

Letters to the Editor

Huckleberry Harvest

We held our annual Huckleberry Harvest fundraiser on August 15 at the Museum at Warm Springs.

Our guest list included people from Central Oregon, some tribal businesses, Tribal Council members, and guests from the Portland area.

Thanks so much to each of our guests, and Chief Delvis Heath for your assistance and participation.

As our guests come to Warm Springs to visit the museum, we added little touches that would signify our culture and traditional ways, such as buckskin pouch necklaces made by our summer workers.

Because our fundraiser is called Huckleberry Harvest, we set up a few display showcases containing huckleberry baskets and photographic history around gathering huckleberries.

Since the Huckleberry Harvest was held at the museum this year, we thought it appropriate to ask local artists, bead workers and craftsmen for donations for the auctions.

We received many items from tribal members and we would like to take this time to give our heartfelt thanks to each of you for supporting the museum and bringing recognition for the quality artwork of the Warm Springs people.

One of the important things that foundations look for when we write for grants is community support and how we work with community members.

Thank you, Margie Kalama-Sohappy for the beautiful beading of a photo of Chief Delvis Heath as a beaded bag. Words can't express enough our thanks for how much that contributed to the show itself, not mentioning the friends it brought in.

Thank you to Sandra Danzuka for the Huckleberry Picker doll. It was so precious and your work is always beautiful and flawless.

A big thank you goes out to Rosemary Scott, a Master Beadwork Artist for donating three auction items for the Huckleberry Harvest: A very nice smoked deer buck hide knife sheath, a pair of miniature hand tanned, smoked buckskin moccasins with glass blue/silver beads and for a necklace and earring set made of mother of pearl, copper, glass and cornelia stone.

We appreciate very much your support and considerations for the museum.

Thank you Jackie Simtustus

for the superbly crafted assortment of earrings and the necklace/earring set.

Thank you Fred Wallulatum, Jose Medina and Emerson Squiemphen for the hand drums and the miniature drum. They were very popular and got many bids.

Thank you to Maria Godines for the beautifully made baby board.

Thank you Desi Hurtado for the fine small shell dress and the ribbon shirts, and to Matilda Mitchell for the nice Wing dress. Thank you Floyd Calica for submitting fine photos.

Thank you Rosemary Charley for the nice handmade miniature pin sets and the mini cradleboard necklace.

Thank you Antoinette Pamperien for the Sacajawea coin necklace.

Thank you Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham for the unique beaded stem wine glasses.

Thank you Lillian Pitt and Pat Courtney-Gold once again for your artwork and of course to each of the museum staff members who continually submit beautiful, handcrafted items.

Thank you Suzie Slockish and family for cooking the delicious salmon and Mary Kay and her crew from Kah-Nee-Ta who are always excellent in serving hors d'oeuvres and the meal.

And big thanks to each of you, Pat and Dr. Tom Creelman, Muriel D. Lezak, Mary Schlick, Ken and Jeanie Smith, Jan McGowan, Cora Lee Popp, Stan and Lois Speaks, Jim Ramsey, Robin Wurzer, Broughton and Mary Bishop, Mimi Morisette, Ruth Traut and the Manual Izquiero Estate.

A big thank you to local and surrounding businesses, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino, High Desert Museum, Crow's Shadow Institute of Pendleton, the Deer Ridge Institution, Jefferson County Historical Society, CHS Garden Center, McMenamins in Portland, Portland Children's Museum, Portland Zoo, Columbia River Inn at Cascade Locks and Three Warriors at Simnasho.

And especially a big thanks to our sponsors, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council; Orrick, Harrington, & Sutcliff LLP; SM Andersen, The Honorable Vic Atiyeh; Penny Knight; Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Casino, Portland General Electric, Marilyn Bramwell, Clements Partners, LLC, Jefferson County Historical Society and Gene and Evelyn Teel.

We appreciate each and every one of you for help support-

ing the Museum.

Evaline Patt, Museum at Warm Springs Archivist and Project Manager.

