

Banquet gathering honors 2012 graduates

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Sixty-two graduates walked the red carpet at last week's graduation recognition banquet, where the theme was Hollywood.

Scott Moses served as Master of Ceremonies, Quartz Creek was present for the drum, and Keeyana Yellowman delivered the invocation in the Ichishkiin Native language.

Alice Sampson was the college representative speaker. She reminded the students: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars!"

The class of 2012 high school graduates are: Mariah Adams, Bobby Ahern, Dakota Berman, Carson Big Knife, Charmaine Billey, Darrin Brisbois, Chelsea Chapman, Heather Donovan, Alice Farias, Kecia Florendo, TaSheena George, Jamie Halliday, Robinique Hatlestad, Cheyenne Hopkins, Mary Hoptowit, Sabrina Jones, Raylene Jones, John Katchia III, Shantae Kneeland, Tyrone Lawrence, Roselina Lopez, Cameron Mathison, Andrew McConnell-Charlie, Charise McConville, Jackson Mitchell, Kapri Moody, Dion Polk, Ada Polk-Lopez, Lorissa Quinn, Abby Scott, Persia Sloan, Chloe Suppah, Rosey Suppah, Darrin Tanewasha,



Alice Sampson addresses (above) the assembly at the recent Graduation Banquet; Quartz Creek provided the drumming (right).

Alexa Tellez, Jericho Trimble, Mariam Vance, Haley Wahnetra, Travis Williams, Amilio Yahtin, and Edward Zacarias-Whipple.

Those earning vocational degrees are: Jonathan Culp, Jerome Culp Sr., Shantel Kneeland, and Tamara Yallup.

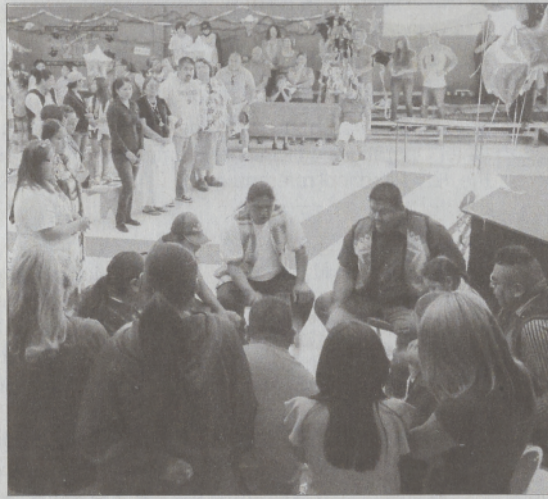
Associates degree graduates are: James Halliday, Candice Heath, Charlieann Herkshan, Jamie Scott, Amanda Sanchez (in progress switching majors), Crystal

Thomas, Jermayne Tuckra, and Karlen Yallup.

Bachelor's Degrees: Ashley Aguilar, Alred Estimo Jr., Lace Frank, Candice Jimenez, Una Johnson, and Samuel Peterson.

Graduating with Master's Degrees are: Alice Sampson, Vincent Wallulatum, and Elizabeth Woody.

Closing remarks were delivered by Tribal Council Chairman Stanley "Buck" Smith.



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Paddle to Squaxin in July

The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family is preparing for the summer Journey. The Canoe Journey this year is to Squaxim Island on the Olympic Peninsula, home of the tribal community of Kamilche.

The landing is set for July 29 at Squaxim Island. Potlatch will be on the Squaxim Island Reservation, July 29-August 5. "Teachings of Our Ancestors" is a them of this year's journey.

The July journey will be the third Canoe Journey for the N'Chi Wanapum family.

Living Traditions

Living Traditions continues through in July at the Museum at Warm Springs. The demonstrations are from 1-5 p.m. in the museum lobby Saturdays and Sundays. Upcoming Living Traditions are:

July 7-8: Cornhusk Weaving with Myra Orange.

July 14-15: Beading projects by Wanda S. Van Pelt.

July 21-22: Cedar Bark Weaving with Viola Kalama.

Grant to study traditional foods preparation facility

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received a grant last week to study the development of a traditional food preparation facility.

The \$30,000 grant comes from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The money will help the tribes conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for the commercial processing and freezing of traditional tribal foods, such as salmon, elk, mushrooms and berries.

The project's overall goals are to improve quality and reduce waste of harvested native foods.

The facility would enhance utilization of natural resources for economic development, increase access to healthy traditional foods.

The project would also

create 15 new jobs on the reservation.

Nationwide, \$3.2 million will go toward projects to support job creation opportunities in Native American communities.

"These grants represent USDA's ongoing commitment to helping strengthen Native American businesses, support sustainable economic development, and create jobs," said USDA Rural Development State Director Vicki Walker.

Besides Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde has been selected to receive a \$30,000 grant to develop a marketplace where more than 30 tribal artisans may sell local basketry, paintings, traditional clothing, jewelry, sculpture and more.



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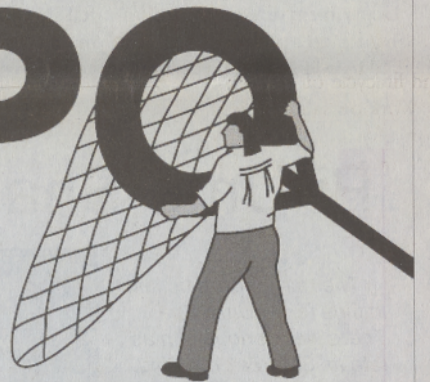
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Trade Show

Breakfast and lunch

Free Raffle

The event and meals are free for all Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce fishers. For more information and the current schedule, call (503) 238-0667 or visit www.critfc.org.



The July CRITFC commission meeting will be held at the Best Western Hood River Inn on the Wednesday and Thursday before the Expo. Tribal members are welcome to attend. The meeting runs 8 am to 5 pm July 25-26.