

Water project: Public opening on Saturday

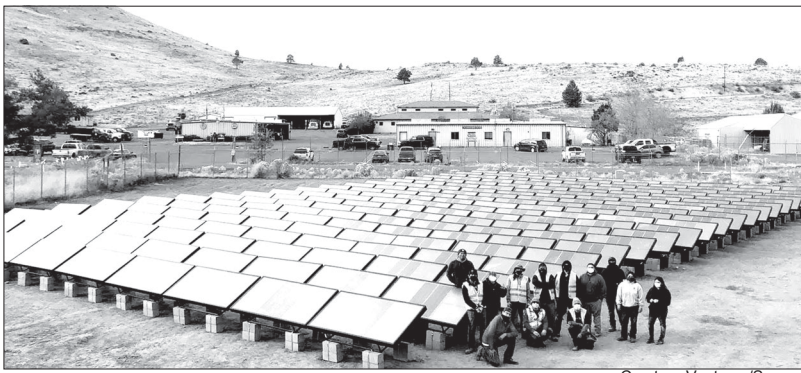
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WSED and Source have installed a 1,600-gallon tank for storing the water, which will be increased to 6,000-gallon at buildout completion. At the grand opening, you may see a crew working on the panels, as they are working on the expansion.

The Source field uses new technology to create the drinking water: An initial point of interest is that a vast amount of water exists in the air, even in drier climates. As the panels create the water, there is no impact on air quality. As it's collected, the water at first is like pure distilled water. The Source system then enhances the water with healthy minerals, creating the equivalent of high-end bottled water. "It's like a Rattlesnake Spring, it's available free of charge to the community," Mr. Souers said.

Last year a Source crew installed hydro-panels by the Warm Springs Community Action Team building. This water is also available to the public. The field system is a larger version of the Community Action Team system.

Also last year, Tribal Council made available Cares Act funding



Construction at the panels, during initial set-up last year.

to install Source panels at up to 50 homes. Thirty-four households are now on the system, with two panels per residence. Funding is available for another 16 homes. If you're interested, call 541-553-3565 for more information.

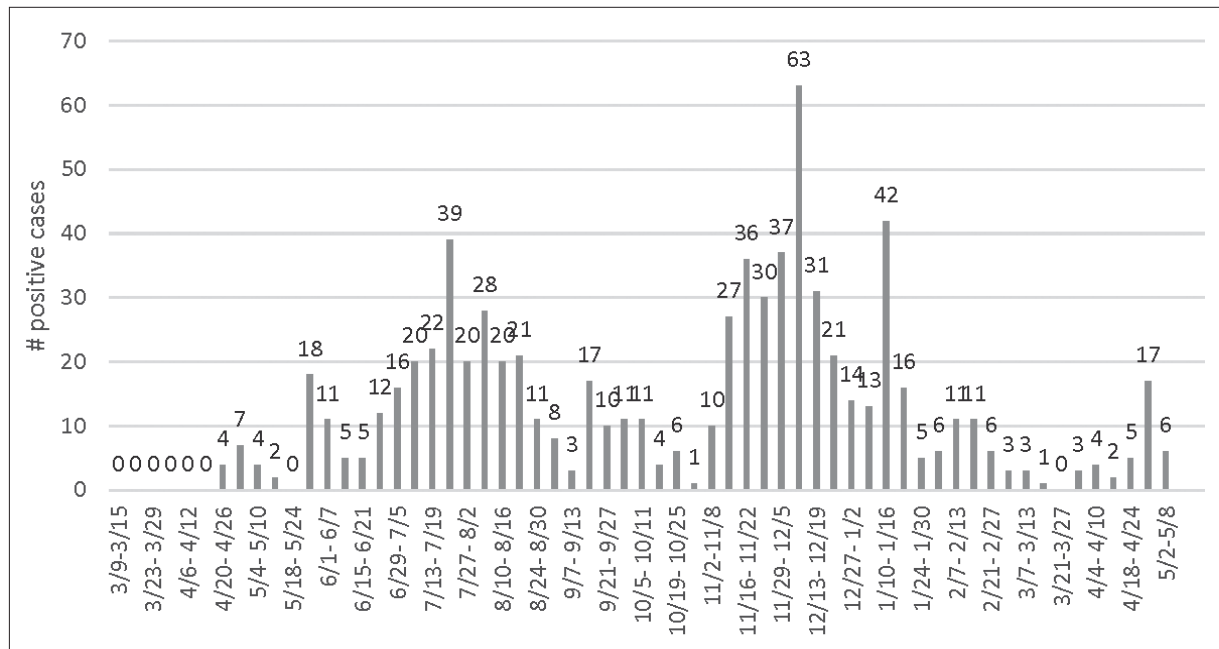
The systems serving the homes, and the panel field system have 10-year warranties, as Source agreed to extend the standard five-year warrant. "They are a great partner," Souers said. "Things like that don't often happen in business."

Another great feature of the project is that the local labor force, Warm Springs Construction, is hired for the installation work. Members

are also trained in the maintenance and repair of the system.

