

## Community input needed on new tribal jail site

The Confederated Tribes are in the process of choosing a site for the new Warm Springs Jail. The tribes are asking the community for input on a preferred site, to be reviewed and endorsed by Tribal Council.

When a preferred site is chosen, the decision will be reviewed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Facilities Management and Construction, an office of the Department of the Interior, the funding entity.

Tribal Land Services has developed a list of 14 potential sites, though perhaps four or five of the 14 may not be feasible from the perspective of infrastructure, and therefore budgeting, said Chico

Holliday, general manager of tribal Utilities.

Still, there are a number of options for the proposed jail site. Public Safety, Utilities, Land Planning and Land Services have developed the preliminary list of potential sites. Based on community input, the list will be narrowed to a preferred location, and two alternatives. Tribal Council will then make a final decision, forwarding to BIA.

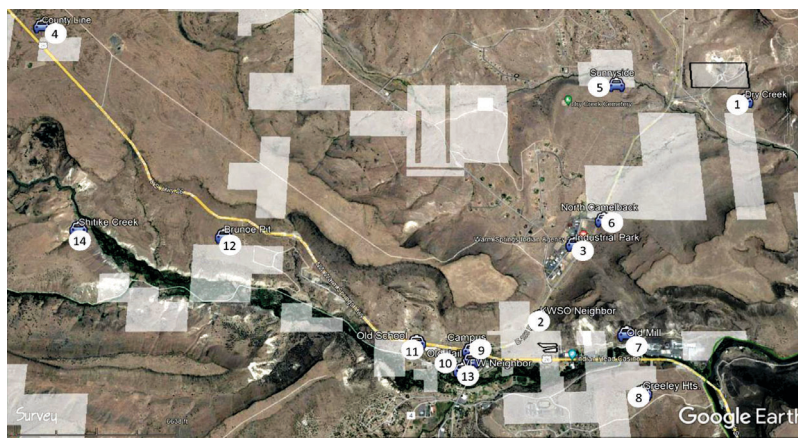
The jail will have a bed capacity of 60, requiring about five acres of land. The facility will be only for jail detention. The Police Department, Dispatch, Tribal Court and their offices will remain at the current locations.

The federal funding is available

for a jail, based on a needs and deficiencies assessment of the former jail, conducted last year and the year before by Warm Springs Corrections Lieutenant Crystal Greene.

A number of factors go into the final decision as to the best location. The infrastructure—roads, water, sewer, etc.—are a large factor. A cultural inventory of the site will weigh in the decision, as will the ownership—allotment or tribal ownership. Some proximity to the police station and courthouse are another factor.

The team working on siting includes leaders at Public Safety, Utilities, Land Services and Land-Use and Tribal Council.



Map summary of the proposed sites, as catalogued by tribal Land Services. You can see more details at [kwso.org](http://kwso.org) and [wsnews.org](http://wsnews.org); and at the Land Services jail site display board.

Chico Holliday at Utilities, and Nancy Seyler, Public Safety interim general manager, have both men-

tioned the Dry Creek site as a potential preferred location.

See **JAIL SITE** on page 5

## Community update

The incidence of Covid-19 among the tribal community has decreased over the past few weeks, as has happened across the state and country overall.

An Warm Springs IHS-Community Health report last week showed there were 37 active cases of covid among the tribal community. For perspective on the trend: A covid report in mid January showed more than 140 active cases.

Last week, there were 15 close contacts receiving the daily monitoring. The tribal covid protocol remains in place (*see page 5 of this publication*).

While the numbers are looking much better, the covid risk is still there: Last week, six people from the tribal community were hospitalized with the virus.

Statewide last week, the Oregon Health Authority reported a decrease of 16 percent in the incidence of covid, compared with the week before.

Across the state last week, there were 794 covid-related hospitalizations, a decrease of 18 percent.

Tribal health officials encourage the community to please continue to take Covid-19 precautions, including the face mask and distancing in public tribal buildings.

For a vaccine appointment, call the Health and Wellness Center during business hours to schedule a day and time, 541-553-2131.

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs Clinic announced new covid outdoor testing hours. The hours are as follows:

This Wednesday, February 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, February 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.

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## Dean Seyler retiring as IHS Portland Area director

Dean Seyler has many years of service to Indian tribes and Native Americans of the West, and especially here at home with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Mr. Seyler has been serving as the director of the Portland Area of the Indian Health Service. This week Mr. Seyler announces his retirement, following his 27 years with IHS.

Along with his time with the Indian Health Service, Mr. Seyler worked two years with the BIA; and as a young man he worked 15 years for the Confederated Tribes.

Dean began working at the age of 14 as a busboy at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. At the age of 19, he became a police officer, eventually joining the Warm Springs Police Department for three years. He transitioned to fire medic for Warm Springs Fire and Safety, where he stayed for 10 years—six years as a fire medic and four as Fire Chief.

During his time working for Fire and Safety, Dean saved at least a dozen lives, fought multiple fires, all while enhancing department revenue from \$30,000 to \$300,000 by his last year.

In 1992, Dean transitioned to the position of Occupational



Dean Seyler

Safety and Health Manager for the BIA Aberdeen Area, now the Great Plains Area.

During his two years of BIA service, he identified several OSHA related violations that assisted the Area in obtaining the highest level of funds to address issues in the Area's history, assuring that the buildings were safe for occupation.

Dean and his family then returned home to Warm Springs to help care for his mother Aradonna's healthcare needs.

In 1995, Dean accepted a position at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center as the Deputy Service Unit Director. In his tenure, he developed the clinic's first urgent care model that hired providers to see same-day appointments only, allowing established providers to focus on scheduled patients and general, non-urgent

needs.

In 2000, Dean transitioned to the job of Administrative Officer of the Whiteriver Indian Health Hospital in Arizona. Shortly after he started his new position, he was asked to serve as Acting Chief Executive Officer for two years, and then was selected as the permanent Chief Operations Officer for another two years.

During that time, Dean acquired a CT Scanner, the first in hospital history; and when he left, the total revenue of the hospital was \$25 million. Dean was also asked to serve as the Phoenix Area Acting Director of Field Operations for that Area's IHS, where he supervised 11 chief executive officers.

Near the end of his time as CEO at Whiteriver IHS, Dean felt it was time to return home to Oregon and pursue his goal of becoming the Portland Area Director. In 2006, Dean accepted the position of Public Health Emergency Manager at the Portland Area IHS.

Soon thereafter he accepted the Executive Officer position, setting him up to become the Acting Portland Area Director in 2010. At the end of 2010, Dean was selected by the director of the IHS and Portland Area tribes to become the Portland Area Director, a senior executive service position.

