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Tourism map project seeks sites of interest

Warm Springs has been selected to participate in a geotourism pilot project with the National Geographic Society.

Through this project, nominations are now being solicited for a Central Cascades map guide.

The goal is for the tribes and National Geographic, along with Travel Oregon and Washington State Tourism, to develop a two-state storytelling map, or MapGuide, of the Central Cascades region.

Input from Warm Springs residents is key to the development of the MapGuide.

Toward this end, nominations for the Central Cascades' unique and noteworthy natural, recreational, historical and cultural gems are being solicited from the tribal public at large.

An online nomination submission form is available at the website:

www.thecentralcascades.com.

Nominations will be accepted through the end of business on March 29.

The tribes and Travel Oregon hosted a community forum earlier this week

(after print deadline). The input from the forum will be in the next Spilyay.

The goal of the MapGuide project is to have 150 remarkable stories associated with locations from throughout a region bounded by Mt. Rainier to the north and Crater Lake to the south, and stretching from Highway 97 west to Interstate 5.

All nominations, even those not selected by National Geographic for the MapGuide, will be considered for inclusion on a parallel Central Cascades Geotourism website:

www.centralcascades.com.

Places of special interest

The kinds of map points being sought are those that reveal the essence of the Central Cascades, the people, experiences, sites and attractions that sets this region apart from any other place on the globe.

Nominations might include, for example, a one-of-a-kind nature trail, a waterfall, a geological formation, a locally-owned and operated restaurant, an annual cultural event, a local heritage

museum, a farm that offers tours, a bird watching spot, and more.

According to a 2002 study by National Geographic Traveler magazine and the Travel Industry Association of America, more than 55 million adults in the U.S. could be described as "geotourists," traveling to enjoy the distinctive character of places, and willing to help sustain and enhance those qualities for future visitors.

These travelers control more than half the household income of all U.S. travelers.

National Geographic MapGuides have been developed in a handful of other regions with excellent results. They successfully attract geotourists to an area while protecting and enhancing the intrinsic qualities of a place.

The project is being directed by National Geographic Society's Center for Sustainable Destinations with the Central Cascades Advisory Committee.

The Central Cascades Project Advisory Committee is a coalition of Travel Oregon, Washington State Tourism, Sustainable Travel International, Rural

Development Initiatives, Sustainable Northwest, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

The National Geographic Society is one of the world's largest non-profit scientific and educational organizations. Founded in 1888 to "increase and diffuse geographic knowledge," the Society today works to inspire people to care about the planet. It reaches more than 350 million people worldwide each month through its official journal, National Geographic, and four other magazines including National Geographic Traveler; National Geographic Channel; television documentaries; radio programs; films; books; videos and DVDs; maps; and interactive media. National Geographic has funded more than 8,000 scientific research projects and supports an education program combating geographic illiteracy. For more information, visit nationalgeographic.com.

Conference focuses on drug abuse prevention

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in February will host the Third Annual All Tribes United Conference.

The all-day conference, to be held at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Feb. 26, will focus on youth and threat of illegal drugs.

Speakers include Ron Mullins, law enforcement specialist on meth awareness; and David Parnell, motivational speaker on meth prevention.

Pre-registration is required. There is no registration fee.

For more information contact Wayne Miller, Warm Springs methamphetamine prevention coordinator, at 553-3462. Or email: wmiller@wstribes.org.

The conference is sponsored by the Community Health Education Team, tribal prosecution and the police department, the Community Counseling Center, and Childrens Protective Services.

Conference agenda

The agenda of the conference, called "Drug Endangered Children," is as follows:

8:30 a.m. Registration. 9 a.m. Prayer. 9:10-10 a.m. Ron Mullins speaker, on the subject of clan labs.

10:10-10:15 a.m. Break. 10:15-11 a.m. Ron Mullins, subject of child abuse investigations.

11 a.m.-Noon, Mullins on the role of CPS.

Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch. 1-2 p.m. Mullins on psychosocial issues.

2-2:15 p.m. Break. 2:20-3 p.m. Mullins on prosecutions, prescription drug abuse, clan lab hazards, medical protocols.

3-5 p.m. - David Parnell, speaker, subject of methamphetamine. 5 p.m. Closing and survey, giveaway.

National Pie Day celebration

Filberto Sanchez and Damon Garcia prepared for a pie eating contest as part of a recent celebration at Early Childhood Education.

In honor of National Pie Day on January 23, ECE hosted the contest and involved students and parents in the festivities.

One parent per classroom was nominated to represent the classroom in the pie eating contest.

Aldo Garcia won the contest by eating the most pies in a 30-second time frame.



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Museum hosting youth exhibit

The Sixteenth Annual Tribal Youth Art Exhibit opens this week at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The exhibit opening ceremony is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 29 at the museum.

The Tribal Youth Art Exhibit, on display in the Changing Exhibit Gallery, this year is sponsored by Warm Springs Composite Products.

A theme of the exhibit this year is "The Art of Ceremony: Regalia of Native Oregon."

The Native Oregon regalia theme will be further explored by the museum through an exhibit to be displayed in June.

Other upcoming museum events include the Honor Dinner in April, the Chief Delvis Heath Golf Tournament in May, and the Huckleberry Harvest in August.

For more information please call Natalie Moody at the museum, 553-3331.

House fire takes lives of father and son

By Dave McMechan
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A house fire on Jan. 14 took the lives of a young child and his father, who died trying to save his son. The cause of the fire may have been a woodstove, according to the investigation into this tragic event.

Rolando Lopez Sr., 26, and Rolando Lopez Jr., 4, died in the West Hills house fire. Mr. Lopez's wife, Edna Campuzano, escaped without injury.

Four other children, who had been in protective care since New Years Day, were at the house at the time of the fire. They were not injured.

The fire began late at night on Jan. 14, said Robert Barshofsky, informa-

tion officer with Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

Both Mr. Lopez and Campuzano initially escaped from the house without injury, said Barshofsky.

However, Mr. Lopez realized their child was still inside the burning house. He broke away from officers who were trying to keep him safe outside. He ran back into the house, where Mr. Lopez and the child perished.

Four people have passed away in West Hills structure fires in the past seven months. In May of last year, the lives of Mariel Lydia Frank and Chesley Yahtin Jr. were taken in a structure fire.

The fire on Jan. 14 happened began at about 11 p.m., at 1815 Kalish St. The house, tribally-owned, was new, with an

estimated value of \$180,000.

Apparently, one of the children at the house awoke to the sound of the smoke alarm and alerted Mr. and Lopez and Campuzano. At first they tried to put the fire out with water from the sink, but were unable to extinguish the flames.

Warm Springs Police, Fire and Safety, and Jefferson County emergency personnel responded. Over 20 fire fighters and several fire rigs were on the scene.

When the flames were extinguished, and the smoke ventilated from the structure, fire fighters found the body of Mr. Lopez at the door of his son's bedroom.

The child, deceased, was found on the floor of the bedroom, according

to Fire and Safety.

The four children who escaped unharmed had been in protective care since New Years. Until then, they had been living with their mother Hannah Crowe, and Julian Wallulatum, who was the father of the youngest child.

On New Years, Crowe and Wallulatum were found dead in their Madras apartment. Police determined that Wallulatum had shot Crowe to death and then killed himself.

The children were taken into protective custody, and were then staying with Mr. Lopez and Campuzano at the residence at 1815 Kalish Street in West Hills.