

Leadership conference a success

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The "Circle of Leadership" Youth Conference 2002 was held March 19 and 20 at the Agency Longhouse.

This conference was in the planning for two years. It was to provide leadership training, exposure to higher education opportunities, other job opportunities and provide educational and cultural aspects to the youth at no cost.

The WIA program along with the higher education program brought this conference to reality. Verleen Kalama, Youth Development Program Administrator, assisted with time and money through the tribal youth program. Ramona "Ted" Tanewasha and Laurain Hintsala of Higher Education assisted also with time, experience and guidance.

There were several presenters and booths set up during the conference. To start the conference, T.J. Burrows brought the Madras High School ROTC team to participate with bringing and retiring the colors for the conference. Tribal member Jeri Brunoe-Samson of Arizona was the keynote speaker. Her topic was "Youth on the Move". Dawn Smith, principal of Warm Springs Elementary facilitated a teacher's panel. Rosa Graybael, tribal member elementary teacher, spoke of her experience as a teacher and held a question and answer session with the youth.

Among the presenters were local programs such as CHET with Anita Davis and Anson Begay participating. Davis made a presentation on HIV, gave statistics about HIV, talked about what STD and STV are, how to use a condom and she read a story where everyone participated and learned.

Laurain Hintsala, Higher Education spoke to the youth about positive high school experience. Also attending were several Elders of the community who shared their wisdom about education.

Rudy W. Clements spoke about his education, growing



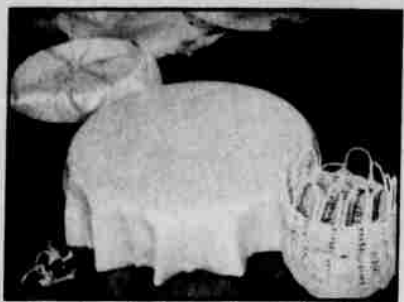
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up years and the opportunities for youth today. Adeline Miller told of her young years having to go away to school for two weeks, which turned out to be nine months, the discipline she received, meeting the whip man when rounds were made to homes and encouraging the youth to get their education.

Irene Towe also spoke of her early years, no television and listening to the radio as a form of entertainment, also being visited by the whip man and how fortunate youth are today with so many opportunities available now versus what was then as a young girl and encouraging the youth to get more education. Sid Miller was also in attendance along with several parents.

Visiting presents included Eastern Oregon University. The school recruiter spoke about their Native American Teacher Education Program. This program recruits Native Americans for teacher education programs to become elementary or secondary teachers in Oregon. They also have an agreement with the Warm Springs tribes and 509-J school district to provide a teaching position after completion.

Robbie Paul of the Intercollegiate College of Nursing, Washington State University spoke of the program they have for students interested in nursing. The NARR program hosts a one-week summer nursing camp to give students a hands-on feel of the nursing profession, campus life, team build-



In the top photograph, youths learn to make crafts at the Circle of Leadership conference; above are some of the items they were making.

ing, leadership skills and is free of charge which includes travel to Spokane where the camp is held.

Marlene Schmitt, Director of Hancock Field Station of Fossil, made a slide presentation and talked about the salmon camps. There will be three camps for different age groups, ages 10-12 from June 23-28, session for ages 13-15 from June 30-July 5 and one for high school students from July 7-25. These camps are provided at no cost and will expose youth to many natural resource career fields.

David Rogers, Program Manager of the Circle Project, National Indian Youth Academy of Western Community Policing Center, a regional community-policing institute out of Salem. He talked about the National Indian Youth Police Academy that will be held in San Bernardino, Calif.

Nearly 100 youths -- all but three of them from Warm Springs -- attended the Circle of Leadership conference.

Howlak Tichum

Frances Jeanne Thomas

Frances Jeanne "Sin-Ne-We-ah" Thomas passed away Wednesday, March 20 at Puyallup Indian Reservation in Washington. She was 63 years old.

She was born July 24, 1938, to parents Francis Thomas and June Courville Thomas at the Warm Springs clinic. Thomas lived most of her early years in Auburn, Wash., where she attended elementary school. She graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Portland. Ms. Thomas married Jim Halliday in 1961 but later divorced.

