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Travel Channel features traditional foods

Tribal Councilwoman Brigette McConville and family last summer hosted the crew from the Travel Channel's *Bazaar Foods* with Andrew Zimmern.

The *Bazaar Foods* crew filmed Brigette, and daughters Annalise and Rosebud, with Mr. Zimmern at the Columbia River, and then with Brigette and family at her house in Seekseequa.

The segment at the residence featured a meal of many traditional foods, hosted in the longhouse at Brigette's house. The Travel Channel premiered this episode last week.

Bazaar Foods, in its tenth season, features Zimmern traveling to communities around the world sampling the interesting and sometimes bazaar foods of the local people, who demonstrate how the



Andrew Zimmern of the Travel Channel's *Bazaar Foods* and Tribal Councilwoman Brigette McConville at the Columbia River with salmon.

foods are traditionally prepared.

The premise of the episode that premiered last week was to

follow the Lewis and Clark Trail, finding the interesting foods along the way.

They traveled along the Columbia, stopped in Warm Springs, then went on to the Oregon Coast. The central feature of the episode was the segment with Councilwoman McConville and family.

At the river, the foods they sampled were fresh caught salmon, including roe cooked on coals, salmon head, eyes, dried salmon, etc. They also tried the lamprey eels.

During this segment, Zimmern comments on some of the history of the river: How the tribes were removed from the Columbia to the reservation, how the hydro dams changed the river, and how the eels are now a species of concern.

(See **BAZAAR FOODS** on 8)

Tribes visit with Rep. Walden

Tribal member health care, funding issues with the BIA, natural resources, and the tribal cannabis project were among topics tribal officials talked about last week with Congressman Greg Walden.

The Congressman, Republican from Hood River, represents Oregon's Second Congressional District. The district, one of the largest in the nation, includes the eastern two-thirds of the state.

The future of the Affordable Care Act—in particular in regard to tribal members—was the first topic up for discussion last week with the tribal officials.

Tribal Managed Care director Mike Collins said the tribes would best be served if the Indian Health Care Improvement Act were to continue into the future.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is currently included as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Separating the Indian Health Care portion from the ACA may be an approach the tribes could support, Mr. Collins said.

The future of the ACA is currently not clear, as there have been suggestions to repeal and replace the law.

Between 80 and 90 percent of Warm Springs reservation residents are covered by the Medicaid Expansion aspect of the ACA, Mr. Collins said.

Removing this coverage would obviously have a major impact on the tribes.

Rep. Walden said he is in favor of protecting the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

He has also proposed legislation that would maintain the ACA's coverage guarantee for people with pre-existing conditions. And he supports the ACA's ban on lifetime coverage limits, and the provision that allows a young person to stay on the parent's policy until the child is 26.

Warm Springs Jail

The tribes met with Congressman Walden, and his policy advisor and Central Oregon office director Nick Strader, in the Council chambers last Thursday, February 9.

Following the health care discussion, Public Safety General Manager Stan Suenaga discussed an issue concerning the BIA: The Warm Springs jail, built in the mid 1980s, is years past its projected lifespan, Suenaga said.

As a BIA facility, the agency has responsibility for the condition of the jail. Currently, there are basic safety and livability issues at the jail that need to be addressed, with the best solution being the construction of a new facility.

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Vets housing matter at Tribal Council

Any tribal member veteran who is homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, could qualify for housing assistance.

The veteran can qualify if he or she, out of necessity, is living with family members. And the assistance, through housing vouchers, can help the veteran's family as well. The housing options are not limited to just the reservation.

The voucher program is a cooperative program among the Warm Springs Housing Authority, Housing and Urban Development, and the Veterans Administration.

HUD and VA representatives joined Warm Springs Housing this week in presenting details of the program to Tribal Council, who are very supportive.

Basic points: A veteran quali-

fies if he or she qualifies for Veterans Administration benefits.

Warm Springs is the only tribe in the state, one of 26 in the nation, to offer this service available. And it is new program:

So far, Warm Springs Housing has helped two veterans to find homes.

Yet there is funding available to help up to 20 veterans and their families, said Matt O'Leary, from the Bend office of the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing program.

It is important for the tribes to utilize this program as much as possible, in order to help ensure that it continues in the future.

Anyone wanting more information on this program, call Jonathan Smith at the Warm Springs Housing Authority, 541-553-3250.

Interesting business idea for tribes, KNT

Tribal Council this week heard a proposal that could bring several thousand people to Kah-Nee-Ta for a trade fair.

According to the group's report, each guest would spend about \$600 during the weekend. So the revenue involved is an estimated \$300,000.

The gathering could happen in Kah-Nee-Ta's off-season, such as in October, helping the resort to turn its finances around. Individual tribal members could also find some economic opportunities during the weekend.

The presentation at Tribal Council was made by *High Times* magazine and partners in the project, called the Cannabis Cup.

The *High Times* Cannabis

Cup is the world's leading trade show of its kind. The show has been happening since the 1980s.

This year there are Cannabis Cups coming up in Las Vegas, and in Southern and Northern California. Sameen Ahmad of *High Times* invited any interested Council members, or others, to attend one of the shows, so they can see the type of event she is taking about.

At Council a number of tribal members spoke in favor of the idea. And the Tribal Council is interested in learning more about the opportunity.

Council appointed Councilwoman Carina Miller to work with the Cannabis Cup organizers in developing a more detailed proposal for further Council review.

Lincoln's turns 40



Jayson Smith
photos/Spilyay

Lincoln's this year marked the Fortieth Anniversary of the powwow. Hosted by the Simnasho community and the Powwow Committee, the weekend featured traditional dance competitions and specials, tribal drums, Grand Entries, a One-Man Hand Drum contest, and vendors. (Look for results in the next *Spilyay Tymoo*; more Jayson Smith powwow photos on 8.)

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