

Burns Paiute



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Burns Paiute Tribal Update
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Where are
we located?



Burns Paiute Tribe (WaDa-Tika Band of Northern Paiute)

- Located in rural Eastern Oregon in Harney County
- 183 miles to Boise, ID (heading east)
- 300 miles to Portland, OR (heading west)
- We in the boonies, for real



BPT Background cont.

- Smallest tribe of the 9 federally recognized tribes in Oregon
- Governed by a 7 person Tribal Council
- Enrollment= 460
 - Around 160 tribal members reside in Harney County
- 55 Tribal employees
- Title 1 tribe



Services Include

- WaDa-Tika Health Center
 - Built in 1996
 - Staff include- Health Director, Registration clerk, Billing clerk, Tribal Nurse, CHR, National Certified Coder, Warehouse manager, Physical Activities Coor.
- Contract NP
- Most services are purchase referred care
- Clinic is held one day a week (every Wednesday)
- Specialty Care- provided in Bend, OR which is 130 miles one way (heading west)





Programs at Health Center

- Alcohol/drug outpatient
- Tobacco Prevention
- Child care
- General Assistance (GA)
- ICWA
- FDPIR



Updates

- Lost 8 elders this year
 - 2 via COVID-19
- Offices closed mid-March except essential staff
- Yearly training & meetings done via Zoom
- Highest purchase referred care services
 - 1st Dental
 - 2nd Prescriptions



Updates Continued

- Installed backup generator for water pumphouse (funding provided by the health board)
- Health Center renovations- building painted, new roofing/siding, and inside re-painted
- Tribe purchased National Guard Armory





COVID-19 Updates

- Harney County cases- 175 & 4 deaths (as of 1/18)
- Two drive-thru testing events in May and July
- Currently doing rapid testing's when requested
- Working w/ local health department to administer COVID-19 vaccinations (Moderna)
- Estimated 60 tribal community members received 1st dose on December 30th
- 2nd dose will be administered later this month



Quiz Time!

Winners will receive a We R Native facemask



**How many enrolled tribal
members does Burns have?**



**How many miles is Boise, ID
from Burns, OR?**



**When was the health center
built?**



Thank you & Be Kind

