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Judge Wilma Smith swears in CASA volunteers Sheryl Courtney, Jeannie Brisbois and Juanita Villa (from left). Other volunteers were sworn in at a later time.

Child advocates serving Warm Springs

A new child advocacy program — the Court Appointed Special Advocate, or CASA program — began recently in Warm Springs. The official start of the program happened with the swearing in at Tribal Court of three CASA volunteers. Judge Wilma Smith administered the oath of office.

Through the work of the volunteers, CASA provides advocacy for children in court proceedings. CASA provides a unique community experience: The opportunity to work for abused and neglected children in a meaningful way, and the opportunity to gain on a personal level by giving

one's commitment to Native children.

The benefit of this program is that the children learn there is one special person available for each of them, someone who will help them make it through the system, someone who is there for them only because they care.

The first three advocates sworn in as CASA advocates are Sheryl Courtney, Juanita Villa, and Jeannie Brisbois, who is the coordinator of the Warm Springs program.

Courtney, Villa and Brisbois each said they became interested in CASA because they care deeply for the welfare and well being of the children of the

community. They said they want to help ensure that the needs of the children are met during court proceedings.

The Warm Springs CASA program was made possible by a Tribal Council resolution in January.

The national CASA program provided a two-year grant to begin the program in the Warm Springs Tribal Court. Brisbois has her office at the Small Business Center. Anyone interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, or wishing more information on the program should contact Brisbois at 553-2323. Please leave a message if no one answers.

Mushroom market explored

By Bill Rhoades
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Turning mushrooms into money was a central theme during a recent class held at the Small Business Development Center. Over 30 tribal members were on hand to learn the basics about identification, care and marketing of mushrooms found on the reservation and within the ceded territories.

Bruce Jim and wholesaler Arley Smith offered a morning presentation and afternoon field tour on April 17 at Small Business, focusing on how to harvest mushrooms for personal use and profit.

Smith, a native of northeast Oregon and self-taught expert, has been picking mushrooms since childhood. He now runs a wholesale business in Portland and has been working with Jim to create a profitable business on the reservation.

Smith said the key to picking mushrooms for the market is learning to identify specific species and where to find them. He said the morel and bolete varieties are among the most popular world-wide and both are readily available on the reservation during certain times of the year.

While all mushrooms reproduce in similar ways, according to Smith, their appearance and characteristics make them dis-

tinct and somewhat easy to identify. He said anyone can learn to harvest mushrooms with a bit of education and experience.

Books on the subject help in identification and experienced pickers, such as Jim, are invaluable in learning subtle differences that may be overlooked by a novice.

While many mushrooms are considered delicious table fare, Smith and Jim both cautioned against the harvest of unfamiliar varieties.

"You never take a chance in this business," said Smith. "Some mushrooms are very deadly. If you're not certain leave it alone, or separate it from the other mushrooms and ask someone who knows. It's a matter of doing field work and learning one step at a time."

The most popular spring mushroom is the morel. Harvests are just now getting underway at the lower elevations and the season will continue for several weeks to come.

During the recent field trip, Smith and Jim pointed out some of the more likely places to find morels, including recent timber harvest blocks or burned over areas associated with coniferous forests and white fir in particular.

Other mushrooms may be growing in the same area at the same time as morels, although each variety seems to have pref-

erences in regards to season, temperature, plant community, soil type and other factors.

Markets for mushrooms are primarily a product of supply and demand, with the least common varieties of choice species fetching the highest price. As markets become saturated or quality declines, the value of the mushroom drops.

The United States market for wild mushrooms is still in its infancy. Other parts of the world have commercial histories dating back hundreds, if not thousands, of years.

Last year local buyers paid over \$30,000 for mushrooms harvested on the reservation and Smith said there are tons of edible mushrooms here that go unharvested each year.

Jim said he has worked closely with the Culture and Heritage Committee and Tribal Council to lay the groundwork for a commercial mushroom harvest on the reservation. He said with some basic information, as was supplied during the recent class, it's a good way for tribal members to make money on a seasonal basis.

"People have learned you can make \$100 a day or more when the mushrooms are in bloom," said Jim.

For more information on how, where and when to harvest mushrooms stop by the Small Business Development Center.

