

Letters to the editor

Veterans

Larson Kalama and the Veterans Healing Circle Committee would like to thank everyone for the successful event at the HeHe Longhouse.

Veterans came from many states to join in. Our hearts were full by the end of the weekend with the wonderful community of veterans and family members and, also, all the folks who came to join, work, and support us.

Thank you to the head cook, Jesse, her friend Rachael and her daughters for the wonderful job they did, and how they accommodated special dietary needs of the participants.

We want to thank Doris for helping out in the kitchen and wherever she was needed. Guy Wallulatum donated bottles of water and watermelon.

Easton and Ralph Aguilar and the Hot Shot fire fighter crew delivered cedar wood so that we could keep the healing fire going throughout the weekend. Utilities staff kept things running smoothly in the longhouse.

Thank you to Foster for helping to MC, and for your drumming and flute playing. Thank you Leminnie for running the women's sweat, Joe for running the men's sweats, and Wilma for running the women's talking circle. Thank you to Lucy for all her support. Thank you to Heidi Katchia who organized the Healing Touch practitioners; Linnie, Judy, Sharon and herself worked on over 50 vets and family members during a two-day period.

We want to thank Lee Gadsbury for his acupressure work that helped so many, and to Chenoah Morgan, who was always available with her turtle shell rattle for assistance for healing. Jeremy Baer supported the healing with his flute playing. We want to thank Sharon Fletcher for bringing us and running the "poetry as medicine" group.

We want to thank all the elders and others who came to support us and help us, and for those who donated to the raffle and silent auction. But most of all we would like to thank the veterans who come and help each other.

This wonderful community embraces all who come, whether they have been there one year or 20. And a big thank you to Larson who followed his vision all those years ago to start this healing

group.

Larson Kalama and the Veterans Family Healing committee.

Lady Warriors

The Lady Warriors are hosting a 50-50 raffle. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,000.

This raffle is to help with the air fare costs for the team's trip to the World Youth Basketball Tournament in August. The tournament will be in Hawaii.

Tickets are \$ each, and will be sold until May 31. The drawing will be held on June 1 (need not be present to win).

Contact one of these people for tickets:

June Smith, 541-953-9452; Alvis Smith III, 325-6745; Amy Suppah, 410-5179; Becca McPherson, 325-2071; Rochell Zamora, 460-0477; Otis Iverson, 325-1088; Brett Whipple, 460-3536; Crystal Smith, 325-6249; Sonia Heath, 325-2562; Julie Suppah, 460-8472; Jessie Adams, 325-6770; Shawn Harry, 325-1323.

The Lady Warriors are hosting a second raffle with the grand prize being a Savage 7 mm rifle with Bushnell scope and soft case.

This raffle is to help cover the hotel costs during the trip to Hawaii. Tickets are \$20 each. Only 360 will be sold. The drawing will be held on June 28 during Pi-Ume-Sha (need not be present to win). Contact one of the people above for a ticket.

Wishes...

I'm sorry this is so late, but I hope my oldest son Floyd Frank Jr. and his father Floyd Sr. had wonderful birthdays this year! Floyd Sr. had his birthday on the thirteenth of March, and his oldest son Floyd Jr.'s birthday is on the eighteenth of the month!

Evette Patt, 50 Kourt Dr., no. 3, Eugene, OR 97404

Memorials and name-giving

Niix Pachwai Nami Naimu ku Tananma kushwa Yakama ku Millilama. Inmi Taimu Wiyanashat.

I went to Satus, Washington two weekends ago and helped my Yakama family with memorials and name-givings. My nephew Terron McDonald was witness to my Ila's memorial, Virginia Tiamukmuk Mitchell, who was an enrolled Yakama from kkmal or Rock Creek, Wash.

Her brothers are Johnson and Jerry Menninick Sr. She married my tuta Dallas Winishut Sr., February 6, 1953. He was in the military at the time. I think that's why people got the impression that she was from here in Warm Springs.

Anyway, her wish was to be buried at the Blackwolf Cemetery, which is at Rock Creek, Wash. That was back five years ago, March 12, 2009. Also the Indian names that came out Saturday were Tikaiyauwak Patricia Menninick, got my kala atwai Ida Skwiayaxs Howtopat. Also Jeremy Mennick, he got his father's name atwai Jerry Menninick Jr. (Skumyaxsh). My cousin Aaron Mennick's son Kordell got the tanan wanicht (Masis). There is one other, Patricia's son Joseph Ramos, got the tanan wanicht (Mushtaliksh). But out of respect for the families here in Warm Springs, we will be having a stone setting for my atwai Ila Virginia Tiamukmuk Mitchell and possibly Cecelia Winishut Stormbringer.

Sincerely,

Dallas (Wiyanashat) Winishut Jr., Warm Springs families, The Jameson Mitchell and David and Emily Mae, Destiny, James Frances Brookey family. And Kodiak, Talon, Sonja, Loreen, Remo, Lance, Shard, Tearle Stormbringer, Jennifer Lynn Mollman, Charles Cook Jr., Devealr Jr., Nathaniel, and Tashena Winishut. Tilden Jr. and Terron McDonald. Darrel, Derek Winishut.

