

# Sixty years ago an Indian Thanksgiving...

An Indian Thanksgiving is the title of a 1953 article about the Root Feast of the Confederated Tribes. The article says, "It is an ancient ceremony of thanksgiving for the food provided for them for the coming year—especially the roots that still form a substantial part of their diet."

The article was published in April 1953 in *The Big Haul*, a trucking company magazine out of Portland.

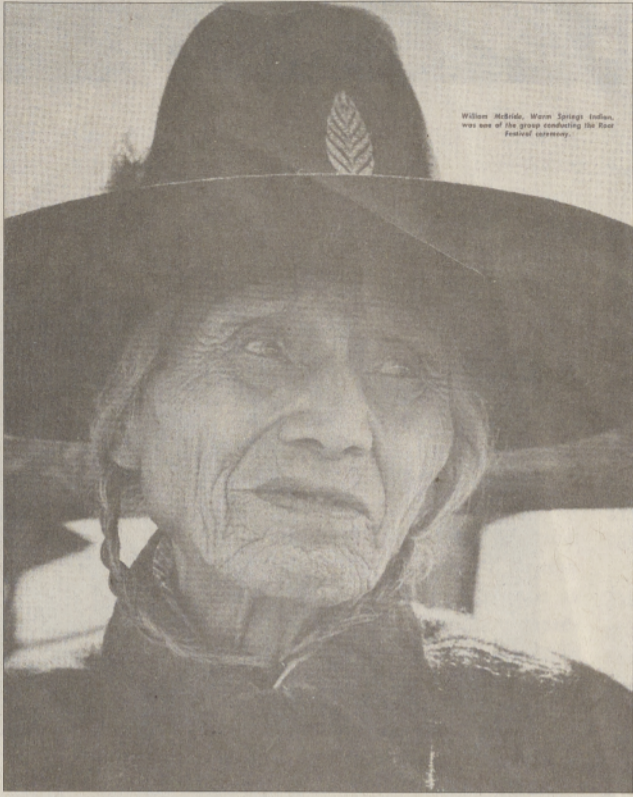
Tribal elder Faye Waheneka recently came across a copy of the magazine.

The article includes some out-of-date kind of language, Faye says, but the pictures are very interesting.

Sixty years ago the author of the article gave his opinion: "With the passing of the older Warm Springs Indians, the Root Festival seems destined for oblivion..."

The author obviously underestimated the strength of the tribal traditions from time immemorial.

On this page are some of the pictures from the article. Only some of the pictures included the individual's name.



William McBride, Warm Springs Indian, was one of the group conducting the Root Feast ceremony, 1953.



In the longhouse.



## Honoring Traditions of Health

### Canoe Family dinner and story-telling

There will be a Canoe Family dinner and story-telling gathering on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

The dinner and gathering will be from 5-8 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

Dinner and presentation will be at 5 p.m.; story-telling will be from 6:30-7:30.

Jam with Canoe Family, 7:30-8 p.m.

Community members, sponsors and those who donated items are invited.

Please bring your own chair for storytelling.



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### Miss Warm Springs Pageant

The 2014 Miss Warm Springs Pageant is scheduled for December 13 at the Agency Longhouse.

Updated Miss Warm Springs applications may be picked up and returned to the Tribal Council office. If you have any questions, please call Minnie Yahtin or Emily Yazzie at 541-553-3257.



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