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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Photo by Mike Van Meter

Huckleberry Feast to be held Sunday

Tribal members will be gathering this Sunday, July 29, for the annual Huckleberry Feast.

The feast will be held at the He He Longhouse, along the Warm Springs River.

In some other years, the Huckleberry Feast has been held in August. This year the hot and dry weather require that the feast be held a little earlier, so the berries are not too dried.

On feast day, people begin arriving at the He He Longhouse early in the morning, to begin preparing the food. Drummers arrive for the Washut service, during mid-morning.

After the food is prepared, the berries are brought into the longhouse during a blessing ceremony. Then, after the ceremony, the food is served.

August fest helps museum

You can have wild huckleberries, see ancient pictographs, get a rare tour of a private Native American artifact collection, hear huckleberry stories told by a tribal elder, have Columbia River salmon cooker over an open fire pit on sticks, accompanied by bird in clay for dinner.

The Museum At Warm Springs invites you to attend "Raven Sings To the Huckleberry Sisters, the Sixth Annual Huckleberry Harvest!" Aug. 24-25. The Oregonian newspaper has called it the "Coolest Hot Summer Party."

The opening reception begins Friday evening with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, huckleberry stories told by a tribal elder, flute music and silent auctions of select items at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

On Saturday morning, special events begin at the Museum At Warm Springs with Native American dancing, educational and archival lectures and demonstrations, at behind-the-scenes "Tour of The Museum's Private Collection," and viewing of the award winning permanent and changing exhibits. At noon, a rare presentation on Pictographs will be given by James Henderson, on a new technique he developed of recording pictographs. At 5 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, live flute music, silent and oral auctions of art and other items, followed by dinner at the museum.

The entire two-day event is \$175 donation per person, or \$1,300 per corporate table for eight. One hundred percent of the proceeds support educational programs of The Museum At Warm Springs. To make a reservation, or for more information, call 541-553-3331, or write to The Museum At Warm Springs, P.O. Box 753, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Three arrested in slaying of Warm Springs man

Three Warm Springs men are being held in federal custody in connection with the death of tribal member Michael Saludo, whose body was found by police at the Lower Dry Creek Campground on the reservation.

Suspects in the case are Ronald McKinley, 23, Angelo Fuentes, 22, and Tony Gilbert Jr., 18, all tribal members who were living in Warm Springs.

Facing possible grand jury indictment for murder, they are in federal custody in Portland.

Police discovered the victim's body on July 12, and following investigation, the suspects were taken into custody. They made a court appearance in U.S. District Court in Portland last Monday, July 16, and then again this Monday, July 23.

Arraignment on possible indictment by grand jury is tentatively set for Monday, July 30.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has alleged second-degree murder, conviction of which carries a possible life sentence, against the three suspects. On Monday of this week, the federal judge in the case determined that probable cause exists to support the U.S. Attorney's charge, which is preliminary to possible grand jury indictment.

The victim, Michael Saludo, was 26 at the time of his death. He was married to Mallory Polk Saludo. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Neteva.

Michael is also survived by four sisters and one brother.

Michael's favorite hobby was fishing the Deschutes River.

His death left much pain with his surviving relatives. "But we ask for peace in the community," said one of his sisters.

A full obituary of Michael Saludo appears on Page 10.

Chief honored as family man

Vernon Henry remembered by children, friends

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Staff

Vernon Henry enjoyed many things in life, and was known best as a father and grandfather, choosing to spend much of his time with his grandchildren.

When his granddaughter Tiffiney traveled the region to play in basketball tournaments, Vernon was always there. "He found time to be at almost all of his grandchildren's events, no matter where they were," said Leah Henry, Vernon's oldest daughter.

"This was no sacrifice for him to be there. He truly enjoyed making all the functions and knowing what was going on in his family's life," said Henry.

The death of Paiute Chief Vernon Henry is greatly felt by family as well as friends, including those with whom he worked in tribal government. "It's a tremendous loss to Indian Country," said Louis Pitt, director of Warm Springs Government Affairs.

As leader of the Paiute Tribe for several years, Chief Henry had a long-term memory of tribal business. He added stability and integrity to the Warm Springs tribal government, "and of course he was a friend to many people," Pitt said.

