

Register to vote in November election

The last day to register to vote in Jefferson County in the upcoming November 2 election is Tuesday, October 12. A post mark date of October on the registration form counts as a valid registration.

The ballots will then go out on October 13. There is no Voters Pamphlet for this election. The County Clerk recommends mail-in ballots by October 28 to ensure receipt by November 2.

On the ballot is a \$24 million bond measure for the Jefferson County School District 509-J; and a ballot measure that would fund operation of the Jefferson County Jail for five years. Regarding the school district

bond proposal:

Academy classrooms

The school bond would address health, safety and security matters in all of the district's schools.

If it passes, the bond would fund the construction of six new early learning classrooms at the Warm Springs Academy.

Madras High School work would include a new roof and insulation; upgrades to the Career and Technical Education area; heating, cooling and ventilation improvements; a new soccer concession and restroom area, and facility and field lights.

The other schools in the district would also see im-



provements. Full details are available at the school district bond website. You can find the site at: 509jschoolbond.org

The school district has not passed a bond measure since 2012.

That bond paid for half of the construction of the Warm Springs Academy, as the tribes funded the other half. The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

County jail levy

This measure is for a five-year operating levy, not a permanent tax rate. The levy can provide funds that can only be used for costs associated with inmate security and county jail operations. "This increase is necessary to meet cost increases attributable to inflation, inmate medical expenses, insurance and PERS," the Notice of Measure Election reads.

It is estimated the jail levy would raise \$3.1 million in 2022-23; \$3.2 million in 2023-24; almost \$3.3 million the following year; nearly \$3.4 million the following; and almost \$3.5 million in the final year; for a total of \$16,507,942 over the five years.

Cascade East adds stop

Cascades East Transit has added an additional stop to their Route 20 service here in Warm Springs.

The new stop is at the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) office at the Warm Springs Industrial Park, next to Commodities.

On weekdays the first stop of the day is at 9:11 a.m., before and after the two Warm Springs Market stops.

Route 20 details are on the CET website: cascadeseasttransit.com/ride/warm-springs-madras-route-20/

Controlled burns this month

Warm Springs Fire Management will be doing fall burning this month.

They will have prescribed burns this fall in the East Beaver, HeHe, Triple Butte,

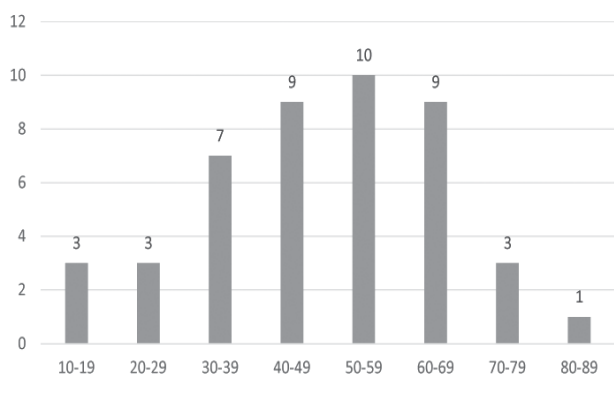
Triangle, Metolius Bench and Beachcomb areas.

You can call 541-553-8301 if you have any questions.

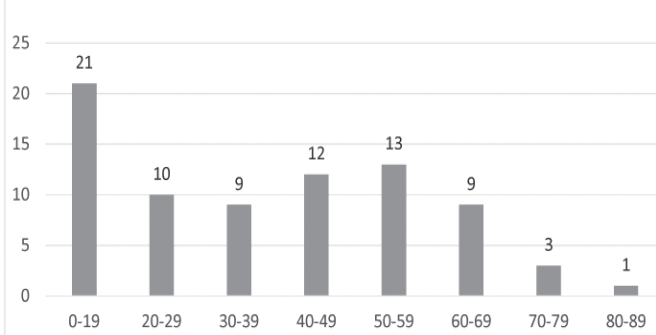
Covid case demographics

Total Covid-19 deaths among the community, since the pandemic began, was at 26, with two earlier reported deaths bringing the total to 26. Hospitalized with Covid-19 from the community was at two as of late last week.

