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Ten students of the tribes on college teams

The Confederated Tribes has ten students attending college who have also made one of their school's athletic teams. This is the most number of students of the tribes to make teams at college during the same school year, said Carroll Dick, of tribal Higher Education. These student-athletes are:

Harlee David, playing Soccer at the College of Siskiyou.

Jayden Davis, College of Marin, playing Basketball.

Lynden Harry, College of the Siskiyou, Basketball.

Dylan Heath, Lane Community College, Track and Field.

Derrek Main, Haskell Indian Nations, Golf and then Basketball.

Gabrielle Smith, George Fox University, Swimming.

Jeremiah Smith, Football, West Hills College Coalinga, California.

Natalia Tewee and Kayla Tewee, Northwest Indian College, Basketball.

DaRia White, Butte College, Basketball.

Wolf OR-93 may still be alive in Calif.

An endangered gray wolf last year and early this year traveled at least 1,000 miles from the Warm Springs Reservation to the California Central Coast. The wolf, OR-93, probably left to find a female and start its own pack, said Austin Smith Jr., Branch of Natural Resources wildlife biologist.

OR-93 was wearing a tracking collar, allowing the tribes' and other wildlife officials to follow its GPS position, as it moved south. Then early this year the collar stopped giving signals. Speculation was the animal may have been killed, accidentally or otherwise.

However, just recently California wildlife officials received multiple reports of a wolf with a purple collar in northern Ventura County. They were able to confirm wolf tracks in the vicinity. And the visual sightings seem to match OR-93.

If confirmed to be the wolf, originally from the White River pack from the reservation, this would be the farthest south in California that any gray wolf has been documented since 1922.

OR-93 was born on the reservation about three and a half years ago. The animal was among the first of the litter born to the pair of wolves that had traveled, probably from Idaho, to the Warm Springs Reservation. The tribes' Branch of Natural Resources first spotted the wolf pair, and then the pups in 2018.

OR-93 left the reservation in the winter months of 2020. Its journey has now made it among the most renowned living wild animals of the West.

Membership input on 2022 draft tribal budget

The Tribal Council and staff have developed a draft 2022 budget for the organization, with a bottom line of \$16,627,983. This is \$323,142 above the current year budget expenditures of \$16,304,841.

Some of the enterprises, especially Power and Water and Timber, saw decreases in their dividends to the tribes. Power and Water, for instance, saw a decrease of \$1.5 million from last year's \$1.8 million. And total Timber revenue is down more than \$1.5 million.

However, the American Rescue Plan Act—ARPA—would contribute \$4,699,183 to the 2022 budget, according to the draft document (see page 2 for details).

While the overall non-Timber enterprise dividends were down by \$1.2 million, Indian Head Casino would see an increase of \$200,000 to its dividend; and Warm Springs Composite Products would see an increase of \$250,000, according to the draft presentation. The carbon sequestration program is also seeing a complete reduction, of \$1 million from the previous year of \$1

million, though this was anticipated.

The Senior Pension will see an increase of \$92,000 from 2021 to \$2,144,100 in 2022. Some other notes: Fines and fees are projected to stay about the same at \$809,000 for 2022; total interest revenue would also stay the same at \$500,000; and overall Community Assistance—funeral grants, emergency fire relief, Miss Warm Springs, etc.—would also stay the same at \$191,500.

Details on the tribal department proposals for 2022 are in the draft budget, as seen on page 2 of this

publication: The bottom line difference in department funding would increase by \$248,070 to \$11.8 million. Public Safety would see an increase of \$180,620 to \$2,650,316.

The draft budget mail-out and questionnaire is scheduled to go out on October 16. The draft and questionnaire will also be delivered during the mid October Senior Meals deliveries.

Like last year, there can be no District or General Council meetings regarding this draft budget, for Covid-19 safety reasons.

