



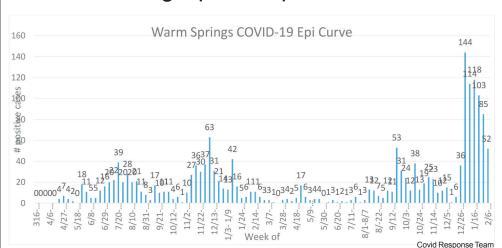








Covid demographics update



This chart shows the incidence by week of covid among the tribal community. The most recent weeks show the decline in cases from the post-holidays surge.

Tribal Council election set for March 30

The election of the Twenty-Nine Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballot boxes will be available at the Simnasho Longhouse and the Seek-seequa Fire Hall. Off-reservation tribal members can mail in their absentee ballots.

Spilyay Tymoo and KWSO will put together candidates' information for each of the tribes' three voting districts.

Candidates are asked to contact KWSO to set up a date and time for a short interview; and the Spilyay requests candidates submit a statement and photo by March 14. Length of the statements should be about 250 words or fewer, because of the number of candidates.

Simnasho Voting District candidates for Tribal Council are:

Carlos Calica. TJ Foltz. Raymond Moody. Emerson Squiemphen. Lincoln Jay Suppah. Levi Van Pelt.

The Seekseequa Voting District candidates for Coun-

Rosa Graybel. Ruben Henry. Vesta Johnson. Brigette McConville. Wilson Wewa. Martha Winishut.

The Agency Voting District candidates for Tribal Council are:

Rain Circle. Michael Clements. Reina Estimo. Eugene Greene Jr. Anita Jack-Danni Katchia. son. Uren Leonard Jr. James Manion. Daniel Martinez. Cyrille Mitchell. William Sam. Alvis Smith III. Glendon Smith. Jason Wesley Smith. Jonathan W Smith. Ryan Smith Sr. Valerie Switzler. Dennis White III.

As dry spell continues, What happened to winter?

There was some snow this week, a rarity so far this win-

The region is in yet another stretch of historically dry weather, plus near-record warm temperatures in Central Oregon, and across the

The coldest periods in Central Oregon this winter were in early December into early January. The snowiest period was in late December, which saw little snow.

More snow is predicted for early March, so there is still hope to increase the essential snow pack.

Temperatures in early and mid February were in the 60s, and 70 degrees in southern Oregon, close to record levels for both re-

While some may not complain about the spring-like weather of mid February, the larger issue has been an unusually long period of dryness caused by a strong high pressure ridge sitting off the West Coast. The pressure rights is diverting all the wet storms to the north.

High pressure ridges are

not uncommon during Oregon winters, but this year's has lasted an unusually long time-almost four weeksand has dashed hopes for a major rebound from the years-long drought the state has faced.

After an influx of snow and rain in late December and early January, the water has almost completely turned off, leaving a decent situation in the northern half of the state but only deepening the drought in the central, south and eastern parts of the state.

Fourth covid vaccine recommended for some

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control this month updated its Covid-19 vaccine guidance for people verely immuno-compromised.

The new guidance reduces the wait time for a of an mRNA vaccine-Moderna or Pfizer—from five months to three months in immuno-com-



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