

Palouse restoring canoe tradition

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The Palouse Canoe Family now has 25 members in Warm Springs, led by Jose Alvarez.

"We are the last band of Palouse Descendants that stayed along the Snake River," Carrie Schuster said. "We were forcibly removed from our aboriginal allotment that President McKinley gave us back in the summer of 1859. That's where these kids come from."

The team has a big goal to reach by next year. That is, putting the canoe back into the water.

"This has been a dream of the Palouse family for a while," Jose said. "I came from the N'Chi Wanapam Canoe Family, and that took some work to establish. I have experience there, and that's why my aunt asked me to be the first volunteer for this project."

"The old man, my mother's father's father, he did all his traveling in this way," Carrie said. "It was all done by canoe and by horseback. So eventually, our goal is to have our own Palouse canoe."

During the last count, it was estimated that 25 percent of the



Tommy, Keeyan, Jose, and Martha Alvarez; Kayla Jones (from left back row), and Jessy Nightwalker (kneeling).

Colville Tribe's enrollment was of Palouse descent. Nobody is sure about the percentage for Warm Springs. "But we have

quite a large family here," Carrie said.

Every year, on the second Saturday in May, the Palouse

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families meet at Fish Hook Park above the Ice Harbor Lock and Dam on the Snake River. It's this location where the youth will launch their canoe in the 2012 journey.

This year, the team will journey with the N'Chi Wanapam Canoe Family and others.

"Our relatives have been a great help to us," Jolene Estimo said. "Janene Kalama and Alice Wyena taught Lois and her family how to make traditional outfits. The Warm Springs Canoe Family taught washat songs. Thank you, we love you!"

"These youth are committed to this," Carrie said. "They want to bring that part of our culture back to life. They want to be a continuing part of the Native American community."

Child care fund hearing

The Warm Springs Child Care Development Fund will hold a public hearing from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at the Early Childhood Education Building. This is an opportunity for community members to comment on the Child Care Development Fund Plan for provision of child care services.

For any questions or comments, please contact Karla E. Hood, tribal day care administrator, or Reona Trimble, family child service coordinator, at 541-553-3241.

At the June 9 hearing, a light lunch will be served.

Culture grant final reports due by June 30

The deadline for final reports for this year's Warm Springs "Washanaksha" Cultural Trust Grants has been extended to June 30.

Grant recipients need to complete their reports and include photos of their projects.

Two opportunities for having pictures taken of work will be Wednesday, June 8 from 1-4 p.m. or Thursday, June 9 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Warm Springs Media Center. Reports can be turned in at the Museum at Warm Springs.

Tribal Council Agenda

Tribal Council set a preliminary agenda for the month of June. Agenda items are subject to change by Council. Items for discussion on the proposed are as follows:

Wednesday-Thursday, June 1 and 2

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Future of Our Salmon Conference, Portland.

Thursday-Friday, June 2 and 3

Native Leadership Forum, Temecula, Calif.

Monday, June 6

9 a.m. Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Paul Young, BIA Superintendent.

9:30 a.m. Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson, Fiduciary Trust officer.

10 a.m.: Realty Items with Lyle Fox, Realty officer, BIA.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference call with Mark Phillips (federal) and Mike Mason (state).

2:30 p.m.: Tribal attorney update with Dennis Karnopp, tribal attorney.

3:30 p.m.: Economic stewardship with Teresa Hogue, Cascade Center for Community Governance.

Tuesday, June 7

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with S-T Charles 'Jody' Calica.

10 a.m.: Chief Operations Officer update with COO Ur-

bana Ross.

11 a.m.: Draft resolutions with S-T Calica.

1:30 p.m.: Seekseequa District Grazing Group with Delford Johnson, ride boss.

2:30 p.m.: Education Committee report with Laurie Danzuka, committee chairwoman.

Wednesday, June 8

All day at Kah-Nee-Ta, starting at 9 a.m., forest resource workshop with Robert Brunoe, manager Natural Resources.

Thursday, June 9

All day at Kah-Nee-Ta, forest resource workshop, with Robert Brunoe.

3 p.m.: Warm Springs Forest Products, chairman, WSFPI board.

Tuesday-Thursday, June 7-9

Northwest Tribal Energy Summit, Ocean Shores, Wash.

Monday-Thursday, June 13-16

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Monday-Thursday, June 13-16

National Indian Timber Symposium, Carlton, Minn.

