

Boots on the ground

by Alyssa Macy

Some of the hardest work I've done in my career has been organizing for issue based campaigns and partisan/non-partisan get-out-the-vote efforts. While we always incorporated an element of on-line work, the bulk of it was done through face-to-face interactions and boots on the ground.

During the 2004 elections, I worked with the largest non-partisan get-out-the-vote (GOTV) effort in the country, managing statewide initiatives in the Midwest and Southwest, and eventually working alongside a great group of individuals with the inaugural Native Vote effort. I also ran partisan Native Vote efforts in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and worked on a number of issue-based campaigns.

When you work on campaigns you have to give 150 percent and then some. Campaign directors are responsible for developing plans and budgets, raising money, training organizers, developing messaging, raising more money, knocking on doors, and talking with voters. There is hardly time to sleep. And after Election Day, there is a required 2-week vacation to try and piece your life back together. If you lose, you need an additional 2 weeks.

I got involved with campaigns because I wanted change. I knew that I could not change things alone so I connected with people who shared the same passion. Together we refined issues, researched, brainstormed strategies and tactics we could implement, and did the work. It was always hard work.

It was through these experiences that I began to understand power and politics in a very real way. That change required working within some processes (like advocating within governments at various levels), outside processes (like political actions). It meant understanding what the rules of engagement were—specifically governmental structures, policies and procedures, and law.

Being effective in this role also required that I understood issues from multiple perspectives. It meant doing my research and operating on fact. Giving partial or misleading information is not an effective way to gain supporters.

Being an effective change maker has also meant that I've had to check my ego at the door, listen, and most important, empower individuals to speak for themselves. It has also meant that I can't take everything personal—the reality is we won't agree on every issue.

Many lessons I learned in organizing also apply to being in a leadership position. Listen to your constituents, communicate, do your research, operate on fact, empower the community, work hard, actively engage in dialogue, don't take it personal.

Despite some of the challenges our community has faced these past few years, I remain optimistic about our potential. I know that positive change can happen—let's put our boots on the ground to move forward together.

Spilyay Speaks

Letters to the editor



Thank you to Chilkat Enterprise, Waylon and Tiffany Beymer, for purchasing my goat at the 2015 Jefferson County Fair Market Animal Sale. Your support and generosity are very much appreciated. Thank you again. ~ Dylan Heath

Summer Nights

On behalf of the Hot Summer Nights Powwow and Encampment Powwow, we would like to offer this public acknowledgment thanking all those who participated and helped to make our little event the best it possibly could be.

During the two days of celebrating we ate, we played and we visited. We had visitors from Phoenix, Ariz., the Zuni New Mexico engine crews, Chiloquin, White Swan Wash., Sandy, the visiting church group plus all of our local pow-wowers.

We couldn't have had a powwow without the big drums, so thanks to Big Pine Cone, Slammin Salmon from Yakama, Eagle Thunder, Indigenous Love Makers Nation, Horse Thieves from Chiloquin, and Quartz Creek.

We appreciated that you came to sing and have a good time. We want to thank the parents and grand parents for bringing all the young people to dance, as it was great to see the floor full of dancers. Carlos Calica was providing the voice as the MC for Wednesday evening. The Simnasho Derby was a hit with all those who participated, and a big shout out to the engine crews from Zuni New Mexico for coming up and joining us for the evening and providing some good chuckles during your special race.

We had just over a dozen participants for the fun run on Wednesday morning, and afterwards we shared a meal at the fun run luncheon. Each participant received a sling bag.

On Wednesday evening we had an awesome Luc A Meen Queen Traditional Stick Horse Parade honoring the current Luc A Meen Queen Alyssa Macy and former luc a meen queens. This may become an annual thing.

We want to thank the following individuals for the donations (cash/gifts) towards the powwow: Lois Knight, Lisa Lomas family, Marge Kalama, Mike Collins family, Austin Greene and our special elder from the northend. Also those that chipped in cash for the games/stick horse race prize money, thanks. For those that brought the food donations, we appreciated it as we all helped to feed the people and treat them in a good way.

I know everyone appreciated the Tribal Utilities Department for providing the porta potties!