For the past 12 years, Dean has served proudly as the director. He has amassed many accomplishments including:

Establishing the use of a quality improvement model that is now standard across the Agency; and a shovel-ready, 10-year in the making business plan to set up three regional referral centers staffed with specialists of all kinds. This is now close to funding;

He oversaw the creation of the first in the Agency patient experience program, designed to enhance the quality of healthcare to all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Dean would like to thank his wife Jeannie for her ongoing love, commitment and unwavering support, his two sons, Kevin and Dustin, for their love and encouragement, and his late parents, Cecil and Aradonna, for teaching him the true value of work and steadfast love.

Lastly, Dean would like to encourage all young Natives to "Keep your head up, establish a goal, never let anyone distract you, and accomplish all you can. Lastly, in the immortal words of Spock, 'Live long and prosper.'"

*Family and friends invite all to wish Dean Seyler the best in this next adventure in life.*

## School mask mandate projected to end March 31

The Oregon Health Authority announced that the statewide indoor mask mandate for schools will end on March 31.

This will apply to all schools of the Jefferson County District 509-J; the decision regarding the mask mandate at the Warm Springs Academy will be determined by Tribal Council, the Response Team and health advisors.

During the first half of this month, Oregon saw a decline in positive Covid-19 cases of more

than 40 percent. Experts are predicting that decline will continue in the weeks to come.

The school district will be in communication with local health authorities in the district communities about the next steps.

"We are grateful for these strong partnerships and their expertise, and look forward to working with them as we take another step into local decision making," said district superintendent Jay Mathis.

"On April 1, we will no longer require masks in indoor spaces. The

requirement will instead become a recommendation," Mr. Mathisen said.

This does not apply when on a school bus. Masks are required on public transportation, which includes school buses, until lifted by the federal government. This cannot be waived by state or local authorities.

In partnership with Warm Springs, the school district has deferred to Tribal Council and the Covid-19 Response Team for protocol to protect individuals against

Covid-19 throughout the pandemic on tribal lands. "We will continue to partner with those leaders going forward, as we make decisions about the Warm Springs Academy," Mathisen said.

Other health and safety protocols and practices will likely remain in place as directed by the state.

"In the meantime, we appreciate your patience as we follow state mandates requiring masks in schools until they are lifted," Mathisen said.

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# Fire and Safety Chief on board

The Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department—providing the community with 24-hour seven-day fire and ambulance response—relies on 21 full-time employees, ten part-time and two volunteers.

Great leadership for the department—as they handle emergency, sometimes life-and-death situations—is essential. As Fire and Safety Chief Scott Spaulding says, “Our purpose here is to protect and take care of the people.” And for the past two years Fire and Safety has done all this during the pandemic, only adding to the challenges of the emergency response profession.

Chief Spaulding has been Fire and Safety Chief for just a few weeks now, though his work and time with the department goes back more than two decades years.

Chief Spaulding is originally from the central New York region, where he grew up on the family dairy farm. It was there that he first became involved in emergency response, working as a volunteer with his father on an ambulance squad. In the 1980s he joined the mili-



Fire and Safety Chief  
Scott Spaulding

tary, serving as a Corpsman with the U.S. Navy from 1988 to ’92. During his time with the Navy, Chief Spaulding served overseas during the Gulf War Desert Shield and Desert Strom operations. During his time as a Corpsman he was also stationed on the West Coast, and this eventually brought him to Central Oregon.

Moving to Madras 20 years ago,

he met the Jefferson County Fire and Safety Chief, working with that department, training as an Emergency Medical Technician, and becoming a Paramedic. He first joined Warm Springs Fire and Safety in 2001. Since that time he worked with the department part-time and full-time, depending on what else was going on at time.

Then a year ago he took a job with John Day emergency response. However, Warm Springs Fire and Safety this winter needed a new chief. Earlier this year, Nancy Seyler, acting Public Safety general manager, and tribal Emergency Management director Dan Martinez reached out to Mr. Spaulding, wanting to know if he would come back to Warm Springs as acting chief. This led to his becoming Chief of Warm Springs Fire and Safety, starting late last month.

Chief Spaulding’s wife is Michelle, who works at the Indian Health Service Clinic. They have two sons, three daughters, and seven grand kids. And they work, as the Chief says, “To protect and take care of the people.”

— Dave McMechan

# BIA reforming Corrections practices

The Bureau of Indian Affairs announced a series of reforms to the Office of Justice Services Correctional Program. The changes are to protect the rights, dignity and safety of those who are in custody.

After concerning reports about the treatment of incarcerated individuals, including 16 inmate deaths in custody between 2016 and 2020, the BIA launched a three-month review in the fall of 2021.

The review included the commissioning of a third-party report to review current conditions in BIA operated and funded detention facilities.

There are a total of 96 Corrections programs funded by the BIA, 26 operated by the BIA and 70 operated by tribes.

“As the son of a corrections officer, I value the wellbeing of all people, those in our custody as well as those responsible for providing a safe and rehabilitative environment,” said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

“We will not shy away from acknowledging the past and taking ownership of the path to improve conditions in our facilities. The reforms we are announcing today represent a new chapter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as we move toward organizational culture change.”

The report lays out recommendations for the Interior Department, informed by an assessment of the thoroughness and effectiveness of the 16 closed in-custody

investigations. Questions are whether the BIA’s current in-custody death investigation reporting meets modern standards; whether the incident investigations met common industry standards for proper evaluation; and whether investigators have proper training and skills to effectively investigate in-custody death incidents.

Consistent with the findings of the bureau’s review, BIA is moving forward with more than two dozen reforms focused on:

- Updating policies and implementing consistent standards across corrections facilities;
- Improving the recruitment, retention, training and morale of staff; and,
- Improving interagency coordination with federal partners to ensure safety for inmates and accountability for correctional officers.

Assistant Secretary Newland will soon further outline the reforms that the BIA has undertaken, as well as the overall culture change he is overseeing at Office of Justice Services.

## W.S. Little League needs volunteers

Warm Springs Nation Little League is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming baseball and softball season. The Nation needs coaches for T-Ball, Co-Ed Rookies Baseball, Baseball and Softball Minors, Majors and Softball Juniors. You can contact Edmund Francis to learn more at 541-325-3856.

**Senior meals...**

The Warm Springs Senior Wellness Program offers **meals to Senior Citizens** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for delivery or pick up at the Greeley Heights Community Building. On Monday, February 28, the menu will include Black Bean Chili, Corn Bread and Fruit.

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## Wrestler competing at State

This year nine Madras high School wrestlers will be competing at State, and one of the nine is Isaiah S. Martinez of Warm Springs.

