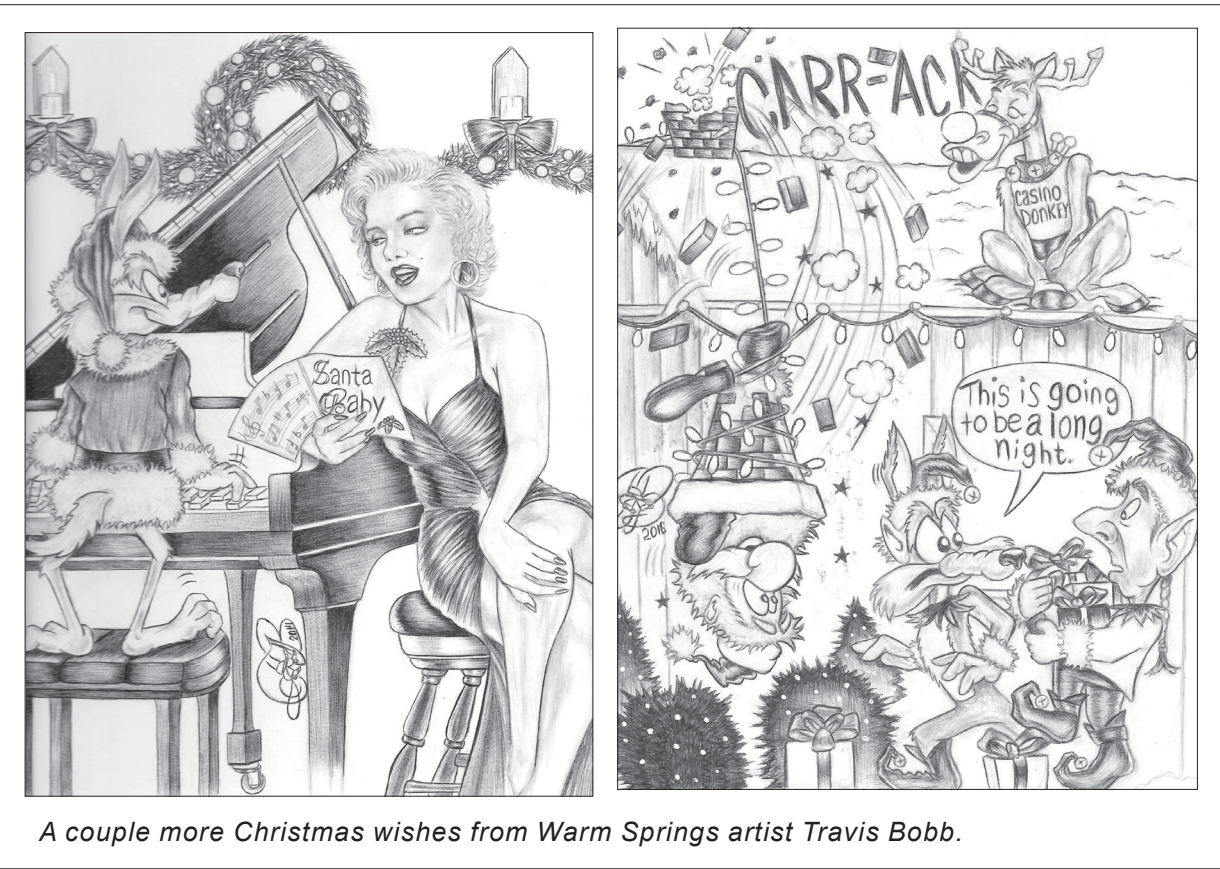




A couple more Christmas wishes from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

Arrest in Utilities case

Warm Springs police arrested Levi Joshline Jim on warrants, and on suspicion of burglary at tribal Utilities. The case is being referred to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Jim was wanted on two tribal warrants, a Jefferson County felony warrant and a Washington State warrant.

He is also the primary suspect in the theft of a Ford F350 pickup from Utilities; a utility detector, security system and tools.

Warm Springs Tribal Police Chief Bill Elliott said detectives were in the Upper Dry Creek when they saw Jim, knowing he was wanted on the warrants. As officers tried to contact Jim, he ran but was captured after a brief chase.

Based on the follow-up interview with Jim, and on other evidence, the detectives determined they had enough probable cause to charge him with the theft at tribal Utilities.

Jim’s Jefferson County felony warrant was the result of an indictment for multiple burglaries that occurred at businesses in Madras during the month of October.

As the theft from Utilities qualifies as theft or embezzlement from a tribal organization, a federal offense, the case is forwarded to the U.S. Attorney’s Office for review of charges.

A Year in Review ~ 2021 ~

(as continued from the December 1 Spilyay)

The month of May saw the approval of the **Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for young people ages 12-15**. The Warm Springs Clinic in May hosted a Youth and Adolescent Covid-19 vaccine event.

Meanwhile, the clinic is also planning a community event the first week of June to encourage the reservation community in the effort to vaccinate the young people. In preparation, health workers are reaching out by phone to families regarding the interest in getting the household child or children vaccinated.

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April

The U.S. Senate in late April passed legislation to improve **water quality and services for tribal communities**. The bill is sponsored by Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

The 2019-2020 water crises on the Warm Springs Reservation were primary motivation for this legislation.

The new law would provide \$250 million for tribal water infrastructure, and will ensure that tribes most in need are prioritized. Following Senate passage of the bill, Sen. Wyden mentioned specifically the needs of the Warm Springs water system.



Courtesy IHS

Indian Health Services and Community Health host a late April 2021 vaccination clinic at Fire Management.

May

Indian Health Service of Warm Springs reports that among the Confederated Tribes community, as of May 3, IHS had administered 2,347 primary Covid-19 vaccinations. The secondary booster shot number was at 1,965. These are **excellent numbers**, and IHS reported having more than 200 primary doses on hand, as of May 3; plus 127 of the booster shots.

The community in May attended the grand opening of the

tribes’ **solar-panel water project**, hosted by the Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs Economic Development and Source Global.

Warm Springs Economic Development (WSED) has partnered with Source Global to create the innovative and new source of Warm Springs drinking water.

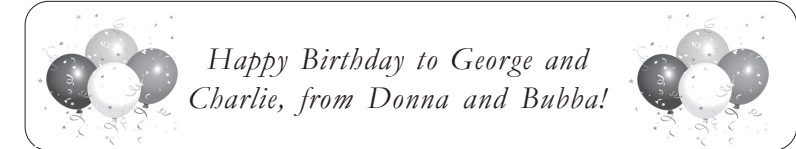
Source Global, based in Arizona, is a public benefit corporation. The company creates sustainable drinking water infrastructure for communities in the U.S. and around the world.

The technology involves a ‘Source field’ of solar hydropanel. The panels harness solar power to condense water from the air.

Portland General Electric in May submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a draft “perpetual cultural practice easements” for **Willamette Falls** property, regarding tribal fishing at the falls.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and two other Treaty Tribes of the Columbia—Yakama and Umatilla—would not require the easements, as the tribes rely on their reserved fishing rights at all usual and accustomed fishing stations as specified in their respective ratified treaties of 1855.

PGE operates a hydro-dam at the falls, and under its hydro-facility license from FERC, it must en-



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The Plaza at Warm Springs has a suite available on January 1, 2022. The location is on Highway 26 next to Indian Head Casino. The suite is approximately 525 squar feet. If you’re interested, please email your business plan to: Sandra.Danzuka@wstribes.org Or call 541-553-3565 if you have any questions.

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