

Letters to the editor

Thank you to supporters



I would like to express my greatest thanks for all the love and support I received in earning my new title of your new Miss Pi-Ume-Sha Queen.

I'll represent us all very well throughout the year! I'd like to give thanks to all of my sponsors who helped out graciously for my cousins Jake Castelleja, Hunter and Conan Foltz, Giovanna Watlamet and Janessa and McKenzie and my brother Andrew Jordan an my releasing to continue in the powwow circle.

I'd also like to give many thanks to my grandma Juliegh Seelatsee for driving me and giving me all the sup-

port for my vie.

Also a special thanks to my loving aunts and uncles, Dyamelle Seelatsee-Don Carlos, Fred Don Carlos, Kaleja Castelleja, Markie Polk, Amberae Sweowat and Tony Martinez for all the help in my ticket sales and loving words of encouragement.

Next year I'm planning a past and present royalty special for my outgoing, and will do my best to gather for a feed for as many as I can feed like my late grandfather Gregory Wak Wak did when my aunt Kaleja was a former queen.

Raynee Wak Wak

Spirit Dancers

The Selkirk Spirit Dancers carried their past forward to honor their future. Bringing their songs to a snowy Timberline Lodge... to the mesas of Kah-Nee-Ta and the land of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes... to the Museum at Warm Springs—nationally recognized cultural center for the public and the three tribes of Warm Springs...

To Portland to the Forty-Sixth Annual Inter-tribal Delta Park Powwow and Encampment. Offering their story through a landscape of traditional dance and song supported by the strong beat of a new generation.

The Selkirk Spirit Dancers brought not only the grace of their dance and the beauty of their song but perhaps even more importantly, they brought the best of the spirit of their people in kindness, openness and generosity, truly offering their values of caring, sharing and respect.

The appreciation and response was gratefully expressed through ceremony, gifting, and feasting, and through comments like "what a healthy nation...", "they look so happy when they dance...", "their children are so well mannered...and just plain fun."

The Selkirk Spirit Dancers from Pelly Crossing have spent over three years planning and 18 months preparing and fundraising.

For some of the now teenagers and young adults, the dream of going to Oregon began when they were preschoolers. But the important story is that over a period of time, they were committed to their goal and never gave up, achieving that goal's successful fulfillment of taking 26 people, ages 5 to 72, south to the states, to tribal, rural and urban settings, where the people generously invited their performance, and appreciated their expression of the strengths of their culture.

The Selkirk Spirit Dancers delivered. Children of families, of parents who could not come were included, even before they

Dance Exchange thank you



Jayson Smith/Spilyay photos

Thank you Warm Springs for showing so much support for the Dance Exchange, June 16, at the Museum at Warm Springs. It was an event for the health and healing that comes from sharing cultural values and traditions. So many of you put so much into the planning, preparation and delivery of this exciting exchange with the Yukon, Northern Tutchone, Selkirk First Nation Spirit Dancers.

For the planning and coordination, "Mussi Cho," in gratitude to Tamera Moody, Deanie Johnson and Sue Matters. For the flute music that wove its thread beautifully, thank you, Foster Kalama.

For the welcoming and a comfortable place to stay, thank you Kah-Nee-Ta. For the traditional food gathering and cooking, much gratitude to Starla Green and all who helped with the salmon, including Jillene Johnson and Greg Youngman.

For the gift of the roots, thank you Deanie Johnson, Bonnie Charlie, Roma Cartney, Sean



Dance Exchange at the Museum at Warm Springs.

Cartney, Kimiko Mitchel, and Mona Kaufman. Salads and desserts were generously provided by Sal and Carol Sahme, and Carina Miller.

Thank you Noreen Sampson and Naomi Crisbois for the fantastic fry bread, the first ever for the Selkirk Spirit Dancers. Beautiful necklaces were made by the Warm Springs Dancers, by Vanessa Walker at High Lookee Lodge and by the Warm Springs Recreation Program.

Prevention and Community Counseling offered program support with monetary donations to food. In many ways, everyone who came contributed, and the Selkirk Spirit Dancers, having hosted bake sales and bingo for the trip for the last two years, felt gifted and em-

braced with caring and respect. Which they in turn shared in making and giving a drum to the Warm Springs Dancers.

Again, to so many of you gave so much of yourselves, I am honored and humbled. And worried that I may be leaving someone out. Please know that all your contributions and gifting expressed and carried a generous spirit of friendship between two aboriginal cultures, reminding us all of what we hold in common.

Thank you, Warm Springs for helping bring the past forward to honor the future. We were all beneficiaries of your beauty.

Suzie Kuerschner

Powwow Run

This year's 2016 Pi-Ume-Sha Run-Fun Run was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you to Erickson's for the donation of the oranges. Thank you Warm Springs EMT Paramedics for being on stand-by and looking out for the runners' safety.

Thank you Warm Springs Police Department for looking out on the road conditions. Thank you to Jerry and Sandra Greene-Sampson for the easy transportation of the items.

Thank you to Kelly at Identity Zone for the awesome shirts this year! Y'all rock!

And especially a huge thank-you to the team down at the Community Center. Tatun Kalama, Naomi Brisbois, Joseph Arthur, Carol Sahme, Satch Miller and Austin Greene.

Once again thank you to all who have supported and participated in this year's Pi-Ume-Sha Fun Run. Hope to see you all next year. Respectfully,

Norene Sampson, fitness coordinator, Warm Springs Community Wellness Center.

To boxers

Congratulations to Jasper Smith on his win this year at Pi-Ume-Sha Boxing. Also to all the boxers who competed at this year's event. And to the Warm Springs Boxing Nation.

Vernon Smith Sr.

Parent classes

The Warm Springs Counseling Center is hosting Positive Indian Parenting classes. Classes started earlier this week, and continue twice a week through July.

The classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the main conference room at the Counseling Center.

Classes are coming up on July 12 and 14, 19 and 21, and 26 and 28.

Any questions, please call the Counseling Center at 541-553-3205, and ask for **Cyrille Mitchell or Flint Scott**.

Coming up on Tribal Council July agenda

Here are some items that are on the July agenda of the Tribal Council:

Wednesday, July 6

9 a.m. - Meeting with Warm Springs Community Action Team.
10 - Introduction, grant development with Bruce Irwin and Alyssa Macy.

Monday, July 11

9 a.m. Review minutes/resolutions with Glendon Smith.
11 - Horse removal program update with the Range & Ag Committee/Jason Smith.
1:30-5 p.m. Meeting with all committees.
Review/expectations/travel policy/committee policy/committee job descriptions.
Range & Ag. Culture & Heritage. Fish & Wildlife (on/off). Education. Health

& Welfare. Land Use Planning. Timber.

Tuesday, July 12

9 a.m. - Warm Springs Composite Products meeting with Jake Coochise.
10 - Meet with Credit Enterprise and Lori Fuentes.
11 - 509-J MOY discussion with district superintendent and tribal Education Committee.

Wednesday, July 13

9-11 a.m. - Meeting iwth Warm Springs Ventures.
11 - 5 p.m. - Meeting on Council Proclamation.

Monday, July 18

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer/Operations updates.
10 - August agenda/travel delegations/review minutes with the S-T.
11 - Draft resolutions.
1:30 p.m. - Legislative update conference calls.

3 - Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats

Tuesday, July 19

9 a.m. - Finance update with Alfred Estimo/Dennis Johnson.
11 - Economic Development Plan up with the Kahseuss Jackson-Williams.

Wednesday, July 20

9 a.m. - Enrollment workshop with Howie Arnett.
1:30 p.m. - Indian Head Casino/Kahneeta resolution.

Monday, July 25

9 a.m. - Emergency Management review with Danny Martinez/Alyssa Macy.
10 a.m. - Natural Resources review (hunting/fishing) with Bobby Brunoe.

Tuesday, July 26

9 a.m. - Forest products

made at the encampment to give to others who had helped the journey... and so many more beautiful expressions.

Thank you, Selkirk Spirit Dancers, for telling such a good story of the health and healing that comes from our culture and our traditions.

Thank you, Selkirk Spirit Dancers, for showing and demonstrating the timeless values that inform our indigenous and aboriginal cultures.

Suzie Kuerschner

ceivership update with Ed Hostmann/Jim Keller.

1:30 p.m. - Warm Springs Timber LLC update.

The agenda is subject to change at Council discretion.

Please note: All draft resolutions/ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, are due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m., either hard copy or email (Word form) for review. No exceptions.

Further items for consideration:

Pension Committee monthly report.

1980 Baseline discussion with tribal membership: District/General Council meetings.

IRMP review with committees.

Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery with Nathan Dexter.

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