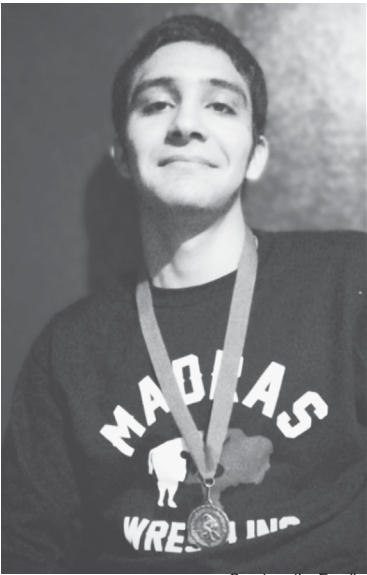
All of Isaiah's life he has known Kajukempo Karate, which was taught to him by his grandpa, Sifu Al Martinez. Isaiah is also in Mixed Martial Arts, and has learned hard work and dedication from that lifestyle as he grew up.

Isaiah was named Most Valuable Player during his middle school football years, and is part of the Future Professional Pro Athletes of the Next College Student Athletes—the NCSA.

In seventh grade Isaiah would listen to one of his favorite sport coaches, Coach Tony at the Warm Springs Academy, where Isaiah signed up for his first year of wrestling.

Ever since the beginning of his wrestling years he has loved wrestling in meets, tournaments and competitions with his team. Last year Isaiah went to State but did not place.

This year he is given another



Isaiah S. Martinez

chance from his amazing win at Districts, placing himself in third and earning his respects. Isaiah has been a great role model for his siblings and younger fans who would like to take the same athletic steps that Isaiah has taken during grade school and high school.

*Good luck Isaiah, from all your friends and family. We know you'll make us proud!*

## Academy Wrestling: Little team, big dreams

The loud noise echoing in the rimrocks is not coyotes, hawks or buzzards. Instead, this joyful sound is that of the young Warm Springs Eagles wrestling team.

With only ten practices, the Warm Springs Eagles have been able to attain much success on the mats with team coach Clint Switzler and assistants, the father and son team of Quentin and Jaime Scott.

At the start of the season, Coach Switzler started with an almost full room of potential wrestlers. Then, with fickle practice time and start-up—following covid precautions and restrictions—the team hopefuls have thinned out.

“The kids barely got enough practices in to grasp a general concept of the sport,” Coach Switzler said. “A majority of the kids have never seen a match, let alone had a chance to understand the concepts and fundamentals.”

He says, “Wrestling is hard, and not for everyone, yet the core group who are not afraid to fail will be able to dig deep when life gets tough.”

Coach Switzler and staff are truly building a culture around Eagles wrestling. “This crew has gone across Central Oregon representing our little town and making big noise,” said Coach Jaime Scott. “We placed two, and almost another three or four with just a small roster.”

At times the practice room consists of only five wrestlers, and sometimes as strong as 25. “But the overall commitment they’ve shown has been a phenomenal,”



Wrestlers at awards ceremony.

Courtesy Jaime Scott

Coach Scott said.

The team finishes the year with meets in Culver and Lapine, while Mat Club is over for the region. Meanwhile, Freestyle and Greco season is starting, and national teams are gearing up for spring and summer trips to California, Nevada and Washington. *Stay tuned and Good Luck, Wrestlers!*

## TERO Construction training a great success

by **Wayne Gilbert**  
*Dispatch and Compliance Officer,  
W.S. Tribal Employment Rights Office*

I would like to take the time to thank all the people who were involved in making Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office Introduction to Construction Training a success.

Thank you to Trey Leonard, for the use of the training room at the Warm Springs Fire Management building. It helped all the class work training.

Use of the helicopter base for heavy equipment simulation training and hands-on equipment was also a great help. The space was utilized, giving ten of the 12 people the opportunity to gain some working knowledge of road construction. That will give them a chance to go out into the workforce of highway construction.

The training participants learned about blueprint reading and construction math; they did the safety work for introduction to cement and asphalt training; and safety training for using forklifts.

The participants also learned how to be in a healthy and safe working environment with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration—OSHA 10 training.

Patricipants were able to get certifications for First Aid-CPR-Automated External Defibrillator, Traffic Control and Flagging Certification.

Along with all the learning, they also had the chance to build their resumes for future job endeavors.



Wayne Gilbert/TERO

Equipment simulator training (above); and some concrete work.



Students did a walk around inspection of a forklift to see if there was anything that would prevent them from being safe because of mechanical issues from the forklift.

During some of the in-class training, the participants learned out in the field. We set up a course of orange cones for the participants to drive through, using a forklift to moved and carry a bucket of water before receiving forklift certification.

**Cement work**

The next step in the learning process was hands-on experience with cement work.

The first project was learning to build a frame and make sure that it was level and even. Then the participants got to mix cement, and set it into the frame they had built.

The second cement project needed a little more work: First, they started making a cut in a floor and knocking out the cut section with small sledgehammers;

then added a bonding agent and set the cement. All was finished by day's end.

As the training got closer to ending, arrangements were made for a field trip to see what it was like on a construction site.

Thank you to Griffen Construction for allowing the group to visit the construction site in Madras next to the Cross Keys Inn.

The group did get to see how cement forms are put together. They also learned about what goes into cement work for building construction.

Thank you goes to J&S Excavation. The owner of J&S took the time to inform the group of what went into doing the excavation for the building.

There was a lot shared about how important each worker is to a job site. The group learned a lot about a building construction site, and about small business.

At the end, certificates were passed out to all the who participated in the Introduction to Construction training. Like most trainings there was one participant that stood out from the rest and impressed the instructors. Carshal Brunoe received gifts from the president of Baker Technical Institute (BTI), giving words of encouragement in hopes that all the participants can pursue their careers in the future.

The training started out as just an idea, and moved into being a reality. The Introduction to Construction training ended in a suc-

cess of ten out of twelve 12 participants finishing the class. What was supposed to be two and half weeks turned into having an extra week due to a covid shut down during the training.

Personally, I want to take the time to thank all the participants who stuck out the training. This was not paid training. We had participants from Portland and Washington state who attended, and made it until the end of the training.

That commitment makes me hopeful for them in their future endeavors to work with TERO or any other construction company of their choosing.

To all the participants who stuck it out are: Carshal Brunoe, Tylar Suppah, Harley Kelly, Charles Scott, Anthony Caldera, Ford Fuiava, Erika Miller, Lonnie Caldera, LaVonne Boise and Jeremiah Axtell.

Thank you! I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Thank you to Wendell Jim for helping to get this idea off the ground and making it a reality. A huge thank you goes to Sandy Mitchell for the many phone calls and emails to make this a success.

Thank you to Doug Dalton for setting up a program that will help get people to work, be ready for work; and Thank you to the staff who were able to make the trip weekly and share important information to the participants in the training. Again, thank you Trey Leonard and Wayne Miller.

