

A Last Roundup

Ranching is a rare way of life on the reservation. And with every passing year the working cattle ranch is harder to find. Today there are maybe one-third as many cattle on the reservation as in decades past.

Young people move on to different things, leaving for school or a career. The older generation keeps the ranch going as long as possible, until time finally takes its toll.

This happened at the Squiemphen-Yazzie Ranch in June, the week before Pi-Ume-Sha.

At their Sidwalter ranch the family rounded up more than 200 cows and calves, and sold them all at the Central Oregon Auction Yard. It was a rare event, the sale of an entire herd of the best bred cattle.

The Squiemphen Yazzie Ranch had been in operation for decades. But with his daughters now living and working in Portland, Edison Yazzie decided the time had come to sell.

His daughters are Teri Jo 'TJ' and Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie. The girls are work Pegasus Social Services in Portland.

In the fall Amanda will be going to Portland State University for a bachelor's in Social Work. Teri is pursuing a career in the field of medical assistance.

The girls grew up on the ranch, going to school in Warm Springs and then Ma-



Teri Jo and Amanda some years ago working at the ranch; and at right, the herd with hay.



dras High School. After graduating they both moved to Portland.

The sisters live in the same apartment building and work at the same company.

But they're busy and keep different schedules, seeing each other on occasion.

TJ and Amanda were at Sidwalter in June, helping Edison collect the cows and calves for auction.

Seeing the herd leave for the last time was hard, as the ranch had given them memories and lessons of a lifetime.

"It gave us a head start in life," TJ says. "I learned patience, hard work, and how to work as a team." She agrees with the way Amanda explains the experience:

The cattle were the perfect tool to teach my sister and me



Courtesy photos



Amanda and Teri Jo at the last roundup. In the background are the trucks that are hauling more than 200 cows and calves to the auction yard.

perseverance, leadership, love, hard work, patience and anger, among many things.

This was the greatest, most cherished time of my life. I know as we retire the ol' 10bar

brand it will not be the end of the story.

I am so incredibly thankful for everything this taught me, and I am happy to say I will continue to use these tools in my

future. I am thankful for my father, who cared for our ranch all these years, and who made our ranch the best it could be.

Warm Springs climate, health story project

In partnership with several tribal members, the Oregon Climate and Health Program is proud to announce the release of eight digital stories about climate change and community health in Warm Springs.

The experiences shared in each video hold valuable insights that can help inspire local action and inform decision-mak-

ers at the state and national level.

This effort is part of the Climate and Health Program's Resilience Plan, released earlier this year.

The plan identifies storytelling as an important method for increasing awareness and building community partnerships to better prepare, plan, and recover from climate risks.

Creating videos that

highlight the concerns of community members is one way to work together and lift the voices of people on the frontlines of climate change.

The videos were created in a workshop co-facilitated by a non-profit called StoryCenter.

Each participant developed his or her own story, picked out their own images, and put it all together using

a digital editing software program.

The Climate and Health Program is extremely honored to have had the opportunity to work with each participant and hopes that all community members interested in learning more can come watch the screening. Time, date and location to be announced.

FSA livestock and farm meeting in W.S. Thursday

The Central Oregon Farm Service Agency will be speaking this Thursday, July 20 at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building on campus. The talk will begin at 9 a.m.

The focus is on Livestock Disaster Assistance and Farm Loan programs administered by the FSA. The upcoming County Committee election will also be discussed.

Anyone with a disability who requires accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting can contact Cameron Kirsch at 51-923-4358 (voice and TDD), or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

For more information about Livestock Disaster Assistance and other FSA farm and Farm Loan programs, please visit: fsa.usda.gov

Market on Friday

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market is held every Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of the Re-Use It Store next to Warm Springs Market. It

features locally crafted items and fresh produce. For more information contact the Warm Springs Community Action Team office, 541-553-3148.

Jamboree Day coming up with Recreation in August

Warm Springs Recreation will host Jamboree Day in August. The theme this year is comic book super heroes.

There will be special performances by the Dragon

Theatre Show, and music by the Flying Eagle Band, and Scott "Blue Flames" Kalama. Come on down and wear your favorite super hero t-shirt.

Jamboree Day will be at

the Pi-Ume-Sha fields on Wednesday, August 9, from 2 to 8 p.m. The blow-up castle will be inflated from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be face painting, balloon figures and games.

The Flying Eagle Band will play at 5. Blue Flames will host the talent show at 7 p.m.

You can reach Recreation at 541-553-3243 for more information.

Summaries of Tribal Council

July 5, 2017

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Charles Calica, vice chairman, Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Valerie Switzler, Carina Miller, Lee Tom and Brigitte McConville. Emily Yazzie recorder.

2. Economic development plan update.

3. Inter-governmental agreement with Oregon Office of Emergency Management 9-1-1.

· Motion made by Joseph, seconded by Brigitte approving Resolution 12,349, the inter-governmental agreement with Oregon OEM 9-1-1. Question: Vote 4-0-2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

4. Motion made by Valerie, seconded by Brigitte that Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs do not support the state of Oregon supporting the state of Washington in referring to Supreme Court. Question: Vote: 5-0-1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

Tribal Attorney will follow up on documentation to be submitted by Friday, July 7.

5. Motion made by Brigitte, seconded by Delvis amending agenda to move the date of the General Council meeting from July 20 to July 24. Vote: 4-1-1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

6. Review minutes/resolutions.

· Motion made by Brigitte, seconded by Lee approving Resolution no. 12,350, the 2017 lamprey harvest at Willamette Falls. Question: Vote 6-0-1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

· Motion made by Joseph, seconded by Raymond approving the November 2016 minutes. Question: Vote: 6-0-1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

7. Motion made by Raymond, seconded by Brigitte approving Tribal Council van for youth to attend 2017 Grand Finale AAU Basketball Tournament. Alvis Smith III is to be the driver and only one to use the fuel card. Vote: 6-

0-1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

8. Veterans Memorial Committee update

· Motion made by Raymond, seconded by Delvis approving funding assistance for VFW/American Legion members to attend conference with limitations not to exceed six persons. Question: Vote: 5-0-2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

9. Elder Council update. · Resolution presented, tabled and no number assigned.

10. Raymond mentioned a member concern on public safety.

11. Adjourned 4:56 p.m.

July 10, 2017

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Ronald Suppah, Raymond Tsumpti, Carina Miller and Valerie Switzler. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Financial Strategies LLC supplemental budget:

· Motion by Carina adopting Resolution no. 12,351, seconded by Raymond, to approve the operating agreement and document for Warm Springs Financial Strategies. Question: 3/2/3, Chairman voting in favor. Motion carried.

3. Tribal attorney update.

4. Legislative update.

5. Las Vegas Grand Fi-

nale: · Motion by Valerie approving Tony Holliday to use a van and gas card, to be shared with Alvis Smith III, to take youth to Las Vegas on July 21-23; seconded by Carina. Question: 5/0/2, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

6. 2017 Personnel Policy update.

7. Board and committee appointments will be rescheduled.

8. Horse program update.

9. Columbia River Treaty tribal leaders workshop discussion.

10. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.