

## Letters to the editor

### Great job, Students

The Warm Springs Academy announced its Honors, High Honors and Highest Honors list for the recent term. Here are the students who made the lists:

#### Sixth grade

**Honors:** Anthony Caldera Jr. Warrian Graybael. Kaylee Johnson. Thomas Mireles. Jared Jim. Jadrian Kalama.

JoLessa Main. Toali'i Smith. Daniel Arce. Brylee Berry. Ellison Chavez Jr. Wyatt Heath.

Jesiah Johnson. Tyree Starr. Siddalee Suppah. Katlyn Victorino.

**High Honors:** Mya Blackwolf. Jicelle Gill. Mar Rie Gill. Riley Heath. Cherish Parra. Myla Spino.

Joshua White. Mikaylah Dowty. Sequoya Edwards. Askevin Tom. F i s k e Clark. Mason Frye.

**Highest Honors:** Derise Jefferson. Miayala Suppah.

#### Seventh grade

**Honors:** Kade Fuiava Caldera. Dennis White IV. Ciara Wolfe Lahr. Latoya Boise. Colten Culp. Audriyona Gilbert. Giselle Medina. Arthur Miller Jr. Lucius Stevens. D e l t o n Switzer.

Harlan Waheneka Jr. Abigail Eriza. CaitLynn Hunt Anson. Aiyana Saunders. Amare Brunoe. Elijah Domingo. Kyra Eastman. Jaycee Merrifield. Andreaz Plazola. Donnie Polk Tewee. Davin Slockish. Tuimanua Smith. Orion Wewa.

**High Honors:** Haydyn Cross Dog. Riyah Stacona. Kiona Aguilar. Kiellan Allen. Ava Collins. Caden Greene. Kylen Stevens. Liam Circle. Dustin Tanewasha.

**Highest Honors:** John Buffalo Ball Jr. CheyLene Mireles. Julian Stwyer.

#### Eighth grade

**Honors:** Richard Crooked Arm. Maylene Smith. Jaurissa Bellanger. Cody Brunoe. Amarius Stevens. Heaven Stwyer. Crooked Arm Myron.

Shwanshaki Aguilar. Jare Anderson. Evaristo Antunez Jr. Charmaine Chee. Ramon Greene. Oriel Leal.

Deklyn Parton. Paradise Smith. Daunte Hurtado. Jessica Johnson. LaRhia Stevens.

Peyton Frank. Jalena Howe Weaselhead. Dakota Wewa.

**High Honors:** Kalyssa Fuentes. Aja Nah Jefferson. RedSky Waheneka. Wallace Herkshan.

LeQuisha Jackson. Donavon Tanewasha. Skye Victorino.

Maria Johnson. Mahayla Cisco. Cayman Ippolito. Gavin Williams.

**Highest Honors:** Arema White.

### Ongoing mystery

Gunner Johnson Bailey was shot and killed on March 17, 2019 on the reservation.

The murder of the 31-year-old remains a mystery after he was found dead on the side of the road.

If anyone has information about the case, you are asked to call the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-553-3272 or the Bend branch of the FBI at 541-389-1202. You can always submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

### At the Clinic

Booster and other vaccinations—first and second covid shots, and flu shots—are readily available at the Warm Springs Indian Health Services Clinic.

If you haven't already been vaccinated—for covid or the flu—Please get the vaccine: The vaccines are saving lives and they are keeping people out of the hospital.

Vaccinations are the primary way to bring the covid pandemic under control.

Warm Springs IHS has given more than 3,000 primary doses of the covid vaccine. IHS has given another more than 2,550 secondary doses. People who qualify are now receiving their third, or booster dose.

Nineteen young people of the community, between the ages of 5-11, have received the covid vaccine.

Vaccinations for young people are based on recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

You can call to schedule a vaccination anytime at the Warm Springs Health and

Wellness Center at 541-553-2131.

#### Precautions

Community members are asked to please use all covid precautions, as approved by Tribal Council upon recommendation of the Response Team:

Wear a face mask and maintaining distance from anyone you do not live with. Understandably, this is especially challenging to use those protocols when interacting with family and friends.

