

June

Hope for mill

The Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill could benefit from an agreement with a wood products firm that focuses on the Japanese lumber market.

The company is Vanport International, which would manage the operation of the WSFPI mill, according to an initial agreement between the company and the tribes.

Media center

Plans for the new tribal media center are moving forward. This month the tribes received a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust for \$150,000. The funding is designated for the use of building the media center.

In addition to the latest grant, the new building is being funded in part by the Confederated Tribes, and through a grant to KWSO from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Regarding huckleberries

Huckleberries are not nearly as abundant as they once were.

"When I go out now, I can't even find any berries where we used to find them," said Adeline Miller, tribal elder.

Miller, speaking on the cultural panel at the huckleberry conference last week at Kah-Nee-Ta, said:

"Sometimes I'll have to buy berries because I want to have some. We shouldn't have to do that, because we like picking our own berries."

The U.S. Forest Service and the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes organized the conference, which focused on ways to restore huckleberries.

July

Mill fire response

Fire crews worked to contain a fire that began on the Warm Springs reservation on July 10. Named the Mill Fire, the blaze burned over 3,000 acres and destroyed one tribal guest home and an outbuilding.

The fire also closed Highway 26 for several hours, and spread across tribal land to federal and private lands nearby.

Condor update

A special recovery biologist from the Oregon Zoo was in Central Oregon.

Biologist David Moen visited the region and the reservation, as part of the on-going program to re-introduce California condors to Oregon.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum in particular, have been supporters of the Oregon Zoo condor program.

Moen was in Central Oregon examining potential condor habitat in the region.

The birds would build nests in cliff caves, such as ones found along the Deschutes, said Moen.

Teachers visit Europe

For two women working with the language program, preserving the Kiksht language involved traveling all the way to Europe recently.

Pam Cardenas, a Language Program apprentice, and Nariyo Kono, a former employee of the Language Program still involved in the efforts to preserve Kiksht, traveled to London for 10 days to complete training in documentation of endangered languages.



At HeHe during the Huckleberry Feast, Rosalind Sampson, Alliyah Moran, Brittany Craig and Felcianna Conner (from left) prepare eels.

New youth club

The local Boys and Girls Club is closing and a new tribal club will be opening in its place.

August

Gang problem

Tribal Council heard a report from the Public Safety Branch regarding gangs that are active on the reservation.

Branch officials said the Police Department, with cooperation from other departments of the tribes, has made significant progress over the past year in trying to address the problem.

The problem still exists, though, and is a threat to tribal youth.

Kiksht conference

The Kiksht language became a subject on many people's minds with an event at HeHe recently. The Language Program hosted a conference for those involved with the preservation of Kiksht. The conference was possible through a grant. In other news this month:

A career in medical pharmaceuticals has led one tribal member all over the world before returning to Central Oregon. Marcella (Brunoe) Barta was always interested in pharmaceuticals. She started working at the Health and Wellness Center 16 years ago, when she was 16. Barta is the daughter of Garland and Suzan Brunoe.

After graduating from Madras High School in 1994 Barta joined the Youth With The Mission (YWTM), and traveled to China, New Zealand, the Cook Islands and Hawaii.

September

Adoption election

The Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth Tribal Councils conducted a series of workshops, along with district, General Council and family meetings to decide a prudent course of action to resolve the enrollment and adoption concerns based upon the issue and interests of the tribal membership.

The most recent adoption proposal drew very significant criticism and complaint based upon the size and character of the list of candidates and election process.

The membership seemed to insist that Tribal Council assert a more thoughtful and meaningful approach to resolve both

short and longer term membership issues other than the wholesale adoption option that was presented.

Many comments expressed a need for the Tribal Council to assert an approach that balanced or tempered the provisions of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws with wisdom and respect for our traditional identity and values.

Many felt that several aspects of the residency requirement were important to protect and preserve our unique and time-honored heritage, beliefs and teachings.

Others commented that federal officials may have imposed their own interpretation and definition on our identity in a way that disrupted and divided our traditional kinship ties.

The Twenty-Fourth Tribal Council installed a four part solution: adopting the 1960 base roll in addition to the 1940 base roll; recognizing traditional affiliation; codifying the enrollment process, and moving forward with an amended list of candidates for adoption based upon a close application of residency.

These enactments would then be applied to the list of 184 applications currently on the adoption list.

New Kah-Nee-Ta manager

The new general manager at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is definitely familiar with the gaming industry.

He works behind a desk in his new job at Kah-Nee-Ta, but Harry Taylor started his extensive career in gaming behind a dealer's table in a Las Vegas casino.

Taylor recently began work as the general manager at Kah-Nee-Ta after moving to Central Oregon from California.

Taylor has spent a combined total of 24 years in the gaming industry at a variety of casinos.

Lost children found

Warm Springs Fire and Safety and the Police Department conducted a successful search for three children who were lost overnight recently in the woods.

The 12-year-old girl and two 7-year-old boys were camping with their parents in the Trout Lake area when they became lost.

October

A love of football has inspired several community members to volunteer their time this fall.

"The trust fund was originally set up so minors would have funds available for their education," said Madeline Queahpama-Spino, director of tribal Vital Statistics, the department that manages the disbursement of trust payments to the beneficiaries.

Inmates escape

Four inmates escaped earlier this month from the Warm Springs Jail.

Three of the inmates were taken back into custody within a short time. The fourth turned himself back in to custody after several days at large.

The inmates escaped through the roof of the jail.

November

Election

Tribal members voted in large numbers during the November 4 election. A total of 543 residents in the Warm Springs area—or more than 56 percent of those eligible to vote—cast their ballots in the election.

For comparison, 34 percent of Warm Springs area residents voted in the 2004 Presidential election.

Ladies Auxiliary

On Veterans Day and throughout the year, a group of local women do all that they can to support those involved with the military.

The local Ladies Auxiliary has been active in Warm Springs for over 50 years.

Both the VFW post and the Ladies Auxiliary began in 1952 after a VFW member in Bend approached Arlene Graham's parents, Graham said.

They expressed interest in founding a VFW post in Warm Springs and soon started the VFW Elliot Palmer Post and

accompanying Ladies Auxiliary. "They were the first all Indian post and auxiliary in the nation," Graham added.

In fact, the Ladies Auxiliary members have log books dating back to the beginning of the auxiliary in 1952 with lists of members who volunteered their time.

Budget discussion

Tribal members had an opportunity to voice concerns regarding the 2009 budget to Tribal Council members during an Agency District general council meeting this week.

Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Aurolyn Stwyer spoke to the crowd gathered at the Agency Longhouse and said, "Nothing has been established as of yet."

While council members have heard numbers and input from the finance department, she said, they were waiting to make final decisions until they heard concerns from tribal members.

Celilo Falls revealed

Celilo Falls is the subject of the latest *Oregon Field Guide* program on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

December

Disaster plan

Warm Springs has a plan in case a disaster occurs, and Fire and Safety employees are making sure people in the community are prepared.

Fire and Safety presented the Disaster Recovery Plan to various departments throughout Warm Springs this month.

Fire Chief Dan Martinez said they have been working on the plan since 1997. While certain portions of the plan are confidential due to security reasons, Martinez said, they felt it was important to share what they can with the community.

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