

Return to Warm Springs as new tribal Sanitarian

Russell Graham is the new Registered Sanitarian for the Confederated Tribes. He returns home after a career that has taken him around the U.S. and to Europe.

Mr. Graham takes over as tribal Sanitarian from long-time tribal Sanitarian Nancy Collins. The Indian Health Services clinic bid farewell last week to Ms. Collins, who retired following her long tenure with the tribes.

The Sanitarian is an environmental health professional, overseeing matters of public well being.

Mr. Graham most recently worked with Amtrak Public Health in California. He has been a Sanitarian for 18 years, working over the years with the Center for Disease Control, National Parks, and with several tribes including the Yakama Nation, Burns Paiute and others.

He has worked in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and places in Europe. Some of the travel was associated with health work for luxury cruise ships.

After living in such di-



Former tribal Sanitarian Nancy Collins, Utilities general manager Don Courtney, who is helping with the transition; and new Sanitarian Russell Graham.

verse places, "It feels great to be home," Mr. Graham was saying the other day. He moves back to Warm Springs with his wife Bee.

Mr. Graham grew up in Warm Springs, going to

school here and at Madras junior high and high school. He then went to Oregon State University, and the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Living and working in many regions, he always thought one day of returning to Warm Springs. And this week he is moving into his new office at the clinic.

Mecca sparks Warm Springs Reservation fire season

The Mecca fire burned across 2,400 acres on the reservation.

The fire started behind the casino; the cause was still being determined as of earlier this week.

The fire was fanned by high winds, taking off north and east from the point of origin.

The flames consumed mostly brush, grass and weeds, and some juniper.

The situation forced the temporary closure of highways 26 and 3.



The Mecca fire burned on a hillside near a residence.

Hotshots

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs Hotshots were dispatched to Prescott Valley, Ariz., where the Goodwin

fire was burning.

This fire forced home evacuations, and consumed some buildings. The Arizona governor declared a state of

emergency. The Goodwin fire had burned more than 21,000 acres, and nearly 800 personnel were on the scene.

Declared season

From the Branch of Natural Resources: The Warm Springs Reservation is now in declared fire season. All regulations governing any timber industry or other outside activities will be enforced. As fire risk rises, more strict regulations will be implemented.

During the declared season the restrictions will follow the regulations covered by the National Fire Danger Rating System, Industrial Fire Precaution Levels, and Warm Springs mobilization and dispatch plan. For details on restrictions call Natural Resources, 541-553-2001.

Summer powwow at Simnasho

Simnasho's Fifteenth Annual Hot Summer Nights Powwow and Encampment is coming up next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11-12, at the Simnasho Powwow Arbor.

Specials include Tiny Tots, Sweep Your Teepee World Championships,

Family Team Dance, Round Bustle, Puth-la-pa, Drummers Relay and the Simnasho Derby, plus the Hot Summer Fun Run and Walk.

Wednesday evening starts with a potluck barbecue at 6, social dancing and singing at 7.

Solar eclipse events in W.S.

The tribes will host a diversity of events for the August 21 solar eclipse.

Chief operations officer Alyssa Macy reviewed some of the items this week. Highlights include:

The Native American Concert Series at Indian Head Casino, August 19-21.

The Museum at Warm Springs Artists Village, August 19-20.

The NASA Balloon Launch activities at the Warm Springs Academy, August 19-22:

Fourteen student teams will be participating. Students will be from Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Hoh, Makah, Yakama, Colville, Nez Perce, Couer D'Alene, and Pomo.

Youth teams and University of Washington staff will be camping on the football field at the Academy.

Expected attendance: 130 students and support staff. Here is a preliminary schedule of activities:

Sunday, August 20: 9 a.m.–noon: Student training on robotics. 1–3 p.m.: Student test systems on the robotics course.

3–5 p.m.: Robotics competition. Evening stargazing.

Monday, August 21: 7:30– 8:30 a.m.: Balloon preparation. 8:30 a.m.: Eclipse viewing safety instructions.

8:30–11 a.m.: Solar viewing telescopes open to the public.

9–9:15: First balloon launch. 9:30 a.m.: Second balloon launch, live streamed to NASA web page.

9:45: Last balloon launch. 10:10: Final discussion of safe viewing of eclipse.

10:20 a.m.: Total eclipse.

Columbia commercial fisheries

The commercial summer gillnet season is open until 6 p.m. this Thursday, July 6.

The open area is all of Zone 6. Allowed gear is gillnets or driftnets with a minimum mesh size of 7 inches.

Allowed sales are salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, catfish, bass, carp and yellow perch. These fish may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Legal-size sturgeon are between 43 and 54 inches fork

length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool. These may be kept for subsistence use only.

Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets are in effect except for the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery sanctuary.

Fish may be sold after the period ends if caught during the open period.

Council resolution summaries

The following are very brief summaries of Tribal Council resolutions from mid about May through mid-late June:

Resolution no. 12,325: Increase of Joint Health Commission to eight members. Modify Heather Martinez to term ending 09/

28/19.

No. 12,326: Approval of Crayfish Commercial Harvest Regulation.

No. 12,327: Year 2016 budget savings authorized for immediate expenditure for 2017 – Capital Carryover.

No. 12,328: Needs and savings.

No. 12,329: Associate Judge appointment: Gayleen Adams, one-year probation and complete bar exam.

No. 12,330: Associate Judge appointment: Glendon Smith, one-year probation.

No. 12,331: Appointment to Indian Head Gaming board: tribal member Mavis Shaw.

No. 12,332: Appointment to Warm Springs Composite Board class II: tribal

member James Halliday.

No. 12,333: Appointment to Warm Springs Power and Water board class I: Tribal member Rafael Queahpama.

No. 12,334: Appointment to TERO commission: tribal member Douglas Williams; and tribal member Marcia Soliz.

No. 12,335: Appointment to Warm Springs Ventures board class I: tribal member James Halliday; non-member

Ted Kulongoski.

No. 12,336: Appointment to Water Board: tribal member Roy Spino.

No. 12,337: Appointment to Credit board class II: tribal member Mary Sando Emhoolah.

No. 12,338: Enrollments: five enrollees.

No. 12,339: Relinquishment: One member relinquishing to enroll in the Yakama Nation.

No. 12,340: Redeem the Series 2009 tax exempt bonds by the sale and issuance of series of hydroelectric revenue bonds.

No. 12,341: Priority list for Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

No. 12,342: Approve and adopt the Warm Springs Commercial Corridor Safety Plan.

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