

Chief to be honored at Potlatch Gala

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr. will be presented with the 2012 Fran James Cultural Preservation Award at the Tenth Annual Potlatch Fund Gala to be held at the Tulalip Casino and Resort in November.

The Potlatch Fund cites Chief Heath's dedication to the tribal community as a reason for the honor.

"Chief Heath grew up in a traditional family, practicing the Washut religion on a daily basis," the award statement reads.

"He travelled the mountains gathering traditional foods according to season..."

Later, "the boarding school experience was a period in his life when he did not speak the tribal language. After a lecture from his mother in the language, he was able to begin the healing process..."

"Witnessing the impacts of many broken promises to the tribal people, Chief Delvis has sought to strengthen tribal communities in his on Tribal Council."

Funds Native arts

Proceeds from the Potlatch Fund Gala directly support Northwest Indian Country in the form of technical assistance and grants to Native artists, Native non-profit corporations, and tribes.

Native Americans re-



Chief Heath

ceive less than one half of one percent of philanthropic dollars in the United States, yet these communities experience disproportionately high rates of poverty, unemployment, and disease.

Potlatch Fund formed in 2002 by Tribal organizations and funders to address this disparity, developing and empowering Native leadership and making the best use of tribal resources.

For more information about Gala ticket information, or the Potlatch Fund, you can call 206-624-6076; or visit: www.potlatchfund.org

The Potlatch Gala on November 3, honoring Chief Heath, will begin at 5 p.m. with a networking reception and silent auction, featuring Native art and artists, and continue with a dinner and program from 7 p.m.

Input sought for watershed assessment

The Branch of Natural Resources has begun the process of assessing the conditions of the reservation's watersheds.

The watershed assessments are the first step towards developing watershed-based restoration plans and restoration priorities for the greatest benefit to tribal resources.

The process will continue over the next couple years.

A watershed is a ridgetop to ridgetop area of land that drains into a single body of water. For example, all the land where water drains off eventually into Beaver Creek is the Beaver Creek Watershed.

Tribal members are invited to provide valuable and pertinent information on historical conditions and changes the conditions of the streams in

the Beaver Creek Watershed, including significant events, major issues and concerns, and recommendations for watershed improvement, including habitat and water quality.

The Beaver Creek Watershed encompasses the entire drainage area of Beaver Creek and its tributaries, totaling an area of approximately 77,603 acres.

The main-stem of Beaver Creek runs approximately 25 miles southeasterly from the northwestern corner of the reservation to the confluence of the Warm Springs River between The Island and Schoolie Flat.

The major tributaries of Beaver Creek include Cedar Swamp Creek, Wilson Creek, Beaver Butte Creek, Indian Creek, Butte Creek, Coyote Creek and Quartz Creek.

The watershed is located

in the northwestern corner of the reservation almost entirely within the reservation boundary, with a small area of the upper portions of Beaver Creek and Indian Creek headwaters under the ownership and management of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

If you have interesting stories and information to share with the assessment team, or would like to learn more about the process, please contact Jamie Sheahan, Hydrologist, of the Tribal Environmental Office at 541-552-2028. Oremail: Jamie.sheahan@wstribes.org

Future assessments

The watershed assessments are scheduled to be completed in the following order: Beaver Creek, Upper Warm Springs River, Mill Creek, Shitike Creek,

Whitewater/Jefferson Creeks, Mutton Mountains, and Seekseequa Creek.

To assess the watersheds, a team of staff members from each of the Natural Resources departments is analyzing data on forest health, fish habitat, water quality and more from tribal inventories, historical information, and monitoring programs to best state the current condition of the watersheds.

Geographic Information Systems and water quality and stream flow monitoring data along with ongoing data collection projects:

Watershed/Stream Channel Stability Assessment (Tribal Environmental Office), the Stream Channel Inventory (Fisheries), the Rangeland (Range and Ag).

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Fred Hennen Beymer Jr., 1924-2012



Fred Hennen Beymer Jr. passed away on June 22, 2012 at the Oregon Veterans Home at The Dalles. He was 88.

Fred was born on Feb. 10, 1924 at Portland. He moved with his parents, Fred and Mable Beymer, to Klamath Falls, where they managed a hotel. While attending Henley High School, he met his future wife, Patricia Elaine Short.

Fred graduated from high school in 1942; and as a World War II was under way, he and four of his buddies joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He went to Camp Pendleton at San Diego for paratroop training.

After service in New Zealand and New Guinea, he and the 5th Division of the Marines were sent to the Big Island in Hawaii to train for assault on the strategic island of Iwo Jima.

There is a monument on the Parker Ranch where they trained, thanking members of the 5th Division of the Marines

was born. When the war ended Fred returned to his family at Klamath Falls.

He and Pat purchased a house and acreage from Pat's father and proceeded to raise potatoes and children. Their son Mike's birth was followed by the birth of Starla Sue, Bill Patrick, Becky Jo and Kelly Lee.

Fred taught his children the fine arts of baling hay, driving hay trucks, and riding horses. He drove them around Oregon, Washington and Idaho where they competed in junior rodeos. He was instrumental in founding the Klamath Falls Junior Rodeo.

Fred was always a showman. Photos from that time show him pictured as a cheerleader in high school and as a performer in musicals with Fred and Pat's friends as they put on show to raise money to build the Mount Laki Presbyterian Church. They also sang in the choir at the church.

Fred and his father were in the Klamath County Sheriff's Posse. One of their events was to ride from Klamath to Lakeview every year for the rodeo. Horses were a

major part of Fred's life.

In 1963, he loaded up his horses and family and moved them to Sisters, where he worked for a rancher, while Pat taught school.

They lived at Sisters for a while and then discovered nearby Camp Sherman where they bought an A-frame restaurant and sold home-made french fries, ice cream and hamburgers during the summer season.

Fred found a carpenter and together they put up an outdoor stable so he could put his children to work guiding trail rides. The family also took tourists into the Mount Jefferson Wilderness on pack trips where Fred would heat up his large grill and fry up a feast.

He was a man of many talents. One of Starla's memories of Fred's cooking was him laughing out loud as he watched his children at the counter crying as they tried to eat his "onion" pancakes.

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Friday is last day to submit artwork for judging in exhibit

This Friday, Sept. 21, is the last day to submit items for judging in the Museum at Warm Springs' Nineteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit.

Traditional or contemporary items may be submitted before 5 p.m. on Friday.

For sale and show purposes only, items may be sub-

mitted up until 5 p.m. on October 5.

Contact Natalie Moody at the museum for more information. The number is 541-553-3331. This exhibit is scheduled to start on Oct. 11, and runs through Jan. 6.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay is Friday, Sept. 28. Thank you!

Legal Aid offers free service

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Phone Legal Aid Services of Oregon to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney on the first Monday of the month (excluding Holidays) at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave., Warm Springs. Call (541) 386-6944 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, or on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.



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