If you have covid symptoms, or if you have tested positive:

Stay home and avoid others. Don't go to the grocery store, the casino, the longhouse or work.

Do not go to sporting events or school activities, birthday parties or meetings. Stay away from celebrations, funerals and any public areas.

#### Hospitalizations

St. Charles Health Systems hospitals are at 86.7 percent occupancy. The St. Charles intensive care unit is at 75 percent occupancy.

There are 48 St. Charles patients with covid 19, and nine people are in the ICU with covid.

(Covid case demographics for the tribal community are on page 3 of this publication.)

### Great gift idea

As you may know by now, Confluence t-shirts and hoodies feature the image of an Indigenous fisher hoop netting a salmon with a reminder that, *You Are On Indigenous Land*.

For the last two years, Confluence has partnered with Bonfire to benefit our educational programs in schools and communities along the Columbia River system.

As a thank you to you—our Friends of Confluence—for supporting the 2021 Annual Appeal, we offer this 15 percent off promo code that is valid through December 31. This offer can only apply to t-shirts and hoodies but not hats and mugs.

Customize your t-shirt or hoodie to your own size or get one as a gift for a loved one. See the website: [confluenceproject.org](http://confluenceproject.org)

**Colin Fogarty**, Confluence Project.

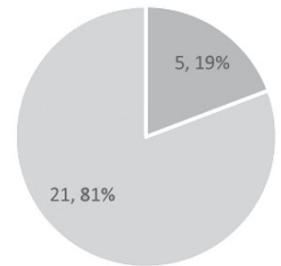
## Community covid case demographics

The following are Community Health, Indian Health Service and the Warm Springs Covid Response Team demographics for the tribal community, as of November 24. As of that date, there were 24 active cases in the community.

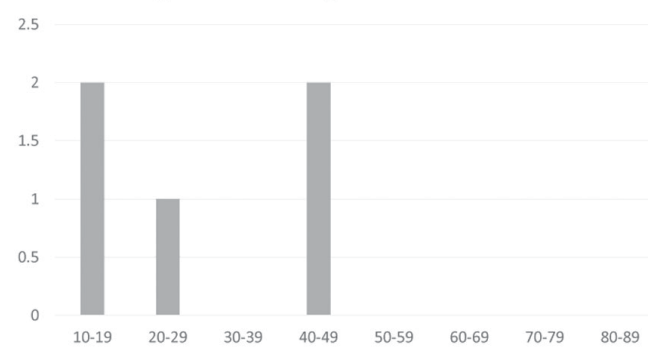
This number brings the total positive covid cases in the community, since the pandemic began in March 2021, to 1,236. On November 24, there were no in-patient hospitalizations from Covid-19 among the community.

Ninety-three people had been hospitalized since the pandemic began; and there have been 28 deaths from the illness, including the most recent passing on November 8.

