

## Letters to the editor

### To Miss Warm Springs candidates

The Miss Warm Springs Committee is looking for young women who are interested in being Miss Warm Springs 2016.

The pageant is currently planned for December 28. If you are interested, please call the Tribal Council office at 541-553-3257. Or you can email:

minnie.yahtin@wstribes.org

### Basketweavers

The Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association held its annual gathering at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, October 2-3, 2015.

There were visitors from all over the Northwest, as well as visitors from New Zealand and Hawaii.

We would like to thank this time to thank everyone that helped make this gathering possible. Thank you:

Tribal Council, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and staff, the Culture and Heritage Department, and the Culture and Heritage Committee.

Thank you to the Health and Wellness coordinators, EMTs/CHRs, the dancers, dance groups and drummers.

Thank you Indian Head Casino, the Museum At Warm Spring, KWSO, the KWSO Cultural Program coordinator, the Fish and Wildlife Committee, Natural Resources, Cultural Resources, the Prevention Program.

Thank you to the Tribal Youth Council, Mackie Begay, the cooks, NNABA, the Eagle Crossing staff, all of the volunteers, and anyone else we may have missed.

Sincerely, **Warm Springs Basket-weavers Planning Committee.**

### Thanksgiving

Please join us for an old fashioned community Thanksgiving dinner.

On behalf of the Warm Springs Shaker Church membership we are pleased to announce and invite the community to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 25, at 6 p.m. in the Shaker Church dining hall.

Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share, and enjoy a nice dinner together and fellowship in giving thanks.

Open Church: On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26-28, we will serve dinner in the dining hall at 6

p.m. each night with healing prayer services to follow immediately at 7 in the Shaker Church.

On Sunday, November 29, at 10 a.m. we will have our weekly Garment Service.

Thank You. **Frank P. Charley**, Minister of Warm Springs Shaker Church.

### Lost dog

Lost: A black hot dog chihuahua, female, answers to the name of Bella. She is a companion to me. She has been gone for four weeks. So whoever picked her up, please bring her home. No questions. 6510 Hwy 3, mp 7; **Alexander R. Tohet**, 541-977-6260.

### A thank you

Hello to my people,

I am sorry to take this long to write this thank you.

I am glad for all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the people who came to my house, to shake a hand with all of us and give us a word of encouragement. That was a lot, and made us feel stronger in our heart, to bare with the passing of our mother, grandma and great grandma, an aunt to all of the kids sitting in the home.

I also want to say a big thank-you from our heart, to the people who came and had services, the Wa-Shut, Waas Clickt, Medicine Society, and for all the Shakers who showed up and said prayers for all the children. And thank you for cleaning the home, so when people came by, the house was clean.

An extra big thanks to Aunty Pat Tanewasha for being with us all and cooking all those good meals. Soon as she hollered time to eat, everyone jumped up to get in line. Nobody dragged their feet. And it was quiet, no noise while everybody was eating. And the older kids knew what to do, to start taking stuff off the wall and wipe the walls clean.

Thank you Roxanne. I knew you wanted to take her to the church, but most of the elders who were there said go to the Longhouse. After supper the Shaker Church crew got together and held a nice service, then Washut started when the Shakers were done. Thank you to all the drummer that carried on with the service, and the bellman, always good to hear him.

And a big thank you to

Taco Sam, relatives and cooks at the Longhouse. Nice meals, and on time. Maybe we can use you all for whatever happens.

Thank you to the gravediggers. Okay I may have missed someone but you are still in our minds.

A big thank-you to all for helping out one way or another:

Washumps, son; Kit ta and Chet Tias, my daughter; Shum in Wash, my granddaughter; David LeClaire Sr., my son; Rosanne McKinley, my new daughter. Bunny Frank and family. Carol Parra and kids. Lillian Frank and kids. Iona Waheneka and kids. Antoinette Lillie, Lucille Geary, Orlando Polk and kids. Monte McKinley, Mallory Polk and family. Adele Waheneka, Aunty Pat Tanewasha, and Aunty Millie Colwash.

We need to meet and talk over things for the memorial on September 10, 2016. Please try to make this happen soon. Call Bunny, 541-390-2227. Reason for this is to see who wants to help with the memorial.

**Alexander Tohet**

### Forgiveness

To the Warm Springs Tribes and my awesome children, I have a repentance. I am currently serving a 10-month sentence in the Jefferson County Correctional Facility. I would not object to any pen-pal correspondence.

I am a believer in God and His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and mediator. A great blessing has come to me in a book called "The Bait of Satan," written by John Bevere. I was born a sinner. I have committed numerous offenses against others and been offended by others all my life. That's the topic of this book. I recommend it to the world.

Matthew 6:12 states, "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." I have an impossible debt toward the tribes of Warm Springs, my relatives, and especially toward my children, please hear me. I've brought shame, anger, hatred and disappointment to all of you. This is my debt. I apologize to you, I ask for your forgiveness, and leave the rest to you and our Savior. I have been lost, Godless, for all my life, but finally enlightenment has dawned upon my heart and spirit...

