

Letters to the editor

OHSU visit

Hey friends,
A heartfelt note from the Center for Healthy Communities at OHSU's Center for Disease Control Project officer Tracey Hardy. She visited in April, including a visit to the Warm Springs Reservation.

You made a great impression, and collectively we can make a difference.

Aheheel! Thank you! For what you do and for being community. Your time was so appreciated.

Best!

Michelle Singer, project manager, Native STAND, Center for Healthy Communities at OHSU
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Honor Seniors

We are getting ready for the Twenty-Sixth Annual Honor Seniors Day, coming up on May 13 at Agency Longhouse.

If you want to volunteer to help out in some way, contact us at 553-3313.

The Senior Program.

Birth

Jeremy Killsfirst and Ambrosia Suppah are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jerelyn Alyse Killsfirst, born on March 23, 2016.

Jerelyn joins brothers Dolan, 15, Tyson, 12, and Jeremy, 13; and sister Shirleen, 16.

Grandparents on the father's side are Paul Killsfirst of Apache, Okla.; and Patti Aahaity of Lawton, Okla.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Erland and Sally Suppah of Warm Springs.

At Center

Community Counseling hosts Anger Management group meetings every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Meets are set for this Wednesday, April 27; and on May 11, 18 and 25. The meetings will run through June 22.

For any questions, please call Alice Sampson at the Community Counseling Center, 541-553-3205.

Scholarship

The Washington State University tribal scholarship application deadline has been extended to June 1. Students who will be an in-

coming freshman or transfer student at WSU in fall of 2016 are highly encouraged to apply.

Please contact **Faith Price** at WSU Native American Programs if you have any questions, at 509-335-5849 or: faith.price@wsu.edu.

Food Bank

The Warm Springs Food Bank is serving an increasing number of clients.

The Food Bank always welcomes contributions of canned or dry goods, or other assistance.

The Food Bank is at the Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Rick Ribeiro.

You can reach him at 541-553-1237, or 541-325-1741. His email is: rribeiro@madras.net

Memorial tournament

The fundraiser tournament for David White is coming up on Friday, May 6.

We will have a breakfast for \$6; lunch for \$7; and dinner for \$6. This will be at the Agency Longhouse.

The breakfast will include chorizo/egg, potato plates with salsa. Lunch will be carne asada, adobada tacos with rice and beans.

And dinner will be Pozole, and there will be a bake sale also.

For deliveries, or more information, call Edna at 541-325-6038; or Eileen at 325-2109.

Boys & Girls fundraiser

A reminder to parents and community members:

Our annual Boys & Girls Club of Warm Springs fundraiser is coming up in June.

The fundraiser, Great Futures Start Here, will be on Saturday, June 18 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa.

Meanwhile, we will be out in the community seeking donations for our silent and live auction items. We would really appreciate a donation or your assistance with collecting donations for the event. All the proceeds raised will be used for program supplies including snacks for the youth.

You can contact me at the club, 541-553-2323; or email: jsmith@bgcsc.org. Thank You. **June Smith**, club director.

Magical evening at Honor Dinner

The Museum at Warm Springs hosted the Fourteenth Annual Honor Dinner earlier this month.

The Honor Dinner was initiated in 2003 by the museum board of directors to honor individuals whose tireless work on behalf of Native Americans is an example to all Americans.

Former governor atwai Victor Atiyeh was the first Twanat Award recipient, recognizing his achievements on behalf of Native Americans.

In 2006 the museum board of directors added the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes the contributions of individuals or groups who support the art and heritage of Oregon's Native American communities.

Richard L. Kohnstamm of Timberline Lodge was the first Lifetime Achievement Award honoree.

Honor Dinner

This year's award dinner evening began with the presentation of colors by members of the BIA staff. BIA regional director Stanley Speaks was master of ceremonies. He welcomed the nearly 200 guests, and recognized our neighboring tribes who were in attendance. Mr. Speaks serves on the museum board.

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath Sr. then opened the evening with a prayer and a song. Chief Heath has been involved with the museum from the beginning. He has served on the museum board, and is now a director emeritus.

Douglas Goe, the museum board president, greeted and welcomed the guests and acknowledged the Honor Dinner sponsors, as well as the board members, Board of Regents, and museum staff.

Miss Warm Springs 2016 Keeyana Yellowman greeted the crowd, and sang a beautiful song which she composed in her Native language.

The Award Ceremony began with the presentation of the Twanat Award.

Twanat award

The museum named former governor Ted Kulongoski as this year's recipient of the Twanat Award.

Gov. Kate Brown was called on to introduce Mr. Kulongoski, and speak of his accomplishments, and work on behalf of the tribes and the museum.

