

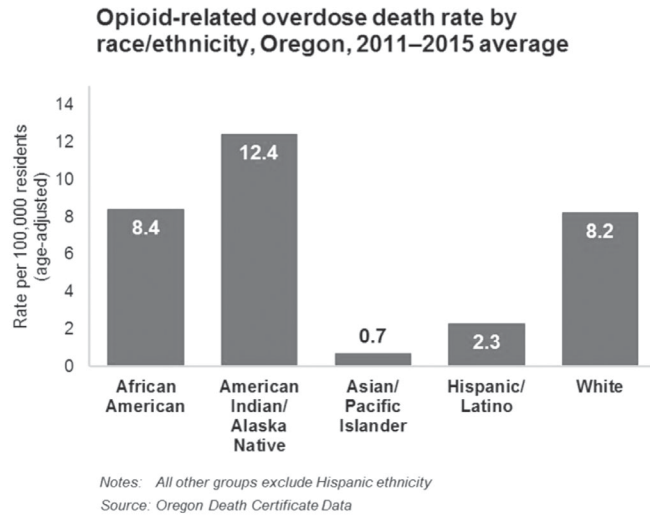
# Opioid abuse focus of spring conference

Native American communities experience a higher rate of opioid mortality than the general population and other ethnic groups.

The latest research shows: American Indians in Oregon have an opioid overdose death rate of 12.4 per 100,000 residents. For the overall state population, the opioid overdose death rate is 6.5 per 100,000 residents; so the rate for Native communities is nearly twice that of the general population.

Opioids include illegal drugs like heroin, and prescription painkillers often sold on the black market. The state Health Authority is working on strategies to address the crisis: In May the Health Authority will hold the Oregon Conference on Opioids, Pain and Addiction—Ending the Opioid Crisis Starts Now.

Tribal communities face



unique challenges in meeting this challenge, said Caroline Cruz, general manager of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Branch.

And for this reason the nine Oregon tribes, plus groups that work with urban populations of Native Americans, will hold a separate tribal conference on the opioid crisis.

Ms. Cruz is helping orga-

nize the conference, scheduled for May 15-17 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. Indian Health Services, tribal law enforcement, Prevention and recovery workers, educators, spiritual leaders and Tribal Council, medical experts and all others are invited.

This will be a critical conference for everyone committed to ending the opioid

crisis in tribal communities.

While all communities are suffering from the opioid epidemic, Native Americans face an even greater challenge. As stated by Dr. Ron Shaw, president of the Association of American Indian Physicians:

“Many Native American populations suffer from what is known as historical and inter-generational trauma. This has to do with historical events that have afflicted Native American tribes—from Wounded Knee to other issues that have affected us culturally, causing a kind of historical shame transmitted across generations. These are shown to be associated with increased rates of depression, drug use and addiction.

“So that’s an additional issue facing Native Americans, and perhaps more sensitive in those populations living in reservation areas.”

## Concert Honoring Quiltman

Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne held a benefit concert in February, as a celebration and benefit to Milton ‘Quiltman’ Sahme, who lost his Simnasho home in a wildfire last August.

The concert, *Honoring Quiltman*, happened at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, California.

The show also featured a performance by Bad Dog, the backing band of late Indian activist, poet and musician John Trudell.

The Bad Dog lineup featured Quiltman and his son, Teewhancee Sahme. Veteran folk artist Joel Rafael was also scheduled on the bill.

## Wood cutters meeting

There will be a wood cutters public meeting in March hosted by Timber Committee. The meeting will be from 6-8:30 p.m. on Thurs-

day, March 8 at the Greeley Heights community building.

If you have any questions, please call the committee secretary at 541-553-3257.

## A note from Sanitation-Landfill

Warm Springs Sanitation and Landfill would like to share some information with the community:

Sanitation will continue to provide trash pickup for all residents. However, they have to limit the totes to one per household.

If you need to maintain a second tote, call Russell 541-553-4943. There will be a

charge for a second tote.

Also, due to increases in equipment costs, Sanitation will no longer give out replacement totes or to new residents.

There may be some exceptions. Contact Russell at the Sanitation office for more information.

# Howlak Tichum

*Suzanne Clarice Moody ~ 1955-2017*

Suzanne “Suzie” Clarice Moody passed away at St. Charles Medical Center of Bend on Saturday, December 30, 2017, with her family by her side.

She was preceded in death by her brother Tyrone Smith, her parents Victoria Smith and Claude Smith Sr., and her sister Colleen Roba.

She is survived by her children, Michael Leecy, Lionel Smith, Victoria Smith, Kapri Moody, and Shelby Moody; stepchildren Martha Stewart, Carl Bork, Twillia Moody-Lundin, Tara Moody, William Moody; her brothers Claude Smith Jr., Frank Smith, Eric Smith, and her sister Angelena “Angie” Smith; and all her grandchildren.



Traditional Dressing services were held on Monday, January 1, 2018 at HeHe Longhouse, and she was laid to rest by her mother and father at Warm Springs Agency Cemetery on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

She was born at home in Miller Heights of Warm Springs, Oregon on October 5, 1955.

A working woman, she

served the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at several departments, including: Children’s Protective Services, Kah-Nee-Ta, Family Preservation, Legal Aid, and Indian Head Casino.

Early in life she enjoyed playing sports and horse riding. Later in life she enjoyed attending church (Seventh Day Adventist and Native American Church), sun dances, sweat, spending time with her husband, family and grandchildren.

She enjoyed gathering and tending to traditional foods such as roots and huckleberries; and she loved the woods and mountains where they are found. She lived a beautiful life.

### For fire fighters

An event to memorialize and honor Warm Springs wildland fire fighters past and present - is being planned for later this year by Luther Clements.

You can learn more by checking out his Facebook Page.

### Name Givings

There will be Name Givings at the Simnasho Longhouse on Marc 3 for Ramona ‘Mona Meanus’ WhitePlume, Angela Bellanger and Rupert Bellanger. Meal and Giveaway to follow.

### Memorial & Stone Setting

There will be a Memorial and Stone Setting for Amelia ‘Millie John’ Colwash on March 3 at the Simnasho Longhouse, by Millie and Sammy Colwash, at 9 a.m. at the Simnasho Cemetery.

## Lincoln’s Powwow raffle winners

Here are the winners from the 2018 Lincoln’s Birthday Powwow raffle (item won and winner):

50-inch TV - Maurice Smith. Shell Dress - Jared Culp. Dk blue fuzzy blanket - Ron Clements. Hand drum bag - Patti Stephens.

Hand drum bag/grey - Victor Caputo.

Digital recorder - Lisa Lomas. Bike - Kia Donahue. Queen size fuzzy blanket - Avon Garcia. Lil’ girl’s Shell Dress - Lisa Lomas.

Drum bag/blue and red - Annie Smith. Pendleton

purse - Arthur Miller Sr. Pendleton fleece blanket - Sage Edward. Yarn bag - JosieTafoya.

Turquoise necklace - Meliah Clements. Dolphin earrings - P. Walter. Earrings - Marella Sam. Earrings (black/pink) - Pam Peterson. Blue Wapus - Orthelia Patt. White/black Wapus - Katie Bevis. Dentallium earrings - Georgianna George. Seahawk notepad - Alonte Northrup.

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