

Gathering of Flutes



The Native People's Circle of Hope and the Museum at Warm Springs hosted the "Gathering of Flutes Benefit Concert" earlier this month. Native American flute players included Leland George, Larson Kalama, Foster Kalama, Colton Trimble, Isaac Trimble, James Greeley, Dondi Hoptowit Jr., Becky Dudney, and Viola Wallulatum.

Funds raised during the benefit assist tribal cancer survivors. The Native People's Circle of Hope assists those recently diagnosed by providing spiritual support as well as gas cards to assist with transportation for treatment. The group meets every third Tuesday of each month in the clinic at 4:30 p.m.



Duran Bobb photos.

Enrollment

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The requirement, in the tribal Constitution and Bylaws, states "that any person adopted into membership must have resided at least three years upon the Warm Springs Reservation."

In the past, exceptions have been made for adoption candidates who were attending college, were on military assignment, and were unable to find employment or housing on the reservation.

One of the concerns Tribal Council is dealing with is creating clear protocol for future adoption elections.

One way to accomplish this would be to amend tribal Ordinance 44 to include language that would make clear that adoption elections would be tribal elections. Another way would be to adopt a new election ordinance.

Both options were presented to Council. No action was taken, as Council wished to confer with the membership.

Louie Pitt, tribal Government Affairs director, and the Vital Statistics staff will be working on upcoming workshops to inform and hear input from tribal members. If you would like to provide input, please contact your Tribal Council representative.

Biomass: facing short timeline

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For its part, Oregon Bioenergy has been seeking additional construction financing and a purchasing agreement.

These aspects are still not in place. Meanwhile, the memorandum of understanding between the tribes and the company expired on July 1.

The tribes are now waiting to see whether the company, in the near future, can come up with financing and marketing.

If that does not happen soon, the project may be dropped. The \$5 million grant would go unused by the tribes.

"It's challenging on the fuels side and on the market side," said Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

Manion updated the Tribal Council last week on the status of the biomass proposal.

Howlak Tichum

Roger Stwyer Sr., 1960-2011

Roger went to be with his Creator at age 50. Roger was born on October 14, 1960 in Prineville, Ore., to the late Arnold Stwyer Sr. and Neda Wesley.

Roger attended schools in Warm Springs, Cascade Locks, and at Madras Union High School, where he graduated.

Roger joined the Pentecostal Church at a very young age with Orin Johnson, who had a huge impact on Roger's life.

Roger worked for two years as a reporter for the Spilyay Tymoo. He attended Job Corp in Western Idaho for two years, studying masonry, carpentry and plumbing.

Earlier in his life Roger loved to live in Cascade Locks, dip-netting, and expe-



rienced the catching of the largest chinook at almost 70 pounds, which he happily presented to Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum.

Each year Roger's family hosted an all free Salmon Bake for hundreds of people. Larry Dick had been training Roger, Shmink, Nena, Lawrence, Jimmy, Davis and Eagle so

they happily performed the Columbia River Wasco dances along with their sister Eliza Greene at the Salmon Bake.

Roger enjoyed horse riding with uncle Perry Greene for a while. He spent the summer in 1979 as an exchange student in Japan.

Roger married Winona Spino, who survives him, and fathered two sons, Charles and Roger Jr.

Roger was preceded in death by his father in 1970, a brother Arnold Jr. in 1981, a brother infant Gerald, his sister Eliza, who shared his birthday, grandparents Herb and Lucinda Stwyer, Tom and Sadie Brown, and Gloria Brown.

He is buried in Simnasho at the Stwyer Family Cemetery.

Gov. signs law recognizing tribal officer authority

Gov. Kitzhaber last week signed legislation recognizing off-reservation tribal police authority. The governor signed Senate Bill 412, "the Tribal Officer bill," last Friday, July 22.

Tribal leaders from several of Oregon's tribes, including Warm Springs, were on hand for the event, as were law enforcement officers from several tribes.

Warm Springs Police Chief Carmen Smith, Wasco Chief Delvis Heath, and tribal Government Affairs Director Louie Pitt represented Warm Springs at the signing. Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins was a supporter of the law.

The situation that created the need for the new law arose in 2005 on the Warm Springs Reservation, in the case of the *Kurtz vs. Oregon*.

The suspect in the case had

been driving on the reservation, but when tribal police attempted to pull him over, Kurtz left the reservation.

Tribal police followed and arrested him, charging him with driving under the influence.

He was convicted at the trial court, but won at the Oregon Court of Appeals, arguing that tribal police had no jurisdiction off the reservation.

The Oregon Supreme Court later reversed this ruling; and now the issue also is settled by the newly-signed tribal officer law.

Tribal officers can make an arrest off the reservation if they are in "hot pursuit" of the suspect.

Tribal officers are required to meet the same training and safety standards as other officers in the state, a key point in the law's favor.

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