Academy Egg Drop





Students used many different engineering designs during the Warm Springs Academy Egg Drop. The students came up with designs that would prevent an egg from breaking: The designs were tested by dropping the eggs—packed in any manner of cushioning, such as a teddy bear (left)—from an extended lift. The parachute method was among the more innovative.

At Tribal Council

Coming up on the Tribal Council agenda: Monday, June 26

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Office updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10: July agenda/review minutes with the S-T.

11: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

3:30: Self Governance Compact with Forestry and Natural Resources.

Summaries of Tribal Council

June 5

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Valerie Switzler, Lee Tom and Brigette McConville. Emily Yazzie, Recorder (morning), Minnie Yahtin, Recorder (afternoon).

- 2. Bureau of Indian Affairs update.
- 3. Office of Special Trustee update.
 - 4. Realty items:

· Motion by Lee to table a Sidwalter home site application due to not having a routing slip. Rescheduled to June 26; Seconded by Raymond, Question: 5/0/0. Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

- 5. Kah-Nee-Ta update.
- 6. Federal and state legislative call updates.
- 7. Tribal Attorney update by Karnopp-Petersen Firm.
- 8. Tribal attorney update by John Ogan.
- 9. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Raymond Tsumpti, Carina Miller, Lee Tom and Valerie Switzler. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder (morning), Emily Yazzie, Recorder (af-

- 2. Elder's Council update.
- 3. Inter-Agency Agreement/the Department of **Emergency Services**
- 4. Motion by Carina to table: Stan and Howard are to work with the Secretary-Treasurer to schedule on the agenda. Seconded by Raymond. Question; 5/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion
- 5. Children's Protective Services update.
- 6. Solar Eclipse Tourism Project update.
- 7. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Zion RedRoad Frank

Tracy Frank and Louisa Fuentes of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Zion RedRoad Frank, born on May 30, 2017.

Zion joins brother Joe, 19, and Peyton, 8; and sister Tans'leli, 16 months. Grandparents on the father's side are Georgianna Frank and the late Joe Frank, both from White Swan, Washoington. Grandparents on the mother's side are Lori Fuentes and Tommy Fuentes, both of Warm Springs.

Tribal Council continues to direct the re-establish-

ment of the Education Branch of the organization.

During the budget process last year, Council voted to bring back the Education Branch, which some years ago had been separated into different areas of the organization.

Council members heard an update on re-establishing Education from Chief Operations Officer Alyssa Macy, Health and Human Services general manager Caroline Cruz, and Councilwoman Val Switzler, director of the Culture and Heritage Department.

Meeting the education needs of the membership is a priority emphasized multiple times in the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council Proclamation, chief operations officer Macy said. "We have a Natural Resources Branch, Utilities, Health and Human Services—but no Education Branch," she said. Instead, the former Education Branch had over time been dismantled, with various functions moving to offices in different locations around the organization.

Discussion of new Education Branch

Budgeting is an issue in bringing the branch back together. "This discussion and planning comes as we deal with limited resources," Ms. Macy said.

The project will take steps, perhaps a process of a couple of years. Next year Education could begin as a department of Health and Human Services, becoming a separate branch in 2019 as the pieces are added.

Areas would involve Culture and Heritage, Head Start and ECE Daycare, Higher Education, OSU Extension, eventually Vocational Rehab and possibly the Native Aspiration summer youth work program, among possible oth-

An immersion school for students would be a welcome addition, said Councilwoman Switzler. This could be a continuation of the ongoing ef-

fort to bring the languages to the Early Childhood Education Center, she said. That work took 20 years to accomplish, and during that time the number of speakers may have fallen from about 200 to 100, Ms. Switzler said.

The Education Branch project is on the Council and management agenda as the tribes are negotiating a new education agreement with the school district 509-J.

This could provide an opportunity to partner with the district in providing some of these services, Ms. Macy said.

The newly formed Education Branch could be housed in the Education building on campus, though some upgrades would be needed. "It is a matter of finances," said Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. "So let's keep working on it."

The 2019 target year for the creation of the new branch will be here before we know it, Chairman Greene

School: improvement in literacy, math

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"I'm looking forward to getting that resolved," Councilman Calica said.

Councilwoman Carina Miller said she appreciates the progress in recent years, but said there is significant work to be done for the Native students, and the teach-

"We've made progress but I'm not happy with the situation. If the teachers don't feel comfortable," she said, "then the students won't."

Incoming superintendent Ken Parshall noted some of the achievements at the Warm Springs Academy, and the

need to continue building on these. The literacy rate among students at the school improved by a factor of five, and math proficiency doubled. "And this year the preliminary results look even better," he said. Mr. Parshall becomes district superintendent on July

Howlak Tichum

Monica Rose (Kirk/Littleleaf) Tufti, 1970~2017

Monica passed away after a long battle with cancer. Services were held at her and her spouse Alex Tufti's residence at the Kah-Nee-Ta hamlets. Her last request was verbal and not written, was already planned and agreed to. The burial was to be a traditional one at the Warm Springs Agency Cemetery, as her casket and white buckskin dress were ready for her. But a last second change in plan and conflict of interest took control and sent Monica to

cremation instead.

She loved life and camping outdoors, beadworking, trout fishing and taking her kids to Lincoln City and to the ocean. Her kids were everything to her.

She finished school in Wapato, Washington, and went to a Washington col-

She was born in Portland to Anthony Kirk Littleleaf and Bernice Ava Burns (deceased), who lived in Chiloquin and Portland.

Monica is survived by her three sons, Jose Jr., Ismael (Ish), and Poco, daughter Anjelica, sister Kalena Kirk, and brother Jesse Riding In of Lincoln City and Portland; and sisters Juanita and Cheryal of Wapato and Yakima Valley, Washington; aunt Carol Burns of Portland and Ronnie Burns of Pendleton. Also her father Anthony Littleleaf and stepmom SeeGray, and numerous relatives in Warm Springs.

She had charisma and lots of close friends and relatives wherever she went. Locally she helped out at the Longhouse. She worked in security at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, both casinos, Warm Springs Police dispatch, courthouse security and at ECE. She once owned a trailer house business near



Anniston, Alabama.

She enjoyed selling hotdogs at her stand at Pi-Ume-Sha and on campus. In her younger days she modeled. Monica was always her dad's pride and joy. Her charisma and beautiful smile will always be missed. Monica's Indian name was Latxsa Xaslu (Bright Star).

Please support the Smokin' Moccasins team as they prepare for the Portland to Coast Walk Relay-130 miles! The team will be holding a fundraiser during Pi-Ume-Sha at the powwow grounds. They will have 32-ounce lemonade, strawberry lemonade, and large and small popcorn. The sale will be June 23 and 25.



