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General Council meeting June 14

Seekseequa also gathering

A General Council meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 14 at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7.

General managers and directors of tribal departments will be on hand for the meeting.

The agenda is open. This is a chance for tribal members to express their ideas and concerns to the new Tribal Council.

The department managers and directors will be in attendance to help answer any questions or address concerns.

Seekseequa housing

On Thursday evening of this week, June 10, the Seekseequa District will gather at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7.

An agenda item for this meeting is housing. A 16-lot subdivision has been proposed for the Seekseequa District.

The houses would be located around the district's fire station. Lots range in size from just under five acres to just over eight acres. Standards and best management practices listed under the Integrated Resources Management Plan of the Confederated Tribes will apply to this project.

While the 16-lot project is a topic for discussion, housing in general for the district is also open for discussion.

An idea to develop a wastewater treatment facility at Seekseequa is also an agenda item.

Committee appointments

Other items on the Council agenda for the month of June include a workshop on Tribal Council priorities; a BIA directive on criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country; legal issues regarding felons and guns; and a Warm Springs Forest Products Industries workshop.

The Council this month also is scheduled to make the tribal committee appointments. The deadline to submit an application for appointment to a committee passed earlier this week.

The appointments are to be made on June 14, according to the Council agenda. A good number of interested people submitted their applications, according to the Council office. There are eight committees that carry out a variety of functions for the Tribal Council and the Confederated Tribes.

The Health and Welfare Committee serves as the advisory body to the Tribal Council in the area of health and welfare, including programs, funding and legislation.

The Culture and Heritage Committee acts in an advisory and recommending role for the Culture and Heritage Program director.

The Education Committee serves as an advisory body to Tribal Council in the development of education programs and opportunities for tribal members.

The Fish and Wildlife Off-reservation Committee cooperates and negotiates with affiliate organizations to insure protection of treaty rights and development of sound management plans and programs.

The Fish and Wildlife On-reservation Committee serves to protect and manage fish and wildlife resources of the reservation for present and future generations. The Timber Committee serves as an advisory body to the Tribal Council on the management of forest resources.

The Land-Use Planning Committee reviews and recommends to Tribal Council issues of the Comprehensive Plan, zoning and maximum utilization of land. The Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee serves as an advisory body to Tribal Council for development of irrigation, agriculture land and range programs.

State Champion

Moody wins shot put competition at state

By Dave McMechan
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Charlene Moody has made a lot of people proud - her family and friends, the Simnasho community, the whole Confederated Tribes. Moody is among the very best high school girls track and field athletes.

At the recent 2004 Oregon Track and Field Championships, Moody won first place in the shot put competition. She threw the eight-pound ball 38 feet, one inch and a quarter. The throw was impressive because it was raining at the time.

The class 4A-5A state track and field championships were held in Eugene. Several thousand people were in attendance, despite the rain.

Moody, 16, just finished her junior year at Madras High School. Because of her excellence in track and field events, Moody already is receiving letters of interest from colleges. Brown University and Portland State University have written her, and the coach of Western Oregon University in Monmouth has expressed an interest.

She plans on attending college to study art, and one day wants to be an art teacher.

Moody first started throwing the shot put in the seventh grade, after a friend asked her if she wanted to join the school team.

She now has many track and



Charlene Moody

field medals and ribbons won during competition. At Madras High School she has lettered in track three times, and in volleyball one time.

Moody has won at districts twice now. Last year she finished fourth in the shot put at the state championships, and this year won first. Her personal record in the shot put was this year at districts, when she threw for 39 feet two inches.

For training she runs and lifts weights. She also practices throwing the

12-pound ball that the boys use. "You try to make yourself strong," she said.

Besides the shot put, she also throws the discus and the javeline. With the discus you need speed to make a long throw, while with the shot put the emphasis is more on pure strength, she explained.

She likes the shot put and other track and field events, "because it's an individual sport. You don't have to rely on a team," she said.

Taking first place at the state championships was an especially meaningful accomplishment for Moody. Her grandfather, atwai Enos Herkshan, passed away last year. Moody had promised her pusha before his passing that she would win at state. So making the accomplishment had a special meaning.

Moody lives in Simnasho with her father and mother, Captain and Winona, and three brothers and one sister. Her family of course is very proud of Charlene for her accomplishments in track. But Captain says they keep everything in perspective. Sports are great, he said, but studying and school work are the main emphasis for the children.

Captain said that he and Winona enjoy traveling with their daughter to the many competitions during the school year.

You get to know the families of the other athletes, and they've gotten to be good friends with some of the other

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parents. "You see them enough times during the year that you get to be friends," said Captain.

And the track and field competitions can be exciting, such as at districts this year when Charlene set her personal shot put record.

The championships at Eugene were rainy but still exciting. It rained so hard that puddles formed quickly in the areas of the track where the athletes were competing.

Because of the water the athletes throwing the shot put had to stay farther back from the line than usual, to make sure they didn't lose their footing and go over the line.

"It was frustrating," said Captain. "She didn't have her best day," he said of his daughter. She did, however, have the best day among the girls who were throwing the shot put.

After she won the event, Charlene was interviewed by reporters from several newspapers.

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Pi-Ume-Sha is just a couple weeks away

Powwow preparation will begin soon at the Warm Springs Community Center grounds, as Pi-Ume-Sha is now just two weeks away. The preparation work will include setting up the bleachers and the lights, the MC booth, the vendor booths, the parking area, the teepees, etc.

Pi-Ume-Sha requires a lot of planning and preparation, with as many as 50 volunteers helping out. In addition to the volunteers, all of the Warm Springs Utility Department,

Police, and Fire and Safety are involved. Through the volunteer work, Pi-Ume-Sha remains a free event for visitors, with no charge for admission or parking.

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days has many meanings. For one, the powwow each year honors veterans. The first Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow happened in 1969, during the Vietnam War, when many tribal members were serving tours of duty.

Pi-Ume-Sha honors veterans, but the powwow is also a celebration of

tribal sovereignty. The powwow each year is held in late June, this year on June 25-27.

The Treaty of 1865 was signed June 25 of that year. Pi-Ume-Sha week marks the 135th year of the signing of the treaty. Pi-Ume-Sha this year is marking its 35th Anniversary.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow has grown each year since it first started. The powwow draws some of the top championship dancers and drummers in the U.S. and Canada. Visitors come

from as far away as Germany and Japan to witness the spectacle.

Pi-Ume-Sha weekend also involves a popular softball tournament and endurance race, a golf tournament and boxing matches and rodeo. The stick game competitors are active throughout the entire weekend.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Parade is at 11 a.m. on Saturday of the powwow weekend. Grand Entry on Friday is at 7 p.m., on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Highway work to improve Pelton grade

A highway improvement project will correct the sharp turn on the Highway 26 Pelton grade between Warm Springs and Madras.

The construction work began last week and is expected to be complete in three months.

Cost of the project is \$1.3 million, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

During construction, motorists will be shifted into temporary lanes around the project.

There may be traffic delays at times of up to 20 minutes.

The project will realign the curve for a stretch of about half a mile. Motorists are advised to use caution and reduce their speeds.

Traffic fines double in the construction area.

The purpose of the curve realignment is improvement of road conditions and driver safety, according to ODOT.

The construction area is toward the bottom of the grade.

The sharpness of the existing curve will be reduced by realigning the roadway to the east.



Jake Frank, 4, helped represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at the recent Collage of Culture.

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