Dear friend

To my great sorrow, I was neither able to attend the funeral of my very dear friend Mary Ann Meanus, a year ago, nor her memorial on August 14.

This letter is to send my respects and condolences to her daughter Adeline, who was one of my 4-Hers, and to all of the grandchildren and great grandchildren, some who have visited me here, and others whom I have not met, and to Theda and all others who have mourned her. Mary Ann was an important part of my life for nearly 40 years.

Mary D. Schlick, Mt. Hood.

Pipeline

On the rez we no longer have a wealth of pure clean drinking water. Some of the underground water sources contain a chemical element called arsenic, which has been linked to cancer.

To allow a gas pipeline filled with toxic chemicals of any type is playing with environmental disaster anywhere. If a spill does occur, it will seep and disappear into the ground, mixing with water runoff and can contaminate the watershed and destroy it forever. A watershed refers to a large area of land that drains rainwater or melting snow into a lake, stream, river or underground water.

The rocks and ground work to filter out toxic substances but when filtration capabilities are overwhelmed, they are severely impaired forever and can destroy the watershed's purifying system, putting many species of plants, fish and animals including people who use the water at risk.

In turn, we bill buy bottled water and pay thousands of dollars for bottled water with a fancy name, which is a lot of times just bottled water from another community's public tap water supply.

For tribal revenue, we can still create a plant and sell the best pure drinking water but first before ever allowing a gas pipeline to cross the rez we need to consider the environmental impact that we would be putting on the future generations of children, as opposed to a quick buck.

Respectfully, **Anthony Littleleaf**.

Opportunity

Dear tribal members and Tribal Council,
The Warm Springs tribes

have always been proud of being a sovereign nation, being able to make key decisions for the betterment of the people.

Rarely does a golden opportunity present itself in more ways than one, but at this moment the Warm Springs tribes have in front of themselves a true golden opportunity to make decisions that will have a long term positive impact on the quality of life for all tribal members.

With a \$68 million settlement from the government, of which \$32 million can be spent at the tribes' own discretion, and add in the possibility of obtaining stimulus money in collaboration with the Jefferson County School District, I believe the time has come for the Warm Springs Indian Reservation to build a tribal school system serving the children and youth of Warm Springs.

Even without any stimulus money the Warm Springs tribes have the opportunity to put the government settlement to excellent use by building its own school system for its children, thus putting the true meaning into the word sovereign.

The stimulus money really would just add more icing to the cake and allow other funds to be spent on scholarships and other social and educational endeavors. \$32 million can go a long way, and I urge the decision making powers in Warm Springs to put it to the very best use for all tribal members by investing in education.

Sincerely, **Steven C. Rankin**, retired high school teacher.

Lab staff

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Laboratory was surveyed in late July for compliance with federal laboratory standards.

In early August we received the following from the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services in order for a laboratory to perform testing under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA), Public Law 100-578, it must comply with all CLIA requirements.

These requirements are found in section 353 of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. sect. 263a) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 493 (42 CFR section 493).

Federal regulations require onsite surveys to determine whether or not a laboratory is in compliance with applicable regulations. Compliance with these regulations is a condition of certification for the CLIA program.

"Region X conducted a recertification survey of your laboratory that was completed on

July 30, 2009. The results of the survey showed that all CLIA Condition-level requirements were met during the time of the onsite survey, therefore your laboratory is certified in the CLIA program."

There were no deficiencies found during the survey. Please stop by to congratulate our Laboratory staff for their continuous commitment to quality patient care.

Jennette Chase-Wilson, Laboratory Manager.

Memorial

I would like to say how well the Memorial went on August 25, 2009 at the HeHe Longhouse. Thank you to all the people who attended. The turnout was great. Some came from Yakama, Pendleton and Ft. Hall and other areas. Berda's friend Lori of the BIA flew in from Arizona to help Berda.

