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Annual Huckleberry Feast comes early; many dancers place in powwow

The 1994 Huckleberry Feast Pow-wow Results had numerous people who placed. Twenty seven seniors participated in the Honor

dance, and there were approximately 50 tiny tots. In the Girls 7-12 Fancy / Jingle competition Tyanna Tuckta of

Warm Springs took First place, second place was Savanna George of Wapato and Lianne Tom of Warm Springs took Third place

Consolation was to Maryann Stahi of Warm Springs. In the boys 7-12 Fancy / Grass competition Simon Jim of Warm

Springs placed first. Second place was won by Alex Meninick of Yakima and Gary Villa of Warm Springs took third place.

In the girls 7-12 traditional dance competition Clara Gleason of Warm Springs won first place, second place was achieved by Larrisa Napyier of Warm Springs and Third place was filled by Romagene Thomas of Muckleshoot.

Boys 7-12 traditional was headed in first place by Dennis Halliday of Warm Springs. He was followed in second place by Keno Colby of Yakama, and third place was occupied by Preston Tom of Warm Springs.

Girls 13-17 Fancy / Jingle was preceded in first place by Lillian Heath of Warm Springs. Second place was Jessie Adams of Warm Springs and third place was won by Emily Mitchell of Warm Springs.

Boys 13-17 Fancy / Grass category was lead by Windy Harvey of Warm Springs, who was followed by in second place by Wamblee Smith of Warm Springs.

Girls 13-17 traditional had Charmaine Watts of Warm Springs the First place winner. She was followed by Rose Kirk of Warm Springs who placed second. Third place was held by Adrianna Merrifield of Warm Springs.

Boys 13-17 traditional was headed in first place by James Walsey from Satus. Second place was awarded to Kenneth Tuckta of Warm Springs, and third place went to Buster Isadore of Warm Springs.

Ladies 18+ Fancy / Jingle dance had Zelma Nelson of The Dalles as the first place winner. Second place was occupied by Christine Gould of Yakima and third place was awarded to Phoebe Suppah of Warm Springs.

Josh Umtuck of Yakama took first place in the Men's 18+ fancy / Grass and second place went to James Teeman of Warm Springs. Third place was awarded to William Clements of Warm Springs.

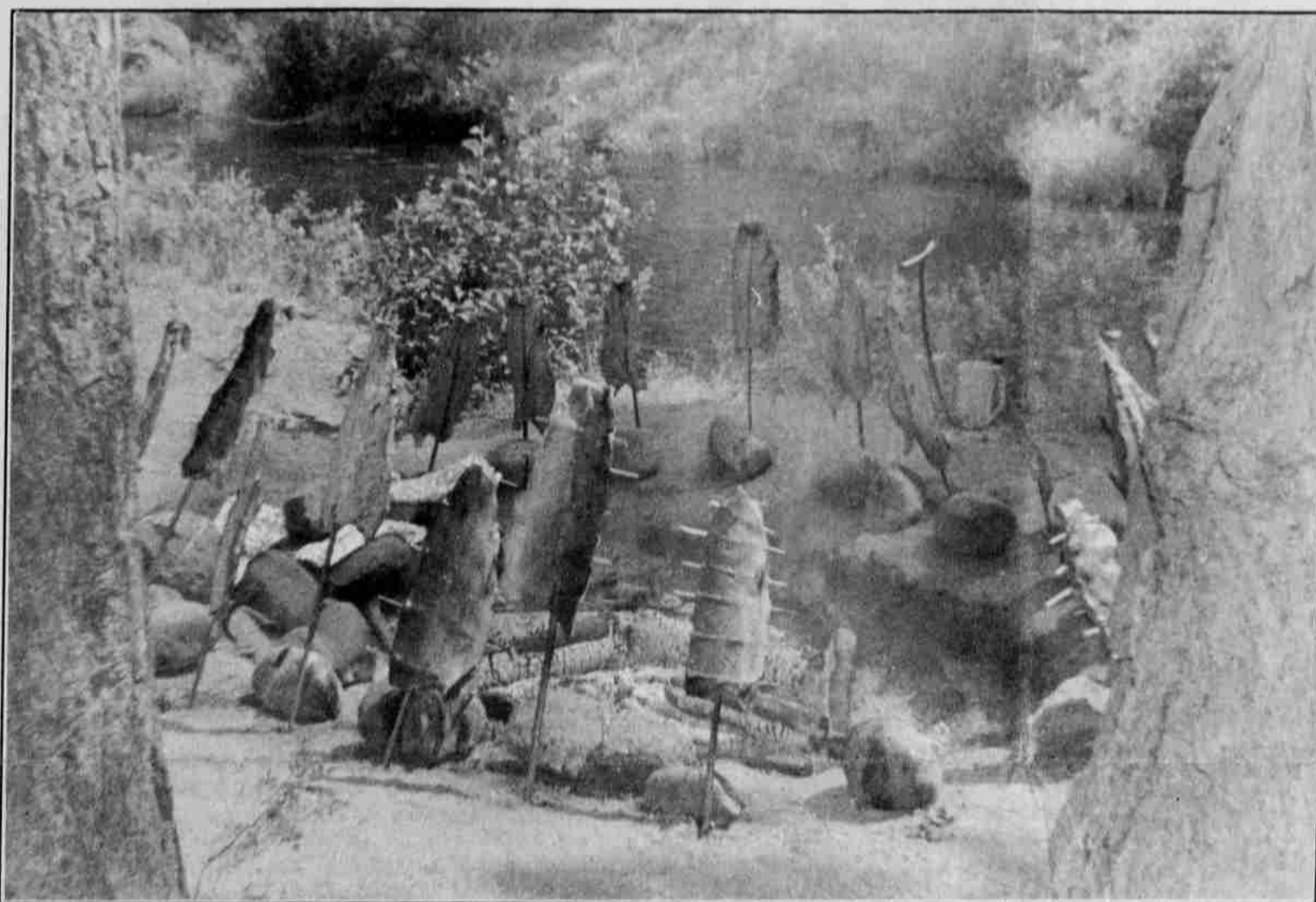
Ladies 18+ traditional dance was headed by Annette Jim of Warm Springs. Karen Umtuch of Yakama received second place and third place was held by Edith Walsey of Satus.

Men's 18+ traditional dance had Gene Harvey of Warm Springs as first place winner. Second place went to Joe Tuckta of Warm Springs, and Third place went to Curtis Thompson of Warm Springs.

Karen Umtuch and Josh Umtuch took first place in the Tom Begay Special and Ronnie Walsey and Edith Walsey took second place in the Tom Begay Special.

The Judges of the dancers were: Evaline Umtuch; Ruthie Tewee; Warner Jim; Leslie Bill; Elfreda Mitchell; Tyrone Ike; Margie Tuckta; Priscilla Blackwolfe; Alice Sampson; Shirley Sanders; Bernice Mitchell; Reggie Winishut; Dalles Winishut; and Tommy Kalama.

Drums were provided by Mitchell Singers; Wasco Nation; Wide Spot Singers; Northenders; Dry Creek; Warm Springs Intertribal; Eagle Spirit; and Rising Sun.



Salmon cooked by an open pit fire accompanied the berries at the Huckleberry Feast.

Photo by Bob Medina

Application seeks home improvement \$\$

On July 11 the Tribal Council authorized an application to H.U.D. for a block grant to rehabilitate qualifying homes in Elliot Heights and Miller Heights. If approved, the grant will be managed by the Housing Department and Housing Improvement Program (H.I.P.) Coordinator, John McIlwaine. Along with housing rehabilitation, the grant will be used to raise substandard, vacant homes which are creating safety hazards and cannot be brought up to standard condition.

Initial surveys indicated nine households are currently eligible in

the two neighborhoods (based on their income) to apply for housing rehabilitation assistance. The H.I.P. Coordinator will be checking with homeowners to make sure all eligible households are assisted.

Homeowners are encouraged to contact McIlwaine at housing if they think they qualify for housing rehab assistance. Applications are accepted from all eligible households, whether or not they live in Elliot Heights or Miller Heights.

The neighborhood-by-neighborhood approach to housing rehabilitation helps ensure that all

needy households are assisted and that multiple resources are obtained. A portion of the H.I.P. budget will be reserved for homes not in the two neighborhoods.

Tribal Services Survey
due
Friday, August 5
You could be a
BIG winner if your name is selected!

Museum presented POVA president's award

The Museum at Warm Springs was presented a Portland Oregon Visitors Association (POVA) President's Award in recognition of its contribution to Oregon's tourism industry at the association's annual

awards dinner July 28 in Portland.

Specifically, The Museum at Warm Springs was singled out for "preserving the traditions of the Wasco, Paiute and Warm Springs tribes and for eloquently interpreting the Native American perspective of Oregon's past, present and future."

"We are very pleased to receive this recognition by our peers in the visitor attraction industry," Museum Executive Director Michael Hammond said. "This, along with the other awards we have received, further confirms that The Museum at Warm Springs is a world-class museum."

Earlier this year, The Museum received a Merit award from the American Institute of Architects and an exhibitory award from the American Association of Museums.

The Portland Oregon Visitors Association presented awards in four categories for excellence in the tourism industry, including a Portlandia Award, Rose City Award, Twin Spires Award and four President's Awards.

Wildfire scorches reservation grasslands

A fire that started in a barn near Simnasho on July 25 raced its way around Kah-Nee-Ta Vacation Resort and three housing subdivisions before being controlled six days later.

The LeClaire Fire, which burned 33,500 acres of sagebrush, grass and junipers, caused the evacuation of about 300 Kah-Nee-Ta Village guests as well as residents in the Wolf Point, Sunnyside and Dry Creek subdivisions.

Though the fire could have been disastrous in the terms of loss of property and lives, local natural resources officials and fire personnel have termed the LeClaire burn a "good" fire. One home, the old Williams place at the southern base of Eagle Butte, was burned as was the barn where the fire began. Acres and acres of grass, noxious weeds and junipers were scorched, blackening about 25 square miles of reservation canyons, hillsides and plateaus.

Daily updates of the fire read like progress reports—On Monday, the fire had burned 8,000 acres with 45 to 50 local fire fighters and natural resources personnel participating in the initial attack; by early Wednesday morning, total acreage burned was at 18,000 with upwards of 600 fire fighters from numerous agencies throughout the United States at the scene. On Thursday, more than 30,000 acres had been burned and the fire was surrounded. By Friday evening, the fire was contained with remaining manpower dousing hot spots throughout the burned area. Governor Barbara Roberts en-

gaged the state's Conflagration Act Wednesday, July 27, which permitted fire departments from outside the Central Oregon area to help save the housing subdivisions. Fire engines from Deschutes, Lane, Jefferson, Multnomah, Washington, Crook, Yamhill and Marion counties all assisted in protecting local homes and could be spotted throughout the community.

The Agency Longhouse was thrown open to the residents who had no place to call home for two nights. The Madras and Bend chapters of the American Red Cross worked around the clock organizing shelter and meals for those displaced by the evacuations.

Forty-six loads of red sticky retardant were dropped by two B-52s out of the Redmond Air Center, flying from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26. These efforts have been attributed with curbing the appetite of the hungry fire early-on.

Resort guests and employees were held at the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge until fire officials deemed it safe for travel on Highway 3, which connects Warm Springs, Kah-Nee-Ta and Simnasho. The resort hosted a buffet breakfast for about 600 guests and employees Tuesday morning.

Those homeowners in Sunnyside who were too late to evacuate had front row seats to a natural fireworks display as the fire sped its way over Eagle Butte. The fire came within 100 yards of many homes, including those owned by Sandra and Owen Danzuka, Rob and Rosaline Moran and Tony and Selena Boise.

Containing and controlling the fire was not left to outsiders. Local loggers and contractors, including Wissy Smith, Rodney Guerin, Tom Cat Logging, Mike Downing and Woodard Logging, pitched in with the use of heavy equipment. Also helping with protection were Merle George, Hobo Patt, Don Hall, Ellison and Larry Spino. Margaret Boise, Mary Danzuka and Lyda Scott prepared fry bread for fire fighters. Warm Springs Market extended their regular hours and Erickson's Sentry Market, Les Schwab Tire Center and the Deschutes Crossing helped as well with assorted donations.

Fire crews on the scene included, among others, Rogue River, Pitt Wildfire, OSMIN of Heppner, Whitehead, Washburn, Omega, Gifford Pinchot, SRV 24, 7, 23 and 66 from Vale, Grayback from John Day and LaGrande, Camp Crew from Timber Lake Job Corp, NWR 13 and 14 of the Park Service, IHC from Winema, Redmond IHC from Redmond, LaGrande IHC from LaGrande, OSC Forest for the Future, three Forest Service Regulars crews from Santa Fe, New Mexico and a camp crew from Burns. Most crews arrived in Warm Springs on July 27. Most left by Sunday, July 31 with some being reassigned to a fire in the Mt. Hood National Forest near Barlow.

The Health and Wellness Center health care staff maintained office hours around the clock to take care of the injured. Fortunately, few injuries were sustained during the fire, with the most serious being a sprained

shoulder and sprained ankle. To show appreciation to the many who helped fight fire, a small blessing and prayer ceremony was held July 29. Wilson Wewa compared the fire to the flood of 1964. "There has been no disaster like this since 1964...On behalf of the Confederated Tribes, I thank everyone who had a hand in fighting the fire...J

Before singing a song and offering a prayer, Wewa explained that the offering would protect the firefighters in their dangerous jobs. The prayer and song "are offered in hopes that during the rest of the year, you will gain protection. It is our belief that when you give of yourself, you get something back...not when you de-

mand it but when the Creator decides."

There are many stories of people helping people during this fire. Those stories show why we have homes. The unselfish and brave acts of many helped avert tragedy.



Spilyay Tymon photo by Donna Behrend

An aerial shot of burned acreage shows that hot spots still burned on Friday, July 29.