Jeanne, as she preferred being called, was employed by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Language program at her passing. She also worked at the Museum At Warm Springs, and as Tribal Council committee secretary, education director, employment coordinator, at the U.S. region offices in Seattle, Muckleshoot reservation in the education department and the JOM Yakama Tribal School.

She loved sewing, especially making Pendleton coats, playing Bingo, beadworking, cooking, going to powwows, being with her family and learning more about her Warm Spring traditional heritage. Her greatest accomplishments include being one of the original founders of the Seattle All American Indian Dancers, Indian Women Service League Charter Member, United Indian Tribes, Seattle Health Board, Board of Registry of the Warm Springs Museum and the Culture and Heritage committee.

Proceeding in death are parents, one son Loren Halliday, and longtime companion Willie Bagley.

Survivors include three sons, Jeff (Lauren) Thomas of Puyallup, Wash., James (Paula) Halliday of Warm



Jeanne Thomas

(Mary Tuckta).

She is survived by her children Lyle Amiel Rhoan, Casimera Vivain Rhoan, Sharlayne Julia Rhoan and Felicia Enid Rhoan.

(A more detailed Howlak Tichum will appear in the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.)

Marylena Elsa Heath

Marylena Elsa Heath passed away on March 15 at the age of 44.

She was born July 28, 1957, to parents Rodney Bruno and Delores Heath.

She is survived children George Picard III, Delores Darlyne Picard, Ray Wesley Picard, Heather Ellen Picard, Le Mennie Wilma Picard and Clarissa Caroline Picard.

She is also survived by brothers Roosevelt Terrance Heath and Christopher Courtney Heath; and sisters Colleen Melissa Seelatsee and Juliann Sarah Seelatsee.

Tommy Dickson

Tommy Dickson passed away Tuesday, April 2.

He was born May 27, 1986 in The Dalles.

He is survived by his mother Thelma Mae Greene, and brothers Curtis Dickson and Theodore Stwyer Greene.

Maril Henry Sampson

Maril Henry Sampson passed away recently. She was 50 years old.

Mrs. Sampson was born August 8, 1951. She is survived by her spouse Johnny Sampson, and children Grant Thomas Henry, Donna Henry, and Marcia Henry.

Lizzie McBride Rhoan

Lizzie McBride Rhoan passed away on March 28 at the page of 85.

She was born September 5, 1916, to parents William McBride and Ma-mai-yet

Salmon cooks, dancers needed

Salmon bake cooks and tribal dancers are needed for the 2002 season at Kah-Ne-Ta. If you are interested, please call Cindy Schmidt at 553-1112 ext 3436.

River: level of usage is being determined

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This would be giving the local governments equal status with the state, the federal government and the tribes.

Chairman Patt pointed out that the local governments already are represented on the board through representation by the state of Oregon, as the cities and counties are chartered by the state.

Allowing local government representation on the oversight board would be like giving tribal districts and departments representation on the board, in addition to the representation of the Confederated Tribes, said Patt.

Along with representation on the oversight board, the local governments also have sought representation on the Lower Deschutes River Managers Group, which was delegated authority to implement the 1993 plan.

Cunningham said that this request by the local governments is not an unreasonable one. The managers group is currently comprised of representatives of the tribes, BIA, Oregon State Parks, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, the BLM, the Oregon State Police and the Oregon Marine

Board.

Another issue that remains pending involves how boater-use numbers have been calculated for the Lower Deschutes.

Until a few years ago, the Oregon Parks Department calculated the estimates of the number of boaters using the river. In 1998-99, this duty was transferred from State Parks to the BLM.


The initial BLM river-use estimate indicated that a permit system was warranted under the 1993 target numbers. Guides and local governments then challenged the BLM's method of counting, as there was discrepancy between the BLM method and the method used by State Parks.

The agencies have now commissioned an outside evaluation of the counting methods.

A taco sale fundraiser for the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is set for Thursday, April 12. The sale will be from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center.

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