

Youth find inspiration at Prevention camp

Seventy-two tribal youth from eight of the nine Oregon Tribes gathered in Otis, June 15-19, for the annual Suicide Prevention Camp.

Warm Springs chaperones were Michael Martinez, Rosanna Jackson and Charlie Ann Herkshann. They took 13 Warm Springs youth ages 13-18 to this fun-filled camp.

The goals of the camp were to reduce risk factors, increase protective factors, and increase knowledge surrounding problem gambling, suicide and substance abuse prevention.

Camp started Monday evening with a trip to the Coast to enjoy swimming and a campfire, and to witness the Siletz Feather Dance.

Brian Frejo was the keynote for camp. Brian is the founder of Created for Greatness/Culture Shock Camp, and is a drug- and alcohol-free motivational speaker, cultural activist, youth advocate, suicide and meth prevention trainer, performer, DJ, actor and photographer.

He is a member of the Grammy-nominated drum group Young Bird. Additionally, Frejo is an accomplished actor who has appeared in over 20 feature films and television series in his career. These include *The Last of the Mohicans*, *Geronimo*, *Under Siege*, and *Murder She Wrote*.

Recent projects include *Six Pack and Gas Money* with director Steven Paul Judd, and *New World* starring Colin Farrell and Wes Studi.

"In a ceremony years ago, I received the profound message that when we help our people we help ourselves," he said. "It inspired my journey to affect positive change in our communities."

On Tuesday at the camp, Darlene Foster and Alice Sampson spoke to the youth about problem gambling prevention.



Tribal youth at the beach during recent camp.

Courtesy Sarah Frank

Darlene and Alice shared stories of their Elders, and inspired the youth. Later, they taught the youth how to play traditional stick game.

Other traditional crafts and activities included: Moccasin keychain making, Lacrosse/Stickball, Tule headband making, and cedar rose making.

Radine Johnson shared a traditional foods presentation. Youth and staff later gathered around a campfire to listen to Brian Frejo sing and present.

On Wednesday, the Grand Ronde, Coquille and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Indians Canoe Families shared the history of canoes, and then took youth and chaperones on a canoe ride on Devils Lake.

Many youth experiences a canoe ride for the first time. Later, the youth and staff were treated to a campfire with roasted marshmallows and round dance songs by Kelsey, Henry, Sam and Brian.

On Thursday Solomon Trimble and Sarah Wolfe did a suicide prevention presentation, which continued with

a male Talking Circle led by Brian Frejo, and a female Talking Circle led by Sarah.

That evening the camp celebrated with the Nine Tribes Powwow, coordinated by Henry Thunderboy Rondeau, master of ceremony. Host Drum was Fry Bread Cree. Arena director was Taylor Arthur Jr.

Head man was Jasper Smith, and head woman, Kailiyah Kreibeil. The powwow included a lot of laughter, including some provided Micheal Martinez, the Big Foot Calling Contest champion.

Both youth and staff look forward to this camp every year. Staff members told the youth that this was by far the best camp. The youth were on their best behavior.

Problem gambling funds sponsored this year's camp. Thank you, Roxann Jones.

A big thank you to coordinators Julie Johnson—tribal liaison, and addictions and mental health and Burns Piauete coordinators Tracy Kennedy and Lanette Humphrey, who handled the registration and all fiscal mat-

ters.

The camp planning committee members were Julie Johnson, Tracey Kennedy, Lanette Humphrey, Doug Barrett, Laura Anglo, Christina Lara, Lisa Leno, Rusty Butler, Shane Lopez-Johnston, Darlene Foster and Sarah Wolfe.

We don't know where the funding will come for next years camp, but youth and staff are already looking forward to it.

Drought

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A main water line at Sidwalter has been leaking for some time now, said Wasco Chief J.R. Smith.

Utilities and tribal Planning are working on a grant that would fund the installation of residential water meters. The meters would show which homes are over-using water.

Residents may not be aware of their overuse, as water is leaking from pipes without anyone knowing.

The average water use per connection on the reservation is 984 gallons a day, Spino said, while the U.S. average is half that amount of water.

Last summer on the reservation, during an extended heat wave, the drinking water situation approached a critical point.

The water tanks almost ran out of water, which

would have left some residents with no running water.

The treatment plant draws water from the Deschutes. The treated water is then pumped to the community water tanks. These tanks are located at various neighborhoods: Greeley Heights, West Hills, Kah-Nee-Ta, etc.

Last year in mid July, the treatment plant was pumping out 4.25 million gallons of water a day, just 50,000 gallons away from total capacity.

If the use were to exceed capacity, then some people would be without water.

The treatment plant is an older facility, with replacement parts difficult to find. Meanwhile, the population continues to grow, with much-needed new housing coming on line this year.

Museum: Royal Legacy opening

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The first Miss Warm Springs was named in 1950, but the honor became a near-annual tradition starting in 1969.

Here are the former Miss Warm Springs up to the present time:

- 1950 – Kathleen Heath
- 1969 – Dorothy George (Smith)
- 1971 – Debbie Jackson
- 1976 – Sara Greene (Gonzalez)
- 1977 – Aurolyn Stwyer
- 1978 – Jackie Estimo
- 1979 – Sally Rhoan

- 1980 – Minnie Yahtin
- 1981 – Trudee Clements
- 1982 – Lyda Scott (Flowers)
- 1983 – Lenora Starr
- 1984 – Lena Ike
- 1985 – Elfreda Mitchell
- 1986 – Lana Shike (Leonard)
- 1987 – Sara Scott
- 1988 – Bridget Kalama
- 1991 – Nicole Clemens
- 1992-1993 Merle Kirk
- 1994 – Starla Green
- 1995 – Agnes Wolfe
- 1996 – Sunmiat Minnick
- 1997 – Arlissa Rhoan
- 1998 – Jocelyn Moses
- 1999 – Rebecca Soliz

- 2000 – Alyssa Macy
- 2001 – Adrienne Merrifield
- 2002 – Cecelia Herrera
- 2003 – Tilda Walsey
- 2004 – Christine Johnson
- 2006 – Nicole Stwyer
- 2007 – Sallie Polk-Adams
- 2008 – Cyrille Mitchell
- 2009 – Sisiley Scott
- 2010 – Chloe Suppah
- 2011 – Tamara Moody
- 2012 – Jaycelene Frank
- 2013 – Norene Sampson
- 2014 – Charmaine Billey
- 2015 – Suzanne Slockish McConville

Adult Culture Classes in July

Adult Cultural Classes are coming up in July at the Culture and Heritage building. The classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting on July 7.

The July 7 and 14 classes are on medallion beadwork.

The Thursday, July 9 and 16 classes are on wing dresses.

Loom beadwork, ribbon shirts, and breast plate beadwork are subjects for future classes in July and early August.

509-J summer acceleration

Jefferson County School District 509-J is offering a free summer acceleration program for students entering kindergarten and first grade in September. The program will run August 17-21.

Registration forms for the summer acceleration program can be found under the 'Parents' tab on the Jefferson County School District website.

Parents interested in enrolling their children must complete both side of the registration form and return it to their school or mail it before June 30.

Warm Springs Outdoor Market ~ 2015



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