Warm Springs Tribal Council resolutions for 2003

Treaty to mark 150th anniversary

Whereas it is the objective of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, to promote the advancement and welfare of the tribal membership and to protect tribal sovereignty and resources; and,

Whereas the Constitution, Article V, Section 1 (a) authorizes Tribal Council to negotiate and consult with the Department of the Interior and other entities, Section 1 (s) authorizes appointment of boards, and Section 1 (n) authorizes adoption of resolution to carry out Council powers; and,

Whereas the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon of 1855 will be 150 years old in 2005, and this sesquicentennial coincides with the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, who journeyed up the Deschutes River as well as down the Columbia; and,

Whereas this coincidence provides a great opportunity for education about our Treaty and our cultural ways and for trans-

formation of public education about Oregon history; and,

Whereas the Lewis and Clark Expedition was greeted with great hospitality and generosity by our people and we wish to continue this tradition with today's visitors to our country; and,

Whereas a group of interested Warm Springs members, including but not limited to the Culture and Heritage Committee and Rudy Clements, Evaline Patt, Robert Brunoe, Louis Pitt, Myra Shawaway, Ginger Smith and Sally Bird, are willing to serve on a committee to promote celebration of the Treaty and survival of our culture; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the 22nd Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, pursuant to Article V, Sections 1 (a), (s) and (u) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, the Treaty of Middle Oregon Sesquicentennial committee is hereby established to promote celebration of the Treaty of 1855 and to gather information on survival of the Tribes' culture and opportuni-

ties for its expansion for the tribes' use and at the Tribal Council's discretion, the use of the public. (Resolution 10259.)

Council approves Geo Visions

Whereas the Tribal Council originally chartered Warm Springs Geo Visions Enterprise ("Geo Visions") as a tribally owned enterprise by Resolution No. 10149 on February 21, 2002; and,

Whereas Geo Visions has demonstrated significant promise as a tribal enterprise; and,

Whereas Geo Visions has the potential to obtain substantial contracts for its services that will require significant expansion of its operations; and,

Whereas it is important for the success of Geo Visions that it obtain Small Business Administration 8a status in order to obtain preference in the award of government contracts; and,

Whereas to obtain SBA 8a status it is necessary that Geo Visions be controlled by individuals who are members of minorities; and,

Whereas it is necessary to

amend the Geo Visions Charter to meet the minority control requirements of the Small Business Administration; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council now desires to take the actions necessary for the further development of Geo Visions; now, therefore

Be it resolved by the 22nd Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs that the First Amended Charter of Warm Springs Geo Vision Enterprise is hereby approved and adopted. (Resolution No. 10265.)

Size of fish nets

Whereas the Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee has recommended to the Tribal Council that the provisions of Chapter 340 of the Tribal Code regarding the size of hoop nets and gill nets used in the Columbia River Zone 6 Treaty Indian Fishery be amended to increase the maximum size of hoop nets from 18 to 26 feet in circumference and to change the maximum length of gill nets from 300 to 400 feet in length; and

Whereas the Tribal Council has determined that adopting the amendments to the Tribal Code as recommended by the Fish & Wildlife Committee is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members and is in furtherance of the Tribe's treaty fishing rights reserved in the Treaty of the Tribes of Middle Oregon, June 25, 1855; now, therefore

Be it resolved that the 22nd Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Sections 1 (i), (l) and (u), of the Tribal Constitution, hereby amends Warm Springs Tribal Code Section 340.310(4) to change the maximum circumference of hoop nets from 18 feet to 26 feet and hereby amends WSTC 340.310(6) to change the maximum allowable length of gill nets from 300 feet to 400 feet in length. (Resolution No. 10266.)

New members

Be it resolved by the 22nd Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, the following are enrolled members of the Confed-

erated Tribes of the Warm Springs, in accordance with Resolution No. 4301:

Elizabeth Rose Antunez, Jreyvon Donovan Dixon, Dorothea May George, Ivory Chanell Kalama, Prais Roseli Leclair, Del Ray Muniz Jr., Leticia Yasmin Torres, Kenneth Ryan Scaonawah.

Kathryce Raquel Danzuka, Dominicio Eaglewarrior Gomez Tafaya, Talliah Syndel Hanchor, Jocixx Timijin Hintsatake, Aallyah Anne Howtopat, Atonia Lynn James, Veronica Rachel Jim, Sha'Rita Marie Lynn Johns, Shawneen Adeva Johns, Mark Kevin Johnson III, Sidney Blaise Kalama.

