

Culture Camp again inviting families

Strengthening Families and Culture Camp— family camp

Were you at the Strengthening Families and Culture Camp last summer?

If you were, then you know what a wonderful time it is to spend summer days and nights at Peter's Pasture.

This year's summer Culture Camp, sponsored by the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department and 4-H, will be July 13-17 at Peter's Pasture.

The pasture is a beautiful forested area on the Reservation.

The camp will be held as a family camp again this year, which means that youth and

families register and attend together.

The camp will again involve classes, campfires, swimming, sweats, and traditional cultural learning in an informal setting.

Elders and other cultural instructors will be there to teach language.

Watch for registration forms to be available starting in May. The cost of registration is not yet determined, but organizers are aiming to keep the costs very low for families, depending on our success with fund raising.

There are many community organizations that are contributing to the camp this year, so

we know that this camp will be excellent this year.

Sign up early, because there will be a limit to the number of people who can attend.

Culture and Heritage and 4-H are considering making the camp facilities available between July 17 and 23 if there are other community organizations that work with families wishing to use the facilities for other camps.

Costs to the community organization would be reasonable.

Contact Shawn Morford at 553-3238 or Myra Johnson at 553-3290 for more information and to propose your idea.

Tribal Employee of the Week Charlene Stacona-White of CPS

Office administrator and proud grandmother

My name is Charlene Stacona-White and I'm a Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal member.

I've been married for 40 years, my husband Dennis White and I have two adult children, Denys White and Dennis White III, and a younger daughter Alony Johnson.



We are fortunate to be grandparents to 12 grandchildren.

I have worked for the Early Childhood Education, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, and now for Children's Protective Services program since 2005.

In 2006 I was promoted to the CPS Office Administrator.

Fisheries

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The problem at Round Butte, constructed in 1964, is the lack of sufficient current in Lake Billy Chinook, the reservoir behind the dam.

Juvenile salmon and steelhead that try to migrate downstream are unable to find their way through the lake because of the weak downstream flow on the lake surface.

The selective water withdrawal project is designed to create a surface current in the lake that the fish can follow

downstream.

The fish will then be collected by a screen on the surface, piped to a fish handling facility, and then transported downstream of the project where they'll swim to the ocean.

The water from the tower will separately pass through turbines at the base of the dam to generate electricity.

In the long term, biologists predict that at least 96 percent of the juvenile fish collected at the water withdrawal tower will be safely transported down-

stream of the project.

Also, the tower's draw of warmer water off the surface of Lake Billy Chinook will keep the reservoir cooler in the summer, creating a healthier environment for fish.

Eventually, the project will help the return of spring Chinook and sockeye salmon to the Metolius River and steelhead to the Crooked River to Bowman Dam, and the Deschutes River to Big Falls near Redmond.

Victims of Crime Services offers help to victims

Question: Do you have "bad feelings" or flashbacks about past sexual abuse?

Nationwide averages say that one in every four females and one in every seven males will be sexually abused in their lifetime.

Being a sex abuse victim is not the fault of the victim.

Victims of Crime Services (VOCS) helps victims of domestic violence, physical assault, and sexual assault.

VOCS encourages the reporting of sexual assaults to the tribal police or the FBI for prosecution, but it is not mandatory unless there is child abuse.

What can VOCS do to help you that does not include calling the police?

VOCS can make referrals to professional counselors at Warm Springs Community Counseling (553-2305) or Best Care Treatment in Madras (475-6575), or the VOCS sup-

port groups. Also, VOCS advocates can provide confidential talk.

Tribal crisis workers and VOCS on-call advocates are on "24-7" response through tribal police dispatch (553-1171). You also can call a crisis center or a hotline to talk with an off-reservation counselor. One hotline is the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673. Day time phone for VOCS is 553-2293.

Tribal government

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The students will meet in the Treaty Room with tribal government affairs director Louie Pitt, and tribal lobbyist Michael Mason. Pitt and Mason will discuss the issues affecting Indian country in Oregon.

Issues of Indian country in Oregon and the Northwest involve millions of acres of land, beyond just the reservation, said Pitt.

"We gave to the United States 10 million acres of land, but kept for ourselves the right to fish, hunt, gather roots and ber-

ries on unclaimed lands within Oregon," he said.

"On those lands there are other authorities that control, manage and steward the land. And we depend on our neighbors to understand how our treaty and reserved rights intertwine with their rights of ownership."

Of the 10 million acres of Ceded Lands, Pitt said, one-half is in federal ownership, while the other half is in state, county, cities and town jurisdictions.

"If we are truly concerned about our way of life that is on

lands, on- and off-reservation, we need to talk to the people that have authority to protect our interests," he said.

Regarding the 650,000 acres of land within the Warm Springs Reservation, Pitt said, "We kept that ourselves. No one gave us this reservation, we owned it before their was a USA or an Oregon."

Tribal Government Day, and the Honorary Page program will be good opportunities to share the information in the interest of the tribes.

OSU

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"Our recent government is based on that Oregon State study, and we're still living by that today," said Suppah. "The Oregon State study set the course for us as a tribal government."

The tribes' purchase of the Forest Products mill and Kah-Nee-Ta resort are two examples of decisions based on the plan.

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the course for us as a tribal government."

Earlier this month, the Tribal Council and officials traveled to Corvallis to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Oregon State University.

The MOUs are renewed each year, but this year was unique because it marks the 50-year anniversary of the original agreement.

The recent agreement says that the tribes and OSU will work together to develop ways to link Warm Springs community members with credit courses and degree programs.

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Notice of equipment sale

This is public notification that the Warm Springs Construction Enterprise is soliciting bids for the sale of vehicles (listed below). Bid invitation is open to the public. Bids will be accepted until April 24, 2009.

Bid requirements: bids must be completed on a bid form provided by Warm Springs Construction. Forms can be picked up at Warm Springs Construction, no. 4202 Holliday St., Warm Springs. Successful bidder must produce a cashier's check within 10 days of the official notification. All sales final, vehicles sold "as is."

You may call the Construc-

tion office at 553-3207 for inquiries. Vehicles are located at the Construction yard for viewing.

Equipment description: 1986 GMC dump truck, 4-speed manual transmission, 5.7 V-8, vin. No. 1GTE6D1A0GV5035. 1985 Ford F-350 crew cab 4x4, 4-speed manual transmission, vin. No. 2FTJW36L2FCB13620. 1978 Chevy half-ton, 350 V-8, 2x4 automatic transmission, vin. No. CCZ148Z155701. 1963 Studebaker truck, V-8 gas engine (unknown), 5-speed, manual transmission, vin. no. E40-5340 (lots of spare parts).

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