Its always nice to see our Tribal Council present and we appreciate your presence Chief Delvis Heath, Austin Greene, Evaline Patt and Ray Tsumpti. We were happy to see Miss Yakama Nation Lamt Kusi Wallulatam and Miss Pi-Ume-Sha 2015 Kianna as they came to celebrate with us.

We started working on the grounds at the end of March, so I want to thank my sons for helping to build and create a better powwow grounds, my daughters and their mates for coming to help as their schedule allowed, and my tilla's for coming and providing the spark we needed.

A big thank you to Nonie for her artwork for powwow shirt, putting up with me, and feeding all of us when we were tired and hungry. We also want to thank our children's Ulla Charlotte as she was there cooking, cleaning and she also provided the stuffed animals for the kids.

We appreciated everyone that came to have fun without the lure of big money. We provided trophies, blankets, buckskin and some dollars to the winners of our specials and shared gifts as far as we could. We hope you had fun and we look forward to doing this again in 2016.

Captain Moody and Family

Head Start celebrating 50 Year Anniversary

In 1965, Warm Springs was selected to pilot a two-month Head Start program which eventually grew to a 10-month program.

Originally, the Head Start program was housed in the Presbyterian Church on campus. But as it and its current building partner, Tribal Day Care, grew in size, the tribes recognized the need to provide a larger central facility.

In 1989, tribal voters approved a \$1 million dollar contribution that was matched by the Head Start program. The funds were used to create the current Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center.

The center was completed in 1992, and the Head Start program has now been in operation at this location for 23 years.

Warm Springs Head Start serves more than 125 children and families in its center-based program.

There are nine Head Start classrooms: Four 10-month part-day classrooms, and five full-year, full day classrooms.

The change from 10-month full day classrooms to 12-month full day classrooms is recent, and in direct response to the need of working families.

Many families have parents and guardians who work full-time in order to meet the basic needs of their family. While the parents and guardians are employed full time, they still do not make enough



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Warm Springs Early Head Start serves 34 children and families in its home-based option, providing 1.5-hour home visits per week, and two group socializations opportunities per month.

Warm Springs Head Start employs 36 people.

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We invite the Community of Warm Springs to join us

in celebrating 50 years of partnering with the Head Start program to provide services to children and families in this community. And we look ahead to the next 50 years.

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating by attending an event at the Warm Springs Community Center on Monday, August 31 from 8-5 p.m.

We will have a guest speaker, Mitch Factor, Head Start Teacher and motivational speaker. There will be lunch, games and more.

Please join us in celebrating the partnership between Head Start and the Warm Springs Community.

Parents, Volunteers, governing body, policy council and staff are what makes the program a success! Let's take time to celebrate!

Kirstin Ann Hisatake, Head Start/Early Head Start administrator, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

On Tribal Council agenda for August

On the Tribal Council agenda for August is a visit from Oregon Sen. Ted Ferrioli, (R-John Day), of the state District 30.

The district includes the reservation area. Sen. Ferrioli is scheduled to meet with Tribal Council at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 10.

Next on the Council agenda on August 10 is an update from Warm Springs Ventures, presented by interim Ventures chief executive officer Don Sampson.

In August, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians will host a Tech-

nology Summit at Portland. This will be August 11-13.

Council will be in regular session on Monday, August 17, with a secretary-treasurer update, scheduling of the September agenda, draft resolutions, legislative update and enrollments.

A Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition meeting is set for Monday through Friday, August 17-21; and an Oregon Tribes meeting is scheduled for August 18.

Boards, IHS, CRITFC

Board appointments are set for 10 a.m. on Monday, August 24, conducted by Lynn Davis, director of ad-

ministrative services.

An Indian Health Service meeting with the tribes, and a meeting with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission are on the agenda at the end of August.

Note: All draft resolutions must be sent to the secretary-treasurer by email in Word form two weeks prior to being taken into Council for presentation. Copy to Lynn Davis at the management office. The emails are: Michael.collins@wstribes.org ldavis@wstribes.org



Curb, sidewalk, road and other construction work continues at the Greeley Heights subdivision, the 35-unit project of the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

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