

Letters to the editor

Rose Festival Parade



Gordon Scott Jr. at Floral Parade.

Thank you to Jim Manion, who suggested we submit an application to participate. I would like to acknowledge and thank the enterprises that helped make this possible:

Warm Springs Gaming, Power and Water Enterprises, and Warm Springs Composite Products.

Thank you to those who assisted from beginning to end: Norma Heath, Emily Yazzie, Marie Smith and family. And we can't forget Jonathan Smith, who so graciously accepted the task of being our scout. He was there getting participants and staff to where they needed to be throughout the day.

Thank you to the Tribal Council staff who worked behind the scenes: Becky Picard, Stevie Hicks and Jayleen Main. The staff and volunteers, prior to the parade, made a couple trips through the parade route and other areas the participants would be involved with.

The horses, on loan from Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath, were housed at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Those participating: Rafael Queahpama, Mallory Smith of the Miss Warm Springs Court, Gordon Scott Jr.,

and Paiute Chief Joe Moses.

Our day started at 4 a.m.—preparing, and transporting everyone to the parade site. The volunteers assisted the participants with dressing, holding or walking their horses, and preparing the flower arrangements.

The participants had to be ready to get in line by 7:30 a.m., went through the judging and waited in line. Then about 10:30 a.m. they begin their journey through the busy streets of Portland.

Meanwhile, off we went to the end of the parade site, waited there for the participants to finish, assisted with undressing their horses, packing and loading up and heading out.

The riders and horses received a ribbon for second place in the category: Native or National Costume, Group.

Throughout the parade, the participants said people would call out to them, by name or yell, "Warm Springs!"

Thanks to the participants who represented the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Doris Miller

(More on page 12. These pictures are on the web at: bruce-mcfadden.com/Events.)

Simnasho Nights in July

The Simnasho community is getting ready to host the annual Hot Summer Nights Powwow and Encampment.

The powwow will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22-23 at the Simnasho Powwow Arbor. Hot Summer Nights starts at 7 p.m. on July 22 with the start-up and weenie roast. Specials include:

Tiny Tots—6 and under, sponsored by Ivan and Leo Dimmick. Sweep Your Teepee World Championships. Drummers "49" Contest. Family Team Dance, open to all ages, up to four members a family. Winning family will receive a prize.

Activities on July 23 begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Fourth Annual Hot Summer Fun Run/Walk. Starting point will be at the powwow grounds. The course will be just shy of two miles.

Wednesday night: potluck BBQ dinner at 6 p.m. Social dancing and singing starting at 7 p.m. **Specials:**

Round Bustle – open to all ages: Winner will receive a Pendleton blanket

Puth la pa special – open to all ages: Winner will receive a Pendleton blanket

Fourth Evvver "Drummers Relay" Race Honoring Mackie Begay. Prizes for winning team.

Seventh running of the Simnasho Derby (first 12 in each group) – 6 and Under, 7 – 12, 13 and older. Other Specials may be added.

Join us for a good old time. Bring your lawn chair, windbreaker and good feelings.

Sponsored by members of the Simnasho Community.

For information chase down Captain at 553-7014, Carlos, or whoever else we talk into volunteering.

Fishing matter

A letter in a recent edition of the *Spilyay* stated that "fishing is open to tribal members at Sherars Bridge until mid-July."

Fishing is actually open year round for tribal members. What can be kept varies depending on the time of year.

In the spring, to protect wild spring chinook, only hatchery fish may be kept during certain periods. This year that is April 14 to July 15.

This may vary slightly year to year as the Branch of Natural Resources, the Fish and Wildlife Committee and Tribal Council adjust the fishery to current conditions.

After the spring run has mostly passed Sherars, all salmon may be kept except for sockeye. This year that is July 16 until March 31 of 2015.

The fall chinook run is an entirely wild run in the Deschutes, although there is a fair number of stray hatchery fall salmon that wander into the Deschutes below Sherars Falls.

There has not been a need to introduce hatchery fall chinook salmon, as the run sustains itself, a real success

story in the Pacific Northwest.

