

# Wrongful death suit in Police shooting

The family of Allan Dale Warner Jr., who was shot and killed in Madras earlier this year by law enforcement officers, has filed a civil lawsuit for wrongful death, and use of excessive and deadly force. Mr. Warner was 26 at the time of his passing.

The incident happened on February 20 in Madras along Highway 97 in the south part of town. Law enforcement officers from the Madras Police Department, Jefferson County's Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police were responding at the time to a report of a street fight at that location.

At least six officers were on the scene during the incident. Circumstances of the shooting remain unclear.

Following the shooting, authorities commissioned an independent investigation, conducted by the Bend Police Department. The independent investigation is then referred to the Oregon Department of Justice, which is not commenting as the matter is pending.

After the shooting, a video taken by a bystander was released to news sources. The video shows law enforcement officers were in

the process of detaining Mr. Warner at the time he was shot and killed.

His family recently filed notice of a lawsuit against the Madras Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The tort claim notice is for wrongful death, and excessive and deadly force.

"To date, no public information has been provided to us identifying the actual law enforcement individuals involved in Mr. Warner Jr.'s death," the civil notice says. "We intend to sue all law enforcement officers in their individual capacity as well."

# Fishery

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With Warm Springs in opposition to Grand Ronde agreement are the Yakama Nation, the Nez Perce, and the Confederated Umatilla tribes.

The coalition of the four Columbia River treaty tribes in petitioning the state emphasized that the Grand Ronde agreement interfered with the four Columbia treaty tribes' own fishing, hunting and gathering rights.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is the only federally recognized tribe in Oregon that is bound by a consent de-

cree, a condition placed on the tribe's sovereignty that significantly restricts the hunting and fishing rights of tribal members.

In February, U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and Rep. Andrea Salinas introduced legislation to renegotiate those rights.

The other tribes, which do not operate under the same limitations, have long chafed at the state's agreement with the Grand Ronde tribe, particularly around fishing rights at Willamette Falls.

Their opposition led to the exclusion of Willamette Falls from the 2023 memorandum of agreement.

# Homeowners' assistance fund still available for limited time

The Warm Springs Housing Authority still has some funding available for applicants who qualify through the Authority's Homeowners Assistance Fund.

These are assistance funds that Housing has made available since the pandemic, and are now close to conclusion. The criteria to qualify are as follows:

The applicant must be a homebuyer, the unit must be homebuyer's primary residence, and located within the boundaries of the reservation.

The household income must be at 150-percent of the area median income.

The applicant must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The homeowner must attest that the household was financially impacted by Covid-19.

The grant for each household is \$4,000 towards the mortgage, and up to \$4,000 in insurance premium. This is a one-time grant. Stop by Housing for an application.

# 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Parade results

These are the results of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Dress Parade:

**Men's Horseback:** Dylan Heath, and Hayden Heath.

**Women's Horseback:** Pat Heemsah, and Brigette McConville.

**Teen Girls Horseback:** Kyla Suppah.

**Youth Girls Horseback:** Alvina Polk, Jolene Spencer, and Hayley Heemsah.

**Adult Men Walkers:** Lightning Paul, Jacob Billy, and Phil Allen.

**Adult Women Walkers:** Kristin Calica, Edith Walsy, and Katrina Miller.

**Teen Boys Walkers:** Silas Martinez, Taven Slockish, and SunHawk Morning.

**Teen Girls Walkers:** Raven Lloyd, Paulah Tomma, and Shasta Tailfeathers.

**Youth Boys Walkers:** Leo Fay, Glendon LeClaire, and Kailyn Caldera.

**Youth Girls Walkers:** Caldera.

**Traditional Floats:** Clarice Paul, Vanessa Crane, and Alana Harvey.

**Contemporary Floats:** Indian Head Casino, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.



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The Parade Committee wants to encourage more teepees to be put up, so we paid the people to set up teepees this year, and hopefully that would encourage more people

to set up next year. No contest, just pay: Sara Scott, Brenda Scott, Nola Queahpama, Wilbur Slockish, Audrey and Toni Polk, and Chris Requa.

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