Monday, June 20

9 a.m. Enrollments with Olivia Wallulatum, supervisor, Vital Stats.

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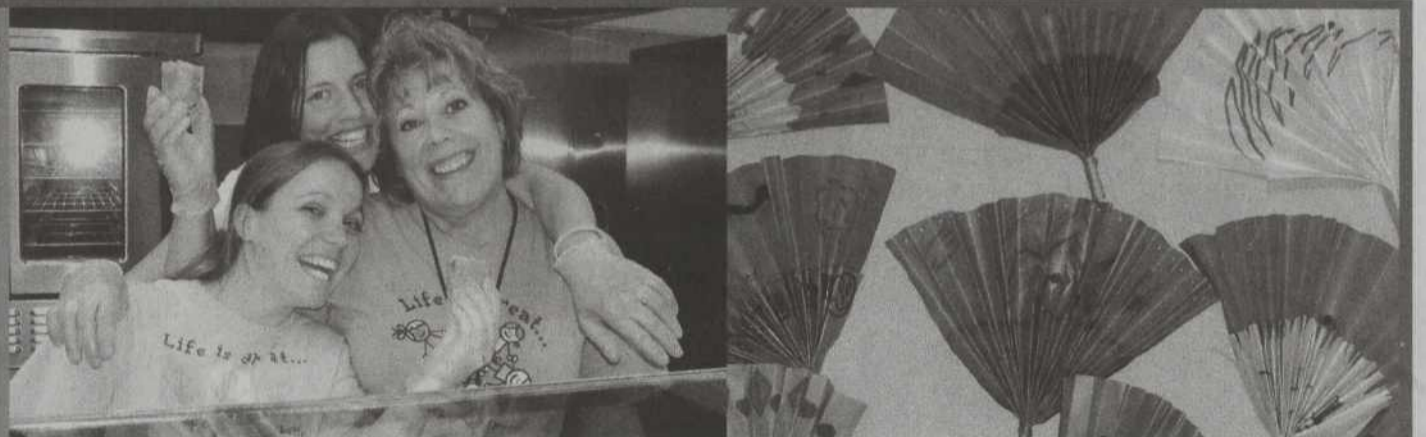
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Throughout the school year, our JCSD team has been working closely with Dr. Kevin Feldman, a renowned education consultant who specializes in reading and literacy. Dr. Feldman shares his expertise with schools nation-wide and has been partnering with all of the school districts in Central Oregon. With more than 36 years of experience and expertise, he is helping us to create literacy programs for our students in grades K through 12.

"Great things are happening here as a result of our dedicated team and our partnership with Dr. Feldman," said Melinda Boyle, director of Curriculum and Instruction for JCSD.

In Jefferson County, Dr. Feldman has been providing professional development and training to our staff and has also met with the parents and families of our students.

"Kevin Feldman's inservice inspired me because of his clear communication of the necessity of engaging all students," said David Vick, science teacher at Madras High School. "After 25 years in education I have sat through my share of trainings, but Dr. Feldman is the apotheosis of presenters," he added.

After a recent training with the JCSD team, Dr. Feldman also had positive things to say.

"It is a pleasure indeed to work with a district like Jefferson County where district and site administrators, along with classroom teachers, are so clearly focused on the specific aspects of improving instruction. I think of it as 'walking the talk,'" said Dr. Feldman. "I have the opportunity to work with districts across our great country and have rarely seen educators more committed to making the changes necessary to improve student achievement than those in Jefferson County," added Feldman.

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"Even with budget reductions and very tough economic times, we have to stay focused on our primary goal of improving student achievement. Our teachers, staff and students are working hard and making progress. It's exciting to see the transformations."

— Rick Molitor, Superintendent

Buff Elementary School Cultural Fair

Buff Elementary school's recent multicultural celebration was enjoyed by all.



Calendar

- June 6/2 2-hour Late Start
- 6/4 MHS Graduation 3 p.m.
- 6/8 JCMS 6th Grade Play (The Seussification of Romeo & Juliet) 6 p.m.
- 6/9 WSE Attendance Luncheon 11 a.m.
- 6/10 WSE 5th Grade Graduation 10 a.m.
- 6/13 School Board Meeting SSB 7 a.m.
- 6/14 Last Day of School - Early Release (following lunch)
- 6/15 Report Cards