

Leslie Bill elected chairman of CRITFC

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission welcomed its 2006-2007 officers at its recent July commission meeting.

Leslie Bill, representing the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, was elected as chairman of the four-tribe commission for a one-year term, replacing Robert Taylor (Nez Perce).

"We all stand in memorial to those who have gone before us, just as they stood in memorial of those who had gone before them," said Bill.

"Today I stand where a long line of great tribal leaders have once stood and it brings me great honor to serve as the chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission."

Bill has served on the Commission since he was elected to the Warm Spring Tribe's off-reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee in 2004. Prior to serving on that committee, Bill served on the Warm Springs Tribe's on-reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee from 2001 to 2004.

He is actively involved in carrying on the traditions and culture of his tribe—a culture that guides his actions and outlook.

"I remember standing in the dance line at the longhouse during Sunday services and being reminded that we should treat the land like we treat our own relatives," recounts Bill.

Fidelia Andy, representing the Yakama Nation, was elected vice-chair; Brooklyn Baptiste,

representing the Nez Perce Tribe, was elected treasurer; and N. Kathryn Brigham, representing the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, was elected secretary.

This is the first time in the commission's 30-year history that women have held two officer positions concurrently.

The election of Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission officers takes place annually, with the seats rotated among each of the four member tribes.

About CRITFC

To counteract the decline of the salmon in the Columbia, and to protect their treaty-reserved property and sacred salmon heritage, the Warm Springs,

Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes joined together in 1977 in the manner of the old Celilo Fish Committee. The purpose: to renew their authority in fisheries management.

Out of that effort, the tribes created a coordinating and technical organization to support their joint and individual exercise of sovereign authority. Based as it was on a time-tested tradition, the new organization, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, became a valuable means for organized intertribal representation in regional planning, policy, and decision-making.

As its founders intended, the organization's assignment remains the same today: unity of action in service of the salmon.

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Young Achiever Brandon Thompson Sponsored by Les Schwab

Brandon Thompson, 16, is entering a running team in the Portland to Coast high school challenge this year.

He has run this relay in previous years on other teams, but this year has entered a boys' team.

He is a cross-country runner at Madras High School, and he says, "I hope I can do good this year."

He likes to run, and it showed during the Kab-Nee-Ta Mini Maratban when he was the overall winner in the 14.5 mile run.

He will be returning to Madras High School as a



Brandon Thompson

junior for the 2006-07 school year.

For now, he is currently a lifeguard at Kab-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. He attended and passed his lifeguard and first-aid certification requirements to become a lifeguard.

By Leanna Boise

Alive and Kicking rodeo at White Swan

The Columbia River Indian Rodeo Association will host the First Annual Alive and Kicking All-Indian Rodeo Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the White Swan Rodeo Grounds in White Swan, Wash. The action begins at 1 p.m. daily.

Events include bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, ladies breakaway, wild horse race, century team rop-

ing, junior barrel racing 15 and under, junior steer riding 15 and under.

Jackpot team roping after the Saturday rodeo. Start time at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

The rodeo secretary is Stacy Mesplie, ph. (509) 966-0950.

General admission \$5; seniors \$3; and children 12 and under, \$3.

Rodeo association fundraiser

A barrel racing and team roping event is set for Sept. 9 at the Tee Pee Arena in Wapato, Wash. This event is a fund-raiser for the Columbia River Indian Rodeo Association.

Open: \$5 added. Entry fee: \$45. Barrel racing times only at 8 to 9:30 a.m. Barrel race starts at 10 a.m.

Pre-enter: Sept. 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. Call (509) 966-0950. Late entries: \$10.

Team roping to follow barrel race. Approximate start time is 1 p.m.

Cash only, payout cash. For further information contact Jr. Adams at (509) 930-4071.

Back to school barbecue

There will be a Back-to-School Barbecue from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31 at the Family Resource Center backyard lawn area. Everyone is welcome.

The Back-to-School BBQ Planning Meeting is from 12 to 1:30 p.m. this Friday, Aug. 4 at

the Family Resource Center conference room. Everyone welcome to attend, light lunch provided. Questions, call Julie at 553-3438.

Raffle tickets for walking team

The "Lost in Space" women's walking team is hosting a fundraiser raffle through August 23. Raffle items include spa baskets, picnic baskets, movie baskets, beaded items, crochet baby blankets, scrapbook bas-

kets, lawn chairs, water play baskets, and more items.

Tickets are \$1 each of six for \$5. You may contact Joy Ramirez, Daryllyne Cortazar, Rebecca McPherson to purchase tickets.

Student center offers invitation

The Native American Student and Community Center of Portland State University is inviting students and friends to the farewell gathering for Rose Hill.

"Rose's Royal Roast" is a chance to bid her farewell and to give her your advice for academic success in her graduate studies.

The event is from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, August 18, at the Native American Student and Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson in Portland. Ph. (503) 725-9695.

Next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, August 11. Thank you.

Computer class at Simnasho

The Oregon State University Bit-Mobile will host a free introduction to computer class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 11 at the Simnasho Store.

Sign up at the Warm Springs Library, or call 553-3438 and ask for Althea or Julie; or sign up at the store, or call Captain at 553-2242.

Museum seeking tribal member artwork

All Warm Springs tribal member artists are welcome to submit artwork for the upcoming Thirteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit. This year the exhibit is entitled Creations.

Applicants must be enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and

must be 18 years of age or older.

Items submitted must remain on display for the entire duration of exhibit dates.

If items cannot remain on display for the entire duration, please do not submit.

The deadline is Friday, Sep-

tember 1, at 5 p.m.

Applications are available at the museum.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Natalie Kirk at 553-3331, ext. 412, during regular business hours.

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