

Tribal update from Council Chairman

Dear Tribal Members:

Itukdi wigwa ku nix pachwai. It's already been a busy summer with the commemoration of the 1855 Treaty with the Middle Bands of Oregon this past month, and I hope you enjoyed the many events held during this annual event.

Our Treaty remains an important pillar of our Nation, and the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council continues to work on behalf of the People to preserve, strengthen and exercise those rights, and to hold the federal government to its Treaty obligations.

During the annual Tribal Leaders Dinner held in conjunction with Pi-Ume-Sha, we were visited by leaders from throughout the nation and the family of our dear friend atwai Vic Atiyeh.

The family had come to this year's event with an important mission—to return home the war bonnet that our Nation gifted him so many years ago.

This gathering of friends and family on this momentous occasion was somber but also uplifting, as we celebrated our friend's life and his contributions to our Nation. We will never forget our friendship with atwai Vic Atiyeh, and we appreciate his family returning the war bonnet to our care.

Drought conditions

As most of you are aware, Central Oregon is facing drought conditions. Both Jefferson and Wasco counties have declared a state of drought emergency and communicated this information to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown.

Locally we are seeing historic low streamflow measurements in our rivers,

threatening and causing damage to our fish, wildlife and cultural resources, and impacting our domestic water resources.

The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council passed a resolution this week declaring a drought emergency, and directed tribal staff and departments to take necessary steps to address and mitigate the current drought emergency.

Each of us also needs to take steps necessary to conserve water—learn more about steps you can take at wateruseitwisely.com

Native Aspirations

I'm excited to share that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has hired 100 youth, ages 14-21, through the Native Aspirations program.

These young people will have an opportunity to gain important job skills while earning money. One of the most important skills that all young people need to learn is that of money management—that being said, I encourage you to think ahead of things you might need for school and plan for that. I encourage you to jot down your responsibilities over the summer and use that information to develop your resume, or to use for college applications, and to take the initiative to learn as much as you can through this experience.

Developing culturally based leadership skills amongst our young people is key to the success of our Nation today and in the future.

Youth Council

One exciting initiative underway in the community is

the re-establishment of the Warm Springs Youth Council, the WSYC.

This group has been meeting regularly to develop a Constitution and By-Laws. They seek to cultivate young leaders in the community, unify youth voices, and most important, to have fun.

This week, seven members of the WSYC will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to attend the first-ever White House Native Youth Gathering and UNITY Conference. You can learn more about the WSYC at: warmspringseyouthcouncil.org

Tribal budget

We are entering an important time for the Nation—our budgeting process.

As I've shared previously in my updates, we will be holding community pre-budget meetings for tribal members to learn about the overall budgeting process, and to provide opportunities for input into the development of the budget.

Information on these gatherings will be posted on the tribes' Facebook page as well our media outlets including KWSO 91.9 and the Spilyay Tymoo.

Stay connected by 'liking' our Facebook page at: facebook.com/CTWSO

In closing, water is one of our most precious resources and all life depends on it. Please take steps to reduce your water usage in your homes, businesses and places of employment. More than ever, we need to work together to ensure that there is enough water for our community and future.

Thank you,
Austin Greene Jr., Tribal Council Chairman.

Warm Springs Recreation hosted the Fourth of July celebration in Warm Springs, with a parade and barbecue, and some family and kids games at the Community Center. There was the gunny sack race (below), watermelon eating contest, water balloons, and a slip-n-slide.



Jayson Smith photos.



Head Start youth health round-up

The Early Childhood Education Head Start program and IHS will be holding a Round-up for all head start children ages 3 and 4. This Round-up includes dental

checks and eye exams as well as physicals and immunizations.

Parents of Head Start children will need to sign up at ECE for time slots. The

days are July 20 and August 10. These physical exams are required each year for children enrolled in Head Start.

Michael and Mary Emhoolah won the first-place ribbon in the Most Patriotic division at the Fourth of July Parade. Mary and Michael are the owner-operators of Emhoolah Trucking Co. Mary is also the TERO director for the Confederated Tribes (story on page 1)



Photo by Adrienne Merrifield

Students post great 4th-quarter grades

The Warm Springs Eagle Academy announced the 2014-15 fourth quarter Honor Roll.

Sixth Grade Honors - 3.0-3.5 GPA

Katrina Wolfe, Jason Tohet Jr., Clarice Clements, Eleana Lawson, Margaret Guardipee VanPelt, Shawneen Johns, Eliza Stwyer, Waldon Winishut, Mikah Estrada, Frederick Ike III, Jarrin Martinez, Mashauni Smith, Jocixx Hintsatake, Jacob Kasinger, Joshua Olney, Alina Smith, Mark Johnson III, Aaliyah Martinez, Delleena Plouffe, Patricia Speakthunder.

Sixth Grade High Honors - 3.5-3.9 GPA

Derrek Main, Elijah Miller, Natalia Tewee, Aurora Squiemphen, Harlee

David, Perseus Bradley, Deshaun Chavez, Taya Holliday, Kaylobe Picard, Hermione Johnson, Relda Jack Melvin.

Sixth Grade Highest Honors - 4.0 GPA

Dylan Heath, Kathyryce Danzuka, Jayden Davis, Elizabeth Antunez.

Seventh Grade Honors

Donnie Bagley Jr., Aramus Rubio, Oriana Foltz, Donaven Kalama, Timoteo Hisatake, Lane Scott, Alex Smith Morales, Dominique Walker, Leander Smith, Sidney Kalama, Jenilee Squiemphen, Sha'Rita Johns, Ivory Kalama, Fawntana Arthur.

Seventh Grade High Honors

Niya Bagley, Robert Charley III, Ulises Bradley,

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Skyla Williams

Eighth Grade Honors

Jocene Tufti, Thalia Culpus, Gary Chiquito Katchia Jr., Chloe Smith, Ellikaya Lopez, Racquel Smith, Raelynn Jim, Kiandra Smith, Samiakin Allen, Unique Bryant, Ikeana Kalama, Inez Gomez Queahpama, Trinite Tail, Marissa Andy, Jimmy Rodriguez Jim.

Eighth Grade High Honors

Destiny Wewa, Gracie Ila Whiteplume.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

MaryOlney, and Michele Johnson.

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