

# 2015 Year in Review

## July

Members of the **Warm Springs Youth Council** traveled to the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering, held in Washington, D.C.

"This trip was a once in a lifetime experience," Keeyana Yellowman, Youth Council member, reported upon their return. "And the Warm Springs Youth Council members who participated were very blessed to have been apart of it. Elsewhere:



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In July, John Ball Jr., Rose Ball (with baby), Taya Holliday (cutting ribbon), Darrell Ball and Tribal Councilman Scott Moses dedicate one of the new Greeley Heights houses.

The Warm Springs **Forest Products Industries** management and board have come up with a plan that should keep the mill operating for at least the next couple of years.

Part of the plan involved a downsizing. The mill had to cut about 20 jobs, and now employs 86 people. Seventy-seven percent of the employees are tribal members or married in to the tribe.

staying there during the worst days of the fire. In other August news:

The **Roots program** received some good news: The Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded Roots a grant in the amount of \$147,696. In other August education news on the reservation:

Some important changes are coming up this school year at the **Warm Springs k-8 Eagle Academy**. There are new bus routes, new school hours, and new staff at the academy, entering its second year. And this:

The Nestlé company and the city of Cascade Locks have been planning the commercial use and sale of **Oxbow Springs water**.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are against the idea as proposed. The proposal is seen as another threat to tribal water, fisheries and other treaty rights. The treaty rights date back at least to 1855, earlier than any other.

Nestlé is proposing to build a water bottling plant at Cascade Locks. The idea would involve the removal of about 118 million gallons of water per year from the pris-

tine Oxbow Springs, the water source for the Oxbow Fish Hatchery.

## September

Glendon Smith joined tribal management full-time as **secretary-treasurer**. Smith served seven years as an associate judge on the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

Glendon has a Bachelor's Degree from Oregon State University, and a Master's Degree in justice administration from the University of Phoenix. Also in September:

The Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce named Warm Springs language teacher **Suzie Slockish the Senior Citizen of the Year** at their awards banquet, held at the Erickson Aircraft Collection museum. Suzie has been a language teacher at Culture and Heritage for more than 20 years. And this from Culture and Heritage:

In September a team from Warm Springs Culture and Heritage visited the **Smithsonian Archives** in

Washington, D.C. They spent a week making an inventory of the Archives' Native American high plateau items.

The Archives collection is extraordinary. They have a Wasco wedding veil from the 1850s, adorned with Chinese coins dating from sometime between 1664 and 1774.

The collection includes hundreds of pages of 19<sup>th</sup> century written documents of Kiksht translations. Elsewhere:

The Confederated Tribes received word of a grant award of more than \$830,000, to be used for **Public Safety and the Victims of Crime Services**. The Warm Springs Police Department will use some of the funding to buy new police cars.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is beginning the second phase of a **geothermal research project**. Power and Water, and the Confederated Tribes learned last week they have received a grant in the amount of \$580,000 to pursue the research.

**Warm Springs Ventures** met with community members to discuss the economic aspect of the legalization of cannabis in Oregon.

The goal of Ventures is to create jobs and generate revenue for the tribes. Cannabis can now be seen as a potential economic development opportunity, Sampson said.

Ventures' initial research into this area, as approved by Tribal Council, shows an opportunity for significant revenue—more than \$13 million net the first year—plus good-paying jobs in the greenhouse or greenhouses.

## October

Isaiah Florendo had a winning day at the Cowdeo: He won four prize buckles, and the **All Around Cowdeo**

**Saddle**. In other rodeo news:

Jenna Johnson is the highest qualifier in Ladies Breakaway Roping at this year's **Indian National Finals Rodeo**. She and eight other folks from Warm Springs will be competing at the 2015 Indian National Finals Rodeo, coming up in November. In other news:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture produced a video featuring the Warm Springs **k-8 Academy** and the community of Warm Springs.

USDA representatives were in Warm Springs, meeting with Tribal Council, asking permission to release the video online.

Tribal Council last week appointed **two new judges** to the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes. The new Chief Judge is Lorintha Umtuch, and the new Associate Judge is Maria Godines. They join Judge Lisa Lomas on the court. And this:

A proposal to **amend the Tribal Constitution**, regarding the Tribal Council and elections, may have enough signatures to require a tribal referendum, to be conducted by the BIA.

This month the group that gathered the signatures submitted the petition and signature sheets to the Warm Springs Agency BIA Superintendent. The proposed changes are significant in regard to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes.

Voting would be at large, rather than by district, and there would be no life-time positions on the Council, for instance. Meanwhile:

The Confederated Tribes hosted the **Honoring Veterans Powwow** at the Agency Longhouse. The powwow was during the mid November weekend following the Veterans Day Parade.

## November

Walter 'Spud' Langnese retired from the **Tribal Court**, after 18 years on the bench. For the past two years he has been the Chief Judge. Elsewhere:

Tribal Council set December 17 for a referendum on the **cannabis project**. In other November news:



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Warm Springs Youth Council at the Capitol: Keeyana Yellowman, Mitchell Lira, Ashley Meanus, Gavin Begay, Summer Brunoe, Malia Collins and Feliciano Conner (from left).