The remainder of the Deschutes is open April 14 through July 15 to protect migrating spring chinook and spawning fall chinook.

For details on the regulations, see Tribal Council resolution no. 11,620, passed in May of 2012.

Mark Manion, harvest biologist, Branch of Natural Resources.

Salmon bake

Thank you to the many people who supported our annual Salmon Bake on May 31 on the Central Oregon Community College Bend Campus.

Thank you to Natural Resources for donating the salmon to be served, and for Geraldine Jim and her family for cooking it and patiently answering all questions!

Thank you to Jefferson Greene, James Halliday, Richard Tewee, Joseph Smith and Gary Smith for honoring us with a Blessing of the Grounds Ceremony the day before. It was a very beautiful day and we were honored with your presence and prayers.

We are proud of our relationship with the people of Warm Springs and hope that this may continue for many generations.

Thank you.

Gina Ricketts, COCC Native American Program Coordinator, the First Nations Student Union and the COCC Native American Program.

Concerns

The current tribal referendum seems too familiar as our tribe is considering a massive footprint on our sacred land.

There isn't a dollar amount associated with this referendum, that is comparable to the referendum for the casino at the Gorge. The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council took strong action to put a stop to the runaway train of expenditures associated with the Gorge casino. We have nothing to show for the \$32 million spent on that referendum.

As a business owner, I was required to provide a business plan along with projected financial statements prior to receiving my business loan. That is the basic rules for **everyone** involved with making such investments. We have not been provided with a business plan or financial statements to base our decision.

I am very much concerned about going over the cliff with massive debt associated with this Motorsports Park referendum. Will some of us even show up to vote? Probably not.

Na'kishayat
Aurolyn Stwyer

Apology

I would like to say I'm sorry for my actions on May 25, 2014, to my Warm Springs people and my fam-

Honor Student graduates

Hello family, friends and relatives,

Jackie Poitra graduated on May 25, 2014, with Honors from Turtle Mountain Community High School.

Jackie is the daughter of Wilona Poitra of Warm Springs, and Flynn Wetchie of Yakima. Maternal grandparents are Peggy Williams and Lester Poitra, and maternal grandmother is Mary Kay (Yakima).

Jackie moved to Belcourt, North Dakota in 2010 with her mother. Jackie attended Turtle Mountain community High School in Belcourt. She sacrificed a social life to study. This is reflected by being on the Presidential Honor Roll.

Jackie was named Best of Class for 2013 by the Governor of North Da-



kota, and a member of the National Honor Society.

George and Debbie Williams, along with their son Kevin, traveled to Jackie's graduation in May. George was a guest speaker during the reception. He encouraged Jackie and her cousin Dalton to further their education.

Dangerous Situation

Dry Creek Landfill staff has recently noticed an increase in the amount of ammunition being thrown away at the landfill.

The ammunition pictured at right was found in the pit area of the landfill. The practice is very dangerous for both landfill staff and other individuals who may be out at the landfill.

When equipment runs over the firing mechanism of the ammunition, it goes off. This could seriously injure or kill people who are at the landfill.

This could also damage equipment.

People also occasionally put ammunition in the ceremonial burn pit,



which is also dangerous because once the ammunition heats up it goes off.

If people need to dispose of ammunition, please bring it to the landfill office or call 541-553-3163 or 541-553-4943 to make arrangements for pickup.

We will take it and dispose of it in a manner that is safe for everyone.

Dry Creek Landfill staff

A Fond Farewell



Liz Smith left KWSO last month. She will be going to school in Idaho. Bidding her fond farewell at KWSO were Donna Wainanwit, Delson Suppah, Brutus "Big B" Baez, Will Robbins, Sue Matters and Marge Kalama (clockwise from left).

ily where I stay; for the problems I started, and leaving the scene. I was caught and charged with DUII, DC, DWS and F/E P. I'm at the WSCF jail sitting 25 days. While I've been here I had time to think about what I've done. I blame no one but myself and understand my faults in this matter. In the future I will try not to mess up again. So to my family and the rez, I say sorry again. Thank you for your time.
Tyrone L. Muldrow.

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