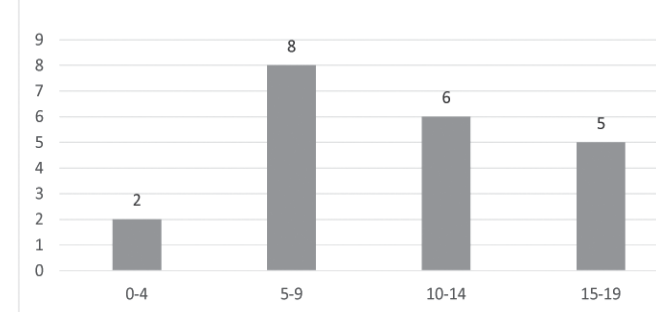
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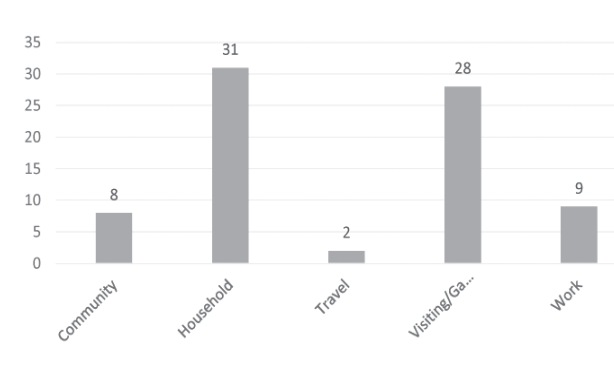
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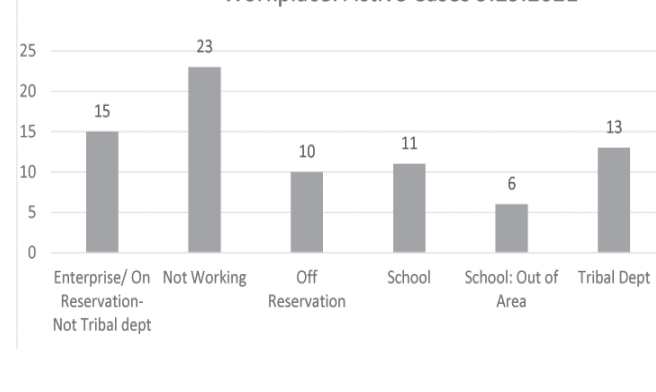
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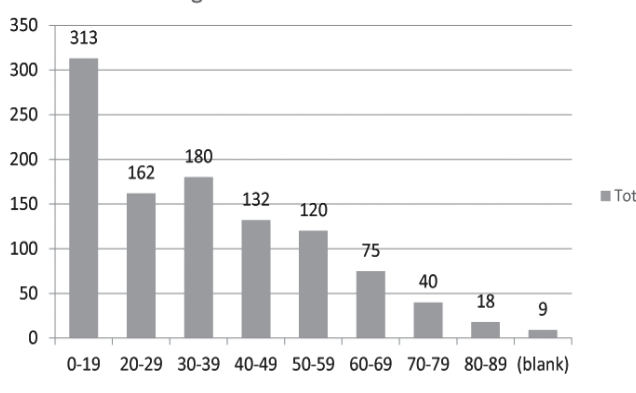
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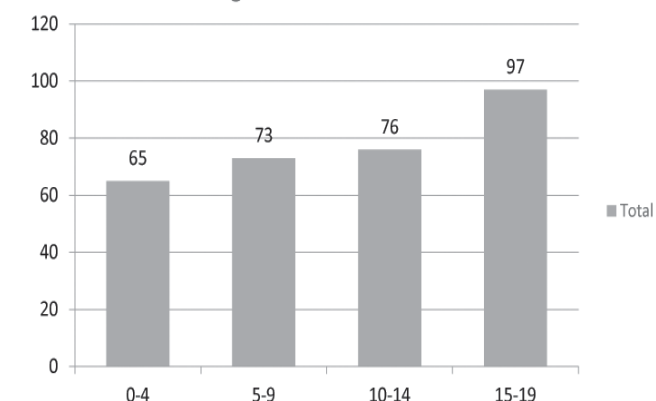
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Child Ages: Cumulative Cases 9.29.2021



CTWS Sanitation update

The Sanitation department is aware of all of the dumpsters located throughout Warm Springs being full and over capacity: The dumpsters for some businesses, located in some neighborhoods (Sidwalter, Palmer Lane and Hamlets) and at the Simnasho Longhouse and Simnasho transfer station.

The garbage trucks that normally empty these on a weekly basis are down for an

indeterminate amount of time. The truck mechanics are doing all they can to get it fixed, and they will get back to us when it's fully operational within quality standards of safety.

The Sanitation Department is working diligently on alternatives to getting these dumpsters emptied to the best of their abilities with a private company willing to negotiate to assist.

They ask for patience and

assistance from the community: You can take garbage to the landfill for disposal until the dumpsters are able to be emptied. This

does not pertain to residential totes that are for households, just for the departments and neighborhoods.

Cowdeo action in October

The Cowdeo youth rodeo event is coming up on Saturday, October 16 at the Jefferson County Fair Complex arena. The events are open to youth ages 5 to 14.

Competitions include sheep riding, calf riding, cow riding, goat tail un-decorating, barrels, scurry race,

horseless calf roping, breakaway roping, flag race, critter scramble and the stick horse race.

Spectator admission is \$5. Kids 4 and under free.

Sponsors of the Cowdeo include Indian Head Casino. The show starts at 10 a.m.

Day honoring victims, survivors of residential Native school system

Canada last week marked its first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, highlighting the history of discrimination and harm toward First Nation communities of that country.

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the day recognizes the "harms, injustices, and intergenerational trauma that Indigenous peoples have faced—and continue to face—because of the residential school system, systemic racism, and the discrimination that persists in our society."

"We must all learn about the history and legacy of residential schools," Trudeau said. "It's only by facing these hard truths, and righting these wrongs, that we can move forward together toward a more positive, fair and better future."

Thousands of mostly indigenous children were separated from their families and forced to attend residential schools between the 19th century and the 1990s.

At least 150,000 Indigenous children from across the country were impacted.

Warm Springs Commodities and the Warm Springs Food Bank are located in the Industrial Park in the same building as the Department of Human Services office. Commodities is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday (closed during the noon hour). The Foodbank is open Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed during the noon hour). There are also additional food box opportunities. You can learn more about food programs by calling 541-553-3579.

A Living Well with Chronic Pain virtual class is planned for afternoons starting this Thursday, October 6 through November 3. The Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes county health departments are offering this six-week, online class to help people living with chronic pain gain the confidence and motivation to better manage symptoms and the day-to-day challenges of living with chronic pain. There is an information session to learn more this Wednesday from 3:30-4:30. **Contact Sarah at 541-322-7446 to learn more.**

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