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Andrew David remembered as strong, kind leader

He said at Pi-Ume-Sha earlier this year that maybe he wouldn't be around for next year's celebration. Sadly, for those of us left, he was right.

Andrew David, tribal religious leader and teacher for many years, died Sunday, August 24 at his home in Dry Creek.

Andrew was a quiet gentleman, who affected many people throughout his 84 years. Though slight in build, Andrew's strength was astonishing. During times of need and

desperation, Andrew was often at his peoples' side, helping and healing through prayer and song for hours on end. People from as far away as Iran, Central America and Canada sought out Andrew for his faith healing capabilities. Many called on him to cleanse them following the death of a loved one.

But perhaps most important to Andrew was his teaching. Through his feasts at the Longhouse near his home, Andrew taught children, especially his grandchildren, the Indian

way: how to honor and worship, the proper way to act in the Longhouse, how to gather and preserve the bounty of the earth.

Andrew, in his early years, was a fisherman, a livelihood handed down through many generations. At age 16, when his father died, Andrew became the head fisherman for his family, fishing on the island rock in the Columbia River between Washington and Oregon, just as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had done before him.

Andrew, in 1941, married Edna Brown, who preceded him in death March 26, 1979. Together, they opened their home to people of all faiths. Because of their respected status as spiritual leaders, they were invited to Washington, D.C. in 1978 to join in the last part of the Longest Walk and to participate in ceremonies on the White House lawn.

In November, 1984, Andrew was among three Warm Springs elders to be nominated for award presented annually by the National Indian Education Association. Andrew and his daughter Arlene flew to Phoenix, Arizona for the convention. Out of all the nominees from across the nation, Andrew was selected as Elder of the Year by the association, an award of which he was very proud.

In honor of Andrew, the Warm Springs Tribal Council approved resolution #7263 August 25. It states, in part that "the Council wishes to recognize the many contributions Andrew made to our community, his people and Indian people everywhere, including his religious leadership, the firm principles for which he stood, the link he gave us with our past, and the example he set for both young and old."

"We wish to especially recognize his leadership in the Washut religion, Feather religion and the Medicine Society as well as the honor bestowed upon him when named National Indian Elder of the year."

"...the Confederated Tribes with this resolution do hereby pay honor to Andrew David and express their deepest respect and sorrow to his family."

Through his many teachings, Andrew has left a legacy—a legacy rich in tradition and deep religious faith. We will miss Andrew. We thank him for what he has left us.



Andrew, in 1984, was named Elder of the Year by the NIEA. Andrew died at his home August 24.



Andrew and Edna David were probably best known for involvement in Longhouse activities and their spiritual leadership.

509-J levy vote set for Sept. 16

Voters will decide to accept or reject the proposed 509-J levy of \$3,229,175 in an election scheduled for September 16.

Originally an additional \$405,673 was included in the levy amount

but because of unanticipated receipt of prior year's taxes and unspent funds the levy has been reduced. The estimated tax rate with the levy amount is \$10.91 per thousand assessed property valuation.

The most important part of the election is voter participation. Be sure to vote.

Bird causes fire, outage

A pesky black bird sitting on two live wires has been blamed for a 15-acre fire in Dry Creek Sunday, August 25.

According to forestry technician Mike Cunningham, 16 people, five engines and one cat were dispatched to the fire at 4 p.m. The bird apparently caused a transformer to blow up, causing the fire and a two-hour power outage. The fire burned grass and juniper in some of the same area scorched in the 10,000 acre Tohet Fire last year.

Chainsaws forbidden after 1 p.m.

Because of the extreme fire danger that is present on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, the staff at Fire Management advises all reservation residents who are either gathering firewood in the forest, or using a chain saw near their homes, that there is no chainsaw use after 1:00 p.m. This restriction includes

gasoline powered wood splitters. This is to prevent any fires occurring from sparks or heat from the mufflers or other parts of the machinery.

We also recommend limiting use of motorcycles or ATV vehicles to dirt roads only. You will be notified when this restriction is changed.

Fire danger high open fire ban enforced

Forest and range lands in Oregon have been closed to camp, cooking,

warming or other open open fire, including charcoal fires, except as posted and in designated campgrounds. Portable cooking stoves using liquified or bottled fuels are permitted.

These restrictions become effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 16. They were established by all forest and range protection USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oregon State Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The action was taken because of the extremely dry conditions and the commitment of firefighting resources to current forest and range fires.

In addition to these closures, Warm Springs Fire Management advises all persons who have received fire permits recently that all burning is now prohibited until further notice. The only burning still authorized is for enclosed sweathouse fires.

Four Pueblos killed in accident

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Jemez Pueblo, N.M. (AP)—Four sons of this Indian village, members of an elite firefighting team killed in a truck accident, were buried in a common grave Tuesday beside a tiny adobe church.

After the funeral Mass, mourners silently filed into the burial yard outside the tiny adobe church where the bodies of the four young men, wrapped in blankets and draped with sheets, were laid in the grave.

As the church bells pealed, members of the 2,700-member community, one by one, stepped forward to throw a handful of dirt into the grave, then turned away, many of them crying.

Allen M. Baca, Jr., 19; Anthony Pecos, 24; Andrew V. Waquie, 33;

and Benjamin P. Waquie, 23, were members of the Jemez Eagles, a national renowned firefighting team that had been in Idaho helping fight a rash of forest fires.

They were killed just before dawn Sunday when an Idaho National Guard truck carrying firefighters rolled over, killing the four and injuring 17 others.

Andrew Waquie was the brother of the pueblo governor, Augustin Waquie, and a distant cousin of Benjamin Waquie.

About 350 people filled the church and the same number stood in bright sunshine outside, listening to the faint strains of hymns through the open door during the 45-minute Mass.

The four were eulogized by the pueblo's lieutenant governor, a U.S. Forest Service representative, a Bureau of Indian Affairs official,

the head of the five Sandoval County pueblos and the state Rep. Roger Madalena of Jemez.

As the last hymn was being sung, the crowd outside, without a word being spoken, quietly walked around to the back of the church.

As the bodies were brought through the crowd on wooden pallets, many of the women broke into sobs and wails. The priest and a church officer, Telesfor Loretto, gave the final prayers. The priest spoke in English and Loretto in Towa, the native language of the pueblo.

After the service people stood briefly in the cemetery, hugging and comforting each other.

John Armijo, pueblo spokesman, said it was not unusual for people to be buried in a common grave because the ground is hard and the graves are dug with shovels.

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Nine receive hunters safety certification

Completing a ten hour course about hunting safety, nine young men between the ages of fourteen and eighteen have attained hunters safety certification which will enable them to attain hunting licenses.

The participants had to pass a written test of fifty questions and a field practical test at the Warm Springs police pistol range in order to qualify for a certificate. The questions, covering various topics included, wildlife management, care of game, parts of rifle, first aid and safety rules. The participants also had to demonstrate safe handling of weapons and firing of weapons during their field test.

Terry Luther of Natural Resources and Oliver Kirk of the Investigators office were the instructors for the class. On hand to offer advice was Jason Louie.

Oliver Kirk said, "I was pleased that the kids were attentive and I hope that they learned a lot."



Pictured from left to right are the nine young men that received certificates for successfully completing the Hunters Safety course. Frank Brunoe, Michael Jefferson, Sonny Jackson, Sheldon Minnick, Spencer Poitra, Clarence Jefferson, III, Delbert Lawson, Tony Valde and Willard Poitra.

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8	105	65
9	105	65
10	94	68
11	86	54
12	89	56
13	96	56
14	104	60
15	95	59
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23	90	60
24	89	54