### Heavy equipment

The introduction to heavy equipment was the most enjoyable for the class.

Simulators were brought in for the participants to do a walk-around safety inspection, and had the chance to see what it was like to be on heavy equipment including a grader, excavator, dozer and a loader.

The simulators tested their knowledge of the machines and timed their course runs, giving each a pass or fail. Participants were able to repeat the course until they got an understanding of each machine with a passing score.

### Forklift course

I would also like to give a thank you to Wayne Miller for the use of his building, War Pony Express, where the forklift training and cement work took place.

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# Letters to the editor

## Testing at clinic

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For covid illness questions outside these hours, please call the covid information line at 541-553-5512.

## At Council

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

- Wednesday, February 23**  
9 a.m.: *Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs vs. USA Trust* case discussion with tribal attorneys.
- 10: Tribal Court update with Chief Judge Lisa Lomas.
- 10:30: Health and Human Services update with general manager Caroline Cruz.
- 11: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith. Items for discussion: Governmental Affairs, Administrative Services, and the Veterans Service Office.
- Afternoon session: Open.

## Baby formula advisory, recall

The Food and Drug Administration issued an advisory alert to consumers to avoid purchasing or using certain powdered infant formula products. There is an ongoing investigation into the situ-

ation.

There is a recall for these products. Affected products:

All 12.6-ounce Total Comfort powder.

All 12.5-ounce Similac for Spit Up powder.

All EleCare powder—Infant and Junior.

All Alimentum powder.

Some 12.5-ounce Similac Sensitive powder.

Some 12.4-ounce Similac Advance powder.

Participants should check the code printed on the product packaging near the expiration date. The code for affected products includes the following identifiers:

The first two digits on the code on the can are 22 through 37; and,

A code on the container contains K8, SH or Z2; and,

An expiration date of 04/01-2022 or later.

Products that do not have the above information are not affected. Participants should continue to use products not covered in the advisory.

Warm Springs WIC will replace recalled formula for its WIC participants only.

Call 1-800-986-8540 for information. Or see the wite: [tinyurl.com/formula-check](http://tinyurl.com/formula-check)

## Cultural position

The Wallowa Land Trust seeks to hire the Wallowa Gathering Project Manager. This is a part-time position, full-time during events. The pay is \$25 to \$35 an hour, depending on experience. The job lasts through June 15. The location can be by remote, with occasional travel to Wallowa County.

The application deadline is February 25. Wallowa Land Trust is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Enterprise.

The Wallowa Gathering Project Manager plays an important role as ambassador to, and advocate for, the three main tribal communities that participate in this event: the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. For a full job description see: [wallowalandtrust.org](http://wallowalandtrust.org)

## Howlak Tichum

Lupita ‘Piitah’ Phyllis Tohet ~ Shum’n’Wash

Lupita ‘Piitah’ Phyllis Tohet - Shum’n’Wash, was born on February 15, 1996 at 4:35 a.m. at Mountain View Hospital in Madras, to Harvianne Tohet. She was raised by her step poppa Chet Tias.

Grandparents are atwai Alexander and Phyllis Tohet.

Great-grandma is atwai Maxine McKinley. She has three uncles: David Sr., Uncle Jr. and Uncle BooBoo.

She has seven brothers and two sisters; and six nieces and four nephews.

Lupita was proceeded in death by her great-grandmother, both grandparents. Poppa Chet Tias; and one brother and one sister, and one uncle Rat.

Lupita graduated in 2014 from Nixáawii Community School in Pendleton. She attended one year of college at Washington State University in Pullman.

She was raised by Grandpa in the Longhouse, with Washut, Wasklick, Medicine Singing and Shaker. She prayed daily, knew her creator well, and had strong faith in her beliefs.

Lupita gathered tradi-

tional foods when she wasn’t busy.

She worked at the Wildhorse Casino and Hotel in Security. She also worked at Spirit Mountain in Security.

She was an emergency responder; and worked as a cage cashier at Indian Head Casino.

Her hobbies were sheep and calf riding; and going to rodeos with her family.

She played basketball, and taught herself how to bead. Several people own pieces of her work.

She attended powwows with her family and late Poppa, who was a drummer. Lupita was a Fancy Shawl Dancer, and loved All Around Dancing; and mostly spending time with little brothers Son-Son (Glenden)

and Beebz (baby Alex).

She passed away in a serious car accident on Highway 26 near the Bear Springs turnoff, January 28, 2022.

The family dressed her in the old style traditional ways on January 31 at 3 p.m. in the Agency Longhouse. She laid over night, with Washut and Medicine Society Services being held.

On February 1 Lupita was laid to rest near her grandparents Dry Creek Cemetery, Warm Springs. A Celebrations of life was also held for Lupita by best friend Kaity Gail, from Salem, at the Fort Hill Bar, Grand Ronde, February 11.

## Howlak Tichum

Arthur (Art) “Koy-a-ma” James McConville Jr.

Arthur (Art) ‘Koy-a-ma’ James McConville Jr., 77, was called home by our Creator on Friday, February 4, 2022.

Art was born to Arthur James McConville Sr. and Emma Kash Kash on June 16, 1944, in Pendleton. Art was a caring haama, tota, and family man.

He was a proud descendant of the Cayuse and Nez Perce People and citizen of the Confederated Umatilla Tribes.

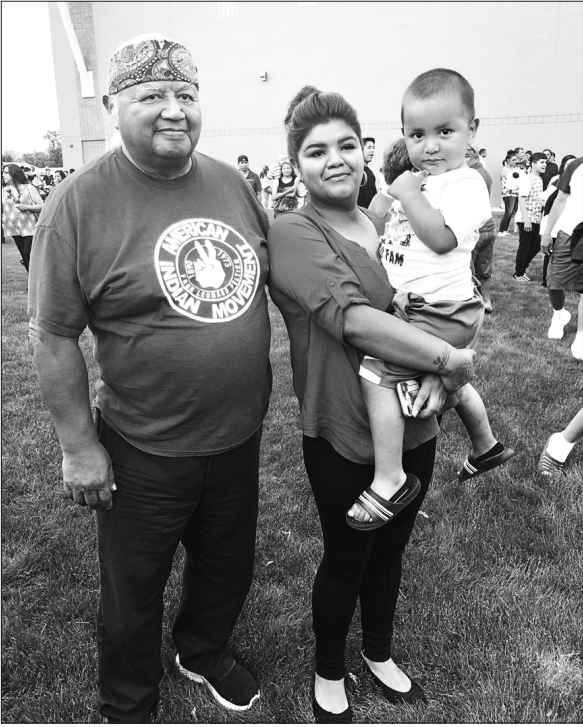
He was a very active member of the community, involved with many organizations and movements. He served as the Chairman of the American Indian Movement’s Portland Chapter. He was a hard worker and loved working for his fellow Nixyaawii and Nimiipuu people.