Chief Henry's daughter Martha Winishut said: "He believed in all tribes working together for the future generations. He listened to all tribal members, not only those from his own district."



Photo courtesy the family of Vernon Henry

The death of the Paiute chief is greatly felt by family, friends and community.

Chief Henry was elected Paiute leader from among five candidates on Jan. 19, 1987. From 1983 to 1987 he served as a member of the Tribal Council. In all, Chief Henry represented the Paiute people at Tribal Council for 18 years, four as a member of the Council, and 14 as chief.

Worked as a logger

Vernon Henry was born on April 20, 1935, in Lyle, Wash., where he grew up. He was the son of Alex Henry and Josephine Parker. Vernon had three brothers and two sisters, who preceded him in death.

His brothers were Lewis Henry, Sr., Elmer Henry and Ed Henry, Sr., and his

sisters were Ethel Henry and Ellen Henry Johnson.

After growing up in Lyle, Vernon resided in Tygh Valley and Wamic, Ore. He graduated from the Chemawa Boarding School, and then in 1957 he married Helen Ike. He served for a time in the Army, and later worked as a logger for Cody Logging, Dodge Logging and other companies before moving to Warm Springs.

In Warm Springs Vernon worked for the Tribal Alcohol Program. Outside of his jobs he enjoyed the outdoors, and often fished on the Columbia River and at Sherars Bridge.

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Celebration honors 'Cougar' Greene

Gathering recognizes leader's contributions to tribal resources

By Bill Rhoades
Spilyay Staff

Approximately 200 people gathered at the Natural Resources complex on July 11 to see a new building dedicated in memorial to the late Eugene "Cougar" Greene. Family, friends and colleagues came together for the dedication, which was held in celebration of Greene's many contributions to the Natural Resources Branch.

Traditional songs filled the morning air and drums echoed off surrounding rimrocks to open the four-hour event. Colors representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, United States, and state of Oregon rippled in a sultry breeze and a number of distinguished guests spoke on Greene's behalf.

Tribal Council Chairman Olney Patt Jr. recalled many fond memories of Greene, including some humorous fish tales from Celilo Falls. He also spoke of the former Council chairman with great respect and extended his gratitude for all Greene had done to advance natural resources management and tribal interests.

Other speakers included Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr., Jim Harp from the Quinault Tribe, John Platt from the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission, Natural Resources General Manager Charles "Jody" Calica and Tribal Relations Director Warren "Rudy" Clements.

Fish and Wildlife Manager Terry Luther read the inscription on a memorial plaque that will hang in what will now be known as the Eugene Greene Sr. Natural Resources Building. Luther and Eugene's son, Austin, then unveiled the plaque to an applauding audience.

Eugene was born to Celia and Francis Greene on May 16, 1933, at his grandpar-



Photo by Dave McMechan

Norene Greene and Austin Greene, Eugene Greene's wife and son, with plaque.

ents' home on Miller Flat. He was the second of eight children. As a youth he attended the boarding school in Warm Springs and the high school in Madras.

He was married to Norene Queahpama shortly after joining the Army in 1950 and the couple eventually had six children together. During his military service, Greene was sent to Korea, where he was assigned to combat duty and earned the Silver Star for gallantry.

Back at home he worked as a policeman and as a heavy equipment operator before completing the requirements for a GED certificate and several college classes on fish and wildlife management. "I had six children that went with me and attended school at Port Angeles, Washington," he said. Greene cashed the U.S. Savings Bonds he had accumulated while working for the BIA to help pay for his

schooling.

With an upbringing that taught him much about natural history and his newly completed science credits, Greene was hired by the Confederated Tribes as a conservation officer on June 16, 1969. Just three years later he became the first director of the Natural Resources Department, a position he held until 1988. He also served as Tribal Council chairman from 1977 to 1980, and over the years he was active on numerous committees, including the Fish and Wildlife Committee. The extensive knowledge he brought to his work was attributed to his close association with people such as Charlie Jackson, Harold Culpus, Bernice Mitchell, Nelson Wallulatam, Linton Winishut, Alex Tohet, Delbert Frank Sr. and Claude Smith Sr.

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