

Tribes welcome Sen. Smith



At the Museum at Warm Springs, Tribal Council Vice-Chairwoman Arlene Stwyer greets Sen. Smith, as tribal Human Resources Director Mike Clements (behind at left) and Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum listen.

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith visited the reservation recently.

He first met with Tribal Council and other tribal officials at the Museum at Warm Springs for lunch. They talked about various topics ranging from the wild fires that were burning at the

time on the reservation, to tribal gaming issues.

The Senator and tribal officials then toured the Warm Springs Indian Health Services clinic.

Earlier Sen. Smith was in Bend. He spoke at St. Charles Medical Center. Charlotte Herkshan, counselor with the

Warm Springs Community Counseling Center, attended the forum, where Smith talked of the experience of losing his son, Garrett.

In 2003 Garrett Smith, suffering from depression, took his own life. Sen. Smith tells the story in his book, *Remembering Garrett, One Family's Battle with*

a Child's Depression.

Sen. Smith sponsored a bill that became the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act of 2004. The law provided \$82 million in grants to colleges, universities and American Indian organizations for the development of suicide prevention programs.

Students prepare for start of new school year

September 7 is the first day of school for students in grades 1-9.

September 10 is the first day for students in grades 10-12.

Here is a list of school supplies for the 509-J school district schools:

Kindergarten: two boxes of crayons, basic, 16, standard size (not chubby); ten pencils size no. 2; two 4-ounce bottles of white liquid glue; two glue sticks (small, solid); one large box of tissues; one package of baby-wipes (80-150 count); no permanent markers.

First and second grades: one box of 16 small crayons; pencils, size 2; one eraser; one pair of metal scissors; two 4-ounce bottles of white glue; two glue sticks (small, solid); one box of tissues; no permanent markers.

Third grade: one box of 16 or 24 small crayons; pencils, size no. 2; pink pearl erasers; one pair of sharp-point scissors; two 4-ounce bottles of white glue; two glue sticks (small, solid); one large box of tissue; one 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters); no permanent markers.

Fourth and fifth grades: one box of 16 or 24 small crayons; pencils, size no. 2; pink pearl erasers; one pair of sharp-point scissors; one 4-ounce bottle of white glue; two glue sticks (small, solid); one 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters); notebook paper; one box of tissue; no permanent markers.

Sixth grade: one box of 16 or 24 small crayons; pencils, size no. 2; pink pearl erasers; one pair of sharp-point scissors; one 4-ounce bottle of white glue; two glue sticks (small, solid); one 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters); notebook paper; one box of tissues; ballpoint pins, blue or black (not erasable); no permanent markers.

Seventh and eighth grades: college ruled notebook paper; one 2-inch, 3-ring (metal ring) binder with dividers; no pee chee folders.

Kindergarten and new students must provide proof of birth date (must be 5 years old before Sept. 1). Proof of immunization. No shots, no school.

Tribal commercial season opens for Columbia River salmon

(AP) - The only commercial tribal salmon fishery remaining on the Columbia River opened last week, making Indian-caught fish from the unusually reliable fall chinook run available to the public.

The preseason forecast for fall chinook is about 275,000 fish. Tribal fishermen will have a right to about 62,000 of those in a fishery that is guaranteed to last three weeks and can be extended a week at a time as the actual return and catch numbers are monitored.

Salmon will be sold to the public, usually between 10 a.m. and dusk and for cash, at several spots along the river from Cascade Locks below Bonneville Dam to the Tri-Cities, Wash. area.

Fish will be available from the four Columbia River treaty

tribes, the Umatilla, the Nez Perce, the Warm Springs and the Yakama.

Charles Hudson of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission said Tuesday the fall run is the only one now that can support a commercial Indian fishery.

The better-known spring run had no commercial fishery from 1977-2002, improved briefly and now is lean again, allowing catches only for subsistence and ceremonial purposes, he said.

He said the fall chinook run is unusually hardy run with spawning rounds in the Hanford Reach, a rare free-flowing stretch of the river from below Washington's Priest Rapids dam to the Columbia's confluence with the Snake River.

Hudson said the conditions of spawning grounds in the

Hanford Reach has kept the run robust.

It is the most reliable of the Columbia's salmon runs, Hudson said.

He said numbers of returning immature, or "jack," salmon give early indications of a good spring chinook run next year.

Attempts have been made in previous years to open commercial seasons for other runs.

In 2002 regulators allowed tribes to sell summer chinook to the public for the first time in 37 years because of high return rates.

While runs fluctuate, they remain a tiny fraction of their historic highs.

The Columbia River tribes have special fishing rights dating from treaties signed in 1855.

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