

Education awards for Kalama, Towe

The Oregon Indian Education Association this month awarded atwai Irene Towe as Elder of the Year.

The association also recognized Foster Kalama as Counselor of the Year.

The awards were presented during the 31st Annual Conference of the Oregon Indian Education Association.

The Warm Springs Education Committee nominated Irene Towe as Elder of the Year because of her dedication to sharing knowledge with young people.

She taught sewing classes of Wasco dresses, shirts, wingdresses, shawls, shirts, moccasins, crowns, all appropriate for the dancers of Wasco tradition. She also was a teacher of

the Kiksht language.

"The community of Warm Springs has known her as a smiling face who assisted and supported whenever needed," said JoAnne Smith, friend and member of the Education Committee.

"Irene has shown her commitment and generosity in keeping traditions alive. She is a living example of tribal wisdom, heritage and culture," said Smith.

Mrs. Towe attended boarding school in Warm Springs.

She and her husband Jack were married for 45 years. "She remained active, and didn't know how to say 'No' when asked to participate in Wasco groups, to demonstrate her Kiksht language, songs and

dance for local events or for international guests and foreign exchange student," said Smith.

Mrs. Towe passed away on April 10 at her home. She was 73. (See *Howlack Tibum* on page 6.)

Counselor of the year

Foster J. Kalama is a school liaison and counselor at Madras High School. He has worked for 11 years for the school district. For nine of those years he spent half-days at the middle school and the other half at the high school. Currently he's working full-time at the high school.

Some accomplishments he has helped bring about among tribal members students at the schools:

Breaking down the gangs,

and promoting activity for a better and safer school environment;

Improving attendance and graduation for Native Youth;

Bridging the gap between the ethnic groups in the schools;

Bringing better understanding of the tribal culture and heritage to the teachers and students.

Kalama is an accomplished flute player. He teaches youth to play the Native American flute. Kalama helped set up school assemblies to share the tribal culture and heritage.

Kalama believes the key to success as a counselor is to win the youths' respect and trust, as well as that of co-workers and the community.

Bonneville extends Fish Passage Center contract

(AP) - The contract for the agency that counts salmon and other fish in the Columbia River has been extended while a federal appeals court considers arguments over whether it should remain open.

The Bonneville Power Administration said it has extended the existing contract for the Fish Passage Center in Portland through Nov. 30.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled last month that funding for the center should be continued until a lawsuit filed by environmentalists and Indian tribes challenging its closure can be resolved.

The court likely will hear arguments in the case in mid-September, BPA officials said. Bonneville had decided to split the fish counting duties between two other agencies after a legislative move by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, that effectively eliminated the center's \$1.3 million budget.

The budget cut drew criticism because it came after U.S. District Judge James Redden cited data from the Fish Passage Center in his decision to declare inadequate a Bush administration plan for protecting salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Cultural Bridge hosts youth conference

The Cultural Bridge Group of Jefferson County and Warm Springs will host a one-day youth conference in May.

The conference will focus on the cultural aspects of the local community.

The Cultural Bridge Group was formed as a result of a local leadership training sponsored by the Ford Family Foundation and Rural Development Initiative.

The leadership training was offered to about 30 local residents from the Native American, Anglo and Latino cultures.

The group graduated in January 2005 with a commitment to implementing a community project, the Cultural Bridge Group.

The group chose to host a youth conference in order to bring awareness to our local youth of the distinct cultures in our community, and how those cultures are alike while each maintains its own uniqueness.

The youth conference is set for Saturday May 13, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The Cultural Bridge Group is also looking for individuals interested in helping us in the following ways: chaperoning

workshops and/or the dance on the day of the event, presenting culturally specific crafts/activities, set-up, clean-up, helping with registration, and other various tasks.

The group is also looking for donations of items and gift certificates to be used as door prizes. And as with any major non-profit event, cash donations are always welcome.

If you would like additional information or would like to make a donation, please feel free to contact Jamasa at 475-0301.

Kids rodeo series kicks off in May

The Squiemphen-Yazzie Kids Rodeo Series kicks off on Saturday, May 20, at the Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds.

There will be cash and other prizes. Events are: barrels (12-15 year olds, and 11 years and under), street riding (12-15 years), dummy roping (6 years

and under and 8 years and under), wild colt race (at least one girl on a team, 15 years and under; limit if eight teams), stick horse race (6 years and under and 8 years and under), calf riding (11 years and under; limit of 25 riders), stick horse relay (12-14 years, and 11 years and

under). Entry fees: \$15 per person for: barrels, steer riding, wild colt race, and calf riding. Five dollar entries for dummy roping, and the stick horse race. Stick horse relay fee is \$20 per team (co-ed teams, two boys and two girls). For information call Priscilla Yazzie at 553-5817.

Chemawa Indian school hosting powwow May 5-6

The 2006 Chemawa Indian School Spring Powwow will be on Friday and Saturday, May 5-6. Grand Entries are at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday. The powwow will be in the school gymnasium, 3700 Chemawa Rd. NE, Salem.

There will be dancing, sing-

ing, fry bread and crafts. The powwow is support for the Chemawa student clubs.

Vendor information contact Karen Serna (503) 399-5721, ext. 225. Crystal Boyd, ext. 260; Sonya Olson, ext. 283; or Karen Serna, ext. 225.

Wedding Announcement

Sarah Kate Belgard and Eddie John Sconawah II would like to announce their

wedding ceremony to take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2006.

Raffle

Drawing on August 19, 2006 at the Squiemphen-Yazzie Kids Rodeo.

Items to be raffled: Hand Drum, pickup-load of wood, silver headstall, wampum necklace, Pendleton blanket, beaded bag, kilo of cut beads, dried corn, Pendleton shawl, Navajo saddle blanket, PSP player, beaded bag, fuzzy blanket, 4 folding chairs, huckleberry jam, buckskin, one fuzzy jacket, meat grinder, 10 basketball jerseys, men's breastplate, microwave oven, \$50 gas card, \$50 Walmart card, microwave oven, set of dishes, 20" color TV, fuzzy jacket, \$50 Walmart card, \$50 gas card, wheelbarrow filled w/toys, and other donated items.

For tickets see Rita Squiemphen, Percy Yazzie, Edison Yazzie, Teri Jo Yazzie, Amanda Yazzie, CR Begay, Anson Begay, Blaine Begay, Destry Begay, Terry Squiemphen, Gladys Squiemphen, Sammi O'Reilly, Earlylne Squiemphen, LaDonna Squiemphen, Ina Wainanwit, Marcia Soliz, Vesta Johnson, Lyda Rhoan or Val Squiemphen.

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