

Letters to the editor

Honor Seniors

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Honor Seniors Day will commence on May 9 at the Agency Longhouse. The Honor Day is heralded as one of the first Honor Seniors days in the Pacific Northwest.

The idea originated with a small group of tribal elders who wanted an event especially for elders and locals who attend the day-long event. The Honor Day is a whole day of events dedicated to honor seniors.

The Honor Senior Day is a time to showcase the local area, such as the Museum at Warm Springs, Indian Head Casino, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, and other local area of interest for the elders who will be in attendance.

The elders are given the opportunity to use their name tags from the Honor Day to gain free admission to the Museum at Warm Springs. A shuttle service is provided to all points of interest, as a courtesy during Honor Seniors Day.

The Honor Seniors Day Committee is requesting a financial or miscellaneous donation for prizes given throughout the event.

For additional information contact the Senior Department at 541-553-3313 or 553-3520. Or email:

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The mailing address is Warm Springs Seniors Department, PO Box C, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Lodging is available at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, 1-800-554-4786 or email:

reservation@kahneeta.com

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Senior Wellness Center staff.

Youth movement

Dear Youth Movement community leaders,

Thank you for your valuable time and leadership in the third annual Field Day. Your support and encouragement to keep Native American youth active has been instrumental in the mission of increasing athlete participation in the 2014 Youth Movement.

It is the hope of program-partners to gather your knowledge on the best way to measure the strengths and challenges of the Youth

Movement Field Day. This information will be used to guide the program in the years to come.

As a former collegiate athlete, I have experienced the powerful influence sport plays in community connection and wellness. I am excited to volunteer with program-partners to provide assessment tools to measure program outcomes. I am seeking input on how best to capture some key concepts in our first year of assessment. Some questions for evaluation include:

How do you define success for the youth, and their community, participating in this event?

What has been most successful, as well as most challenging, for recruitment and retention of athletes?

How do you think the program can better support and include key partners in making the event successful?

Along with these initial questions, we are also interested in any other areas you would like to give feedback on. My personal deadline to gather community input is Friday May 2. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-868-6554. Or:

bhinchcl@uoregon.edu

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from all of you,

Brittany Hinchcliffe

Native co-op

A cooperative business, or co-op, is a type of business comprised of members who both own the business and make use of the services provided by the co-op.

Membership in a co-op provides some sort of financial benefit to its user-owners.

In a co-op comprised of individual business people, like crafts-people, each user-owner earns more money by being a member of the co-op than they would on their own.

The co-op group here in Warm Springs is interested in forming a Native arts and crafts co-op that would operate a storefront and provide a space for local people to sell their work.

The storefront would provide co-op members several advantages. The co-op would provide a public space where community members could sell their products year round. Co-op members could also have the opportunity to in-

teract with their customers and tell the story of their work with dedicated on-site studio space.

This co-op is still very early in the planning stage, so here is your opportunity to learn more and have input in the co-op development process.

Co-ops can be set up in many different ways depending on the needs of the co-op members.

If you would like to know more and want to be contacted about co-op developments in the future, please call 541-553-3148.

Chris Watson, Warm Springs Community Action Team.

Raffle

My name is Mary Olney, and I am a candidate for the 2014 Weaselhead Powwow queen.

I would really appreciate your help to reach my newest goal. I am selling raffle tickets at \$1 each. We are raffling off one \$1,000 prize; two \$500 prizes; two \$100 prizes; two \$50 prizes; and autographed Seahawks jersey; a headed vest, a hunting rifle, an Xbox, a 7" tablet, a PS4 system; a Howard's certificate, and many additional prizes.

The Weaseltaill Celebration will be May 23-25 at White Swan, Wash. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you for your time and attention.

Mary Olney

Birth

Aldo Garcia and Dellarae Suppah of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Attica Yellow Wood Garcia, born on April 7, 2014.

Attica joins brothers Aldo, Josiah, Damon, Avan, Allen and Aleron; and sisters Shareya and Falon.

Grandparents on the father's side are Delbert and Sharlayn Garcia of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Roman Suppah of Warm Springs; and Pat Allen and Raymond Johnson of Warm Springs.

Wishes...

Happy Birthday to my handsome sons - Michael Belgard and Truman Merrifield. Have a good one!

Happy Birthday to my husband David - Love you always. Your wife, Dinah.

Public lecture

The Phi Beta Kappa Alpha of Oregon Chapter is hosting the program *American Indians in the American Popular Imagination* this month at the University of Oregon.

This will be a free event. The featured speaker will be Phi Beta Kappa 2014 Visiting Scholar, Philip Deloria.

In this lecture he will examine the curious and painful dynamics surrounding Indian visibility in popular culture. The program is on Wednesday, May 14 at the University of Oregon Emu ballroom, starting at 7:30 p.m. Deloria will discuss topics such as *Metamora*, *Last of the Mohicans*, *Hiawatha*, Cher, dreamcatchers, motorcycles, sports teams, George Catlin, Buffalo Bill, *Avatar*, *The Lone Ranger*, among others—paired with Indian invisibility in most social, economic, and political discussion.

