



Contestants chomp the watermelon at the Loogie Loua watermelon eating contest. The Second Annual Luau, held June 18 at the Community Center ball fields, sponsored by Childrens Protective Services, also featured water activities to help the kids stay cool in the heat.

Grant funders report on visit with tribes

By Leslie Mitts
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Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington reported on their visit to the Warm Springs Reservation in their recent newsletter.

The funding organization has more tribal members than any other regional association in the country, they reported, and tribal funders meet as an affinity group to promote Native American philanthropy and educate the public about needs in Indian Country.

Tribal funders are currently working to compile data on giving tribal funds to nonprofit organizations, and decided to visit Warm Springs in order to get a first-hand look at challenges facing those living on a reservation.

Part of the trip involved a lesson in treaties, treaty rights, trust agreements, sovereignty and more from tribal officials.

"This two-hour introduction to the legal agreements between governments only reinforced how little most of us know about tribes and tribal law; the laws that created the Reservation and the home of the Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute Indians—three different Tribes with three different cultures and traditions still alive today," the

organization's report said.

The two-day trip included visits to the Museum at Warm Springs, housing developments, Sherar's Bridge, Celilo Village, a traditional dinner at the Simnasho Longhouse and much more.

At Horsethief Lake, the report said, "We were surprised and delighted to be joined by artist Lillian Pitt and her niece and poet, Liz Woody.

Lillian worked for twenty years to save the pictographs and petroglyphs preserved there, including "She Who Watches."

According to the newsletter, "The conversations on the drive back to Portland only confirmed how much the funders had learned, how many more questions they had and how much they appreciated the welcome and generosity of the people at Warm Springs."

The group thanked Gerald Smith and Laurie Wheeler for arranging the tour, as well as those responsible for educating and guiding the group: Dallas Winishut, Jr., Delmar Geary, RoseMary Charley, Vincent Wallulatum, Nola Heath Queahpama, Billy Joe and Wonda Berry, Louie Pitt, Howard Arnett and Willie Fuentes.

Many accomplishments of community leader

Paul Smith, a man with family ties to the Warm Springs community, was featured in the Au-Authm Action News recently for his leadership of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community.

In 1971 Smith became the first president to be elected at large from his local community along with Garnett Gates who was the first vice-president elected at large.

That election is only one accomplishment of many in Smith's years as a community leader.

It began when Smith actively attended council meetings in his community as a young man and often asked questions of the council members.

Smith was then asked to run for council. However, he at first declined because of his youth



Garnett Gates and Paul Smith pose for pictures during the 1971 inauguration

and inexperience.

It wasn't until several years later that Smith was elected to council and assigned the responsibility of reviving their constitution revision committee.

Smith later went on to gain national recognition during his time as the community president.

He served on the Intertribal Council of Arizona, as the

Phoenix-area representative to the national Tribal Chairman's Association Executive boards, and was appointed to two terms on President Richard M. Nixon's National Council on Indian Opportunity.

In the feature about Smith's life, he gave credit to all of those who taught him and supported him in his life.

"I give all of those people, and many others not named, credit for their vision and love for this community," Smith told the Au-Authm Action News. "We need to remember those people and continue to plan for our generations to come to ensure there will always be a Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community."

— by Leslie Mitts

Ladies Auxiliary signing new members

The Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Elliott Palmer Post 4217 is signing new members. Any questions, please

call 553-3331 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students make Honor Roll at OSU

Oregon State University has announced the names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll.

Rose A. Ball, who is a senior studying Human Development and Family Science, made a straight-A average.

Susan Ahern, a sophomore studying Human Development and Family Science, made 3.5 or better grade point average.

To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

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