

Huckleberry cultivation planned in next 5 years

By Selena Boise

For decades I can remember our people giving thanks for the foods provided to us by the Creator. And our people are allowed to gather these foods in the usual and accustomed places.

Spilyay speaks

Did you read that article about scientists on the verge of growing huckleberries? I saw it in a few newspapers.

I didn't realize that there were so many people in the business of selling products that contain huckleberries. I have seen some products, but I had not realized that so many companies from Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, British Columbia and Montana are in the market for huckleberries. The berries are used for jams, candies, wine, lip balm, shampoos, lotions and many other items.

A scientist named Danny Barney decided to do research 15 years ago, and is now on the verge of cultivating the huckleberry. He intends to turn the huckleberries into a farm product that can be purchased on the shelves within the next five years.

As a Warm Springs tribal member, I didn't know how to react to this at first. Every year we have the annual huckleberry feast, to give thanks to the Creator for providing the huckleberries for another year. It is one of the main items eaten during the Huckleberry Feast and the Root Feast. There are the salmon, roots, huckleberries and deer meat served as just a bite. These are the foods provided to us, and they are served in the order that they come to us in the year. We give thanks for these foods annually.

From year to year, though, there are so many people out there in the mountains picking the berries for their products. The berries are hard to come by at times when we go out there to pick. We have to look for the berry patches that still have berries in them.

With the seeds on the market there may be more berries for those who market products containing huckleberries. But I can't imagine eating huckleberry pie made with cultivated huckleberries. It would be missing that special taste of the wild huckleberry.

Barney is, however, experimenting with blends for several tastes of the huckleberry by crossbreeding. But I'm still finding it hard to imagine cultivated huckleberries in pies, or my mother-in-law's huckleberry cakes.

I guess we will all find out within five years if these cultivated berries are going to taste like the wild huckleberry.

I personally like to go out and pick the berries in the mountains in their natural habitat. As a child I remember going out there with my grandmothers. I followed my paternal grandmother around and ate out of her basket. At least that is what I was told. And my other grandmother would take me camping for days to pick berries. Being in the mountains brings back those childhood memories for me and probably many other tribal members.

I can picture many of these same tribal members taking their children out to pick berries and sharing new memories with them. Maybe I'll purchase seeds to grow a bush at home next to my gooseberry bush.

Thank you

We would like to take this time to say thank you to those who helped us honor the memory of our loved one, Thomas Walker, on August 6, 2003.

Also thank you to the following individuals who have helped us to make this day special:

Fred Wallulatum Sr. and family, Myra Shawaway and family, Shirley and Jeff Sanders and family, Roland Kalama, Angela Martinez and family. Thank you for all the assistance you've given us during and after the stone setting.

Cheryl and Lunch Heath, Lee and Angie and family, Marceline LeClaire, Jan Rosell, Charlene and Dennis White and family, Debbie Stacona and family, Marcie Stacona and family, Vanessa and Cory Stwyer, Francis Sorrelhorse, Alvis Jr. and Sissy Smith, Millie Wilson, Ronna and Smitty and family, Alvis III and Vivian Smith, Mona and Tom Strong, Aaron Wilson, June Smith and Shawn Harry, Jon Smith and Jocelyn Moses.

To our friends, thank you to all those that have been there and those who continue to be there.

This past year has been a difficult one not only for us but those who surround us and we'd like to say how much we've appreciated and will continue to appreciate all that you've done to help us get through this time.

Ricky Walker and family, and also on behalf of Kali and Dominique Walker

Lot of time

I Derek Jade Greene would like to apologize for my actions on August 26 for driving under the influence, and eluding the Warm Springs Police Department. I would also like to apologize to my two passengers for recklessly endangering them, Antonio Wahsise and Angel Kalama and the community of Warm Springs. My actions were

wrong and I'm very sorry. Now I got a lot of time to think about my wrongs in the Warm Springs jail.

My most sincere apologies, **Derek Jade Greene.**

Keep in touch

Dear family and friends,

I am sorry I've been not writing but I got caught up again. I'm alive and healthy and doing well, but things could be better.

