

**April**

Eugene Austin Greene Jr., Aurolyn Stwyer and Rafael Queahpama are newly elected members of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Bernice Mitchell, Stanley Buck Smith and Ronald Suppah were re-elected to their positions on the Tribal Council.

The Seekseequa District is scheduled to elect their two Council representatives at the end of the month. Seekseequa is voting separately due to a misprint on the earlier ballot.

Initially following the April 2 election, there was some speculation that the Agency and Simnasho results would also be rejected, and a full re-vote scheduled. This turned out not to be the case, though, as Tribal Council on accepted the results of the Agency and Simnasho ballots. In other news:

The Pelton Round Butte hydroelectric project is now officially generating green power—a designation achieved by only 26 hydro plants in the U.S.

This month the Low Impact Hydropower Institute Board certified the Pelton Round Butte project as low impact, based on an array of planned environmental protection measures. The measures include a new fish passage system that will be under construction this fall. Elsewhere:

They may not be striving to teach the same language, but teachers from across the state came together this month to focus on a common goal: bringing back native languages. Teachers united at the Pshwayii Native American Language Teachers Conference. The two-day conference took place at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and featured Jerry Minnick as the keynote speaker. Teachers attended sessions regarding topics ranging from classroom management and effective strategies to licensing and native ways of learning.

**May**

The Twenty-Fourth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs took office.

Five of the eight elected members are new to the Council this term, while three members were re-elected by their districts. The two Seekseequa District members were elected in a separate election at the end of March: Seekseequa elected Wendell Jim and Wilson Wewa Jr., as its two Tribal Council representatives. In other news:

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath's voice rang out as he sang a song of blessing on the banks of Whychus Creek, the steady sound of water echoing behind him. A few feet away from Chief Heath sat coolers and buckets containing 200,000 steelhead fry to be released into the creek by the crowd of nearly 50 volunteers—marking the first time steelhead expected to migrate past the Pelton Round Butte dams since 1968. Volunteers and employees from each of the various organizations represented spread downstream to release the tiny fish on May 12. In other news:

If someone asks Joanne Scott why being Native American matters to her, she now has



During the month of May, the Warm Springs 4-H Social Dance Club took the stage at the fourteenth annual Collage of Culture.

a digital montage of photos she can offer up as an answer.

For Scott, it's all part of a project incorporating her favorite things—and she is one of many local students taking culture to a digital level with a new class at Madras High School.

Scott is enrolled in the Digital Storytelling class, and said she chose to incorporate her culture into the project because of the influence it has on her life.

Tribal members and organizations from across the northwest gathered at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort for the 2007 Methamphetamine Prevention and Awareness Northwest Tribes United Conference recently. Approximately 60 people attended the two-day conference.

**June**

There were 48 tribal members in the Madras High School Class of 2007. Several other

tribal members are graduating from other high schools, colleges, and post-graduate schools. Graduation ceremonies were held June 9; and also in June, the tribes hosted a banquet for the recent grads. Elsewhere:

Few business people have the opportunity to spend a summer experiencing the thrill of the outdoors full time. But for Randy Nathan and Brenda Williams, this summer will be the first of what they hope will be many summers they can spend doing just that. Nathan and Williams have just started their new business, N8TV Adventures. This summer they'll offer guided kayaking tours as well as guided river boarding trips. In other news:

A new exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs remembers the tribes' traditional fishing area, Celilo Falls. The exhibit is called "Remembering Celilo Falls." This year is the 50-year anniversary of the flooding of Celilo Falls by The Dalles Dam. The inundation happened in March of 1957.

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