

Tourney at Center



The Culps Memorial Ladies Basketball Tournament at the Warm Springs Community Center saw Mission defeat Smashtown. Shoni Schimmel (above at left) played for Mission, while Abby Scott (at right) played for Smashtown. Shoni plays for the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA. Abby plays for the New Mexico State Aggies Division I college program. In the Men's tournament, the Yakama Nation team (picture at right) defeated DemBoyz. Shoni played for the Yakama Nation team

ATNI golf scramble

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Golf Scramble is coming up at the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Course in May. The scramble is part of the ATNI Mid Year Convention, held this year at the resort.

The golf scramble starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. The tourney features a chance to win a car, with the Hole-In-One prize sponsored by Gary Gruner Chevrolet.

Submit your registration form by May 9 to: Joe

Rauschenburg, Kah-Nee-Ta Pro Shop, PO Box 1240 Warm Springs, OR 97761. Or call him at 541-553-4971. Or you can email: jrauschenburg@kahneeta.com

The entry is \$600 per team, or \$150 player. This includes barbecue lunch, cart, range balls and room discount. Checks payable to ATNI Golf.

There will be Skins game, special side games, special payout 50/50 pot; field limited to 36 teams.

Track season at academy

The Warm Springs Eagle Academy 2015 track season continues on Tuesday, May 5, with a meet at LaPine, starting at 4 p.m. Sports pictures at the academy are the next day at 3:30 p.m.

Awards night is coming up on May 20, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the commons area of the school.

Families who do not attend the away meets, please plan to meet your child at the academy covered area

by the playground at the estimated return time.

If you have any question, please call the school at 541-553-1128. Or you can contact the head coach Michelle Zistel at:

mzistel@509j.net
Or assistant coach Butch David at: bdavid@509j.net.
Or assistant coach/athletic director Jason Dornhecker at: jdornhecker@509j.net

Fisheries News

Tribal leaders discuss environmental priorities

Tribal leaders with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and the four member tribes stressed their concerns to the EPA over the transport of fossil fuels through the Columbia River Gorge.

CRITFC and the tribes stressed the importance of rail safety, climate change policies, and strong regional water quality standards in a meeting with EPA administrator Gina McCarthy. McCarthy is Pres. Obama's chief environmental advocate.

During the meeting, Warm Springs Tribal Council member and CRITFC chairman Carlos Smith expressed concerns for the state of Columbia Basin waterways.

"Fish advisories, high rates of cancer, and polluted waters are plaguing our communities and our foods," Councilman Smith said. "Addressing water

quality issues must be a priority."

McCarthy met with tribal leaders in the Portland CRITFC offices. She said, "The fact that water is polluted is disturbing. That's what got us into this business. The challenges are getting more complex. What isn't complex is our commitment to clean water, air, and land."

N. Kathryn Brigham, Umatilla Council member and CRITFC commissioner, commented, "We have been fighting very hard to get our resources protected and it's not just for us, it is for our future generations. But we can't do it alone. We need work together through partnership and collaboration in order to make that happen."

CRITFC member tribes are Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce.

Study finds high level of contaminants in lamprey

High levels of pesticides, flame retardants and mercury in Pacific lamprey may be contributing to their overall decline in the Columbia River Basin.

Those are the latest findings from recent research by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, published recently in the journal *Environmental Pollution*.

Constituting the largest data set of contaminants found in Pacific lamprey habitat and tissue, the research found that concentrations of some flame retardants and pesticides were several hundred times higher in larval and juvenile lamprey tissues than in the surrounding sediments.

"The levels of contaminants we are seeing in larval lamprey have caused developmental problems in salmonids in other studies," said Dr. Elena Nilsen, principal investigator on the study. "That is concerning to us."

Pacific lamprey are integral to ecosystem health.

They provide valuable subsistence resources to tribal communities, bring important marine nutrients into freshwater areas, and serve as a buffer against the predation of juvenile salmon and steelhead by sea lions, terns, and other predators by

providing an alternate food source.

"We can no longer ignore the role of water quality in the health of our fish populations and our communities," said Carlos Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Councilman, and CRITFC chairman. "These recent findings only highlight the urgency to clean up our rivers and streams."

The research was the result of a multiagency effort. Numerous tribes and state and federal entities contributed to the work.

Fundraiser for team

The Warm Springs 2015 Portland to Coast Team is hosting a fundraiser for the upcoming event. Items being raffled include \$350 cash, Pendleton t-shirt, beaded earrings, beaded key-chain, beaded necklace/earring set, a crochet blanket, shawl, lottery tickets, and more.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing is on

May 2 (need not be present to win). See the following for tickets:

Val Squiemphen, Krysta Rhoan, Kapri Moody, Sandra Danzuka, Owen Danzuka Sr., Lana Leonard, Vernon Suppah, Nancy Seyler, Roxanne Bisland, Ray Shike, Anita Jackson, Aja Maldonado.

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