Area has also been among the highest, with Albuquerque. In fact, the Oklahoma City Area is now approaching the top hot-spot long held by the Navajo Area.

New leader for NAGPRA

Federal officials announced the hiring of the first full-time Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act investigator at the Department of the Interior.

The new employee will help ensure that museums and other institutions are complying with the federal law, which requires the return of ancestral remains and cultural property to their rightful American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian caretakers and owners.

“Repatriation is a sacred respon-

sibility for many Native Americans,” said Chuck Sams, a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation who serves as director of the National Park Service.

“We hope our efforts to streamline the requirements of NAGPRA and invest in additional staff will lead to more instances of proper repatriation and reburial of Indigenous ancestors and cultural items,” said Sams, who is the first Native person to lead the National Parks.

Driver killed in Jan. wreck

In late January an SUV driver traveling at a high rate of speed, and passing other vehicles on Highway 26 on the reservation, collided head-on with a pickup truck, killing the driver and leaving two other people with minor injuries. The incident happened Friday, January 28.

Warm Springs Police and medics responded to the two-vehicle crash about 6 p.m. near milepost 74.

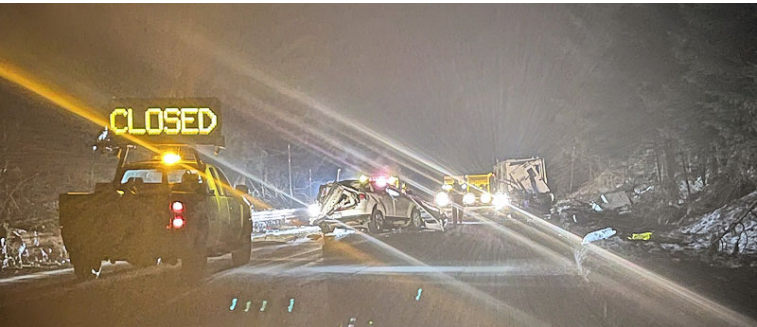
Based on the investigation, the driver of a 2007 Lincoln SUV was heading west at a high rate of speed and attempting to pass other vehicles when he struck an eastbound 2014 Ford

pickup truck towing a small utility trailer. The driver died at the scene.

Oregon State Police responded to assist with the investigation and crash reconstruction. Speed is considered a primary factor in the crash.

The crash and investigation shut down a 25-mile stretch of the highway for several hours.

The highway was closed between mileposts 71 and 96, with drivers urged to use alternate routes, such as highways 35 and 216. The highway didn’t reopen until early Saturday.



Tribal police photo at the scene.

Young Life Youth Club meeting in Warm Springs

The Young Life Youth Club meets on Thursdays in Warm Springs from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

The club meets at the modulars by the former elementary school, where Bridges used to be located. There are food and games and more. Feel free to stop by! For more information contact Shontae Thomas at 541-771 9724.

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



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CODE makes inter-state drugs, weapons arrests

The Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team last week concluded a lengthy surveillance operation with the arrest of a Madras couple on inter-state drug and weapons charges.

Officers with the Drug Enforcement Team received a warrant for the arrest of David Toedtemeier, 31, and his wife Kylee, 38. The officers stopped the couple’s vehicle in late January on Highway 97 near LaPine.

At the stop, the Warm Springs Police Department narcotics K9 alerted the officers to the presence of the drugs in the vehicle.

Officers then found a large amounts of fentanyl, methamphetamine and heroin, disguised as Oxycodone pills. They also recovered a loaded pistol. Mr. Toedtemeier would then face a



Pills and other drugs seized during arrests.

felon-in-possession charge. The couple also had their infant child in the vehicle, bringing a charge of endangering the welfare of a child.

After the arrests, officers searched the Toedtemeier residence, recovering more drugs and weapons.

An allegation is that weapons were being exchanged in California for drugs.

Help Improve the Columbia River Fishing Access Sites!


Congress has authorized safety and sanitation improvements to be made at the Zone 6 fishing access sites through the federal *Columbia River In-lieu and Treaty Fishing Sites Improvement Act*.

We want to hear from **tribal members who use these sites to exercise their treaty-reserved fishing rights**.

- How do you use the sites?
- How well do the sites fit your needs?
- What problems have you seen or experienced while using the sites?
- What are your suggestions on ways to make the sites better?

In-person interviews will be held on the sites and on the four reservations by Akana or Nch’i Wana Housing staff in February and early March. An online survey option will also be available. Participation is voluntary and participants will get a \$50 gift card for their time.