Museum board president Goe presented the award plaque to Mr. Kulongoski. An embroidered Pendleton blanket titled *The River People* was gifted to him from the



Governor Kate Brown, Miss Warm Springs 2011 Tamera Moody, and Twanat Award recipient, former governor Ted Kulongoski. Mr. Kulongoski, a long-time supporter of the Confederated Tribes, served two terms as governor, and also served as Oregon Attorney General, and was an Associate Justice on the Oregon Supreme Court.



Miss Warm Springs Keeyana Yellowman with surprise guest Winona LaDuke.

Courtesy Museum at Warm Springs

museum by Miss Warm Springs, followed by remarks from the former governor.

Mr. Kulongoski was Oregon's thirty-sixth governor. He served two terms, from 2003-2011.

Lifetime Achievement

A Museum at Warm Springs Lifetime Achievement Award went to the late Jeanie Thompson Smith.

Jeanie Thompson Smith's good friend Myrna Clements shared wonderful stories about Jeanie, her career, her support of the arts, and her history with the museum.

Jeanie's husband Ken Smith accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award in her memory. A white pine tree was gifted to Ken to be planted in her honor.

Jeanie was a steadfast supporter of the museum since the beginning. She believed in our efforts and mission to preserve, teach and share the history and culture of our Tribes.

Lifetime Achievement

The museum chose Dr. Thomas Creelman for a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Creelman's longtime friend and associate Dean Seyler shared stories and history from their days working together at the Warm Springs Indian Health Service.

The award was presented by Mr. Speaks. A beaded stethoscope was gifted to Dr. Creelman from the museum by Miss Warm

Springs, followed by remarks from the doctor.

Dr. Creelman began his career at the Warm Springs Indian Health Service in 1975.

Forty-one years later, Dr. Creelman is a beloved part of the Warm Springs community.

Honored guests

Among the two hundred guests at the Honor Dinner were: PGE president Jim Piro; members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council; the chairwoman of the Siletz Tribe Delores Pigsley; Oregon's new Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody. On hand were nationally recognized artist Lillian Pitt, and Winona LaDuke, a surprise guest of the Native American Youth and Family Center.

Adding to the festive atmosphere was a silent auction filled with beautifully hand-crafted Native American artwork.

Bud Lane from the Siletz Tribe donated a Siletz basket made of hazel sticks, spruce roots and tule.

The Coiled basket donated by Pat Courtney Gold started a fast-paced bidding war, as did the multi-strand dentillium shell necklace made by Cheryl Lane.

One artist new to the museum auction was Duran Bobb, who donated a pine needle woven turtle. It is a finely crafted turtle, a unique piece of art work that captured the attention of several of our guests.

Not only was this a special evening to celebrate, it

was a fundraiser for the Museum at Warm Springs.

The Museum has been open for 23 years, and the needs are many and ongoing. We must keep up on the ever changing technological advances to our aging HVAC system.

This is an integral part of maintaining our building and our treasured and priceless artifacts and heirlooms, which must be kept in an environmentally controlled area.

Generous support

The museum is a place where we can teach and share the cultural arts of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. When a child learns a valued craft from a master artist or an elder, the joy they show when they finish their project is priceless!

The Museum provides a place where our local artists both young and old to show their ability and craftsmanship in the Tribal Youth Art Exhibition and the Tribal Member Art Exhibit.

The museum relies on the generous support from our donors, sponsors, auction donors, museum memberships and admissions to help us fulfill our mission. Because of the support we receive, we are able to share the important history and culture of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Every dollar counts and makes a difference!

The museum hosted the Honor Dinner in Miller Hall at the World Forestry Center in Portland. It was a magical evening spent with a room full of special visitors, as we paid honor to our awardees, Mr. Ted Kulongoski, the late Jeanie Thompson Smith, and Dr. Thomas Creelman.

The evening was a success on many levels. We had the occasion to recognize the accomplishments of our Honorees, we had an amazing silent auction filled with such exquisite art, and our event sold out.

We can't ask for more. We are forever grateful to everyone who attended, who donated and who shared this special evening with us.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and Board of Regents for your guidance, and to our hard working staff.

Thank you to the World Forestry Center for hosting us. Thank you to Premiere Catering for a delectable dinner. Many thanks to you who support our efforts and believe in what is most dear to us... our Museum at Warm Springs.

Debbie Stacona, development officer, the Museum At Warm Springs

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The next Spilyay Tymoo will be published on May 11 ~ Thank you for writing!

Correction

In the last issue of the Spilyay Tymoo the "Tribal Truck Stop

Project Moves Forward" had a couple inaccuracies.

The number of new jobs projected are 25-35. And the financial feasibility study es-

timates the Truck Stop will generate additional revenue for the Tribes. We apologize for publishing outdated projections.