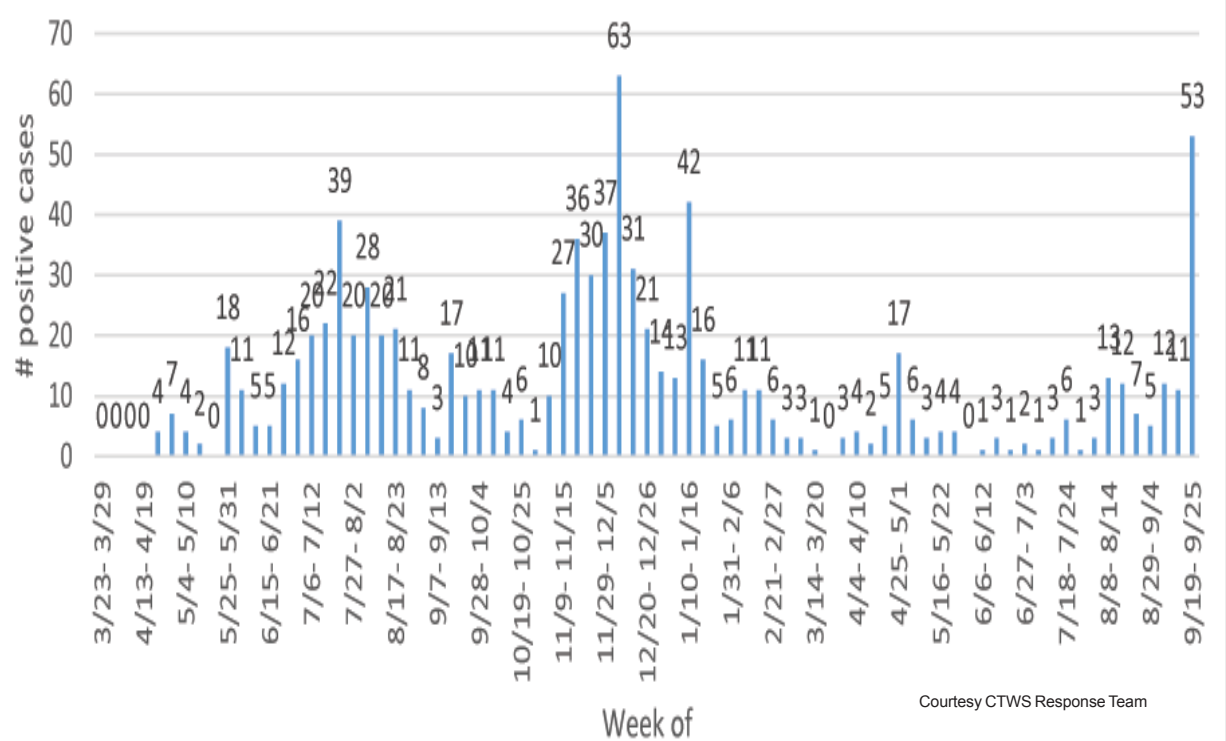
Latest covid demographics

The October 4 Covid-19 update from the Response Team indicates there were 35 active cases on the reservation, and 55 close contacts receiving daily monitoring.

Late September saw an unfortunate increase in covid cases on the reservation, as shown at right by the weekly tracking chart.

Health and tribal officials ask community members to please use all Covid-19 precautions; and the vaccine is encouraged for all who are eligible. Call 541-553-2131 for information, or to schedule an appointment.

The number of community members with at least the first vaccination dose is now almost 3,000. Fully vaccinated among the community is close to 2,500.



Cases by week on the reservation, showing the recent upswing in positive testing.

Another 31 have received their booster shot.

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center had conducted

14,517 total tests, as of the latest Response Team report earlier this week.

Total positives was at 1,064

since the pandemic began. And there have been 26 deaths.

See pages 2 and 3 of this publication for more demographic details.

Coming up at Tribal Council during October

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

Thursday, October 7

9 a.m.: Nena Springs fire litigation settlement discussion with tribal attorneys.

10: Meet and greet with the new Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission chairman, Quincy Ellenwood, for strategic planning and organizational development.

11: Meet and greet with Jefferson County District Attorney Steven Leriche.

1:30 p.m.: Amicus brief request for federal case with tribal attorney Howie Arnett.

2:30: Water treatment plant/wastewater stage one work plan update with Chico, Barry and Ellen.

Monthly meeting with the Central Oregon Inter-

Governmental Council, Thursday, October 7.

National Tribal Health Conference, virtual, through Friday, October 8.

Monday, October 11:

Jefferson County 509-J School Board meeting at the Warm Springs Academy, 7 p.m.

National Congress of American Indians, October 9-15, virtual.

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Wednesday, October 13: Open agenda.

Public notification and input for 2022 tribal organization budget: Mail out and questionnaire, October 16. Distribute budget and questionnaire in October during Senior Meals delivery.

Monday, October 18

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Glendon Smith, S-T/CEO.

10: November agenda and re-

view minutes with the S-T.

11: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

3: Covid update with the Response Team.

3:30: School bond update with district superintendent Jay Mathisen, 509-J board, Tribal Education Committee, and Val Switzler, Education general manager.

4:30: Oregon State University Extension traditional foods project with Rosanna Sanders.

Tuesday, October 19

9 a.m.: Wastewater treatment plant/waste water work plan discussion and update.

10:30: Housing, current job descriptions and salaries discussion with Danielle Wood, director.

11: Update on PBRL and BIRF with Glendon, Isaac and Michele.

11:30: Fee land status on reser-

vation with Louie, Governmental Relations, James Halliday, Lands, and Ellen Grover, tribal attorney.

1:30 p.m.: NRD/Range Committee/Public Safety discussion with Bobby, Terry, Flint, Dustin and Nancy.

Wednesday, October 20: Open agenda.

Monday, October 25

9 a.m.: Covid update with the Response Team.

10: Akana update with Said, Bruce and Chico.

Tuesday, October 26- Wednesday, October 27: Open agendas.

Note: Draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. No exceptions. Email copy to gsmith@wstribe.org

Items for further consideration: Funding summit on water treatment plant. Blue Stone strategy two-day work shop.



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