

## Treaty of 1855

Over the course of the three-day meeting in 1855, our leaders agreed to give up 10 million acres of land and reserved land between Mt. Jefferson and the Deschutes River for the exclusive use of the Wasco and Warm Springs Indians.

The federal government agreed to build erect a sawmill, flouring mill, hospital buildings, school house, and to provide services for a term of 15 years of a farmer, blacksmith, wagon and plough maker, physician, sawyer, miller, superintendent of farming, and a school teacher.

The Treaty outlines other areas including how the federal government would provide payment to the Tribes for the promotion and well being of the community, building structures, and erecting homes for head chiefs.

In Article 5, the Treaty discusses allotment of reservation land, and Article 7 states the Tribes will "promise to be friendly with all citizens..." and that we will "not make war on any other tribe of Indians."

On June 25, 1855, one hundred and fifty Indian leaders signed the Treaty and within a few years, the Wasco and Warm Springs people relocated to Central Oregon.

The Wascos settled primarily in the Agency area and the Warm Springs in the Simnasho area.

Leaving the Columbia River, a place where deep cultural and spiritual ties, was a difficult decision for our leaders. But they also exhibited great foresight by ensuring that our people would be able to continue living and practicing our cultural ways. And they reserved our rights to hunt, fish, and gather in usual and accustomed places.

Today, there are many tribal members who fish for smelt along the Sandy River, harvest eels at Willamette Falls, fish along the Columbia River, and hunt and gather roots and berries in various places throughout the state.

We have the ability to continue our practices because of the negotiations that were done on our behalf 160 years ago.

Today's battles for Indian rights are in the courtrooms and in the realm of public opinion. It is with that in mind, that each of us should have a basic working knowledge of the Treaty and for those who want to advocate for our rights within local, state, federal or international forums, a deep understanding of our Nation's founding documents and understanding of familial ties to the Treaty is necessary.

Our Treaty lives within each of us and we have a collective responsibility to honor the work our ancestors by contributing to the positive well being of this community and working to protect what we have.

Our Treaty mattered then, it matters now and it matters for our future.

*Spilyay Speaks*

## Letters to the editor

### The Fourth

Greetings to all. We are looking forward to the Fourth of July and all the festivities.

Summer Recreation cordially invites you to have a float in the Fourth of July Parade. The theme this year is *Let Freedom Ring—This Land is Your Land*.

Parade line-up will be from 9-10 a.m., with judging at 10 o'clock. And the parade starts at 11.

The barbecue is at 12:30, and family games start at 2 p.m. There will be the canoe race, gunny sack race, 3-legged race, water balloon toss, and the watermelon eating contest.

The fireworks display starts at dusk.

Our community members enjoy this family fun activity, and alcohol and drug free day. We are all looking forward to the parade, barbecue, and spectacular fireworks display.

Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please call 541-553-3243.

**Carol Sahme**, Warm Springs Recreation.

### Raffle winners

Congratulations to Jeri Smith, whose ticket was selected and who chose the Okuma Rox 8.5' fishing pole and reel. Equipped with 200 yards of 8-pound line, but holds up to 15-pound line.

The second winner was Tinna Greene, who received the Armitron camouflaged army wrist watch.

Both Jeri and Tinna were multiple ticket buyers.

To all those who bought tickets, Thank you very much for your help. I opened my little ceramic studio last year but quickly found the expense of running to Bend or Portland to get my ceramics fired was a stress on my budget. So I hope to have a kiln one day, but for now buying clay and being able to afford the firings is first.

To all those who bought multiple tickets, one of your tickets will automatically be placed in the bucket for the next raffle, so stayed tuned.

And lastly, to the person whose ticket was first pulled (I did not get a return call in the allotted time, or at all): Your ticket will also be placed in the next raffle bucket. You know who you are.

Thank you everyone! See you in front of the Warm Springs Market soon.

**Pam Jyoti Louis.**

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Camp Naimuma campers at Peter's Pasture. The Culture and Heritage Department hosted the camp early this year to avoid fire season.

### Estate planning

Having a will is recommended for any tribal member over 18.

This is especially recommended for people who have ownership interest in land:

If you die without a will, the American Indian Probate Reform Act will determine

who will receive your trust land.

This summer offers an opportunity for tribal members to develop a will or power of attorney, free of charge.

Adam Mentzer is in Warm Springs through early August. He is a law student at Willamette University School of Law.

Working with a supervising attorney, Adam can help you with the drafting of wills, powers of attorney, and other estate planning services.

His Warm Springs office this summer is at the Community Action Team building on campus, at 1136 Paiute Ave. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. To make an appointment, call 541-553-3148.

### Summer Reading Program at the Warm Springs Library

The Warm Springs Library has a Summer Reading program, and would like to encourage all youth under 18 to participate.

All you need to do is read a book, then fill out a book slip.

Reading slips can be picked up at the Warm Springs Library, or at the Early Childhood Education Center.

On the slips you tell us what you liked about the book, and rate it from 1-5.

Once the slip is filled out, you can turn it in at the Warm Springs library or at ECE. If your name is drawn, you will win a cool prize.

The more slips you turn in, the better your chance of winning. And we accept slips from parents if your child is too young to read. We will also give away prizes to those who turn in the most slips.

The summer reading program goals are:

- To motivate children to read
- To develop positive attitudes about reading books
- To encourage regular use of the library
- To enable children to maintain their reading skills during summer vacation

#### Why is summer reading important?

Research shows that students who read over the summer do better in school in the fall, and out-performed those who did not.

Students who do not read over the summer demonstrate academic loss in the fall. This reading loss is cumulative—by the end of the sixth grade *children who do not read over the summer are two years behind their classmates.*

How can you encourage summer reading?

There are five simple activities you can do to prepare your child to read.

1. Talk with your child.
2. Read with your child.
3. Write with your child.
4. Play with your child
5. Rhyme and sing with your child.

Students will read more when they can choose their own books. And remember, you are your child's first teacher.

Look at picture books with your children who have not learned to read and point out people, animals, and objects in the book.

Read to children and let them to read to you. And don't forget to visit your Warm Springs Library to check out books and other resources.

Questions about the summer reading program? Call the Library at 553-1078.

### 40 year career



Brenda Scott was a bus driver for the Jefferson County 509-J School District for 40 years. She retired recently, and the district paid honor for her years of service. District superintendent Rick Molitor presents Brenda (above) with a commemorative plaque, at a ceremony with other retiring district employees (below).



Photos courtesy of the Madras Pioneer.

### Cooking class

There is a cooking class coming up on Thursday, July 9, from 11a.m.-3 p.m. at the Warm Springs clinic.

The cook will be making a zucchini salad.

For more information call Kacey Conyers, Registered Dietitian, Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center, 541-553-2460 ext. 4160. Or email: kacey.conyers@wstribes.org

## RESPECT

HELP SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU—  
THEY HAVE WALKED MORE MILES THAN YOU.



W.S. Community Counseling Prevention shares this Carol Allison cartoon.