Memorials for huckleberry pickers: atwai Emily Waheneka, atwai Irma Wahnetta, atwai Cal "Bum" Queahpama, atwai Ellen Colwash Davis, atwai Sockish family members.

Thank you to the cooks for the hard work. There was a lot of food to cook, and the thank you to the huckleberry pickers.

Truly, thank you to the people who brought food. Some of them are Pam and Faye Waheneka, Ray and Beulah Tsumpti, Philip David, Norene and Anna Q (dry fish and salads.) Thanks to Ramona Kiona for bring the fish.

Thank you Jody Calica for all the paper products and melons and fruit.

Thank you Berda and friend Lori, her sister Chug and relatives from Tygh Valley for baking pies and contributing fresh fruit and all the roast beef, vegetables and roots.

Thank you drummers for the very uplifting songs. Thank you for the speeches by Marge Waheneka of Pendleton memorializing Emily, J. Senator of Yakima Valley with her powerful prayer. Master of ceremonies Wilson W. did a tremendous job.

Anna Clements

Claim items

Someone accidentally included some hand-made items in a giveaway package.

This happened about a month ago at a giveaway at HeHe.

The items were included in a giveaway bag to Faye Waheneka.

If these are your items, you can claim them by identifying them at Faye's house, 2529 Greeley Heights.

The coming flu season

From IHS Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center

The flu is coming and here is a list of things that you can do to help to lessen the chances of getting sick:

Avoid large crowds in closed-in surroundings.

Drink lots of water.

Get lots of rest, at least 8 hours a night.

Cover all coughs and sneezes, and teach your children and other family members to do the same.

Wash your hands after every cough or sneeze. Hand sanitizers come in small sizes and are very handy.

Take your seasonal flu shot as soon as they are available and have your family and household members get their too.

School is starting and the kids always get a snuffle or two. Parents get sick too, so make sure that you get rest, drink water and get more rest.

But if you do get the flu, here are some things you can do to make things a little better:

For stomach upset and diarrhea, start with clear liquids and progress up to the BRAT diet (bananas, rice, applesauce and toast), then up to a soft diet (scrambled eggs, yogurt, boiled potatoes—not fried.) If the diarrhea continues after four to five days and hasn't shown signs of slowing down, contact your health provider.

It generally takes four to seven days to fully recover from the usual viral illnesses that we see in the fall and winter.

You may need to take Tylenol or Motrin for fever and general aches and pains. Flu shots will be given locally as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10 at Early Childhood Education Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11 at the Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21 at Fire and Safety from 8 to 10 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24 at Corrections from 3 to 5 p.m.

Any questions, please call 553-1196, ext. 4100.

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Happy birthday and other wishes...

Happy First Birthday on September 10, 2009 to my "Pooh-bear," Ambrose Benjamin Napyer-Smith. Love, Mom.

Happy First Birthday to my "Sonny Boy," Brose. Love, Papa.

Happy big 1st birthday to my lil' brother from your big sister and lil' big nephews.

Happy 1st birthday to our lil' cuzin' Ambrose. Love, Shawnee, Cheyenne, Justin and James.

Happy 1st birthday to my nephew Ambrose Napyer-Smith. Love, Aunty Kami.

Happy No. 1 birthday to my lil' bro Ambrose, and have fun. Love, "Big Bro" Will and Tanya.

Happy birthday, uncle "Brose"! Love, Natalia, Chamille and Paradise.

To my beautiful daughter Leona T. on her special day, Sept. 12. I had to let you know how incomplete my life would be without you in it.

They say pride is a sin so on the day you were born I must have been the most sinful man in the world because my heart swelled with pride and it hurt so good I cried.

It was and still is one of the happiest days of my life. A dad's

love is unconditional and I will love you always and forever. I am so very proud to be your dad.

Thank you for being my beautiful baby girl. Happy birthday to you with all my love.

I miss you all so much it hurts. Always, your dad, Leon T. 690004, MCDC, 1120 SW 3rd Ave., Portland OR 97204.

(More birthdays on 6.)