

Hello community members:

I am writing on behalf of the Native American Club at Reynolds High School and the Title VII Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee for the Reynolds School District.

Students at Reynolds High School have recently formed a Native American Club with 13 active participants. The purpose of the club is for students to learn about Native American art, history, crafts, sports, games, cooking and culture. The club also is interested in college preparation activities.

The students are seeking individuals from a Native American background to volunteer their time in sharing cultural knowledge with the club members. Our grant can cover the cost of supplies that you may need to purchase in order to share your cultural knowledge with the students, so don't let that be a barrier.

The students are currently meeting every Friday from 3:15-4:30 p.m. So far, we have had one community member share a fry bread cooking process and last Friday (Feb. 6) a community member shared how to make dream catchers.

Also, if you have any ideas for field trips, let us know as well.

Finally, we are tentatively planning a pow-wow for May 16 at Reynolds Middle School and may need your help. If you are interested, let us know.

If you are interested in volunteering, please schedule a time to share your cultural knowledge with our students by contacting any one of the four participants below:

Nellie McConville – Title VII Parent Advisory Member (nmmconville@yahoo.com)
Rebecca Rodriguez – Title VII Parent Advisory Member (melllodyllee@yahoo.com)
Shane Bassett – Title VII Parent Advisory District Liaison (sbassett@rsd7.net)
Sea Jay McConville – Native American Club President (olney@calcharter.org)

We thank you for your support of this community effort.

Sincerely,

Shane M. Bassett, Ed. D.
Director of Federal Programs
Reynolds School District

Dear Tribal members:

Another election cycle has come and gone. It was amazing how fast the process went from the time candidates declared in November to counting of the votes in February. There were a lot of good people running this year and that was evident in the debate responses this year.

I want to congratulate the winning candidates – Reggie Butler, Sharon Edenfield and Dave Hatch – and thank the 159 Tribal members who supported my candidacy. In addition, I want to commend the 708 Tribal members for getting out to vote – participation was up 65 votes over last year.

I remain committed to working for a better future for the Tribe and I look forward to discussions with other Tribal members on concerns and solutions. See you at the next General Council meeting.

Respectfully
Bonnie Petersen

To the editor:

I want to personally thank all of you who visited Don and sent flowers, food, prayers and good wishes while he was ill. He appreciated all the attention he received and highly valued your friendship. Bless you all.

The family of Don Pigsley

Chinook Winds Fitness Center offers massage therapy

Chinook Winds Fitness Center now has massage therapy by Colette Mitchell LMT (#15871). A Tribal discount of \$10 off any session is available.

Hours of operation are Tuesday-Thursday – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday-Sunday – Noon to 6 p.m.; Closed Monday

Please call the fitness center at 541-994-4474 to schedule an appointment. The fitness center is located at 3245 NE 50th St. in Lincoln City.

Wisdom of the Elders celebrates *Discovering Our Story TV* anniversary

Wisdom of the Elders invites the public to join in at 12:30 p.m. on April 5 as it prepares for the fifth anniversary of *Discovering Our Story TV*, broadcast live from the studios of Portland Community Media (2766 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland, Ore).

A few tickets are available for guests to join the celebration at PCM in Studio A. Visit dostv.bpt.me to reserve your seat in the studio audience.

You also can watch the program at 1 p.m. on Comcast Channel 11. Rebroadcasts are on April 7 at 10 p.m. on Comcast Channel 22 and April 10 at 9 a.m. on Comcast Channel 23.

Hosts Bill Ray (Klamath) and Nico Wind (Assiniboine) will welcome our

special guest (TBA) and share the stories of American Indians, a traditional practice that provides a vehicle for learning.

"I really like this show because it is helping to reawaken us to our own story and see the difficult journey that causes some Native people to become lost along the way," said Ender Bay, Wisdom's media intern and a volunteer on the TV production team. "In these *Discovering Our Story TV* interviews, our storytellers reveal how they experienced being lost and how they eventually returned to a meaningful life as community leaders."

It is important to take into account the centuries of America's westward expansion and the historical trauma experienced

by generations of American Indians. For the past five years, *Discovering Our Story TV* has provided a platform to discuss these issues for the purpose of healing.

Discovering Our Story TV's next live broadcast is on March 1 at 1 p.m. on Comcast Channel 11. Rebroadcast will be March 3 at 10 p.m. on Comcast Channel 22 and March 6 at 9 a.m. on Comcast Channel 23.

Visit <http://discoveringourstory.wisdomoftheelders.org/dostv> to view past programs.

Wisdom releases fourth radio series

Wisdom of the Elders' radio production team recently completed production of the first two one-hour radio programs in its fourth series.

Wisdom of the Elders Radio Program: Series Four features stories, songs and indigenous science from indigenous Elders and cultural leaders of Inupiat and

Athabascan peoples of Alaska and their response to unprecedented environmental and climate issues.

Many climate scientists recognize that Native and indigenous peoples are the first and most severely impacted by a changing climate. The resilience and resourcefulness shown by these two Alaska Native groups, along with contemporary and traditional ecological knowledge and rich cultural arts, will be the focus of the series.

Wisdom contracts with Koahnic Broadcasting, whose Native Voice One distribution service provides distribution of the program to more than 50 American Indian radio programs around the country.

Three prior radio series have aired on American Indian, public and community radio stations nationwide since 2002 and are available at <http://wisdomoftheelders.org/wisdomradio/>, also funded by National Endowment for the Arts and other funders.

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