

# Community Dedication



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Some of the team members who have worked on the Sidwalter Fire Hall project are Fire Chief Dan Martinez, Cory Clements, Mike and Maxine Clements, Tom Strong, Councilman and Housing director Scott Moses, Agnes Lumpmouth, Foster Kalama, Grant Clements, and Councilman Austin Greene (from left).

The Confederated Tribes opened the Sidwalter Community Fire Hall last week.

The new station will serve the residents in the 88 homes at Webster and Sidwalter flats.

Staff at the Sidwalter station will also respond to accidents on Highway 26 in the Mill Creek bridge area, and

to grass fires in the area.

Planning for this project began in 2008. The tribes allocated funding for construction of the hall, and the tribes also received a USDA grant.

Some of the grant money will be used for the purchase of fire equipment for the station, said Fire Chief Dan Martinez.

There will be an ambulance

and fire rig at the station, and a resident fire fighter-EMT.

There is an average of about 22 emergency calls annually in the area to be served by the station.

On the reservation there are now stations at Agency, Simnasho, Seekseequa, Kah-Nee-Ta, Bear Springs, and Sidwalter.

# Grant to preserve tribal history

By Duran Bobb  
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Oregon university archives specialists met recently with records employees of the Confederated Tribes.

The archives team from Oregon State and the University of Oregon gave details of a training opportunity offered to state's nine federally recognized tribes.

The training program, they said, is funded through the Development and Management of Tribal Archives Grant.

James Fox, head of Special Collections for the University of Oregon, and Lawrence Landis, Head of Special Collections for Oregon State University, outlined these details of the project:

Two individuals from each of the nine tribes will be trained, at no cost to the tribe, in Corvallis during a one-week course covering the basic concepts and requirements to establish or improve archives and records management programs.

Today there are historic songs on reel-to-reel tape. Participants of the training would learn how to convert those songs into a format that would withstand the elements.

Minutes of meetings would be converted to microfilm. Photos would be scanned into digital format. Participants would learn how to convert VHS to DVD or another format.

### Searchable data base

One preferred outcome would be a centralized station for all tribal information.

"A tribal member could enter the name of an ancestor into the system, and they would get multiple matches... every time their ancestor was mentioned in the tribal newspaper, that information would be revealed, for example," said language instructor Jo Anne Smith.

"We're finding that this type of orientation is needed," she said. "It's obvious to those who are keeping the records that there is a certain protocol to follow. But we all need to be on the same level in understanding that these are records of the tribal organization."

One concern raised by Wendell Jim was that of intellectual rights.

"You could take, as an example, our roots and the traditions, the songs that are passed down," Jim said. "The materials that we're discussing here are of our utmost sensitivity. Very few

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non-Natives are able to witness or hear some of our spiritual songs, so by participating [in this project] we're entrusting the universities."

The training would begin next summer.

Currently, only one tribal government (Umatilla) has a formal and developed archives program housed in an appropriate facility, according to the project scope.

In 2003, the Western Archives Institute offered a two-week training focusing on tribal archives. Due to the costs to attend the training, there were no participants from any of the Oregon tribes.

In April 2009, OSU and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs signed an MOU. Assistance with archives and records management issues was one of the key areas identified by tribal council at that time.

# Search teams recover fisherman lost in river

Search teams recovered the body of a fly fisherman, missing for one week, last Saturday, July 23.

The body was discovered just over a mile upriver from South Junction on the reservation-side of the Deschutes.

Steven Adams, 54, was re-

ported to have lost his footing while fishing on July 17.

Search parties included planes, boats, rafts and ground crews from Warm Springs, OSP, and Jefferson County. Adams was found just over two miles from his last known position.

Over 40 searchers were out

looking when news came in that the body had been found.

For decades, Adams and his family met at Trout Creek to camp and fish. Last fall Adams' late wife's ashes were scattered in the area.

— by Duran Bobb

# Maryhill Museum featuring Native American art

The Maryhill Museum of Art in Goldendale, Wash., is featuring a collection of Mid-Columbia Native American images and art.

The exhibit is called *Beside the*

*Big River*, and is on display July 16-Nov. 15.

Opening programs on Saturday, July 16 include a tour of petroglyphs and pictographs at Columbia Hills State Park; slide

lecture "Honoring My N'Chewana Ancestors" with Lillian Pitt.

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