Art was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a simple, humble and modest man; the kind of person who would give you the most important gift—his time. He would be there to help you when needed, no questions asked.

If you knew Art, you knew his humor and his creative mind for problem solving whatever he was involved with.

He was a complex human being with a beautiful heart. He would do whatever he could to help the young people, and enjoyed watching his grandkids grow up, beadworking and sharing stories from his many adventures, spiritual teachings, or life lessons he’s learned along the way.

Art’s early beginnings were difficult and he had his own battles with the darkness in life, but Art’s curiosity about the world and people led him to learn from his experi-



ences and challenges, shaping his view of the world and inspiring in him a passion for fighting injustice and helping others.

He lived a long and fulfilled life, giving him time to develop his many talents and spend his retirement years traveling and doing his important work in many places. He was a learner and a teacher, he volunteered for his community often.

Over the years, he worked in Wildland Fire, Forest Management, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Indian Child Welfare, and for many years in media and curriculum development for the Culture and Heritage Program for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

He was proud to be of both the Shaker and Washat faith. He worked in Youth Prevention Services for Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, managed the Wildhorse Resort and Casino’s Child Entertainment Center for many years, and later served as the Umatilla Tribe’s Veterans Coordinator. He is well known for his work bringing spiritual teachings and ceremony into Oregon’s prisons.

He would always talk about how much he loved to spend time and learn from all his aunts, uncles and elders from Nimiipuu, Nixyaawii, and Warm Springs.

One of his greatest accomplishments was his sobriety, and his path of ceremony and spirituality. His time at Standing Rock was one of those important times in his life.

He was always encouraging and supporting others along their own journey. He always wanted to be of service to others in any way he could, and he truly made a

difference in many lives. He was in ceremony up until the very end and he will continue to live on in all our hearts, spirits, and in dreamtime. Just remember to ask yourself, “What would Art do?” and you’ll be alright.

He spent much of his free time with the elders and youngest members of the tribal community, and socializing on ‘Indian Twitter’ aka Facebook.

Art was a great man and friend to many. He truly enjoyed traveling, visiting friends and family, attending pow wows, ceremonies, shaker meetings, hanging at the casino, and attending other tribal functions. He also loved attending the Nixyaawii Golden Eagle sporting events.

Art had a big family. He is survived by his children, Shana, Alx, Paris, Sterling, Kim, Rusty, Jerry Allen, and Aimee. His grandsons, Maurice, Maddox, Joshua, Christian, and La Peka. His granddaughters, Juelz, Soleda, Terri, Phoebe, and Artis. His sisters, Judy Johnson and Laura Lee McConville. His niece, Julie Ann Johnson. His nephews, Jon McConville and Sterling Sampson. And numerous great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandfathers, James McConville and

James Kash Kash, Andrew Allen, and great grandmothers Julia Kash Kash and Mary Wilson Mox Mox McConville, Lucy Kash Kash, his parents, Arthur James McConville Sr. and Emma Kash Kash McConville, Ayats, Vivian Aust, Anita Webb Taylor, Billie Joe Bagley, Annette Lucero, his brother, Herschel McConville, sisters, Mary Lou McConville and Ruth McConville. His two sons, Art McConville III, and Norman McConville. His nephew, Raymond McConville.

The funeral services were held Wednesday, February 7 at the Nixyaawii Longhouse, and officiated by Armand Minthorn. The burial was officiated by Robert Taylor with support from the American Indian Movement at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery in Lapwai, Idaho. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements. To support Art’s family; Venmo: @shanaradford; CashApp: @shaeradford; Paypal: @shanaradford; or mail cards or check to: 42 Umatilla Loop, Pendleton 97801.

## Community notes...

The Warm Springs Senior Wellness program offers **meals to Senior Citizens**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for delivery or pick up at the Greeley Heights Community

Building.

This Friday, February 25, the menu is Lasagna with Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread and Fruit.

The Warm Springs Com-

munity Action Team is offering **Tax Aide** again this year.

You can schedule an appointment 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, then drop it off on your appointment date.

The **Young Life Club** meets Thursday afternoons from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Roots Trailer next to the old Warm Springs Elementary School.

The club is for youth in sixth–twelfth grades. You can contact Earl Simmons at 541-815-0992 to learn more.

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**WILLIAM MOODY, Petitioner, vs ELICIA HICKS, Respondent; Case No. DO138-21. TO: WILLIAM MOODY, ELICIA HICKS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:30 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs OLEA YAHTIN, Respondent; Case No. JV24-19. TO: OLEA YAHTIN, TEVOR TEWEE:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of **MARCH 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs RANDY ZARATE, Respondent; Case No. JV59,60-17. TO: RANDY ZARATE, LATONNA SMITH:**  
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 1<sup>ST</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CYNTHIA ISADORE, Respondent; Case No. JV80,81-09. TO: CYNTHIA ISADORE, CARL IYAKITAN:**  
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**CHEYENNE WAHNETAH, Petitioner, vs MORRIS JOHNSON, Respondent; Case No. DO100-21. TO: CHEYENNE WAHNETAH, MORRIS JOHNSON:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a FILIATION has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 3<sup>RD</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MICAH DAVID, Respondent; Case No. JV140-05. TO: MICAH DAVID, ORRAH DAVID, ELBROSIA EGUIZABAL:**  
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 7<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs VIRGINIA MCKINLEY, Respondent; Case No. JV80,81-09. TO: VIRGINIA MCKINLEY, ANDREW SMITH SR, CPS, JV PROS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW / 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 7<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARISSA KALAMA, Respondent; Case No. JV243-03. TO: MARISSA KALAMA, KEITH CHARLEY JR:**  
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 7<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLENE CHEE, Respondent; Case No. JV129-07, DO110-09. TO: CHARLENE CHEE, REX ROBINSON ANGELES:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LUCILLE POLK, Respondent; Case No. JV15,16,17,18,19,20-21. TO: LUCILLE POLK, GLEN WHIZ JR, JV PROS, CPS, P&P:**  
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/ 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 7<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CASSIE MITCHELL-ALVARADO, Respondent; Case No. DO57-20. TO: QUENTIN JACKSON, MERCEDES MITCHELL-ALVARADO, CASSIE MITCHELL-ALVARADO:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ESTER LAWRENCE, Respondent; Case No. JV40-21. TO: ESTER LAWRENCE:**  
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 17<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELLEN JACKSON, Respondent; Case No. JV3-19. TO: ELLEN JACKSON, ROBERT LUCEI:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP / SHOW CAUSE has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs FELICITY VANPELT, Respondent; Case No. JV35-21. TO: FELICITY VANPELT:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MARILYN SUPPAH, Respondent; Case No. JV46-19, JV95-19. TO: MARILYN SUPPAH:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs JENNY VANPELT, Respondent; Case No. JV56-10. TO: JENNY VANPELT:**  
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 21<sup>ST</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**ASHLYN JOHNSON, Petitioner, vs TYRONE MEDRANO, Respondent; Case No. RO15-20. TO: ASHLYN JOHNSON, TYRONE MEDRANO:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER EXTENSION 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 **MARCH, 2022 @ 10:30 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs BROOK WARNER, Respondent; Case No. JV59-10. TO: BROOK WARNER:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 31<sup>ST</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs AMETHYST MAKI, Respondent; Case No. JV82-10. TO: AMETHYST MAKI, TIMOTHY MAXEY:**  
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 23<sup>RD</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDITH WYENA, Respondent; Case No. JV77-17. TO: EDITH WYENA:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 31<sup>ST</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARI ANN TENORIO, Respondent;**