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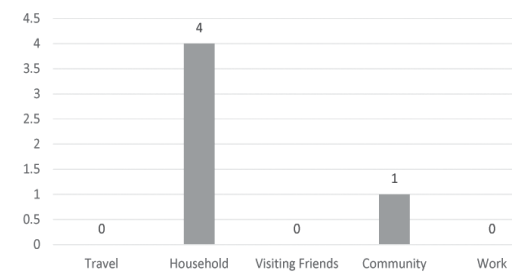
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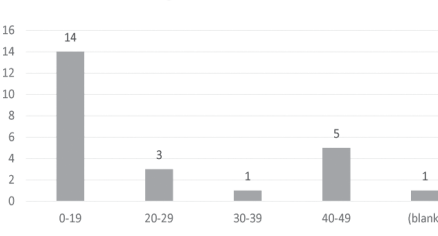
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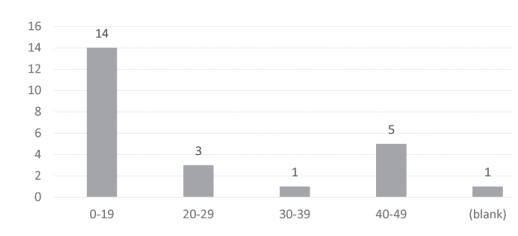
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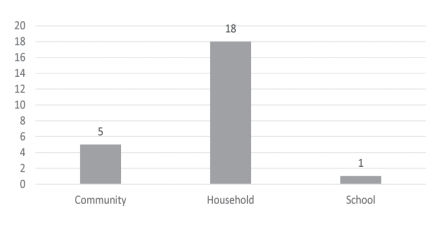
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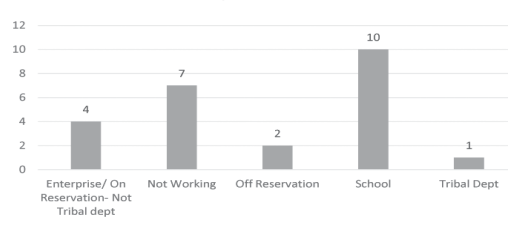
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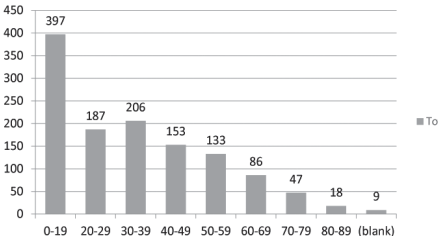
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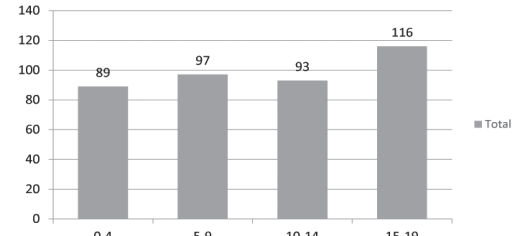
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Child Ages: Cumulative Cases 11.24.2021



### CRITFC jobs

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising the following positions in December:

Schism Modeler-Ocean-

ographer. Salary \$75,799-

\$80,854. Location: Portland.

**Accounting technician.**

Salary \$42,731-\$55,546. Portland.

**Staff accountant/accounts payable.** Salary

\$44,155-\$67,946. Portland.

**Fishing site maintenance worker.** \$34,496-

\$36,796. The Dalles. **Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police**

**Department officer** (multiple

vacancies). \$51,516-\$56,261.

Hood River or Boardman.

## Secretary Haaland on the power of Indigenous representation

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland visited Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, California on the 52nd anniversary of its occupation by Indigenous activists in pursuit of tribal self-determination.

Secretary Haaland delivered remarks about the progress that has been made in Indian Country in the intervening years, as well as the work needed ahead.

A full recording of Haaland's remarks are available on Interior's YouTube channel. Here are some of her comments:

"Guv'aadzi haupa—Greetings everyone. I am honored to speak today from Alcatraz Island. Like many of the public lands in



Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland

the care of the Department of the Interior, these lands tell a story, and you can feel it.

"Some may think of Alcatraz Island as a place that movies and novels have described where prisoners

were kept in cells and tried to escape, but for me, and for many Indigenous people, this land tells another story.

"Representation matters. Being here matters. No longer do Indigenous people have to occupy a site to get the attention of the government. We are at the table and we are not giving up our seats.

"We have a long way to go to fully heal from the traumas created by historical oppression. I know that removing racist names, investing in broadband for tribal communities, and protecting Native languages won't change everything. But change—even if incremental—is still change. And our moment is now.

"With Indigenous voices in

power, perhaps we can create the world that those who occupied 'The Rock' envisioned—one of equity and justice.

"I know that I stand here on the shoulders of so many leaders who came before me. I stand here, because the path that many carved ahead of me was clear, and I am very grateful for that.

"I intend to work with and for all Native people so that we can ensure Indigenous children have every opportunity to achieve their dreams and one day stand on my shoulders to achieve more than we can even dream of.

"Daa'wace. Thank you."

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