So whomsoever wants to drop me a letter and pictures, I miss and love you all.

Tamara Henry, No. 83346, 11540 N.E. Inverness, Portland, OR 97220

On the air

In an effort to raise the community's level of awareness of programs and services in Warm Springs, KWSO is inviting any and all departments and agencies that provide services to residents to air information about services provided.

KWSO would be happy to record a department representative talking about a program. Or, provide us with information by fax or mail, and we will produce a public service announcement (PSA).

In addition, any information about an upcoming event or

happening can be forwarded to KWSO. We may use it in our community calendar, or air it in PSA form, or we may contact you to do a program for *Our People and Mother Earth*, or *The Warm Springs Program*.

KWSO 91.9 FM contact information: phone, 553-1968; fax number, 553-3348. E-mail: kwsow@wstribes.org; or snail mail: KWSO, P.O. Box 489, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Thank you for your time. **Sue Matters, station manager.**

An apology

I would like to apologize to the community of Warm Springs for my actions that happened on May 12. I would like to apologize to officer Springle and the other officers that I caused problems with on that fateful day back in May. Also to my family of two small boys and my grandma.

Calea Geggleyet

Good stories

This is my story. I'm sure we all have stories in our lives. I think it's great when we listen to the stories of others. Some stories may help others without you knowing it.

Birthday wishes...



Happy 12th birthday to Dena Marie Ike-Thomas, Oct. 9. Love, your mom, Walsey, Raylene and Daisy.

Happy 22nd birthday to Dawn Rae Ann Ike on Oct. 10. Love, your family in Warm Springs.

Happy 44th birthday to Auntie Agnes Lawrence Arthur on Oct. 3. Love, all your nieces and nephew on West Spur.

Ross Kalama Sr., my dear sweet husband. October 12 comes pretty fast. I take this time to wish you a very happy birthday. I am looking forward to sharing many more with you. May your smile beam bright and the twinkle in your eyes continue to talk to me. Enjoy your day. With love, your wife, **Lori.**

Happy birthday, Cheryl, age 43. I hope you have many more. Love, D.

Apologizing

I would like to apologize to Theresa D. Guardipee and the community of Warm Springs for an altercation that happened in July.

Thank you to family and friends who helped me through the situation, and I would also like to mention the employees of Three Warriors Market for being patient with me through the whole situation.

Chet R. VanPelt

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I know we all lose a loved one whom we love in our families very much. I know it hurts, but I think we should look at our stories in our lives and know that all our sins are forgiven by our most precious Jesus Christ. I'm sure we all have a long story. Thank you.

Evette Patt

Four months

To the community of Warm Springs I Joseph J. Howtopat would like to apologize for the charges for which I was prosecuted, and I did my time for my actions.

I have experienced four months on these charges. Thank you for your time.

Joseph J. Howtopat

Andersen looking forward to working with the tribes

First of all I wish to thank the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for the honor you have bestowed upon Andersen Construction Company to build the Warm Springs resort casino.

Words cannot express the feelings of pride and excitement we hold for this wonderful opportunity.

I first became involved with the tribes over a decade ago while constructing the Museum at Warm Springs.

I serve on the Board of Directors and the Board of Regents for the museum, and have always enjoyed working with the tribes on these projects that mean so much to their heritage and the livelihood of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The Museum at Warm Springs was a very special project to Andersen. In my heart I know Andersen is the best contractor for the resort

casino project. The fact that the people of Warm Springs chose Andersen is a testament to the trust and friendship we have built over many years.

We are committed to delivering a world-class project to the Warm Springs Tribes.

We will make every effort to involve as many of the Warm Springs people in the project as possible. Andersen will provide training to tribal members to give them skills they can use in helping us build this project and beyond.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have our commitment: Andersen will hold this project very close to our hearts, and we will deliver a world class, one of a kind resort and casino.

Thank you from all of us at Andersen Construction.

Sincerely, **Stephen M. Andersen,** Andersen Construction Co. Inc.



Dog problems persist on the reservation

Dogs seem to be everywhere. Community members who used to walk to lunch or in the evening are afraid because of the dogs. Parents drop kids off at school rather than having them ride the bus because of the dogs at the bus stops. This is a community living in fear.