**Case No. JV28-20. TO: CARI ANN TENORIO:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of **APRIL, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**  
  
**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CARI ANN TENORIO, Respondent; Case No. JV13-05, JV85-15. TO: CARI ANN TENORIO:**  
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**JOHNNIE SMITH, Petitioner, vs MICHAEL L. BERRY, Respondent; Case No. DO7-22. TO: JOHNNE SMITH, MICHAEL L. BERRY:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of **APRIL, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs EDITH WYENA, Respondent; Case No. DO102-08. TO: EDITH WYENA:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs WILMA BAZA, Respondent; Case No. DO13-11. TO: WILMA BAZA, CALVIN WILLIAMS:**  
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**CLARA GLEASON, Petitioner, vs OLIVIA GLEASON, Respondent; Case No. DO5-22. TO: CLARA GLEASON, OLIVIA GLEASON, SHADRACK MARTINEZ:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs JAMESON MITCHELL, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO1-21. TO: MARY E. YOUNG, JAMESON MITCHELL, EMILY BROOKHY:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CONSERVATOR GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 3:00 PM**

**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 JURISDICTIONAL 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 24<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

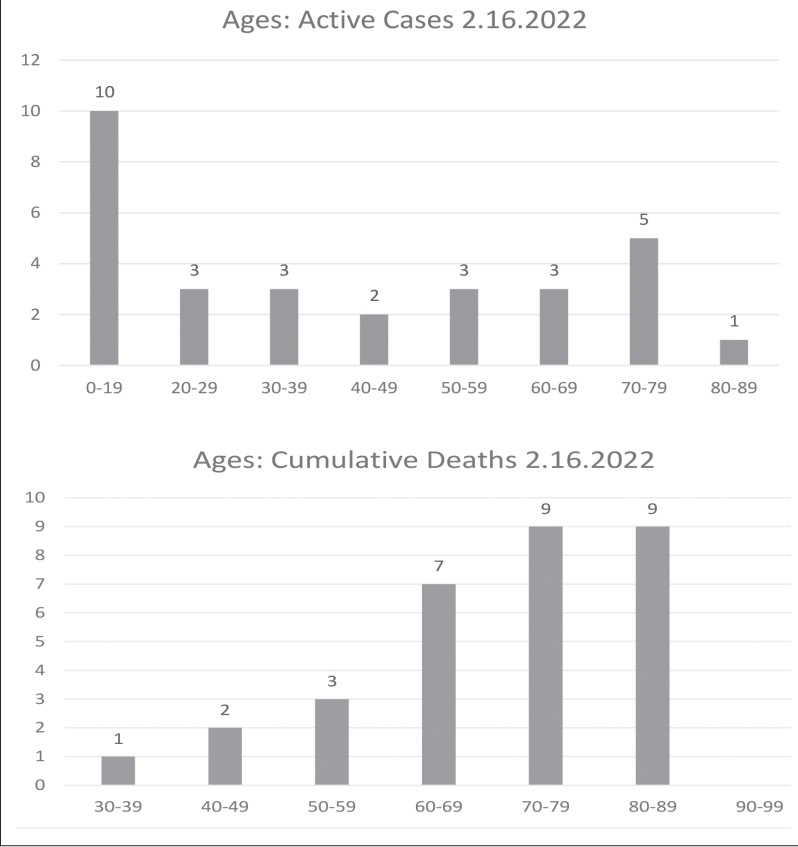
**TRINA LUCEI, Petitioner, vs WAYLON WINISHUT, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO14-17. TO: WAYLON WINISHUT, TRINA LUCEI, ADRIEL PINEDA:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 30<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MALLORY GILBERT, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO88-19. TO: MALLORY GILBERT, EDNA WINISHUT:**  
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**ARLENE DAVID, Petitioner, vs STARLA GREENE, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO130-12. TO: ARLENE DAVID, STARLA GREENE, JAKE SCOTT, ROMA CARTNEY:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in

Covid-19 case demographics

The incidence of Covid-19 among the tribal community has gone down significantly over the past weeks. There were 30 active cases in the community as of February 16, according to the latest data compiled by the Indian Health Service, Community Health and the Covid-19 Response Team. Of the 30 cases, 15 were among people who are unvaccinated; nine among the vaccinated, and six among those who have had the booster shot. Since the pandemic began a year ago, and since testing began in 2020, there have been 2,073 confirmed covid cases among the community, as of February 16. There have been 31 covid deaths since that date.



this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 28<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**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 22<sup>ND</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 4:00 PM**

**FIDEL MENA CASTILLO, Petitioner, vs CANDICE SAHME, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV85;86-10. TO: FIDEL MENA CASTILLO, CANDICE SAHME:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs JENNY BIRD, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV08-09. TO: JENNY BIRD, ELIJAH CUNNINGHAM:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs NELLIA TANEWASHA, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV12-10; JV34-09. TO: NELLIE TANEWASHA, EDNA MCKINLEY, KURTIS BOISE SR.:**  
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**LESLEE HENDERSON, Petitioner, vs DONOVAN DAHL, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO162;163-21. TO: LESLEE HENDERSON, DONOVAN DAHL:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a NAME CHANGE HEARING has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 2:00 PM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs MANDY SWITZLER, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV25-13. TO: MARIA MACHIC-HOLLIDAY, MANDY SWITZLER, BENJAMIN HOLLIDAY:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ANTONIA WAHSISE, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV59-09. TO: ANOTNIA WAHSISE, CASEY GRAHAM, STEPHANIE & JACOB MAY:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ROBIN WARNER, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV17-18. TO: ROBIN WARNER, TYRONE LAWRENCE, MALLORY & TOMMY GILBERT:**  
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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs LUTAH WALLULATUM, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV25-13. TO: RONNIE & BONNIE THOMAS, LUTAH WALLULATUM, EUGENE WEWA:**