The tribes have welcomed Source as a partner in helping address some of the drinking water needs on the reservation. "We're honored to be a part of the project," said Colin Goddard, Source Global market development director. "We think it can be a model for other water-stressed communities around the world."

Source has received the Lemelson-MIT Prize, America's top award for innovation; and is on Fast Company's list of the most innovative social good companies. Source operates across 45 countries and six continents.



The tribes' Covid-19 Response Team updated the case demographics on the reservation, as of May 12. At the time there were eleven active cases. Cumulative cases among the tribal community since the pandemic began in March 2020 was at 852, as of the May 12 demographics. Breakthrough cases—positive tests more than two weeks after the second Covid-19 vaccination—was at four. The graph above shows the case number by week on the reservation. *More demographic data on page 6.*

MMIWG initiative slowed by pandemic

State legislators and federal officials across the U.S. and Canada are finally paying attention to activists who demand an end to the impunity that results in disappearances and murders of Native women and girls.

In 2019, Oregon lawmakers declared Missing and Murdered Women a statewide emergency. HB

2625, signed by the governor in May of that year, directed Oregon State Police to study how to combat the unsolved killings and disappearances of Native Americans.

What has happened and what has not happened in the two years since this emergency was declared?

The Covid-19 pandemic slowed the state's efforts. A series of state-

wide listening sessions with lawmakers, state agencies, law enforcement, and tribal communities in both rural and city environments was cut short, due to the state's pandemic limitations on gatherings.

While the state police released their report in September, the agency says it's waiting on lawmakers to take additional action.

\$20,000 in meth found after vehicle stop

Warm Springs police pulled over a driver who was swerving on the highway. After the stop and a probable-cause search of the vehicle, officers came across drugs with an estimated value of \$20,000.

Arrested was Vanessa Jones, 43, of Vancouver, Washington. The

incident happened at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. The controlled substance was 8.7 ounces of methamphetamine. Officers also found a glass smoking device, a digital scale and empty baggies.

Jones was arrested on felony charges of unlawful possession of

methamphetamine, unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine; and with tribal charges for bringing the drugs onto the reservation. She was lodged at the Jefferson County Jail. The matter is also referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Tribal board vacancies

Tribal Council seeks to fill one position on the **Telecom** board of directors. The Class III position is for a tribal member.

The Telecom board of directors is responsible for control and management of the business and affairs of the enterprise. To apply for the position, submit a letter of interest and resume no later than **Friday, June 4, 2021.**

The letter and resume can be dropped off at tribal administration, addressed to Michele Stacona, Secretary Treasurer/CEO.

The letter and resume may also be mailed to Michele Stacona, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Or send by email: michele.stacona@2wstribe.org

With the application please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be emailed or mailed to you. If you mail in your application, the forms will be mailed to you once your letter and resume are received. Information is submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

Cannabis Commissioners

Tribal Council also seeks to fill three positions on the Warm Springs Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Positions are for tribal member or non-members. Cannabis Regulatory commissioners serve a term of three years.

In selecting applicants for any Cannabis Commission position, the Selection Committee must satisfy the following conditions: Each Cannabis Commissioner must have expertise and knowledge in two or more of the following fields:

Law enforcement. Federal drug policy. Food and drug regulation. Pharmaceutical, alcohol or other controlled substance production, processing or regulation. Food cultivation and processing. Finance and banking. Drug and alcohol dependency, and dependency treatment. Medicine and medical treatment.

At all times at least one Cannabis Commissioner shall have expertise and knowledge in the fields of law enforcement or federal drug policy. At all times at least one Cannabis Commissioner shall have expertise and knowledge in the field of drug and alcohol dependency, and dependency treatment.

Application process same as above.

Composite Products

Council seeks to fill two positions on the Warm Springs Composite Products Board of Directors. One of the positions is for a tribal member, and the other for a non-member.

The business and affairs of Warm Springs Composite Products are managed and controlled by the board of directors. Application process same as above.

Power & Water

Tribal Council seeks to fill two positions on the Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors. One of the positions is for a tribal member, and the other for a non-member.

Applications, process same as above, are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4.

TERO Commission

Council seeks to fill three positions on the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission, TERO. Any Indian 18 years and older who works or resides on the reservation is qualified to be appointed to the commission.

Application deadline and submission process same as above.

Court of Appeals

The Warm Springs Court of Appeals consists of judges appointed for a term of three years by Tribal Council. Appeals Court judges shall not serve on the Tribal Council, or any other tribal board or committee.

Application process and deadline same as above. Background and credit check forms can be picked up at the Executive Management office at the administration building. Or download at:

[CTWSBoardCommitteeInfo](#)

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**When: June 9, 2021 from 8am-7pm
June 10 from 8am-5pm**

Location: In front of the Behavioral Health Building

"Walk for Healing"

June 9 from 6pm-7pm

For more information please call Rosanna Jackson, Anita Davis or Judy Charley at WS Prevention (541)615-0036

Survivors of loss

Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory
no one can steal.

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