While the number of dog bites this year has decreased from last year - from 22 in 2002, to ten in 2003 (through September) - the bite severity has increased. The Environmental Health program keeps track of bites that occur in the community that are reported to the clinic or that people in the community inform the program about.

The program has also had a dog and cat vaccination, spay,

neuter program since 1993 in which certificates are issued to assist with the cost of these procedures. For the past two years, spay and neuter for dogs have been free because of the generosity of a person who left money in trust for this purpose. Only a couple hundred people have taken advantage of the program each year.

This year the severity of the bites has been terrible. We are extremely lucky that no one has been fatally bitten. I know of at least four cases where kids ended up in the hospital for stitches, and at least one child will have to undergo years of reconstructive surgery to repair the damage from the dog bite.

According to environmental health records the breed of dog primarily involved in the bites

have been pit bulls and rottweillers. These are not bad dogs per se, but the simple fact is that once they do bite, they do more damage than, for instance, a Chihuahua. Many people have pit bulls or rottweillers for "protection," and as a result have taught the dog aggressive behavior. If they truly want a dog for protection of the home, then animals that have been spayed or neutered tend to stay home rather than roam the community.

The tribe does have a dog ordinance, Ord. 36. Each dog owner has a responsibility to people in the community to maintain their dog under control. This means the dog should stay in the owner's yard. People also need to be aware that male dogs become much more ag-

gressive if there is a female in heat. And what would normally be a friendly dog can act differently.

Children should also be taught proper play with any dog. Chasing games should be strongly discouraged between dogs and kids. Dogs are primarily prey animals by nature. When children run away from dogs, the prey instinct in the animal kicks in.

If your dog does bite someone, it is important that vaccination information be supplied to the victim or other individuals investigating the bite incident. Animals that are not vaccinated must be quarantined for a 10-day period. The incident may result in the killing of the dog.

If the dog has become a member of your family, it defi-

nately is in your family's interest to get the animals vaccinated.

Owners have a responsibility to get animals vaccinated and licensed. Licensing can be completed through the Warm Springs Police Department, once the animal has been vaccinated for rabies.

The Warm Springs police have the responsibility for enforcement of Ordinance 36. They investigate dog bite incidents as well as take nuisance complaints. The Environmental Health Program has the responsibility to also assist in dog bite investigation, and offers the certifications for spay, neuter and vaccinations. Certificates can be obtained by calling 553-4943.

(This article was submitted by the Environmental Health Program.)

How to protect yourself against the flu

It's almost that time of year again... you know, the time when sniffles and coughs and colds are everywhere. Germs are passed through the community on hands, sneeze droplets and coughs.

You can help prevent these germs from latching onto you and prevent passing them onto others by washing your hands often using soap and water.

Always sneeze into a Kleenex or handkerchief. And make sure you turn your head when you cough.

Flu shots are being offered as follows:

Oct. 21: 12 to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Oct. 22: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clinic.

Oct. 24: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Three Warriors Market.

Oct. 27: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

at tribal administration building, conference room 2.

Oct. 28: 2 to 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries personnel office.

Oct. 29: 2 to 4 p.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Oct. 31: 10 a.m. to noon at community counseling.

One of the best ways to prevent catching the flu is to have a flu shot. Even if you had a flu shot last year you need another one this fall, since the

types of flu germs it protects against are different each year.

A flu shot is recommended for anyone age 50 or older, people with chronic heart and

respiratory diseases and diabetes, children under 18 who receive long-term aspirin therapy, women who are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, and anyone likely to come in contact with ill or elderly people.

Community flu clinics will begin Oct. 21, or you may make a nursing appointment at the clinic for a flu shot, beginning Oct. 20. Please call the Public Health Nursing Department at 553-2459 for more information.

Spilyay Tymoo letters policy

The Spilyay welcomes any and all letters from tribal members.

However, letters should be no longer than 350 words in length.

Letters beyond that length are edited until they are within or close to the 350-word limit.

Also, letters to the editor can contain no libel against any person.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo.