

Maupin to host world-renowned performer

Kevin Locke will perform in Maupin on Friday, May 13.

Locke—Indian name Tokeya Inajin, meaning The First to Arise—is known throughout the world as a visionary Hoop Dancer.

He is respected as the pre-eminent player of the indigenous Northern Plains flute, and is a traditional storyteller, cultural ambassador, recording artist and educator.

He will perform at a school assembly at South Wasco County School District at 9:30 a.m. on May 13. He will give a flute performance at the Southern Wasco County Library at 1 p.m.; and then will give a community performance at the Southern Wasco County High School gym at 7 p.m.

These are free events, sponsored by the Southern Wasco County Library, and made possible by grants from the Wasco County Cultural Trust and ArtPlace America/Libraries of Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Locke's concerts and presentations at performing arts centers, festivals, schools, universities, conferences, state and national parks, monuments and historic sites, powwows and reservations number in the hundreds annually.

He is a dance and musical hero and role model for youth around the world. His special



Courtesy photo.

Hoop Dancer Kevin Locke.

joy is working with children on the reservations to ensure the survival and growth of indigenous culture.

Mr. Locke is acknowledged to be the pivotal force in the now powerful revival of the indigenous flute tradition which teetered on the brink of extinction just 20 years ago.

In 1990, Mr. Locke was re-

ceived a National Heritage Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts, recognizing him as a Master Traditional Artist who has contributed to the shaping of artistic traditions and to preserving the cultural diversity of the United States.

Federal provision to extend UAS test sites

The U.S. Senate has approved a provision to extend the life of the unmanned aircraft systems test site program through 2022.

The provision, co-sponsored by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, was included in a larger FAA bill.

The provision would extend Congressional authorization for the test sites from 2017 until 2022, providing much-needed certainty to Oregon's test sites in Warm Springs, Pendleton and Tillamook.

"This Oregon industry stands ready to soar even higher, creating jobs and boosting the economy statewide with commercial uses that include mountain top rescue and agricultural applications," Wyden said. "This legislation ensures a solid flight path for that growth over the next several years."

"We are so pleased with the strong support that the Oregon test ranges have received from Senator Wyden," said Chuck Allen, ex-

ecutive director of SOAR Oregon, the statewide group focused on developing the UAS industry in Oregon.

SOAR has been working with the Warm Springs Ventures Eagle Tech enterprise, focusing on developing the Warm Springs UAS program.

"His efforts, and those of his colleagues, have gone a long way to significantly improve those aspects of the reauthorization bill that will affect the ranges. These improvements will allow the Oregon ranges to continue to develop business, grow jobs and attract customers from outside the state."

In addition to Oregon's three FAA-approved test ranges in Pendleton, Tillamook and Warm Springs, the state has numerous innovative UAS companies in operation statewide, and the FAA has chosen Oregon State University as a Center of Excellence for UAS.

Job at CRITFC

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is advertising for a Library Assistant. Department: Fisheries Science. Closing Date: May

31, 2016. Classification: Part-Time (0.75 FTE or approx. 32 hrs/wk). Salary/Wage: \$28,163 - \$36,607 (Equivalent to CRITFC Grade 4). Location: Portland, Oregon. Visit our website at

www.CRITFC.org Send application, cover letter, and resume to: CRITFC; attn Human Resources; 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 1200; Portland, OR 97232.

Thank you for support during 26th Tribal Council

Thank you Warm Springs for supporting me in Council these past three years. It was a true privilege to represent you all and stand up for our Treaty rights.

I am thankful that many things were accomplished. Here are a few that come to mind but not all of them.

- Voted to stop spending on the Cascade Locks Casino project.

- Passed balanced Tribal budgets for the first time in decades.

- Approved the Twenty-Sixth



Tribal Council minutes, a first in years.

- Set up Council Travel by delegation.

- Recorded how each Tribal Council member voted on

each vote for the record.

- Saved some money for the next Council to use, leaving the finances better off than we found them.

- Approved the

Carbon sequestration project that will return money to the Confederated Tribes in 2016.

- Passed the Cannabis project that will create jobs and return money back to the Confederated Tribes in 2017.

- Passed the TERO ordinance that will provide jobs to Warm Springs through construction.

- Provided a vote for Warm Springs to consider an adoption. (Over 162 people.)

- Secured off Reservation hunting, an 1855 Treaty

Right, as a self-relegated process.

- Opened up below Bonneville subsistence fishery for tribal members.

- Fought against Nestle in Cascade Locks.

- Fought against coal and oil trains/ports on the Columbia. These would pose a great risk to our tribe.

I wish the next Council the best of luck. Sovereignty is what Sovereignty does!

Carlos Smith