

Wanton Destruction

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

The destruction of the Tribal fence around the Agency Cemetery is an example of the type of vandalism to Tribal property. According to Les Yaw, Tribal Contracting officer it will cost the Tribes around \$200 to repair the fence.

Tribal property vandalized

by Pat Leno

The Spilyay Tymoo staff was notified recently that someone had knocked over the gate at the Agency Cemetery and upon investigation by a staff member, it was reported to the police. Vandalism to tribal property, according to Warm Springs police lieutenant Ray Calica, is at about the same level as it was last year, but if compared to past years, it has increased.

Signs and fences seem to be a prime target for vandalism within the community. The perimeter fence at the west

side of West Hills has been pulled, pushed and knocked over. This is a chain-link fence which was erected to keep livestock out of the housing area. The recently added street signs in Warm Springs for a while were a prime target for vandals and many were torn down. A burned picnic table in the Dry Creek campground was the source of a bonfire and destroyed. Now the latest discovered destruction of the Agency cemetery fence can be added to the list.

Calica said, "The elders of our tribes had the foresight to

plan and preserve this reservation so the younger generations would have resources. It is thanks to the elders that we have as much as we presently have but everytime someone destroys tribal property they are costing the Tribe. It is Tribal money which built the signs, picnic tables and fences, it will be tribal money which will be used to repair the damage.

"Respecting our elders means also respecting their wishes and preserving what they built for us," concluded Calica.

Season cut short

Ceremonial and subsistence fishing for spring chinook on the Columbia River was cut short after the allocated number of chinook were taken for the season.

A change has been made in the title of permits being issued to tribes for ceremonial and subsistence fishing. Ceremonial permits are issued for fisheries for designated ceremonies such as root feast. The permit issued to take salmon for use at funerals and as donations is now referred to as Future Tribal Needs permits.

Twenty-five hundred spring chinook were taken above Bonneville dam by the four treaty tribes involved in this two week future needs fishery. The tribes involved are: Nez Perce, Umatilla and Warm Springs.

The salmon season was closed Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. However, the Warm Springs tribe were allowed to

fish until they caught the 242 salmon approved under a permit approved prior to the Columbia River Compact decision to close the season.

The decision for closure came after the number of spring chinook taken off scaffolds was measured. An estimated 500 fish were taken. This was more than expected and therefore influenced the total to be taken by each tribe. The permit allocated 2,000 chinook between the tribes.

The Future Tribal Needs catch for Warm Spring totaled slightly over 500, approximately 7,500 pounds. The Warm Springs quota was filled by Thursday, May 12.

Head fisherman for the first week for the ceremonial fishery was Kenny Blackwolf. For the second week it was Harold Greene.

The next season for summer chinook on the Columbia River is set for mid-July. Scaffold fishing begins June 1.

Renovation planned

Boaters may be launching at Mecca or Trout Creek more than at Warm Springs, across from the Rainbow Market, for the beginning months of summer. Renovation work will be taking place at the Highway 26 launching site.

Income from the sale of user passes has allowed for improvements along the Deschutes River between Pelton Reregulating Dam and the Columbia River.

The Warm Springs renovations will include improved parking and launching facilities and toilets. The work is expected to be completed by mid-June.

Boater fees for use of the Deschutes River is \$1.75 per day or \$12 for the year. Tribal members do not need to pay a fee but should carry tribal

enrollment identification.

If stopping along the river's banks, boaters are reminded that between June 1 and October 1 only fires fueled by briquets, propane or white gas are allowed. All fires must be contained within a stove or firepan.

Wood fires are allowed only between October 1 and June 1 and then only with wood brought into the campsite since use of dead or downed trees for fires is prohibited year around.

Many agencies work in cooperation for the Deschutes River boaters pass system including Oregon State Police, State Marine board, federal Bureau of Land Management, Warm Springs Confederated Tribes, Oregon department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wasco County Sheriff's office.

Proposed plant at Chemawa vacated

As the result of objections from area student residents including patrons of Chemawa

school near Salem the site of a \$41 million trash-burning plant has been changed.

Originally, the site being considered was just north of Chemawa Indian school. Objections came from the Warm Springs Tribal Council, the BIA Portland Area Office, the Chemawa Board of directors as well as from many other concerned parents. Accompanied with protests from a Salem group. Families for a Responsible Government, the site was changed to one considered a second choice.

Trans-Energy of Oregon is attempting to meet required land use changes at the new

Brooks site so construction by their firm can begin.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners has given conditional approval to land use changes necessary before construction of the garbage-to-energy plant begins. Approval is pending until these changes are made.

The conditions requiring change include reduction of the site from 30 to 15 acres which will eliminate a proposed park.

The board has also asked the state Water Resource board to analyze potential effects of the

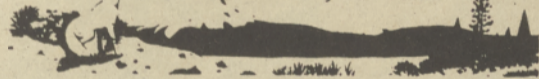
plant on the water table and is asking for a traffic study to analyze the effects of increased use in the area.

Trans Energy would be required to build a sewer and water system for the plant and community.

It will be several weeks before final action is taken on the site. There is still the possibility that Trans Energy could locate at the controversial outside of Keizer near Chemawa as the board of commissioners has also approved of that site.

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Speller competes at district



Tanna Sixkiller

Accomodate, a-c-c-o-m-o-d-a-t-e. Competition in spelling is not a thing of the past. Contests still take place at district levels and even at state levels which allow spellers to show their ability.

On May 20 eight students from the 509-J school district will compete in the county spelling bee to be held at the Support Services building in Madras. Tanna Sixkiller from Warm Springs elementary is among those students. She will compete against: Culver-Kelli Burke, Connie Finley, Gary Lancaster; Buff elementary-Kris Delamarter; and,

Metolius-Victor Muniz. Other students from the district competing at different levels are Aaron Kendall and Patricia Day.

The winner of the spelling bee will go on to the state spelling competition to be held in Salem during the Oregon State Fair, September 3.

Warm Springs representative Tanna Sixkiller is busy getting ready for the spelling competition by studying more difficult words such as accomodate and harrassed. She's excited about the competition and thinks there may be a chance she will win.