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**CTWS, Petitioner, vs CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV116;117;118-14, JV154-08. TO: CHARLYNNE SUPPAH, ULYSSES SUPPAH SR.:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW & BENCH PROBATION REVIEW has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 10:00 AM**

**TIFFANY HUNT, Petitioner, vs EDWARD WEASELHEAD, RESPONDENT; Case No. RO36-21. TO: TIFFANY HUNT, EDWARD WEASELHEAD:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a RESTRAINING ORDER has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of **MARCH, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**

**CTWS, Petitioner, vs ASHLYNN SOHAPPY, RESPONDENT; Case No. JV176-08. TO: ASHLYNN SOHAPPY, GLORIA OROZCO:**  
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**LATISHA WAHENEKA, Petitioner, vs JESUS VAZQUEZ, RESPONDENT; Case No. DO115;116-20. TO: LATISHA WAHENEKA, JESUS VAZQUEZ:**  
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## Outdoor video features huckleberry harvest

Huckleberry picking season is still some months away, usually starting around mid summer.

Meanwhile, though, there is a great introduction to the tribal perspective on huckleberries—*Wiwinu* in Ichishkeen—on the website [outsideonline.com](https://outsideonline.com)

The 13-minute film, produced by Brutis Baez of Warm Springs, features several members of the Confederated Tribes, sharing stories of harvesting huckleberries with family and friends.

The documentary—called *Wiwinu*—was filmed near a traditional berry picking spot. Romona Baez talks about growing up and gathering berries with her elders.

The day they were making *Wiwinu*, Romona was on a huckleberry outing with two of her children and a grandson, sharing the traditional knowledge with the next generations.

The film narration begins: “The *wiwinu*, or huckleberry, is a traditional food for the Indigenous Warm Springs tribe of north-central Oregon. Every Au-



Jefferson Greene in scene from *Wiwinu*

gust, members set out in search of huckleberry bushes to pick, harvesting a bounty for the community’s annual feast that celebrates the fruit.”

*Wiwinu* then share some of the narrative of how the berries have remained important for Warm Springs people to this day.

With Ramona in *Wiwinu* are Veronica Baez, Koa Greene and Jefferson Greene, who shares an origin story about the huckleber-

ries and the bear. Others who were part of the film are Mykael Sam, Koa Greene, Kristy Kopplin and Sarah Gonzalez. Special thank you to the Confederated Tribes and the Culture and Heritage Department. *Wiwinu* is dedicated to Verbena Greene, Alex and Blanche Tohet, all Huckleberry pickers, Drummers, Bel Ringers, hunters and fishers. The film was made possible through an Eddie Bauer One Outside Grant.

## BIA plan for infrastructure spending

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has submitted to Congress its initial spend plan for funding authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The plan says award announcement for water infrastructure improvements in Indian Country—such as on the Warm Springs Reservation—will be made this year.

The spending plan is a blueprint for how BIA will invest directly in tribal communities across the country to bolster community resilience, replace aging infrastructure and expand access to clean drinking water.

The BIA participated in three department-wide consultations with tribes in the development of the submitted spend plan, and to inform further program implementation.

“The funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is essential to advancing the all-of-government approach to supporting and empowering tribal communities as they simultaneously face environmental impacts to physical, cultural, and subsistence-based infrastructure and relocate to higher ground,” said Assistant Secretary

for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. “I look forward to seeing this historic piece of legislation begin yielding meaningful results for tribal communities.”

The law provides a total of \$466 million to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, including \$216 million for climate resilience programs and \$250 million to support water and health infrastructure. Funding is provided as emergency appropriations and is available for obligation until expended.

The bill language directs that \$130 million is provided for community relocation, \$86 million is provided for tribal climate resilience and adaptation projects, and \$43.2 million will be available to spend annually for five years.

As the effects of climate change continue to intensify, Indigenous communities are facing unique climate-related challenges. Flooding, erosion, permafrost subsidence, sea level rise and storm surges are presenting existential threats to communities’ economies, infrastructure, livelihoods and health.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also includes \$250 million to

support construction, repair, improvement and maintenance of irrigation and power systems, safety of dams and public health and safety compliance issues at water sanitation systems. This includes \$50 million to address deferred maintenance needs at 17 congressionally authorized irrigation projects located on Indian reservations across the Rocky Mountain, Northwest, Southwest, Navajo and Western Regions. The initial spend plan includes \$50 million as stipulated in the Infrastructure Law for irrigation and power projects allocated in equal \$10 million amounts per year for FY 2022-2026, all of which is available until expended.

The initial spend plan includes \$200 million for Safety of Dams and Water Sanitation to be allocated in \$50 million increments over FY 2022-2026. In FY 2022, \$10.65 million will be allocated for Water Sanitation purposes to address Environment Protection Agency notice of violations, identify contamination issues, reduce system failure risk, reduce exposure to contaminants for Indian Affairs and tribal staff and address critical gaps in water delivery.

## Winter fishery extension

A 2022 tribal winter fishery has been extended for the John Day Pool only through 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 26. All gear is gillnets with no mesh size restriction.

Allowable sales are sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, salmon (any species), steelhead, walleye, bass, carp, catfish, shad, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes only.

River mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear are in effect. The

zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery remains unchanged at this time.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 541-386-6363.

Show pride in your tribe’s treaty rights by carrying your tribal ID. Please consult the Natural Resources Fisheries Department for additional details on tribal regulations.

## Chinook forecast best in 3 years

Spring chinook futures are looking up, even if only modestly, for the first time in about three years.

A collection of tribal, state and federal fisheries managers is forecasting 122,900 spring chinook bound for tributaries above Bonneville Dam will make it at least as far as the mouth of the Columbia River this year.

That number includes about 73,400 chinook that will be bound for the Snake River and its tributaries, an increase of about 20,000 compared to last year.

The forecast for Snake River-bound springers includes 60,200 hatchery-origin fish and about

13,200 wild fish.

If the forecast proves accurate, it would be the first time the total return of upriver spring chinook—those bound for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam—has exceeded 100,000 fish since 2018, when the return to the mouth of the Columbia was estimated at 115,081.

It also would be the highest return of Snake River-bound fish since the estimated return of 111,072 in 2016. The estimated return of 13,200 wild chinook bound for the Snake River would be the second-highest return in the previous five years but still only 63 percent of the 10-year average.

## Howlak Tichum Rex Buck Jr. ~ 1956-2022

The leader of the Wanapum band has died. Rex Buck Jr., 66, died Febbruary 11 at his ancestral village of P’na at Priest Rapids on the Columbia River in Grant County, Washington.

