

Letters to the editor

Native Program

The Central Oregon Community College Native American Program and COCC First Nations students would like to thank the following for all their help and support this past year.

Carroll Dick and the Higher Education Department for their continued support through scholarships and the Summer Bridge students.

Valerie Switzler and the Culture and Heritage Department. Val and her crew have a wealth of information, and are always willing to share with the community.

The Confederated Tribes Fisheries for the donations of the salmon for the Annual Salmon Bake. With their support we were able to raise over \$1,000 in donations for scholarships for COCC Native American students.

A special thanks to Geraldine Jim and family who share their knowledge of Central Oregon with our students.

As many of you know, this is my last year as program coordinator. I hope to continue to be involved in the Warm Springs Community in whatever way I can.

A tearful thank you to all who made me feel welcome, opened up your homes and hearts, and made me feel a bit less homesick.

nuni-wht-se-te,

Gina Ricketts

Duck City

Hello all of you, I still live in Duck City, Eugene, Oregon, but the brain injury needs more medical attention.

I really don't know how long I'll be in the one I'm now in. I guess it's all right. I can still write as much as I'd like to, if I need to relieve stress of any kind.

I've had the traumatic brain injury for many years, but on the good side of it all, it helps me to look at everything and learn from it.

Evette Patt, RHCC, 1075 Irving Dr, Eugene, OR 97404

Elders Council

The CTWS Elder Council wants to thank Kah-Nee-Ta, Indian Head Casino, and the Museum at Warm Springs for their support and donations. Also thank you to the Elder members for their help and donations.

Our next raffle drawing will be held Pi-Ume-Sha weekend. If you would like to support our organization by donation, you can give to Mike Clements, Sal Sahme, Geraldine Jim, Eliza Jim, Uren Leonard or Winona Strong.

CTWS Elder Council raffle drawing (item followed by winner): Silver butterfly earrings, Joanne Meachum, Washington. Leather rodeo necklace, Margaret Medina. Indian Head Casino fleece blanket, Keith Canadey, Springfield. Crystal earrings, Jonnie Larsen. SFO cap with feather, James Arthur. Turquoise earrings, Diane Shirk. Stetson dream catcher, James Arthur. Silver dangle earrings, Jessica Leslie, Tulalip.

Indian Head Casino \$25 gift card, Neva McCheran. Ribbon shirt (wolf), Ed

DeGarind, Alturas, Calif. Kah-Nee-Ta one night stay, Brian Crump, Siletz. Beaded belt buckle, Dean L., Tulalip. Blanket, Linda Thomas, Oweyhee. Museum at Warm Springs gift bag, Viola Governor. Kah-Nee-Ta one night stay, Steve Freand.

Northwest camouflage cap with feather, Regina Wheeler. Indian Head Casino gift package, Cal Poncho. Pendleton baby blanket, Paula Solminer. You can pick up your gift at the tribal administration building.

Winona Strong, CTWS Elders Council, 541-325-2177.

HeHe gathering

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Men's Wellness Gathering is coming up July 19-20 at the HeHe Campground. We are excited to invite you to this free men's wellness conference.

Join us as we retreat into the quiet locale of the HeHe Butte Longhouse. We will participate in group discussion, and ancient ceremony that was done is times of great change. The process involves working with the circle to weave together individual and community wisdom.

The gathering will allow time for the exploration of nature, sweat lodge, meditation, music and games. The accommodations are your tent or trailer (no RV hook-ups available). Meals will be provided by the Health and Human Services Branch. Please bring additional snacks as needed.

Who should attend: The conference brings together Warm Springs tribal members, members of other Native American communities, and any other men who wish to partake in this gathering. The facilitators are Don Courtney, Dan Martinez, Mykee Martinez, Andy Leonard, Scott Kalama, Leighton Pennington, Dr. John Spence (Gros Ventre/

Seeking artist bids for crown, banner

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is requesting proposals from experienced artists who would like to bead the crown and banner for Miss Warm Springs, as described below in the scope of work.

The Miss Warm Springs tradition started during the centennial celebration of the Treaty of 1855 with the Middle Bands of Oregon, when a pageant was held to select the Treaty Centennial Queen. Atwai Kathleen Heath was selected in that capacity, and is considered to be the first Miss Warm Springs.

It was not until 1969 that the tribes held the first Miss Warm Springs Pageant. At that time, atwai Dorothy "Pebbles" George was selected as Miss Warm Springs. Since then, the pageant has been held annually with few exceptions. To date, 41 women have served as Miss Warm Springs, including the current titleholder, Katrina Blackwolf.

Scope of work

Artists must briefly describe a list of recently completed projects accompanied by pictures.

