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Adoption election set for middle of October

The Confederated Tribes will conduct an adoption election next month. The election, in regard to 75 adoption candidates, will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The last adoption election was held in October 1996. Of the 168 candidates in that election, 135 were adopted into the tribes.

The tribes initially considered conducting an adoption election in May of this year. However, the proposed candidate list for the May vote included people living off the reservation.

Tribal Council determined that these people should not appear on the list, which has now been reduced from about 130 in May to the present 75.

The 1996 adoption election included candidates living off the reservation, which was why the original list for the canceled May vote also included such candidates, said Madeline Queahpama-Spino, director

of Warm Springs Vital Statistics.

Removal of off-reservation candidates is one reason why the October 2001 adoption election list is shorter than that of October 1996.

Another big reason why the 1996 list was longer than the present one is that, prior to 1996, the tribes had not conducted an adoption election for about a decade, said Queahpama-Spino.

To qualify for inclusion on the ballot, a person must be 1/8 Indian and a descendant of a Confederated Tribes member or former member. Local residency is also a requirement.

For the upcoming election, there are 2,155 tribal members eligible to vote. A turnout of at least 50 percent is needed for the result to be valid.

Voting will occur from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at the community center.

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Special section planned

The Spilyay Tymoo will publish a special adoption election section with its Oct. 4 edition of the newspaper. We will include the list of candidates, statements of up to 250 words and photographs of those who've come in to have their pictures taken or those who submit photographs.

Deadline for the section is Sept. 28.

To arrange for a photograph or to submit a statement, call (541) 553-3274 or e-mail spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org.

Tribal leader passes away

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Staff

For many decades the life of Delbert Frank Sr. also told the story of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Mr. Frank was a leader of tribal government beginning in the 1950s, and helped see the tribes through many important changes and difficult times.

Respected at home among the tribes, as well as on a national level, he was renowned for his knowledge of subjects ranging from traditional fisheries to Indian health care.

He represented tribal people in government, but he was also respected as a very traditional man. "He was who we are, fisher people," said Raymond Tsumpti, tribal councilman.

Mr. Frank passed away Sept. 8 at Hi Lookie Lodge. He was 77. He would have turned 78 the following day.

Mr. Frank was born Sept. 9, 1923 to parents Charley and Myrtle (Yahtin) Frank. His place of birth is Log Springs in the Simnasho area. Growing up, he went to boarding school, and then joined the Navy. Mr. Frank was a veteran of World War II. Later, he worked as a farmer, raising wheat and livestock on the reservation.

While a young man, Mr. Frank lived and fished along the Columbia River. He also lived at Rock Creek, and fished at Tenino, Celilo and Sherars Bridge, to mention a few.

It was during this time that he learned the things that were most important to him, said his brother Jacob Frank. "He

strongly believed in and lived a traditional life," said Jacob.

At the same time Delbert Frank Sr. was

lic Relations, said, "He was a diplomat, an ambassador for all Indian people," adding that Mr. Frank was a strong advocate of Indian sovereignty.

Jody Calica, general manager of Natural Resources, said, "He had many statesman-like qualities. He provided exemplary leadership not only for Warm Springs, but for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians."

Louis Pitt, director of tribal government affairs, said, "Perhaps Delbert's greatest gift, besides being a wonderful person, was his focus on us as a people, free, not conquered, with our own language, our own culture and beliefs."

Both personally and professionally, Pitt said, Delbert was looked upon as a mentor, someone to be listened to and respected.

Mr. Frank's legacy can be seen in other ways as well on the reservation.

He was a leader during the Confederated Tribes' decision to purchase Kah-Nee-Ta and the lumber mill.

Also, when the tribes received the \$4 million Celilo settlement after construction of The Dalles Dam, Mr. Frank helped determine how the money would be used: part was distributed to tribal members, and some was invested for future generations.

