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## Tribes to host fall UAV conference

The Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International is the largest organization devoted exclusively to advancing the use of unmanned systems.

The association (AUVSI) membership is over 7,500 individuals representing more than 2,700 organizations from over 60 countries.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the AUVSI Cascade Chapter are planning a fall fo-

rum at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"We're expecting a large turnout," said Jeff Anspach, chief executive officer of Warm Springs Ventures, the tribes' economic development enterprise. "This is a big opportunity."

By all accounts, unmanned aerial vehicle development is a fast growing industry, headed for major growth in coming years, Anspach said.

The Federal Aviation Administra-

tion earlier this year included the Warm Springs Reservation among the approved test sites for UAVs, also called drones.

### April fly-over

Tribal and Oregon State University natural resource personnel next month will conduct UAV flights over an area of the reservation that burned last year.

The flights will be over the rugged Mutton Mountains area. The

project will be based out of Kah-Nee-Ta.

The resort could be a major beneficiary of the UAV test-site program as it develops, Anspach said. The FAA is very supportive of the test-sites, Anspach said.

There is pressure on the FAA to establish standards of operation for UAVs, as other countries have overtaken the U.S. in UAV technology.

## Rites of Passage for youth

A new youth program at Culture and Heritage Department is *Rites of Passage: A Young Boy's Journey to Manhood*. The program is in its first phase, called "Traditional Survival: Then and Now."

The program features lessons on Nami Tamanwit—unwritten and traditional laws; the tribal Constitution and By-Laws; the Treaty of 1855; making tribal laws; net-making and catching fish.

The program also features lessons on traditional leadership roles in the community. Several youth in the class recently traveled with program leaders to a Warm Springs and Umatilla fish and wildlife retreat in Pendleton.

Topics for discussion at the gathering were the use of Ceded Lands, and traditional foods. Another agenda item was the traditional foods processing plant, a project of the Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Chaperons for the Rites of Passage group were Dallas 'Wiyanishat' Winishut, Gene 'Teewanis' Sampson and Jefferson 'E'suu' Greene. The 12 boys who made the trip were Eli Lopez, Justin Smith, Brandon Lucci, Rick Suppah, Tyrek Ramsey, Johnny Ramsey, Jevan Smith, Del-Ray Johnson, Benjamin Billy, Hunter Onstad, Marcus Johnson, and Marcus Johnson III.

They attended the two-day conference, hearing from traditional fishermen, and toured the Tamast'likt Cultural Center. They made stops at the Columbia River, such as at The Dalles.

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## 37th Lincoln's Powwow

The tribes hosted the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow this past weekend. Usually a February powwow, the 2014 Lincoln's was in March, due to weather in February.

Usually held in the Simnasho, Lincoln's this year was at the Warm Springs Community Center, due to a water supply matter at Simnasho.

Despite the delay and the change of location, many people made it to the powwow. Master of Ceremonies was Mackie Begay (picture at right).

(Results in the next Spilyay.)



Spilyay staff photos



## Second year of tribal limit on smelt catch

The smelt season this year for the Sandy and Cowlitz rivers, and other Columbia River tributaries, runs through the end of this month, or until the catch-limit is reached, whichever is first.

The tribal catch limit is 7,500 pounds, or about 107,100 fish. The smelt of Oregon, Washington and California are listed under the federal Threatened and Endangered Species Act.

The request for the listing came from the Cowlitz Tribe in 2008. The fish was added to the list in 2010.

This is the second year that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, negotiating with Oregon

and Washington fish and wildlife officials, have set a catch limit for the smelt, said Bobby Brunoe, Natural Resources Branch general manager.

The smelt are a traditional food of the Confederated Tribes. Members have caught them at the Cowlitz, Sandy and other rivers since time immemorial. They were a featured food at the recent Heart Smart dinner.

The smelt are also called eulachon, which is a kiksht word. Various spellings are oolichan and ooligan. They are also called a candlefish. During spawning time their bodies contain enough fat that

the fish can be dried and burned like a candle.

The smelt are an anadromous ocean fish. They spend between 3 and 5 years in the ocean before returning to spawn.

The tribal regulation says the fish can be caught with dipnets between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Remember to bring your tribal enrollment card, and report the catch to the Branch of Natural Resources.

The state of Oregon is allowing a catch of ten pounds per person for non-tribal members. The same standard, if applied for all members of the Confederated Tribes, would result in a much larger catch limit

than 7,500 pounds for the tribes, said Mark Manion, harvest biologist at Natural Resources. To reach an agreement the tribes adopted a compromise, the 7,500-pound limit, Manion said.

More of a hardship for tribal members, he said, is the compromise on when members can fish. Subsistence fishing has been 24-hours a day, while this year smelt fishing is allowed between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The restrictions could ease next year, Manion said.

(The Council resolution on the 2014 smelt catch is on page 7.)

## Giveaway at Longhouse on Saturday

Project Whatever It Takes! (WIT) is coming to the agency longhouse this Saturday, March 22, from 9-11:30 a.m. There will be an elder honoring, and distribution of toys, household goods, clothing, food and more.

Communities connected to Project WIT share new and gently-used items. Some items come from as far away as Alaska, California, North Carolina. Much of what is shared comes from ceremony families connected to the staff of Project WIT. Quakers, Sundance tiospayes, Stompdance and Green Corn Communities, Native American Church, LDS, women's circles, Occupy, environmental, Idle No More and so many more.

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