

Pi-Ume-Sha Court candidate: Mary Olney

Hello there, people of Warm Springs and all around!

My name is Miss Mary M. Olney, a very proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Nation. I'm 11 years old and a Queen Candidate for 2012 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days powwow.

My parents are Sonia Heath and Shane Olney. My maternal grandparents are Catherine Watah and Sanders Heath. My paternal grandparents are the late Mary Valdez Olney and Richard Olney Sr.

I would like to take this time to let people know that I will be out in the community selling "Lucky Tickets" for the Pi-Ume-



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Sha powwow raffle.

I would sure appreciate all your support in helping me reach my newest goal of becoming Miss Pi-Ume-Sha 2012.

It would surely be my pleasure to represent our tribe as I travel throughout the Western states attending powwows and rodeos while acting as a tribal ambassador for Warm Springs as well as our Pi-Ume-Sha powwow!

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite everybody to all the exciting Pi-Ume-Sha activities this year. It will be so much fun! See you all at the powwow.

Thank you for your time.

Miss Mary Olney.

Letters to the Editor

Fishing

As all the fishermen and some tribal members know, the spring salmon returns are very low, and it is in early June. There is no excuse for this happening. The local salmon hatchery is funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is run in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

In 2007, the tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee demanded changes in how this local salmon hatchery should be revamped to fit tribal needs and wants.

Finally, Tribal Council told Natural Resources to work with the Fish and Wildlife Committee, but only after the late Bernice Mitchell reminded the chair person that I knew the Treaty of 1855 and that I still fished at Sherars Falls.

Fish and Wildlife had plans that differed from how the hatchery was and is still run.

On April 30, 2007, an emergency meeting was called to finalize the new plans. Most of the changes were agreed to, and I seriously thought the changes would be used. It never happened, I found out in 2010 at a hatch-

ery meeting with the new hatchery manager.

A lot of work, time, and money went into this endeavor. What a let down.

I went to the back sheet of the plans and looked with disgust at all the signers that ignored real salmon recovery and the hope that all for fishers for years to come would be able to harvest salmon even in Beaver Creek, Mill Creek, Shitike Creek, and Warm Springs streams.

If the new plans had been used, we'd still have lots of salmon and eels. I know that in my heart.

The people who signed off in 2007 were: Tribal Council chairman, Natural Resources head person, Fish and Wildlife Off Reservation chairman, hatchery manager, and the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As River People, we all are to take care of and protect our natural resources for years.

I've been taught that the salmon are sacred to us. Did you notice I said "we" but I don't see anyone else rising to the occasion.

Terry Courtney Sr.

Remembering when...

Two of the individuals in the previous Spilyay "Remembering When" photograph are Frenchy Thomas (who was pictured at right) and Louis Pitt Sr. (who was pictured at left). We were not certain as to the other two individuals.

These two photographs, at right and below, were in year prior to the first Pi-Ume-Sha. The questions this week are, What year were these taken, and on what holiday?



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Jefferson County Voters Pass School Bond

Thanks to voters in Jefferson County, the district will soon be upgrading school buildings and constructing new facilities to enhance education for the children in our local communities.

"This community has made a remarkable statement about children and education by passing the school bond," said superintendent Rick Molitor. "Our entire 509J team is touched by the outpouring of support that has taken place throughout this process. From the amazing community committee that helped spread the word, to the many people who have written letters, posted lawn signs and really championed for our students and schools."

The next step according to Molitor is to bring the community facilities team back together to create a process and plan for moving forward with the construction and upgrades.

"This is going to be an exciting process that will benefit all of our students and the entire community," said Molitor.

Second Referendum Vote is Scheduled for July 10th Majority of Warm Springs Voters Support Tribal Funding for New School

More than 500 Warm Springs voters stepped forward on May 14th in favor of funding a new K-8 school building on the reservation. Despite the strong show of support on the referendum vote, overall voter turnout did not meet the one-third voting population threshold requirement for a referendum to pass. With only 147 votes against the referendum, Warm Springs leaders, with support from the Jefferson County School District, have scheduled another referendum vote to take place on July 10th.

"There is no question that we are passionate about building a new school for our children in Warm Springs," said Jody Calica, Secretary Treasurer for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. "This is something we have been working toward with our school district partners to inspire a better sense of hope and community. We were only 369 votes short of meeting our threshold and we are confident that we can get there if we hold another vote."

If the referendum passes, the bond issuance of \$10.7 million designated for the Warm Springs school will be released to fund the other half. In June of 2011, the Warm Springs Tribes and Jefferson County School District announced a partnership to construct a K-8 building in Warm Springs. The agreement includes a 5-year plan for completion of the project. Joint funding of the new building is also part of this long-term plan.

"We are very encouraged by the voter support in Warm Springs," said Rick Molitor, Superintendent for JCSD. "It's really just a matter of getting more voters to the table to meet the threshold requirement."

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Jefferson County School District



Celebrating Our Diversity

Students, teachers, families and community members recently gathered together at Buff Elementary School to celebrate and honor the rich diversity that makes JCSD special. Guests of the annual Multicultural Festival enjoyed a free dinner, donated by Black Bear Diner, along with activities and student displays.

Calendar

June 13 - Last Day of School (check with your school for dismissal time).

June 25 - School Board meeting, 7 p.m. (district offices).

July 10 - Tribal referendum, k-8 Warm Springs school.