

Tribes' hydrologist also a fisheries advocate

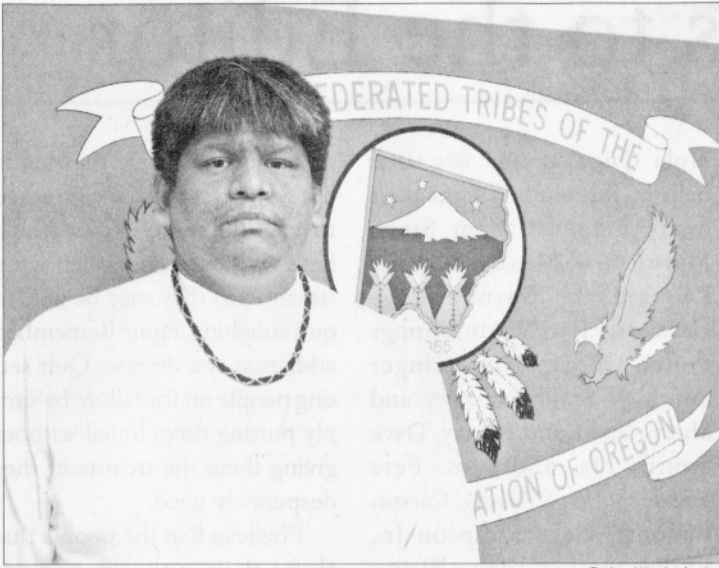
For two years now, Ryan Smith has been a representative of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Smith was born and raised on the Warm Springs reservation, and has deep ties to the local landscape.

And with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies, Smith has worked for the Warm Springs tribes in several different areas.

His work has focused on the environment, involving the Clean Water Act, Environmental Protection Act grants, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission re-licensing project.

As the tribe's hydrologist, Smith monitors water quality on



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the reservation, and measures snowpack.

He believes strongly in the

preservation of tribal treaty rights, most notably fishing rights.

As a fisherman and hunter, Smith believes in the protection and wise, long-term management of natural resources.

"I enjoy watching out for certain resources," Smith said. "There are so many different perspectives on the commission about conservation, preservation and access to the resources. The interesting part for me is trying to find the right balance."

Smith is an archery and rifle hunter, and enjoys hunting on the reservation for deer and elk, either by himself or with his son.

As a graduate of the University of Oregon, Smith maintains his ties to the university.

An avid college sports fan, he is loyal to the Ducks football and basketball teams.

Yakama hosting ATNI

The Yakama Nation will host the winter conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians on Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 22-25.

The conference will be

held in the Yakima Convention Center.

For more information, contact the ATNI office at (503) 249-5770.

Sanders among school board members recognized for service

The Jefferson County school district this month is joining the other 14,885 school districts in the U.S. in celebrating School Board Recognition Month.

Jeff Sanders of Warm Springs is among those being recognized for their service.

Sanders has served on the 509-J board for the past 20 years. He is the second longest serving member, after Steve Earnest, who has served for 27 years.

The board members volun-

teer countless hours of unpaid time. "They work not only to provide the best possible education for our students, but they also serve as the board of directors for one of the community's largest employers," said Kay Baker, district superintendent.

"As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools," Baker said.

Competition seeks Native American student artists

The Office of Indian Education is hosting the Fourth Annual Native American Student Artist Competition.

The office, a division of the U.S. Department of Education, has added a new category this year for writers.

Deadline to submit items is March 14. Registration and other information is available on the Internet at the following site: www.indianeducation.org.

The competition celebrates the values, and documents the successes of education in Indian communities.

The competition is open to American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades pre-K through 12.

Through this competition, the Office of Indian Education seeks to inspire students to explore the connection between education and Native culture.

The 2008 competition for the first time will include a personal narrative category for writers from grades six through 12.

Entries for the 2008 Native American Student Artist Competition should relate to the theme *Circle of Empowerment: Education, Language, Culture, Tradition*.

Entries should reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth.

Submissions will be judged in six grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each category.

Additional information, rules and entry forms are available at www.indianeducation.org/sac or by contacting competition coordinator Paula Arevalo at parevalo@kauffmaninc.com or (866) 259-0060.

In the 2007 competition, *Education: A Gift Without Bound-*

aries, a total of 1,379 students from 34 states submitted works in a variety of media that demonstrated the value of culture, the arts and academic achievement to Native youth.

The winning works were exhibited in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Education headquarters, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters.

The 2007 exhibit is traveling to the Chicago Children's Museum; Trickster Gallery, American Indian Center, Schaumburg, Ill.; Ancient Trader's Gallery, Minneapolis, Minn.; Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City.

Museum hosts Valentines raffle, spaghetti feed

The Museum at Warm Springs is hosting the Annual Valentines Raffle and Valentines Day Spaghetti Feed Fund Raiser.

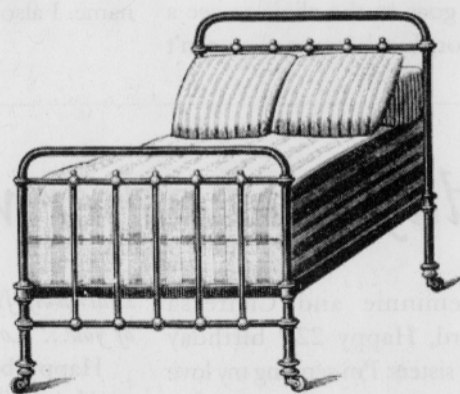
The spaghetti feed will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Valentines Day, Thursday, Feb. 14, at the museum Education room.

There will be spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, salad and drink, for \$5 per person. The raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle drawing will be held at the museum on Feb. 14. Raffle items: One dozen roses, one silver heart-shaped

barrette, one necklace-earring set, 2008 Celilo Falls calendar, one child's size Valentine wapas, one woven miniature Valentine wapas key ring, and many, many more. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the museum gift shop and from museum staff.

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