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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

Fourth of July parade displayed stars and stripes and beautiful regalia



Levi Blackwolfe showed delight in parade activities, throwing candy from his basket.



Iris Smith walked with her American flag in hand.

It was Fourth of July, 2000, on an overcast day but that didn't hamper the daily activities here as everything started out with a big parade with several entered this year. It appears that the parade is getting larger and better as each year passes, and the day filled with much activity. The start of the parade was at 11:00 a.m., with the judging starting at 10:00 a.m. The results of the parade were not available at press time.

The parade went down to the grounds behind the Community Center and disbanded there, before the games started for the afternoon. After noon meal the fun games

started drawing a lot of contestants for each event and there were three divisions in each event as they were broken down to the younger kids on up to the teens and to the adult class, and in each class there were two heats run off in order to get everyone in the games.

The afternoon was filled with games of various types and everyone was game to get into the contests. Starting out with the three legged, race where there were a lot of tumbles by teams in that event. Then there was the pole race with several getting into that event and it was ran like a double elimination where all the losers would partici-

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Museum begins summer classes for two age groups

"Gifts of Knowledge" Summer Academy at The Museum at Warm Springs begins in mid-July. Classes are for two age groups, 7-13 and 14 and up. Four different areas are being taught. These are looming, carving, use of natural dyes and use of raw hide. Students can come to have fun learning, sharing and expanding their knowledge and hands-on experiences. All classes are limited to twelve students, each on a first come, first served basis. The natural dyes and raw hide classes require registration five days prior to the classes in order to assure sufficient supplies. For the Natural Dyes classes, participants will be provided a hankie to dye or they may bring a white tee shirt of their own. Everything a student makes can be taken home.

For ages 7-13 the schedule is:
Looming July 17-21 1-4 p.m.;
Carving (using soap) July 31-August 4 4-14 p.m.; Natural dyes August 12 &

13 9-noon; Raw hide August 14-18 1-4 p.m.

For ages 14 & up the schedule is:
Looming July 17-21 5:30-8 p.m.;
Carving canoes July 31-August 4 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Natural dyes August 12 & 13 1-3 p.m.; Raw hide August 14-18 5:30-8 p.m.

Classes are \$15 per person or all four class sessions for \$50 which is a savings of \$10. For a family of four (brothers & sisters) the cost for all four sessions is \$150 with an addi-

tional \$15 per additional family member.

This is a special, new opportunity for summer activities. Classes fill up quickly so call 553-3331 to reserve your place.

The Museum at Warm Springs, 2189 Highway 26 is open in the summer from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information on admission fees, exhibits and other programs call 553-3331 and ask for Leana Blueback.

Hepatitis shots required

The state of Oregon is requiring get the shots for your child before additional shots for school children. school starts. Your child can be beginning in September 2000 children who will be entering the 7th grade must have Hepatitis B vaccine. Immunizations may be obtained by second dose of measles vaccine scheduling an appointment for the (MMR), and varicella vaccine (or Ambulatory Care Nursing Clinic at 553-1196, Ext. 2632.

Please check your child's immunization record so you have time to

Call Public Health Nursing at Ext. 4142 if you have questions.

Tribal Council Summary June 25-28, 2000

1. Delegates: Olney Patt, Jr., Vernon Henry, Nelson Wallulatum, Bernice Mitchell, Joe Moses and Brenda Scott.

2. The Tribal Council Delegates attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year 2000 Session June 25-28 at Juneau, AK.

3. Tuesday, June 27-12 noon-Tribal Council meeting: Update by Olney on proposed information regarding Economic Development. An evening meeting to be scheduled, awaiting more information to be faxed.

4. 5:30 p.m. Tribal Council meeting: A) Motion appropriating \$25,000 for 2000 Off Reservation Fish & Wildlife Committee to travel to continue protecting the treaty fishing rights. The activities have increased this year.

B) Motion appropriating \$25,000 for Off Reservation Fish & Wildlife 2000 Ceremonial Hunt.

C) Discussed and tabled the following items to July 5, 2000. 9 a.m.-Tribal Council July 2000 Agenda; 9:30 a.m. -Economic Development and Youth Initiative Funds.

D) Motion for Garland Brunoe and Catherine Katchia to attend the National Tribal Consultation Forum-Health and Human Services July 18-20, 2000 at Washington DC.

E) Motion for Tribal Council to attend the National Council of Legislators for Gaming States Conference at Rhode Island July 28-30, 2000.

F) Tribal Council will recess on Monday, July 3rd, due to a Holiday on Tuesday, July 4th. ASC office will be closed on July 3rd, confirmed with Tribal Council.

Washington GOP proposal angers rights activist

The Washington GOP's proposal angers rights activists and has some party members ridiculing the idea.

Politicians and human rights activists are debating the seriousness of the state Republican Party's call to terminate tribal governments on reservations.

