

Letters to the editor

Help for the homeless

If you or someone you care about is currently experiencing homelessness in the community of Warm Springs, please contact any of the people listed below, so that we can figure out how to offer assistance. The unhoused are some of the most vulnerable populations for exposure and spread of the covid infection:

Examples of how we can help:

Tents or tarps for shelter. Limited food items. Sleeping bags and blankets.

We have personal care items—hand sanitizers, body cleaning kits, socks, tooth brushes and tooth paste, clean water, etc. Plus referrals for additional services. Please contact:

Buffy, Health Care analyst, 541-615-0141.

Fay, Tribal Social Services, 541-553-3415.

Ron or Joni, HAPPI, 541-553-0036.

Shawnetta, Medical Social worker, 541-553-2460.

From the office of Health and Human Services and community partners: Homeless Leadership Coalition, the Warm Springs Community Action Team, NeighborImpact, Pandemic Partners Facebook group, Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers, Tribal Social Services and HAPPI.

Community support baskets

Any community member is eligible to receive a community basket. The basket will include whatever has been donated to my office: Laundry soap, bleach, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, and food items.

Each basket size and contents will be based on household size; so a family of 10 receives items for a family of

10. A single person receives items for one person.

There are no income requirements. If you phone and need it to be delivered, that can be arranged.

You do not need to be covid positive to receive items. Employees can pick up items for their caseloads, or individuals they are working with.

All the items are donated and quarantined for at least five days, and in many cases longer.

Any person can make a referral for a person experiencing homelessness in the community of Warm Springs. You do not need to be enrolled to receive support. I currently am limited in the way in which I can do outreach, but in some cases I can make arrangements for delivery, if a caseworker or employee helps me get locations, needs, etc.

I am partnered with outside organizations, and we will begin to go into Madras to provide support for the tribal members there who may need help.

Those experiencing homelessness can access resources as long as I have them to give. This is for all items: food, clothing, personal items, etc.

If you have any specific questions regarding this program, please let me know and I will do what I can to help answer them.

Buffy Hurtado, Health Care analyst, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Health and Human Services Branch. Phone 541-615-0141

Apology

Dear Community,

I am sorry, the things I did put myself and the community at risk. I didn't mean to neglect the privileges I had. I shouldn't have put anyone in danger who is trying to live their daily lives. I should've known better, and I will continue to better myself for the safety of the community.

This community is part

of my memories and family history, and it is my home. I don't want to do any more destruction to the beautiful place where I grew up. I love Warm Springs, the culture, and the people living here. I will not let my adolescence disturb the peace ever again. Sincerely,

Dahlana Antunuez.

Birth

Niki Sage Sohappy

William Sohappy and Martie Wolf Granillo of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Niki Sage Sohappy, born on August 26, 2020.

Niki joins brother Charles Wolf VanPelt, 7; and Martie Lee VanPelt, 8.

Grandparents on the father's side are Lola Sohappy and Don William Sohappy.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Martie Mitchell Sage and Gregory Granillo, and Robert Sunny Sage.

Native people and Covid-19

Native peoples are bearing the brunt of Covid-19 infections. And yet in the sea

of nation- and global-wide demographic, health and economic data collected by governments, academic institutions and research organizations, Native people are regularly excluded from studies, or put in the catch-all miscellaneous category of 'Other.'

This is not just a U.S. problem; it's a global one. In September 2014, indigenous nations from around the world voiced their concern about their omission from the large aggregate data-sets compiled by their respective governments.

The resulting invisibility makes the social, health and economic status of indigenous people indistinguishable from that of majority groups.

Disaggregated data is one solution to the problem. Disaggregated data—meaning data divided into sub-categories for specific sets of populations—not only shows whether someone is indigenous, for example, but also what their tribal citizenship is.

During a pandemic, when indigenous peoples are especially vulnerable to the impacts of invisibility, disaggregate data is important for revealing racial, tribally-specific inequalities.

Kalen Goodluck, contributing editor, High Country News.

The vote

Secretary of State Bev Clarno this summer received a letter from the United States Postal Service General Counsel, as did elections officials across the country.

In light of the letter, and a number of questions and concerns about how this may affect vote by mail, Secretary Clarno has issued the following statement:

"Fortunately, Oregon has two decades of experience working with our local contacts at the United States Postal Service and has an excellent partnership with them to ensure ongoing support for our elections. We will of course continue to work with them and monitor any potential impact to both the mailing out of ballots to voters and the return of ballots. We at the state level are meeting with our USPS partners to ensure we are ready for November. The USPS

recognizes that Oregon leads the nation with Vote by Mail and that we are using the latest USPS technology to streamline the process.

"If any Oregon voter is concerned about the upcoming election, there are multiple steps they may take to ensure their ballot is received in time to be counted.

"Every ballot has a unique barcode, so voters can track their ballot on our My Vote website. We also encourage voters to take advantage of the hundreds of conveniently located dropsites throughout the state to drop off their ballot in person. We will continue to work with our partners like county clerks across the state to make sure all Oregonians know the best options to return their ballots, whether it's through the mail or in secure drop boxes to meet election deadlines."

Bev Clarno, Oregon Secretary of State.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Waunaq'i**  
*Ichishkiin snwit (Sahaptin Language)*

**Kmalalidix Akłmin**  
REFERS TO FALL TIME  
*Kikshat awawat (Wasco Language)*

**Tuba**  
*Numu (Paiute)*

National Day of Repentance local event September 26

What is this day all about? In May I started reading the Book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a prophet of God whose message was repeatedly crying out to God's people, the Israelites, to stop sinning and return back to God. You see, they had broken their covenant with God.

They were worshipping other gods, which even included baby sacrifices to a false god named Molech. God's heart was broken.

Chapter after chapter you hear the heart of God, "Return to me, I will forgive your sin and restore your life."

How does this apply to Christians today? I felt the Holy Spirit saying that as soon as we accept Jesus, as Savior, we enter into a love covenant—A love covenant where God is to be first in

The local event will be at Sahalee Park in Madras, Saturday, September 26 at 6 p.m.

What is God requiring for healing America? 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people (Christians) who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Repent—Change mind and life—To put God back in first place. Please join us September 26 in the park for a time of worship and repentance prayer for self, family and nation. View 'The Return' on Youtube by Jonathan Cahn. Event sponsored by Madras House of Prayer. Please bring chairs and blankets to sit on.

our lives. We have broken this covenant.

Many of God's people have idols in their lives that they worship and put before God—money, careers, relationships, entertainment, sports, pleasures of this world that consume their time. They started strong in their daily walk with God, but slowly these distractions

started consuming their time and even their heart. Matthew 22:37—(Jesus) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

September 26 is the National Day of Repentance where a prayer opportunity will be held in Washington, D.C. Prayer will focus

around 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, Then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

I think you would all agree that America needs the dive hand of God to heal our land! (Please view Jonathan Cahn's Youtube vide called 'The Return' for more information.)

Madras House of Prayer is pleased to announce that we will hold a local event in Sahalee Park Pavillion, Saturday, September 26 at 6 p.m.

We invite people from all churches to join us in prayer on this very special day. Bring your own chairs and blankets.

Urbana Manion and Val Fuiava, Madras House of Prayer.



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