Deloria combines the arguments of his books *Playing Indian* and *Indians in Unex-*

pected Places to advance the case for Indian people's deep engagements with modernity over the last 120 years.

Philip Deloria is the Carroll Smith-Rosenberg Collegiate Professor at the University of Michigan, with a joint appointment in the departments of History and American Culture.

He has served as president of the American Studies Association, as a council member of the Organization of American Historians, and as a trustee of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

He is also the coeditor of *The Blackwell Companion to American Indian History* and *C.G. Jung and the Sioux Traditions: Dreams, Visions, Nature, and the Primitive* by Vine Deloria Jr.

The upcoming lecture is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English, Department of History, the University of Oregon libraries, Many Nations Longhouse, the Native American Studies Program, Oregon Humanities Center, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University Housing, Division of Undergraduate Studies, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776, and is the nation's oldest academic honor society, with half a million members across the country.

Buy Back under way

The Department of the Interior has sent purchase offers totalling more than \$100 million to nearly 16,000 landowners with fractionated interests at the Pine Ridge Reservation.

These offers will provide landowners the opportunity to voluntarily sell their interests, which would be consolidated and held in trust for the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Pine Ridge is among the most highly-fractionated locations in the United States; landowners with purchasable interests have been located in all 50 states.

The Buy-Back Program was created to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided a \$1.9 billion fund to purchase fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers, at fair market value, within a 10-year period. Interested sellers will receive payments directly into their IIM accounts. Consolidated interests will be transferred to tribal governments for uses benefiting the tribes and their members.

Staff are ready to answer owner questions. Landowners can contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836 with questions about their purchase offers. Or visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians or Bureau of Indian Affairs office. Or go to:

doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners

Participation in the Buy-Back Program is voluntary and selling land does not jeopardize a landowner's ability to receive individual settlement payments from the Cobell Settlement. Cobell Settlement payments are being handled separately by the Garden City Group, 800-961-6109.

Tribes, lawmakers highlight importance of river treaty

The United States and Canada are preparing to negotiate the Columbia River Treaty. The current treaty has been in place since 1964.

The treaty tribes of the Columbia, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, are encouraging President Obama to make the treaty negotiation a priority this year. The new treaty will become binding after 2024.

Regional entities—lead by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Corps of Engineers—made recommendations in December 2013, as to changes that should be considered in the treaty.

"The Pacific Northwest depends on a healthy Columbia River system to provide environmental sustainability, national energy independence, protection of public safety and infrastructure, and economic well-being," the recommendation document begins.

"The Columbia River Treaty has provisions that should be improved to address this region's longterm ability to meet these objectives. Consequently, the region's sovereigns and stakeholders believe that modernization of the Treaty is in the best interest of the United

States."

You can read the full recommendations at: crt2014-2024review.gov

Meanwhile last week, 26 lawmakers representing the states of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho delivered a letter to President Obama urging him to make the treaty negotiation a priority this year.

In the letter, the lawmakers highlighted the importance of the treaty, and asked the administration to take direct action on the issue by mid-year 2014, as called for in regional recommendations.

"It is essential that the administration now advance this work through discussions with Canada to ensure that a post-2024 Treaty better reflects the interests of our constituents in the region and the United States as a whole," the letter says.

"As you convene an Interagency Policy Committee on the recommendation, we draw your attention to the recommendation's clear call for a decision and action by the administration on this matter by mid-year."

The states' congressional members in their letter also

underscored the importance of the Obama Administration to be open and transparent in the treaty negotiations with Canada, and for the administration to consider input from Northwest lawmakers and regional stakeholders as the process moves forward.

"The Columbia River provides significant economic and cultural benefits to our region and how it is managed through the treaty will have major impacts into the future. Therefore, it is important that you remain in regular and close communication with the Pacific Northwest congressional delegation during the Interagency Policy Committee process and keep us apprised of potential negotiations with Canada.

"In addition, we encourage the administration to remain open to input from and engagement with concerned regional stakeholders, many of whom have valuable expertise in managing the Columbia River and played an integral role in developing the recommendation," the letter says.

Paul Lumley, executive director of the Columbia

River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, spoke in favor of the approach as advocated by the lawmakers.

"We are pleased with the proactive message delivered by the Northwest Congressional delegation, expressing the need to prioritize diplomatic actions with Canada on the Columbia River Treaty, and to align the National position faithfully to the regional recommendation," Lumley said.

"Our tribes agree that modernizing the treaty should be a priority of this administration, as negative environmental and economic consequences occur with each day of the current Treaty's implementation."

There remains considerable domestic work to do in preparation for negotiations to modernize the treaty, including comprehensive reviews of flood risk management and options for fish passage restoration, he said.

"Both the Administration and the Northwest delegation should fully support regional sovereigns and federal agencies to complete these tasks."

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