## Confederated Tribes' Master Jurors List for 2016 - January - February

Tribal Council approved the 2016 Master Jurors List, as presented by the Tribal Court. The following are the individuals listed in the master list for the months of January and February 2016:

- Adams, Jessie Lu
- Adams, Vernita Marie
- Aguilar, Myntora L. M
- Allen, Reynolds
- Anderson Sr., Steven
- Neal
- Antunez, Evaristo Jesus
- Baez, Veronica Lynne
- Becerra Jr., Victor
- Marcelo
- Belgard Sr., David Keith
- Beyster, Ruth Anne
- Boileau, Arlene Fay
- Boise, Nena Thomas
- Bruised Head, Sammy
- Kay
- Bryant, Joann Joyce
- Caldera, Le Minnie
- Wilma
- Calica, Rusty Jones
- Charley, Celestine Mae
- Chase, Leon Curtis
- Clements, Denise
- Georgette
- Cloud, Idelia Margaret
- Cook, Jerald Wendell
- Craig, Esmeralda
- Culpus Jr., Sammy Lloyd
- Culpus Sr., Emerson
- Danzuka, Ashlynn Rochelle
- Danzuka, Willie George
- Davis Jr., Dominic Chris

- Dick, Carroll Nina
- Doney, Jennifer Ann
- Estimo Sr., Alfred
- Glenn
- Florez, Marena Lee
- Frank Sr., Floyd Christopher
- Frank, Ida Carol
- Fuentes, Andy Ray
- Garate, Maria Allie
- George, Winona Marie
- Gilbert, Evelyn Alice
- Gleason, Adeline Christina
- Govenor, Maureen
- Rochell
- Graybael, Rosa Jean
- Greene, Danica Cecilia
- Greene, Roscoe Harvey
- Gurrola-Smith, William
- Cesar
- Heath, Ronald William
- Heath, Jackson Genery
- Heath, Sonia Darcell
- Henry, Anthony
- Hintsala, Jason Harold
- Hoptowitz Sr., Lance
- Hunter
- Hudson, Charles Alfred
- Ike, Sarah Patt
- Jack, Nicole Videll
- Jackson, Lalovi Lucille
- James, Dorothy Jean
- Jim, Geraldine
- Jim, Ricky Joshua
- Johnson, Christine Verna
- Johnson, Josephine Ann
- Johnson, Rosalind Kim
- Johnson, Wendi Una
- Kalama III, Perry
- Kukulup

- Kalama, Colleen Marilyn
- Kalama, Judith Jill
- Kalama, Pamela Tasia
- Kalama, Timothy Tyler
- Katchia, Catherine Ann
- Katchia, William
- Keo, Georgette Sally
- Kirk, Alysia Jolene
- Langley, Linda Ladine
- Lawson, Estelle Gilla
- Leonard III, Uren Jones
- Lillie, Candace Marie
- Louis, Pamela Joan
- Macy, Marcia Annette
- Manion, Edwin Dean
- Martinez, Victoria
- McGill, Tallulah Fawn
- Meanus, Machell Anne
- Medrano, Eliza Shirley
- Miller, Cody Lee
- Miller, Isaiah Abraham
- Miller, Sharon Kay
- Mitchell, Allen Young
- Mitchell, Kimiko Larie
- Moody, Kapri Clara
- Moran, James Earl
- Northrup, Galen Joshua
- Palmer, Raynele Monica
- Payne IV, Walter Roland
- Picard-Smith, Denise
- Gail
- Polk, Angela Rayleen
- Polk-Lopez, Ada Julia
- Rabbie, Terrine Marie
- Renfro, Brian Avery
- Robinson, Chanda
- Michelle
- Rowe IV, Richard Dick
- Sahme Jr., Milton Peters
- Sam Smith, Troy Virgil
- Sampson Jr., Gary Paul

- Sanders Jr., Jeffery Edward
- Santos, Isaac Allen
- Scott Jr., Melvin Ray
- Scott, Earnel Vince
- Scott, Saraphina Marie
- Shaw, Mavis Gail
- Simtustus, Lianna May
- Simtustus-Chavez, Joie
- Rae
- Smith IV, Alvis Wesley
- Smith Jr., William Kanim
- Smith Sr., Ray Wesley
- Smith, Amanda Janel
- Smith, Darryl Lawrence
- Smith, Frank Wesley
- Smith, Jamie
- Smith, Jo Ann
- Smith, Kaleb David
- Smith, Lephia Marie
- Smith, Mario Louis
- Towash
- Smith, Randolph Henry
- Smith, Roger Dee
- Smith, Taylor Josepha
- Smith-Cochran, Mona
- Laverne
- Sohappy, Andrea Ann
- Spaulding, Kathleen J
- Spino, Delila Ann
- Spino, Theron Alexander
- Squiemphen, Lois Ellen
- Stacona, William Curtis
- Starr, Joseph Richard
- Stevens, Daleena Mae
- Stormbringer, Loreen
- Grace
- Strong, Aaron James
- Stwyer, Brandi Jo
- Suppah, Amy Carlene
- Suppah, Frankie

- Suppah, Manda May
- Suppah, Vernon Clarence
- Switzler Sr., Jasper Eneas
- Tailfeathers Jr., Charles
- Lee
- Tanewasha, Trish
- Stephanie
- Tenorio-Stormbringer, Cari Ann
- Tewee, Forrest Nelson
- Thomas Jr., Robert Neil
- Thomas, Vera Lilie
- Thompson, Susie Renee
- Tias, Sonya Lynne
- Tom, Eldon Lawney
- Tufti, Gerald Edwin
- Vaeth, Stephen Paul
- Vanpelt, Anthony Jay
- Viviano, Clara Brittany
- Waheneka, Latisha
- Malika
- Wainanwit, Timothy
- James
- Wallulatum, Cody Custer
- Wallulatum, Ralph Eric
- Warner, Robin Ann
- Wesley, Jamey Francine
- Wewa, Kelly Muniz
- Whitelance, Patricia
- Saralee
- Williams, Leander D
- Wilson, Vickie Ann
- Winshut, Joseph Dixon
- Wolfe, Marissa
- Wolfe, Mary Elizabeth
- Yahtin, Shawnel Anna
- Youngman, Jolene Kay
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