Scan the QR code for the interview schedule, online survey information, and more details. ▶



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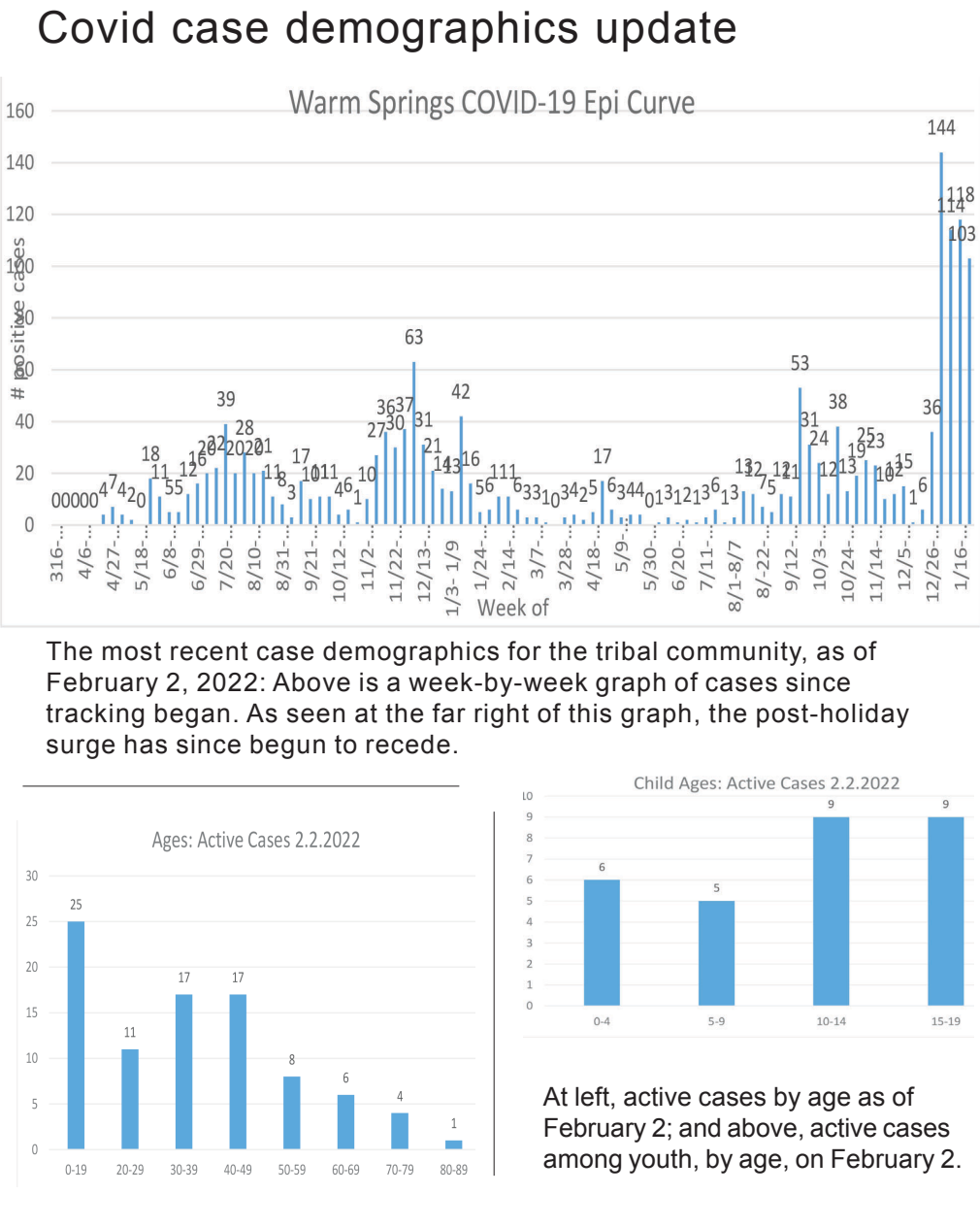


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State overall reports drop in covid cases

For Oregon as a whole, the state Health Authority this month reported a marked decline in weekly Covid-19 cases.

During a recent seven-day period, the Health Authority reported 43,606 new cases of covid in Oregon.

This was a 22 percent decline from the previous seven-day tracking period.

This was also the lowest weekly total in a month.

At the same time, there were 739 new covid-related hospitalizations, a 13.9 percent increase over the previous week. Covid-related deaths more than doubled to 147 for the week.


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