

Have a great time at the Festival of Nations celebration

By Floyd Calica

Warm Springs Gaming Enterprises

This Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30, marks the Third Annual Festival of Nations in Cascade Locks.

This year the two-day event will feature Native American and Hispanic dancers, artists, musicians, oral history, Native American flute artist James Greeley, and much more.

The festival begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and ends at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. The event will be held in the Marine Park in Cascade Locks along the Columbia River.

Cascade Locks is a beautiful historic town in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge, located 40 miles east of Portland off I-84, exit number 44.

On Saturday morning at 8 a.m. there will be a 10k Salmon Run, as well as a one mile fun run/walk which starts at 8:30 a.m.

Also new this year are "Old Style" traditional stick games, coordinated by Wilson Wewa Jr. The stick games will be "non-cash," and tribal members are welcome to join in with the fun or simply observe and learn the traditional way of the games. For more information please call 553-1112 ext. 3422 and ask for Lena Ike.

The Festival also will feature arts and craft vendors, food vendors, arts and crafts demonstrations, cultural learning activities and a hands-on children's art area. Also included are interactive learning opportunities about salmon, sturgeon and their habitat as well as the Fish and Wildlife "Migration Golf, links to the Sea" miniature golf course for an educational way to follow the migration of the salmon.

The Forest Service will have their wildlife furs and skulls and owl pellet dissection kits and personnel to answer questions. This exhibit has been very interesting and educational for all age groups.

For additional information regarding applications for the Salmon Run, being a vendor or contact information visit www.cascadelocks.net

The Festival of Nations committee would like to extend appreciation to our sponsors D.V.A. Advertising, Karnopp & Petersen LLP, and Andersen Construction Company Inc.

We really appreciate the financial generosity of our sponsors, which makes this event possible.

Letters to the Editor

The hangout

I was just thinking about an article in our newspaper regarding the "homeless" being evicted from our hangout near the river. To me it's like the authorities are breaking a lifetime tradition that I remember from my younger days.

I'm not sure what the tribes have to say in all this. It's been so easy for our "spokespeople" to sweep it under the rug and ignore it for so many years. Why jump in and act now?

Shame is the only answer I can come up with. As for myself, there's no shame in my game. I've lived on very little in lean times and with this senseless war going on, times are only getting leaner. Misery loves company but it's a lot easier when misery comes together to share a few laughs, sing a few songs and sometimes cry a good cry. To my fellow road dawgs, hang tuff, stick together, because this too shall pass. Love them to death with kindness. To the church out of Culver, may the Creator continue to bless your mission of mercy. To all the people kind enough to drop off wood to make fire to cook with or just to warm up, may the Creator bless you and your loved ones. Also to the ones who brought leftovers from home or from the longhouse, your blessings are already on the books above. We are all spiritual people as Natives. Let us all pray that our stomping grounds only continue to grow and not decrease. Who's trespassing on who's land? Dang pilgrims own most of it anyway. Now they want what little we had. Pretty greedy. Give 'em inch and they take a mile. And give us the worst almost worthless plot of land. Well me fellow road warriors, keep your head up. I'm down but not out of the game. Right now I'm being held on a probation violation. I was excluded from Ft. McDermitt, Nev., reservation for one year. I returned 12 days early for personal medical reasons regarding my family here. Also was intoxicated. Both violations. I'm currently being detained at Winemucca, which is a BIA holding facility. When I learn of my sentence and where I serve it, I'll send an address so I can keep up on the latest "as the rez turns" episodes. Not much else to say so I'll see you when I see you. La-wat-la-wat. **BKA Davis Stwyer Sr.**

Concerns

Hello to my people, Elders, and Tribal Council.

I am writing to all my people

about a concern I have and that is on proper procedure of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation. I feel like it is my right as a tribal member to speak my mind, experience, feelings, frustrations, so I thought I would write so everyone will know. My first question is, Does it matter who you are? Or who you are related to on this reservation? Second, you do the proper corporate ladder, then you get nowhere, you get response, no answer, nothing gets resolved. Or it causes prejudice against you for speaking up for yourself. Third, your rights are being violated as a human being. Four, your privacy is being violated. Five, you get hurt physically. No one wants to help you or believe you. Six, you see other people do worse than you, then don't go to jail. Seven, who all took the code of ethics. Eight, you do a complaint, and no one wants to help you. I would like to know if you get nowhere with proper procedure.

I know I am human. I make a mistake every now and then and then, I take responsibility for my own actions. I know I am a good person. I am one of God's children. But it hurts when you are deliberately being hurt by people who are like this. You wonder does it matter if I try the proper procedure. Are you supposed to be quiet about these things...?

I am asking for prayer for all the people who make decisions for us people, who protect the people, who direct people's lives, who are caretakers of our people, for the children, for the Elders, people who are battling to be clean and sober. I pray that God will help light up our lives, mentally emotionally, physically, spiritually.

I am asking for a response for support. I am in tribal jail. I

do not know how long I will be here. I can't afford to get out for \$650, or wait until January.

I want my family to know I love them and miss them. I also want my people to know I love them also. Thank you.

Annette S. Jim.