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Delbert Frank Sr.

a leader of great prominence for the Confederated Tribes. "He could hold his own in any political arena, and then turn around and be himself as an Indian and represent that in a very strong, cultural manner," Jacob Frank said. "He had the ability to live in two worlds."

Important decisions

The legacy of Delbert Frank Sr. is seen today in the many tribal officials who looked to him as a mentor.

Rudy Clements, director of Tribal Pub-

Chief, lawyer stranded by terror attacks

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath and tribal attorney Howie Arnett were in Washington D.C. last week when the terrorist attacks happened in New York and at the Pentagon.

Their flight back to Oregon was delayed, and Chief Heath had to miss the funeral of Delbert Frank Sr.

"I want to apologize for that, but it was something we had no control over," Chief Heath said.

At the time of the attacks, tribal member Gerald Smith was on a plane with a Native American boxing team heading from Portland to Denver, en route to Sweden. There was to be a boxing tournament in Sweden, involving the Native team and teams from Sweden and Finland.

Before the plane reached Denver, though, the pilot announced they were turning back to Portland. No one knew why until they had landed.

These are two of many examples of how the terrorism last week directly affected some tribal members.

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On the gridiron

Several Warm Springs athletes are enthusiastic members of the Madras White Buffalo football squad. The team

has gotten off to a rocky start, but the season is still young. See Page 6 further details.

Corporation to boost development

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Staff

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have formed and funded a corporation that will focus exclusively on investing in ventures to diversify the local economy, create jobs and generate new revenue.

Tribal officials are hoping that the Warm Springs Economic Development Corporation will play a key role in adding employment on the reservation, while generating a profit for the tribes.

One of the notable features of the new enterprise is its relative independence from the tribal government.

The council approved formation of the corporation, provided the first installment of financial capital for investment purposes plus necessary start-up funding.

The council also approved the appointment of the board of directors, who have been delegated the authority necessary to make investment decisions subject to the general oversight of the Tribal Council.

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Tribal member earns fellowship

By Mike Van Meier
Spilyay Staff

Warm Springs tribal member Bodie Shaw has been awarded the 2001-2002 Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship. Shaw will work in the Washington, D.C., office of Rep. Earl Blumenauer from November through July 2002.

"I look at this as a stepping-stone," said Shaw. "If the doors are open, the potential is to continue work on Native issues at the national level."

The 9-month fellowship is rotated among members of Oregon's congressional delegation. It was created by the



Bodie Shaw

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and is administered through the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Fellows receive a monthly stipend, moving and travel expenses and tuition for an American Political Science Association orientation.

Alyssa Macy, Miss Warm Springs for the past two years, recently completed the 2000-2001 Hatfield Fellowship in the office of Rep. Darlene Hooley.

The 36-year-old Shaw has served since November 1997 as the BIA assistant forest manager for Warm Springs as part of an inter-governmental agreement with Oregon State University. Shaw re-

ceived his master's degree from OSU in 1996 and is a natural resources extension agent.

Shaw had plans to return to Corvallis this fall to serve as an extension agent and work toward his Ph.D. in environmental science, but the fellowship offer took precedence.

Shaw will be accompanied to Washington by his wife Heather, whose Willamette University degree is in political science, and their 2-year-old daughter Madison.

"She (Heather) is really excited about the opportunity to network with her friends back there," Shaw said.

Shaw says his career in forestry stems in large part from a lifelong comfort with being in the woods, nurtured by grandfather Terry Courtney, but was ignited as an adult by one of his last assignments

with the U.S. Air Force - helping as a cargo plane crew chief with the airlift of National Guard troops to the horrendous Silver Complex fires in Southern Oregon and Northern California in the late '80s.

The fellowship honors Hatfield for his accomplishments as a United States senator and governor of Oregon and for his mentorship of many individuals who became leaders in their own communities.

It provides members of Pacific Northwest tribes "the opportunity to help make a difference in their personal lives as well as contribute to the quality of life within their communities," said Kathryn Harrison, chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Shaw has agreed to write a monthly column for the Spilyay's opinion page beginning November or December.

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