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Change in leadership at public safety

Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti is the new general manager of the Warm Springs Public Safety Branch. There has been no permanent Public Safety general manager for the past few years.

The Public Safety Branch includes the police department and the Warm Springs Fire Department. The Public Safety Branch, said Tsumpti, "is for the people, and that's going to be my focus - serving the people."

Tsumpti added, "There is a high expectation in the community for protection of life and property." As general manager of the branch, "I'll help provide the tools to accomplish that."

Tsumpti said that productivity in the branch needs to improve.

Tribes to receive old skull

BEND (AP) - A 100-year-old skull found by children two years ago may soon pass into the possession of the Warm Springs tribes.

The skull was found near Alfalfa on the tribes' ancestral land in 2002.

According to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the remains will revert to the reservation, unless a second tribe makes a competing claim.

It is possible that the remains could belong to tribes in Klamath Falls and Burns because their ancestral lands overlapped at the time the person perished, said Ron Gregory, a Deschutes Resource Area archaeologist who works for the Bureau of Land Management.

When the remains were first found, they were sent to the State Medical Examiners Office to determine if the site was the scene of a crime, according to the legal notice. A crime lab technician determined the remains did not belong to a missing person.

Then, the State Medical Examiners Office determined that the skull, which was found on a rocky ledge above a streambed, was that of a Native American who died about 100 years ago. No other details, including the gender of the person, were released.

Chuck Jones, regional archaeologist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the medical examiner probably looked for telltale indicators in determining that the skull was that of an Indian, including a flattening on the back of the skull.

That occurs when babies are strapped onto a hard surface like the cradle boards once used by some Indian tribes.

Several days after the sheriff's office concluded its examination of the site, BLM Prineville District archaeologists scoured a 10-mile area for cultural artifacts, but none were found, Gregory said. Because no cultural artifacts turned up, archaeologists had to rely on where the skull was found to make an educated guess as to which tribe it belonged to.

Historic documents and ethnographic sources indicate that the Confederated Tribes have occupied the area from at least the early 19th century, under the Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon, signed in 1885.

Roberta Kirk, who is in charge of implementing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act for the Warm Springs tribes, said that once the skull is repatriated, a small ceremony will be held and it will be reburied.

Gathering focuses on improving youth safety

By Nat Shaw
Tribal Relations

An overflow crowd attended Tribal Council Chairman Garland Brunoe's Community Round Table Monday night, January 26. The meeting focused on the recent Oregonian newspaper articles on Warm Springs.

The crowd filled the Tribal Room and spilled out into the hall at High Looker Lodge. Sixty-eight people signed

up on the sign-in sheet, but by the time the meeting concluded there were between 75 and 80 people in attendance.

Chairman Brunoe opened the meeting by saying that this was a meeting with tribal community members and the leadership. He said it was not an open meeting and the only press welcome was the tribal press, the Spilyay Tymoo newspaper and KWSO radio. He asked that if anyone was there from another

news outlet, to please leave. With that said, the meeting got underway.

The time scheduled for the meeting was from 7 to 9 p.m. A 5-minute time limit was set for those who wanted to speak. However, many exceeded their allotted time and when nine o'clock came, Brunoe extended the meeting time.

He remarked that everyone in attendance has lost a nephew, son or

daughter, or some family member to alcohol or an accident of some kind. The Chairman said, "The Tribal Council is concerned about the articles we saw in the newspaper. All of this didn't happen yesterday, it has been building up."

Brunoe went on to say that Tribal Council's desire is to start moving in the direction of improvement.

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Michael Miller was among the dancers at the opening of the tribal youth art exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The Museum at Warm Springs is now hosting the annual Youth Art Exhibit. This is the eleventh year of the youth art show.

The exhibit opened last week. The opening included a dinner at the museum, plus drumming and dancing.

Artworks from the youth exhibit this year will later be on display at the High Desert Museum in Bend.

At the museum the exhibit will run through March 28, in the changing exhibits room. Items will be at the High Desert Museum from April 24 through July 4.

Dip nets, moccasins, wapas bags, drums and baskets are some of the items that the young artists have created for the show.

There are also paintings, sculptures and wall decorations. The exhibit is *Celebrating Imagination*.

This is the first of a number of 2004 exhibits that will be featured in the museum Changing Exhibits room. In the spring the room will house the *Columbia River Basketry* exhibit, from April 10-May 24.

For more on the *Celebrating Imagination* youth art exhibit, see the next edition of Spilyay Tymoo.