Instant profit

This is an idea for instant profit: our own income tax. All non-tribal members working for tribes on or off the reservation, non-tribal members working on the reservation, working for outside organizations or agencies or companies. For grant monies received by organizations, institutions or persons cause of the tribes or members. Non-tribal members working on tribal lands at Sherar's Bridge, Sandy Beach and White River campground. For income from culturally significant items sold by outsiders obtained from tribal members - very high tax.

Non-tribal members working for tribal members. Income from natural resources obtained by non-tribal members for sale from reservation and ceded lands, some examples are boughs, pine cones, firewood, bear grass, mushrooms, Christmas trees.

For income PGE makes from Pelton and Round Butte dams. Income from:

Radar equipment to catch speeders on Highway 26. Charge rafting companies take-out fee per person, parking, comparable day-use fees, overnight fees at Sherar's Bridge, White River campground, Bear Springs campground and Sandy Beach.

Charge rent for Bear Springs Ranger Station.

Cigarette tax voluntarily given to the state goes to the seniors budget. Form our own DMV division with fees. Have our own

alcohol and cigarette taxes and energy drink tax.

Maury G. Rhoan Sr.

Please write

My name is Joseph Craig. I am looking for people to write to. This is my address, please write: Joseph Craig, no. 6537116 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914

Apology

I am writing a letter of apology to the community for my

actions that resulted in my arrest. I know now that my actions caused a problem for my future reference.

What I am trying to say is stay focused and for the students to stay true to yourself. **Scott Kalama**

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay Tymoo. The next deadline to submit letters is Friday, Oct. 5. Thank you.

To our sponsors



We can't thank you enough for your support.

Our walking team is self supporting, raising funds to cover our expenses for the Portland to Coast Relay Walk.

Your contributions, along with ours helped cover these expenses and send \$240 to the American Cancer Society.

The Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast Relay donations directly benefit the American Cancer Society.

To date the fundraising is

over \$200,000 and will help support patient services, prevention programs, education, advocacy, rehab and support programs right here in Oregon.

Each of us has been touched by cancer in one way or another and together our small contributions come together in a larger way to fight cancer.

Please know that your help was appreciated.

Team Lost in Pace.

Happy birthday wishes...



On September 27, 2000 at 8:36 a.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces, 20 1/2 inches, we had Raelynn Caylei Jim, and on Sept. 27, 2007 I would like to wish Raelynn C. Jim Happy 7th Birthday. I love you with all my heart. Your mom, Clarice Teevee.

Happy 15th to my niece Renee M. Have fun and be good. Love, your Uncle Sman.

Happy birthday to my little Big Man, Ron G. Shouldn't be too much longer till we BBQ, snow or not! Smile for the camera. Love, your Dad.

Happy birthday wish for Rosanne Virginia McKinley on Sept. 21. We hope you have many more joyous birthdays in the future. Love ya. Maxine McKinley and your son Maximo Rai Ruiz McKinley.

A happy birthday to Adele Wahlenaka on Sept. 27. May you have a nice day. Love you a whole bunch. Maxine McKinley, Rosanne McKinley and Maximo Rai Ruiz McKinley.

Happy 63rd Birthday on Sept 22nd, Dad. Luv, your daughter Rhonda.

Happy Birthday Grandpa Muff. Missing you! Love, your fav grandson Slick.

Happy Birthday Grandpa Muff. We Luv You! Love, your granddaughters Lisa Marie, Jasmine Janae, & Jennifer Araceli.

Happy Birthday to Su-Yenn Smith. Drink one for me! Love, Rhonda.

Happy Birthday to Su-Yenn. We miss you! Luv, Lisa, Jaz, Jen, & Tony.

Congrats to Jason Rabbie & Eva Geore for their new bundle of Joy-Little-crippler-AYES! Born Sept 8th, Take Care! Luv Rhonda & family in 'ol El Paso.

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Creating defensible space can save your home from wildfire

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Fire Tech

Fire is impulsive and unpredictable. It can find the weak link in your home's fire protection design and get the upper hand because of something that has been overlooked or some other seemingly insignificant aspect. When designing your defensible space, start with the easiest and least expensive actions. Begin your work closest to your house and move outward. Keep working on the more difficult items until you have completed your entire project.

Two factors have been established as the primary causes of a home's ability to survive a wildfire. These are the home's roofing material and the quality of your defensible space surrounding it. Use fire resistant materials (class C or better) to roof your home. Don't use wood or shake shingles as these provide no protection from fire. When your roof needs significant repair or replacement, do so with a fire-resistant roofing material such as composite shingles, metal, tile or a non-combustible shake material.

Defensible space is an area

around a structure where fuels and vegetation are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of a wildfire towards the structure. Your home is more likely to withstand a wildfire if grasses, brush, trees and other fuels are managed to reduce a fire's intensity.

Fuel hazard refers to its continuity across the ground (horizontal) and from the ground up into the vegetation crown (vertical). Fuels with a high degree of both vertical and horizontal continuity are the most hazardous particularly when they occur on slopes. Also remember,

heavier fuels (brush and trees) are more hazardous than light fuels such as grass.

The actual design and development of your defensible space depends on several factors: size and shape of buildings, materials used in their construction, the slope of the ground on which the structures are built, surrounding topography, and the types and sizes of vegetation on your property. All these areas will affect the design of your defensible space. For more information on defensible space, please contact Fire Management at 553-1146.