

Parade Day



Revonne Johnson (front) and parade floats arrive at the community center ball field on July 4.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Culture Class resumes next week

The Culture Classes will resume on Tuesday, July 17, and will continue through Sept. 6.

The classes are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the basement room of the Education Building.

Classes are open to the community, employees, and defendants with the Tribal Court. For defendants the classes can be used as alternative sentencing. All are encouraged to attend all three language courses, because in tribal history members spoke the three languages.

Leona Ike, director of tribal Parole and Probation, explained the role of the Cultural Classes:

It was tribal practice, she said, whenever a person was in trouble or was in crisis, for

the tribes to surround that person to offer support and guide him or her to be a positive part of our community.

The classes are from 3:30-5 p.m., with languages as follows:

Tuesdays, Paiute language; Wednesdays, Wasco language; and Thursdays, Warm Springs language.

The first hour is language and the last half-hour will cover tribal history, tribal culture and tribal practices, to vary throughout the course.

Success of the program will be monitored by attendance; and attendance is confidential. Well-behaved children are welcome. Note: classes are subject to cancellation should there be a death in the community.

Artist bio workshop for upcoming member exhibit

To artists who are considering entering the Tribal Member Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs:

Pat Courtney-Gold will lead a workshop about how to write an artist bio and statement.

The workshop will be offered at the museum this Saturday, July 14, from 1-3 p.m. There is no charge for the workshop, but please call the museum at 541-553-3331 to sign up to attend.

The Tribal Member Art Exhibit opens in October and runs through January. This will be the Nineteenth Annual member art show at the museum.

The museum will publish a catalog showing the work

of the artists who have entered the exhibit.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, which began in 2009 after a decade of visioning.

The foundation strives to make a lasting, positive impact on the arts, Native communities and society as a whole. This is the first year of awards under the Bridge Initiative for the Native Arts grant program, which supports local arts organizations and communities.

The Museum at Warm Springs is honored to be a recipient of a Bridge Initiative award and excited about publishing a catalog honoring Warm Springs artists.

Wash. tribes in opposition over casinos, land

States and non-Indians have opposed some land-into-trust proposals by tribes.

But increasingly, tribes are also fighting one another in the off-reservation gaming battle.

In the state of Washington, the Spokane Tribe wants to open a casino in Airway Heights.

The Kalispel Tribe, which already operates an off-reservation casino in the same city, is in opposition.

The Kalispels are one of only three tribes that have won federal and state approval for an off-reservation casino.

The Cowlitz Tribe isn't technically seeking an off-reservation casino in Washington.

As a newly recognized tribe, the Cowlitz don't need state approval for the Cowlitz Casino Resort.

But the tribe's project is being challenged in court by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, an Oregon tribe that was terminated in

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the 1950s and then restored to federal recognition in 1983.

The Grand Ronde were the main opponents of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' proposal to develop a casino at Cascade Locks, part of the Warm Springs tribes' Ceded Lands.

Warm Springs supported Grand Ronde in the 1980s in Grand Ronde's effort to regain federal recognition. Also in Washington, as the Bellingham Herald newspaper reports: the Duwamish Tribe (as yet unrecognized) ceded nearly 55,000 acres of land to the federal government

over a century ago. Today that property is some of the priciest real estate on the West Coast, the land that makes up metropolitan Seattle.

With the tribe's rich history and a membership of nearly 600, member Cecile Hansen says it makes little sense for the U.S. government to maintain that the Duwamish have gone extinct, according to the Herald report.

But Hansen, tribal chairwoman since 1975, understands why the tribe can't win recognition: The bigger neighboring tribes fear that the Duwamish would use their new status to try to open a casino in downtown Seattle, the Herald reports.

The bigger tribes don't want the competition.

The bigger tribes in opposition are the Muckleshoot, Puyallup and Tulalip tribes.

In Washington state, where 23 tribes already operate 32 casinos, the Duwamish are all but locked out: They are "the victims of a broken system that allows either Congress or

the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pick the winners and losers—and who will get the big-money casinos," as Rob Hotakainen of the Herald reports.

The report continues: Washington trails only California and Oklahoma in the number of Indian casinos. The state has come to exemplify the growing warfare in the \$28 billion-a-year industry, "with tribes throwing mud and money at one another to gain advantage," according to the Herald report.

(Note: some information this report from indianz.com)

NWS issues red flag fire warning for Oregon

(AP) – The National Weather Service recently issued a red flag warning for fire danger in Oregon's upper Hood River Valley and the western Columbia River Gorge.

The warning issued early in the week states that thunderstorms were expected to develop, producing lightning in the eastern slopes of the northern Oregon and Southern Washington Cascades.

According to the warning, the combination of lightning, strong winds, low humidity and warm temperatures will create "explosive fire growth potential."

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