The crown must identify the title of "Miss Warm Springs 2018" and include elements representative of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. This includes but is not limited to the flag design. The highest point of the crown must not exceed nine inches. Beadwork should be backed and have an attached buckskin string back closure.

The color scheme for the main background of



Former Miss Warm Springs crowned as gathered at a past exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs.

the crown is to be the light blue similar to the Confederated Tribes flag and previous Miss Warm Springs crowns.

The banner must identify the title of "Miss Warm Springs" and include elements representative of the Confederated Tribes. The banner must be at least 8 inches wide with buckskin fringe between 8-10 inches. The back of the banner should be plain and there should be an attached buckskin string closure.

All bidders must include a sample drawing of the proposed crown and banner design. Committee requests that the bead size be no larger than size 13; small sized beads are allowable as well as assorted cuts, colors and types but must be specified on the design sample.

Cost proposal must include a detailed breakdown for cost of supplies and labor hours in a quote/invoice format. Proposals should not exceed \$3,000.

Project must be completed by December 15, 2017.

Evaluation criteria

All proposals received by the deadline will be evaluated as follows:

Forty percent: Proposed statement of work.

Thirty percent: Price. Twenty percent: Qualifications, experience and/or past performance.

Ten percent: Indian preference.

Award information: The award will be made to the most well designed proposal, most experienced, best priced and most responsive, responsible bidder using the approved tribal contracting process.

Schedule: Sealed proposals due Friday, July 7. Proposal review completed by Friday, July 28.

In the event that only one proposal is received, the Confederated Tribes reserve the right to negotiate with the bidder who turned in their bid.

Electronic or facsimile or proposed statement of work will be considered. Photos can be accepted with proposal via email or facsimile.

Completed applications should be sent to Starla Green, coordinator, Miss Warm Springs Committee at:

Starla.green@wstribes.org

Or by postal service to: Miss Warm Springs Committee, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

To Ohio University

Tashina Victoria Smith is the daughter of Tyrone B. Smith II and Masami Smith of Baltimore, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Frank "Footer" Smith, Sheryl Dieteren and George Danzuka Jr. and Roberta Danzuka.

Tashina graduated high school in Columbus, Ohio with honors and a 4.0 GPA. She inducted into the National Honor Society.

Tashina will be attending the Ohio University in Lancaster, Ohio in the fall, where she will play varsity softball at the collegiate level. Tashina has played softball since she was 5 years old and has always dreamed of play-



ing softball in college. She loves to help people and will major in the helping field.

CRITFC urges passage of salmon predation prevention act

The Pacific Northwest needs more efficient and effective management tools to address the growing issue of sea lion predation on the Columbia River's at-risk salmon populations.

This was the message delivered by Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Chairman Leland Bill. His testimony last week was in support of HR 2083, the Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act.

The chairman testified before the Water, Power and Oceans, a subcommittee to the Congressional Natural Resource Committee.

HR 2083 was introduced by Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler (R-Wash.), and co-sponsored by Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.), Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), and Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska).

H.R. 2083 would extend pinniped removal authority to CRITFC and the four sovereign tribes, Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce.

The tribes have co-management authority on the

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Columbia River.

In addition to removal authority, the legislation implements area-based management rather than individual sea lion management, and allows fishery management agencies to remove California sea lions upstream of river mile 120 or in any Columbia River tributary.

This streamlined process would allow the region to effectively manage sea lion predation on endangered salmon populations.

Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit, the four tribes' comprehensive anadromous fish management plan, addresses the challenges facing Columbia River salmon throughout their entire life cycle, including marine mam-

mal predation.

The effects of land and water management, harvest, hydroelectric passage, hatcheries and predation must be considered in a holistic manner, the CRITFC chairman said.

"The Creator placed an obligation on the Indian people to speak for the salmon," Chairman Bill said. "Our testimony and management actions help fulfill this commitment."

Over the past 15 years, sea lion populations throughout the 145 river miles between the estuary and Bonneville Dam have significantly increased.

The subsequent spike in predation on endangered salmon has resulted in a significant loss of adult salmon.

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Last year, approximately 190 sea lions killed over 9,500 adult spring chinook within a quarter mile of Bonneville Dam—a 5.8 percent loss of the 2016 spring chinook return.

A limited sea lion removal program has been in effect at Bonneville Dam since 2011. However, a cumbersome process and litigation has hampered the program's success, and the current program has not reduced sea lion predation below Bonneville Dam.

Sea lion populations have seen resurgence under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

In 1972 when the act was passed, the California sea lion population hovered around 30,000 animals. Today, there are over 325,000 animals along the West Coast and the species has fully recovered.

"The actions proposed under HR 2083 are guided by 10 years of data," said Chairman Bill.

"This data shows a growing predation problem, and our on-the-river experience implementing Section 120 removal permits has taught us that the current approach is not enough. I'm here to tell you that more needs to be done."

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