I beg for your forgiveness... May God bless you all and walk in your soul daily, Amen. With a sincere heart, **Tyree Stormbringer.**

### Belated wish...

I would like to wish my late dad Buford Johnson Jr. a belated Happy Birthday. I really miss you.

Each day I think about what it is that you want me to be doing. Your spirit will forever be in my heart. "Atowishanash."

Anyone who wants to write to me please write. I'm lonely. You can reach me at: **Otis Johnson**, 205 S. Columbus Ave., MSCh 6, Goldendale, WA 98620.

### Climate change, first foods focus of internship

For several months, Alexandria Anguiano, Ange, worked as a climate change intern at the Branch of Natural Resources.

With support from Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission's TRAIL internship program, students may gain experience and carry out projects within the natural resources sector.

College students are selected through a competitive application process from member tribes.

While learning more about natural resources, interns contribute through hands-on experience and by spearheading their own project with support from technical staff.

Other student projects included GIS, and how forestry practices impact soils and wildlife habitat.

During the past summer and into fall, Ange worked with different departments including fisheries, agriculture, and the environmental departments within the Branch of Natural Resources.

She networked with local nonprofits, and learned more about the important roles they fill for community needs.

On the farm, Ange gained insight into the agricultural practices of her family. Her grandfather raised crops in Simnasho,



Ange Anguiano

but with changes to the economy, likely brought on by World War II, Ange stated those practices "were not passed on."

Working on the farm, gave her insight into her families' heritage and the challenges hot weather brings to raising crops.

In addition to her experiences within departments, she worked with the Climate Change Working Group. This is a consortium of staff from throughout the tribal government, committee members, and natural resources staff that are working towards greater climate change readiness.

She spoke on KWSO about impacts to first foods, as a traditional gatherer.

As part of the outreach efforts, she entered in results of the community survey on climate change. Her background in culture, as a

student and mother resulted in unique insights into issues the tribes address through traditional practices and management.

Ange's independent research project included looking at climate information and how different conditions relate to some first foods.

Her work indicated a strong connection between precipitation and temperature with the timing of huckleberry ripening.

She employed archival research methodology, visiting the records department, and using an online database.

The final report detailed her work experiences, findings and connections between natural resources management and protecting tribal ways.

Her findings were presented to the Climate Change Working Group. As a community member, traditional gatherer and mother, her report is at the crux of important issues concerning the tribes.

"The experience provided me insight into how much goes into taking care of streams and water," Ange said.

The internship demonstrated for her that areas of Natural Resources coincide with her academic goals.

### Horse Network has foals for adoption

The Warm Springs Horse Network works to adopt out young horses from the reservation.

The Horse Network is a non-profit dedicated to the placement of equine from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Central Oregon

#### About us

May 2014 marked the first month we picked up orphaned foals and weaned them from the Warm Springs Reservation.

A small group of friends now work together to provide the smoothest transition for these foals from the wild to domestication.

Shontae Thomas is the contact person to set up appointments to see the foals.

Robbi is our expert on foal care, and is housing the foals. Beth is our photographer, advertiser and PR person.

Tori lends special thoughtful consideration to our decisions, specifically in the area of finances and legalities.

In January the Warm Springs Horse Network officially became a nonprofit LLC. You can reach the Net-

work at: [wshorsenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:wshorsenetwork@gmail.com)

#### The privilege

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is working very hard at managing the number of horses by gelding, adoptions, selling and the like.

However, due to land degradation and many other factors, the need necessitates the immediate and permanent removal of some horses from the range.

This removal leaves some foals available for adoption. We ask for your complete consideration regarding the respect of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

As a sovereign nation the tribe has complete authority over the wildlife and the land.

The Horse Network has been given the privilege of homing the foals. We wish only to continue working with the Range manager.

These horses are designated as Pacific Northwest American Heritage Horses.

During peak foaling season 5-14 foals are available per week. The Warm Springs Reservation produces every color and varying age, as well

as different breeds.

We have seen many duns, paints, blacks and appaloosas; however they are mostly sorrels and bays.

The foals are high quality, exhibit exceptional bone, conformation, endurance and intelligence.

Once gentled, they prove to be exceptional partners. Generally speaking they are harder than domestic horses.

We are proud of our Pacific Northwest American Heritage Foals from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

You may register your foal with the AIHR American Indian Horse Registry.

#### Adoption fees

The adoption fee in 2015 is \$125 per foal. Donations are vital to the well-being of all the foals. Donations help cover transportation, feed and medical attention.

#### The Warm Springs Horse Network

### Carol's Birthday

An Eightieth Birthday Celebration for Carol Allison is set for December 5 at the Warm Springs Community Center. The party will be from 12 noon till 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited for a meal, cake and ice cream, and to share your memories of Carol's Room.

Warm Springs Recreation and the Health and Human Services Branch wish to thank the people who showed up on Halloween for Trunk-or-Treat.



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