Coal, oil transport opposition

(This is the last column from Billy Frank Jr., who passed away on May 4 at the age of 83. Also, see Howlak Tichum on page 7.)

Our environment, health, safety and communities are at risk from decisions being

Coal project opposition



Tribal fishing site within the proposed Port of Morrow development site.

(Note: Ambre Energy is proposing the Coyote Island Terminal, to be constructed at the Port of Morrow for coal storage and barge loading. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is among the tribes that are opposing the plan. The following is a recent statement by Paul Lumley, executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.)

The claim by Ambre

Energy that their proposed coal transport project at the Port of Morrow will not interfere with tribal fishing activity is incorrect.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and our member tribes submitted multiple letters and affidavits to state and federal entities documenting that this project interferes with tribal fishing.

The tribes have relied on tribal fishing as a way of life

since time immemorial. The tribes have protected our tribal treaty fishing rights in the Treaties of 1855, and have continued to fight for these rights for future generations.

I find it outrageous that Ambre Energy seeks to dismiss these facts and clear laws that protect the tribal fishery by a self-serving and biased declaration that tribal fishing does not exist.

made now to transport and export trainloads of coal and oil through western Washington.

If coal export terminals proposed for Cherry Point near Bellingham, and Longview on the Columbia River are approved, hundreds of trains and barges would run from Montana and Wyoming every day, spreading coal dust along the way. That same coal will continue to pollute our world when it is burned in China and other countries thousands of miles away.

Now that threat is joined by proposals to use mile-long crude oil trains to feed massive new oil terminals in Grays Harbor.

Safety is a huge concern. Since 2008, nearly a dozen oil trains have been derailed in the U.S. In December, a fire burned for over 24 hours after a 106-car train carrying crude oil collided with a grain train in North Dakota. In July, an oil train accident killed 47 people and leaked an estimated 1.5 million gallons of oil in Quebec, Canada.

It's clear that crude oil can be explosive and the tankers used to transport it by rail are simply unsafe. These oil trains are an accident waiting to

happen to any town along the route from the oil fields of the Midwest to the shores of western Washington.

Plans for shipping crude oil from Grays Harbor also include dredging the Chehalis River estuary, which will damage habitat needed by fish, shellfish and birds. Large numbers of huge tanker ships moving in and out of the harbor would interfere with Indian and non-Indian fisheries and other vessel traffic.

Apology

I would like to say sorry to the community of Warm Springs, for I have committed a crime and pled guilty to theft, breaking and entering and trespassing. For my sentence I have gotten six months bench probation and 100 hours of community service. I would also like to apologize to my aunty Madeline Jim for doing this to her. I will never do or think of anything like again. I have learned my lesson. Sincerely,

Jerome Stanley

I would like to say I'm very sorry to the community

of Warm Springs and Madeline Jim. I have committed the crime of trespassing, breaking and entering, and theft. I pled guilty to my crimes in which I must make up in 100 hours of community service and six months bench probation. Again, I apologize to Madeline for taking her possessions.

Nathon Norwest.

Powwow rescheduled

The WeaselTail Powwow at White Swan has been rescheduled to May 30-June 1.

For veterans

The Peaceful Spirit Outing—Honoring Our Wounded Warriors through Fly Fishing and Cultural Sharing is planned for June 6-8 at Lower Dry Creek.

Organizers are calling for fishing guides, volunteers and donations to honor veterans. For information contact Casey Green at 541-325-2147.

Mushroom permits required for some harvesters

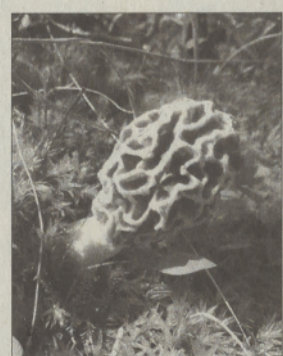
Attention all mushroom pickers:

Warm Springs Forestry officials want everyone to know that mushroom picking permits are now required.

Anyone found without a permit will be cited. Permit requirements are fees are as follows:

Tribal members: A permit is not required to harvest, possess or transport less than one gallon of mushrooms on the reservation or in the state of Oregon.

It is encouraged that all tribal members planning on harvesting more than one gallon of mushrooms obtain a free mushroom permit available at the Forestry office. In-



Common morel

formation from mushroom permits will help the tribes manage this resource.

Married into the tribes (MIT): Individuals married to an enrolled tribal member cannot harvest mushrooms

without a permit. A special permit is available when the MIT is accompanied by an enrolled member.

Non-tribal member, or individuals not married into the tribe: Non-tribal members and non-MITs cannot harvest mushrooms on the reservation.

Re-sale permits for tribal members and MITs: A Re-sale Mushroom Permit is required if: You are 16 years or older and harvest mushrooms to sell; or,

You are married into the tribe and will harvest mushrooms with a tribal member; or,

You harvest, possess or transport more than one gal-

lon of mushrooms on the Warm Springs Reservation of the state of Oregon.

Tribal enrollment card or picture identification for MITs must be in the permittee's possession while harvesting and transporting mushrooms.

Each year interest has been growing in harvesting edible mushrooms on the reservation. Proper identification and determination of whether a mushroom is edible is critical. There are many plant guidebooks available to assist you. A general rule to follow is, When in doubt, throw it out!

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