Eleana Janice Hoptowitz Lawson, Jerikeo Tyrese Mckinley Wainanwit, Bliss Adair Miller, Catherine Sandra Payenna, Emily Lillian Queahpama Guerrero, Jennifer Sabrina Queahpama Guerrero, Peyton Anthony Sinclair, Laila Danielle Smith, Michael Tyrone Smith, Mahala Velynteen Spino, Monika Zelma Stacona, Robert Clark Stinson, Isaac Russell Tallbull, Isaiah Michael Van Pelt, Harrison Justin Lee Villa.

In the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon

Hannah Crowe, petitioner, vs. Vernon Smith Jr., respondent. Case No. DO131-03. To Hannah Crowe/Vernon Smith Jr.:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Support has been filed with Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on June 2, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Hannah Crowe, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for in the petition for support.

The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on April 17, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Tribal Court.

Lillian Heath, petitioner, vs. Jeremy Killfirst Sr., respondent. Case No. DO58;59-03. To Lillian Heath/Jeremy Killfirst Sr.:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Child Support/Visitation has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 11 a.m. on May 23, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present. You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Lillian Heath, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for child support/visitation.

The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on April 17, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

June Aguilar, petitioner, vs. Kyle Frank Sr., respondent. Case No. DO33-03. To Kyle Frank Sr.:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Support has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 19, 2003, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, June Aguilar, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for support.

The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense.

If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately.

Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on April 17, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon vs. Samuel Whitefoot Sr./Samuel Whitefoot Jr. Case No. JV309-02. Notice of Trial/Hearing. To Samuel Whitefoot Sr./Samuel Whitefoot Jr.: You are hereby notified that the above cited case(s), as filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court, has been scheduled for trial/hearing at 2 p.m. on June 2, 2003.

You are hereby ordered to be and appear at the Warm Springs Tribal Court at the time and date shown to defend against the charge(s). You may be represented by yourself, by an attorney, or by a spokesman, at your own expense. You may bring any documents you believe are relevant to this cause, and you may bring witnesses to testify on your behalf. You may request the Court to subpoena your witnesses, however, you must submit your list of witnesses no later than two weeks prior to trial; failure to do so will not be considered sufficient reason to postpone the trial. If you have questions, seek legal advice immediately. If you fail to appear as ordered, the Tribal Court may enter a complaint for contempt of court and issue a warrant for your arrest. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, April 17, 2003. Judge Lola Sohapp, Tribal Court.

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Notice of Jury Duty

Summons and public notice to serve as morning juror:

The following are hereby notified of Jury Duty:

Francis Allen, Marcelina Arce, Carmel Begay, Nancy Blackwolf, Sammy Bruisedhead, Sabrina Boyd, Bobbie Calica, Jose Calica, Melva Charley, Shamona Charley, William Clements, Esmerelda Craig, Sandra Danzuka, Lucinda David Green, Jolene Atencio, Sheila Frank, Irene Garcia, Roscoe Greene, Susan Guerin, Katherine Jackson, Morris Johnson, Shana Johnson, Tamera Tewee, Eric Langnese, Truman Lumpmouth, Shari Macy, Willette Payne, Isabelle Popaca, Melissa Wainanwit, Dallas Winishut.

You are hereby notified to appear before the Tribal Court at 8:45 a.m. on the following days during the months of May and June for Jury Duty: May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19 and June 26. If you fail to appear on the dates and times listed, you may be charged with contempt of court. Dated at Warm Springs, April 9, Judge Wilma Ann Smith.

Summons and public notice to serve as afternoon juror:

The following are hereby notified of Jury Duty:

Jesse Adams, Merda Charley, Kathy Crane, Cyril Frank Sr., Colleen Greene-Reed, Patricia Holliday, Althea Henry, Rebecca Hunt-Lucei, Karla Kalama, Georgette Keo, William Leonard, Maria Minthorn, Raymond Moody, Jack Quinn, Ann Seyler, Vera Smith, Creston Smith, Emerson Smith, Jonathon Smith, Rebecca Soliz, Ramona Strong, Joyceline Suppah, Jennifer Tufti, Deny's White, Charlene Winishut, Stacy Winishut, Elfreda Mitchell, Victoria Muldrow, Kenneth Sahma, Teresa VanPelt.

You are hereby notified to appear before the Tribal Court at 1:45 p.m. on the following days during the months of May and June for Jury Duty: May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19 and June 26. If you fail to appear on the dates and times listed, you may be charged with contempt of court. Dated at Warm Springs, April 9, Judge Wilma Ann Smith.