Team formed to target child neglect

(AP) - Federal health officials at Warm Springs have established a Child Advocacy Team to better track children who might be overlooked by the reservation's child welfare system.

Russ Alger, director of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, operated by the U.S. Indian Health Service, said he hopes the action will improve communication and cooperation with tribal officials.

Alger said the team will log child welfare concerns raised by clinic staff and meet regularly to discuss ways to increase cooperation with the tribes.

"There has often been lag time between when our people report concerns and when action is taken," Alger said.

"We've always kept an eye on this, but now we're going to be much more aggressive about it."

The clinic was built by the three tribes that govern the Warm Springs Reservation and operates under an agreement with the health service, part

of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The establishment of the team follows a December series by The Oregonian that reported Warm Springs is the deadliest place in Oregon for a child to grow up.

The newspaper's analysis of 58 child deaths on the reservation since 1990 found that children there die at more than three times the state average and nearly twice the rate of American Indian children nationwide.

The analysis found that alcohol abuse, traffic accidents and child neglect are among the leading causes of child deaths at Warm Springs.

Alger said the health service clinic's new child advocacy team is not intended to replace the tribes' role.

"Our hope is to just raise awareness," he said. "We just want to make sure we're doing everything we can at the clinic level to work closer with the tribes and do all we can for kids."

Powwow is Feb. 13-15

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow, a celebration of the Confederated Tribes self-government and sovereignty, is next weekend.

The powwow, this year marking its Twenty-Seventh Anniversary, is Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15.

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is sponsored by the Simnasho Elders and the Lincoln's Powwow Committee, and takes place in the Simnasho Longhouse. Everyone is welcome.

Grand Entry times are Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. Contest categories are:

Fancy and Traditional dancers; Grass and Jingle dancers; junior divisions and teens, boys and girls; 17 and over, men and women; and Golden Age men and women. A point system is used. Specials include the Three-Hand Drum contest, sponsored by the Bruce Jim family; drumming contest spon-

sored by the Austin Greene family; and the Round Bustle/Chicken Dance contest, sponsored by Mackie Begay. Also:

Junior division Round Bustle/Chicken dance contest, sponsored by Gavin Begay; and the War Bonnet Contest (40 and over) sponsored by Norene Greene and Calvin Queahpama. Other specials will be announced.

Total fund for the drummers is \$8,000; local drummers, please bring your own chairs. Masters of ceremonies are Thomas Morning Owl of Pendleton, and Charles Tailfeathers of Simnasho.

Memorials will be this Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Simnasho Longhouse.

For information contact Mackie Begay at 553-9230; or Austin Greene at 553-1953. For vendor concession information call Sandra Greene at 553-6619.

Jackson's resignation marks end of an era

By Nat Shaw
Tribal Relations

Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum accepted the resignation of Tribal Councilman Zane Jackson on Thursday, Jan. 29. Jackson, 80, has served longer than any elected member currently on Council. He resigned just three months before completing his thirty-third year on Tribal Council.

Jackson's family has been one of the most prominent families on the Warm Springs Reservation since the tribes adopted a constitution and by-laws in 1937. That action created the present form of tribal government.

Jackson cited health reasons as the basis for his decision to resign.

Tribal Council Chairman Garland Brunoe said a celebration will be held in Jackson's honor sometime in April.

Zane Jackson was first elected to Tribal Council in 1971. He served as vice chairman in his first term. Since



Zane Jackson

that time, he has been the vice chairman three more times, and he has served as Tribal Council Chairman four times.

Zane's brother Vernon was the tribes' Secretary-Treasurer for 17 years. Vernon died in office in 1969 at the age of 51.

Zane and Vernon's father, Charles Jackson, served on Tribal Council for six terms, including four as chairman. The current Secretary Treasurer is Charles V. Jackson, the grandson of Charles and the son of Vernon.

Chief Nelson Wallulatum, in accepting the resignation, gave Tribal Council the authority to replace Jackson with the next highest vote getter from the last election, held April 9, 2001.

Stanley Smith Jr. will fill the vacant position until the term expires in April. Stanley, or Buck as he is better known, received 182 votes in the last election. The top vote getter was Garland Brunoe with 196, followed by Bernice Mitchell with 192, and Zane Jackson with 190.

The 22nd Tribal Council swore



Stanley "Buck" Smith

Stanley "Buck" Smith in on Monday, Feb. 2, 2004. The oath of office was administered by Paul Young, BIA superintendent for Warm Springs.