The state GOP convention last month quietly passed a resolution calling for an end to tribal governments on reservations.

Some have reacted to the resolution with cries of racism, while others call the measure misguided, but not a sign the Republicans are anti-Native Americans.

The Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity is likely to spend more time discussing the resolution this weekend than the Republican delegates did June 17.

Vince Lemus, a human specialist for the city of Spokane, is particularly angry at a suggestion by resolution sponsor John Fleming that the federal government use military force if necessary to disband tribal governments.

"It's reprehensible that a member of a political party would even allude to that kind of action," Lemus said.

Fleming's suggestion, that the federal government send in "the U.S. Army and the Air Force and the Marines and the National Guard to battle back" if tribes resist, is not included in the resolution.

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-

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Experimental Project tallies Deschutes River Fall Chinook

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will use an innovative technique developed in Alaska to estimate the number of fall chinook salmon returning to the Deschutes River this year. Tribal biologists hope the experimental project, scheduled to begin July 31, will accurately reflect the river's fall chinook run, which is used as a yardstick by agencies with the authority to set fishing seasons for the species.

Deschutes River fall chinook are extremely important to the Confederated Tribes from a cultural perspective, and since all of these salmon are produced from fish that spawn naturally it is crucial to develop an accurate means of estimating run size. Correctly predicting the number of adults returning to the spawning grounds is essential to establishing in-river and ocean harvest levels that prevent over-fishing.

During the past decade, fall chinook escapement in the Deschutes River took a dramatic shift. Prior to 1989 approximately 75 percent of the run was destined for spawning grounds upstream of Sherars Falls, while more recent returns show a

preference for stream reaches downstream of Sherars Falls.

No one is certain why the spawning preference for fall chinook has changed, but the shift has lowered the confidence factor for current methods of estimating run size. Tribal biologists, along with other management agencies, do not think the current tag-and-recapture program paints a true picture of chinook escapement because it only samples a portion of the run and expands that data over the entire river.

The goal of the experimental project will be to capture 3-5 percent of the annual spawning escapement. The fish will be marked and released. Tags regained or tabulated at the Sherars Falls migrant trap, Pelton Fish Trap, in hook-and-line fisheries, and in carcass surveys will then be used to estimate run strength.

Two methods will be used to capture fall chinook in the lower 25 miles of the Deschutes downstream from Sherars Falls, but the most unique will employ a form of catch and release gillnetting. This tech-

nique has proven successful in Alaska, where the Department of Fish and Game uses it to monitor adult salmon populations. Determining an appropriate mesh size for the species being targeted and having trained staff on site to release captured fish as quickly as possible have dropped fish mortality rates and shed an optimistic light on the work being conducted in Alaska.

Tribal personnel gained firsthand knowledge of catch and release gillnetting during a trip to Alaska in early July. They will use expertise developed in the far north to forward their own research on the Deschutes.

Set gillnets will be deployed in pools and other deep-water habitat where fall chinook are likely to be present with a minimum number of steelhead. A variety of mesh sizes will be used in determining the safest and most effective nets for capturing fall chinook in the Deschutes and data collected from the experiment will allow biologists to fine tune their strategies.

At least two tribal employees will be present on site at all times when the net is deployed. When a

fish is captured it will be immediately removed from the net, marked and released back into the river. The gillnet will be set three days each week through October 18.

During the same timeframe, tribal staff will conduct a hook-and-line research project one day each week. Up to four rods will be fished from a boat operated by a volunteer professional guide. Fall chinook landed during this experiment will be marked and released in the same way as netted fish.

While only an experiment, tribal biologists are hopeful the new method for estimating fall chinook run size will allow resource managers to make informed and appropriate decisions, thereby ensuring the future prosperity of these wild salmon. Findings will be distributed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

For more information regarding fall chinook research on the Deschutes River contact tribal fisheries biologist Chris Brun in The Dalles at 541-296-1041.

Medicare 2000 day set for July 13

"Medicare 2000" event, Thursday, July 13-9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Medicare Education Day at the Warm Springs Senior Center (Longhouse Building). Information for Medicare recipients and their families on the latest healthcare options. Learn about different Medicare choices, supplemental insurance, your rights and information sources. Experts on site to answer questions. For more information, call 1-800-344-4354.

Timber tour set for July 19

The Timber Committee and the Branch of Forestry have scheduled this year's Timber Tour for July 19, 2000. All interested Timber members are invited to attend.

Transportation will leave the Tribal Administration building at 8:30 a.m. Topics to be viewed and discussed include areas being developed for future timber sales in 2000 and 2001, review of the fire

salvage from the Hehe Fire and discussion on whether to continue the moratorium on harvest in the low elevation pine ground. These are topics on which Forestry and Natural Resources are currently working and Tribal member input is needed. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Any question can be directed to Rich Lohman at 553-2416.