

Students, teachers inspired by Language Bowl

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The Culture and Heritage Department is always looking for new ways to inspire young people to learn the traditional languages of the tribes.

The recent Language Bowl is a good example of the innovative ideas that teachers use to maintain and revive the languages.

Three teams from Warm Springs traveled to Mission for the Language Bowl, hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation.

In all, there were more than 20 teams, with members ranging in age from grade school to college. Warm Springs had some of the youngest participants, said Myra Orange, director of the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department.

Language teams were on hand from Warm Springs, Nez Perce, Yakama, Umatilla and Wanapum. The Ichishkeen language was the focus of the first-ever Language Bowl, held in the longhouse at Mission.

The teams competed against each other in a tournament bracket-style format. The judges were fluent Native speakers. "It was a competition to see how much knowledge each team had of the language," Myra said.

Everyone involved in the Language Bowl agreed it was a great event. As Myra said, "It was probably one of the most inspirational things I've seen."

Merle Kirk also attended: "I was inspired and proud," she said.

Warm Springs elder Adeline Miller served as one of the judges. The Warm Springs teams were coached by Arlita Rhoan and Suzie Slockish. The team members from Warm Springs were:

Kiyana Yellowman, Soraya Mendez and Tashena Eastman, coached by Arlita Rhoan;

Martin Frank, Billy Joe Berry-SpeakThunder Jr., Cyril Frank, Jacob Berry-SpeakThunder and Morgan Frank, coached by Suzie Slockish; and,

Faith Berry-SpeakThunder, Morgan Frank and April Rose Berry-SpeakThunder, coached by Suzie.

Adults from Warm Springs who attended the Language Bowl were Eileen Spino, Wasco teacher Pam Cardenas, Pauite teacher CarlaDean Winishut, Wanda Berry Speakthunder and Joy Ramirez.

The plan is for the Language Bowl to continue as an annual tradition, said Myra. Some time in the future, she said, Warm Springs may host the event.



Kiyana Yellowman, teacher Arlita Rhoan, Soraya Mendez and Tashena Eastman (from left) won the Sportsmanship Award at the Language Bowl.



Morgan Frank, Billy Joe Berry-Speakthunder Jr. Cyril Frank, of Suzie Slockish Language Team One, joined the drum line at the start of the Language Bowl.



Wanda Berry-SpeakThunder, Faith Berry-SpeakThunder, Morgan Frank and April Rose Berry-SpeakThunder.



Adeline Miller and Eileen Spino at the Language Bowl.



Language teachers Edith McCloud (Walla Walla) and Virginia Beavert (Yakama).



Elder language teachers at Umatilla.

Oregon considers planting salmon eggs

(AP) - An old idea for helping salmon is coming back into favor in Oregon and Northern California.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that fishermen, farmers and state officials are considering ways to plant salmon eggs in streams, either directly in the gravel or in perforated "hatchboxes."

The salmon restoration technique was developed in Alaska. Eggs and milt are stripped from adult salmon returning to spawn, and the eggs are fertilized in a bucket and incubated under controlled, disease free conditions from four to six

weeks. The eggs are then planted in gravel stream beds or placed in a perforated plastic box to shelter them underwater until they hatch.

While the method is appealing, some tribes and state agencies worry it could blur the distinction between wild salmon and hatchery fish.

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