The Wanapum band lived at what is now the Hanford nuclear reservation site until the land was seized during World War II and the Wanapum were forced to resettle at their winter campsite in Priest Rapids.

Buck was given the responsibility of leading the Wanapum people while still in his 20s.

He had an easy-going way about him, but was relentless in his support of Wanapum culture. He spent decades developing and maintaining relationships with agency leads and land managers of the Wanapum traditional territory, which the Wanapum use to support their traditional lifestyle.

Rex viewed the current landowners as stewards of the landscape for now, understanding

that land-use decisions today will make a difference in its health and long-term viability to support future generations of Wanapum people.

Buck led the cultural protocol as the Burke Museum became the court-appointed repository for Kennewick Man, known by Native Americans as The Ancient One, in 1998.

Buck ensured proper care for The Ancient One for 19 years, until the bones were reburied by Native Americans.

He also helped repatriate hundreds of ancestors and tens of thousands of objects for multiple Columbia River tribal nations, as part of the Burke Museum’s commitments under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

“I was praying all the time to understand what my elders told me: Bring the people home. I tried to stick with their word,” Buck said when he was honored by the Burke museum.

## CRITFC seeking to fill positions —

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising for the following positions:

**Public information specialist.** This position works to forward the culture, goals and aspirations of the commission and its member tribes to the broader public through media and outreach activities. The position will write press releases, news stories, website and social media posts, and other creative writing to share the work, priorities, and views of CRITFC and its member tribes. Salary \$65,137–71,651. Portland. Closes February 22.

**Treaty fisheries community outreach liaison.** This position will be support outreach, contract tracing and wrap around support services for tribal communities along the Columbia River gorge. \$37,540–39,520. Portland.

**SCHISM Modeler/Oceanographer.** This position will work collaboratively with fish scientists and managers to integrate numerical hydrodynamic modeling into conservation and management programs for critical fish species and stocks in the Columbia River, focusing on Upper Columbia summer and fall chinook and Snake River fall chinook, but including other salmonid species,

lamprey, and sturgeon. \$75,799-\$80,854.

**Fishing site maintenance worker** (2 positions). These positions will provide the maintenance of the 31 Tribal In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites located along 150 miles of the Columbia River. \$34,496-\$36,796. The Dalles. **CRITPD-Police officer.** Based in Hood River. \$51,516-\$56,261.

**Dispatcher.** Hood River. \$39,937-\$43,661.

**HR generalist.** \$57,560-63,315.

The complete job description, minimum skills, application requirements, deadlines, and pay information are available at [critfc.org](https://critfc.org)

## Gray wolves may return to Endangered Species List

After a 15-month break, the gray wolf is back on the endangered species list. That might sound like bad news, but it’s actually seen as a victory for the iconic species, which is revered by Indigenous tribes and a powerful symbol of wildlife conservation.

Several wolves reside on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The gray wolf gained the protections of “endangered” status in 1974 but lost them in 2020 when

federal officials removed the animal from the list.

The current administration defended the removal in court, but a federal judge overturned it last week, and restored protections for the species across much of the US.

The Department of the Interior now has a few weeks to decide whether or not to appeal.

But what is an endangered species? The answer is surprisingly complicated, said John Vucetich,

a renowned wolf expert and professor at Michigan Technological University.

Vucetich led one of the longest-running research projects of any animal, in Isle Royale National Park, a set of islands in Lake Superior. He said that wolves deserve to be protected—but they’ve gotten caught up in the culture wars, which gave them the reputation as one of the nation’s most controversial species.



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Covid demographics update

Warm Springs COVID-19 Epi Curve



Week of	# positive cases
316	0
4/6	0
4/27	7
5/18	11
6/8	12
6/29	22
7/20	39
8/10	28
8/31	13
9/21	17
10/12	10
11/2	27
11/22	36
12/13	63
12/23	31
1/3	42
1/24	16
2/14	111
3/7	63
3/28	10
4/18	17
5/9	6
5/30	10
6/20	13
7/11	6
8/1	13
8/22	12
9/12	53
10/3	31
10/24	38
11/14	25
12/5	16
12/26	36
1/16	144
2/6	118
	103
	85
	52

This chart shows the incidence by week of covid among the tribal community. The most recent weeks show the decline in cases from the post-holidays surge.

Tribal Council election set for March 30

The election of the Twenty-Nine Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballot boxes will be available at the Simnasho Longhouse and the Seek-seequa Fire Hall. Off-reservation tribal members can mail in their absentee ballots.

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will put together candidates' information for each of the tribes' three voting districts.

Candidates are asked to contact KWSO to set up a date and time for a short interview; and the Spilyay requests candidates submit a statement and photo by March 14. Length of the statements should be about 250 words or fewer, because of the number of candidates.

Simnasho Voting District candidates for Tribal Council are:

Carlos Calica. TJ Foltz. Raymond Moody. Emerson Squiemphen. Lincoln Jay Suppah. Levi Van Pelt.

The Seekseequa Voting District candidates for Council are:

Rosa Graybel. Ruben Henry. Vesta Johnson. Brigitte McConville. Wilson Wewa. Martha Winishut.

The Agency Voting District candidates for Tribal Council are:

Rain Circle. Michael Clements. Reina Estimo. Eugene Greene Jr. Anita Jackson. Danni Katchia. Uren Leonard Jr. James Manion. Daniel Martinez. Cyrille Mitchell. William Sam. Alvis Smith III. Glendon Smith. Jason Wesley Smith. Jonathan W Smith. Ryan Smith Sr. Valerie Switzler. Dennis White III.

As dry spell continues, What happened to winter?

There was some snow this week, a rarity so far this winter.

The region is in yet another stretch of historically dry weather, plus near-record warm temperatures in Central Oregon, and across the state.

The coldest periods in Central Oregon this winter were in early December into early January. The snowiest period was in late December, which saw little snow.

More snow is predicted for early March, so there is still hope to increase the es-

sential snow pack.

Temperatures in early and mid February were in the 60s, and 70 degrees in southern Oregon, close to record levels for both regions.

While some may not complain about the spring-like weather of mid February, the larger issue has been an unusually long period of dryness caused by a strong high pressure ridge sitting off the West Coast. The pressure rights is diverting all the wet storms to the north.

High pressure ridges are

not uncommon during Oregon winters, but this year's has lasted an unusually long time—almost four weeks—and has dashed hopes for a major rebound from the years-long drought the state has faced.

After an influx of snow and rain in late December and early January, the water has almost completely turned off, leaving a decent situation in the northern half of the state but only deepening the drought in the central, south and eastern parts of the state.

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