

A celestial legend as we prepare for the solar eclipse

Evaline Patt came across this story in Celilo Tales, Wasco Myths, Legends, Tales of Magic and the Marvelous by Donald M. Hines. The myth is celestial in theme, reminding Evaline of the solar eclipse coming soon. Here we share "The Myth of the Great Bear":

There were five persons, five brothers. They were the Wolves. They ran all over the country, every day hunting. Coyote watched them all the time. He ate with them, ate what they brought from their hunting: deer meat, elk, all kinds of meat.

Every evening the Wolves talked about seeing something in the sky. One evening Coyote asked the oldest Wolf brother, "What do you talk about? What is it you see in the sky?" The Wolf would not tell. The old Wolf was sly, always afraid. Wise with years, the old wolf of today is hard to trap.

The next evening Coyote asked the next oldest Wolf brother the same question. The Wolf would not answer him.

The next evening Coyote asked the third oldest Wolf what it was that they talked about, what it was they saw in the sky. The Wolf would

not tell him.

The next evening the Coyote asked the fourth Wolf brother the same question. The fourth Wolf said to Coyote, "Maybe if I tell you, you would tell my brothers. They would be mad at me."

One morning the five brothers all got together. The fourth Wolf spoke, "Coyote asked me what we are talking about, what it is that we see in the sky. I said to Coyote, 'Maybe if I tell you, you will tell my brothers. They would be mad at me.' What do you think? Are we going to tell him what we see in the sky?"

The Wolves had one little Dog. The youngest Wolf said, "We will go tell Coyote what he asks about. We can do nothing with them. They are way up in the sky, those two things. What do you think, my brothers? Will we tell Coyote?"

The brothers answered, "Yes! We will tell Coyote all about it." The Wolves were all satisfied to tell Coyote.

One day Coyote came in and they said, "We saw two animals in the sky. We do not know how we can get at them. They are away up high."

Coyote said, "All right! We will go see! We will go up and

see."

The youngest Wolf asked, "How will we go up?" Coyote answered him, "It is well. I will show you how we can go up without trouble."

It was the middle of wintertime. Coyote got five quivers filled with arrows. He shot one arrow towards the sky. The arrow struck the sky, stuck there. Coyote shot a second arrow. It stuck the end of the first arrow, struck the end and held fast. Coyote shot all of his arrows. They reached the ground, a shaft from the sky to the earth.

Coyote had cut rings (spirals) around the arrow shafts so he and the Wolves could hold tightly with their hands. The oldest Wolf always carried the Dog. There were no stars in the sky at the time.

The next sun they all went up the arrow-way. Coyote went first, followed by the five brother Wolves. Many suns, many nights they climbed. They all arrived at the sky, reached there safely. They saw these two animals plainly. They were Grizzly Bears! Coyote said to the Wolves, "No one go near them! They will tear you to pieces."

The two youngest Wolves went up close. They were not afraid. The two next youngest Wolves followed. Oldest Wolf stayed behind with the Dog. He was always behind, always careful, always afraid.

The youngest went up closer. The Grizzlies did not get mad at them. They all stood there just like a good show.

Coyote stood back. He looked at them. All was a picture to him. Coyote smiled. He walked about looking. He was thinking about it, thinking what he would do. He thought, "I am going to picture this for the different people who are to come. They will look at it. They will think, 'There is a story about it.'"

Coyote pictured them there. He made them stay there in the sky, five Wolves and a Dog. The two Grizzly Bears had always been there.

When Coyote came down, he took the arrows from the sky, took it away. When he had passed the second arrow, he took it off and so on till he came to the ground. The Wolves could not come down. When nighttime came, Coyote went out and looked at the nice picture in the sky. There they

were: two Grizzlies, five Wolves and a little Dog.

Coyote said to the bird Whoch-whoch, "Maybe I will die! You tell the new people what I have done. Pretty soon there will be many stars growing in the sky. It is my work."

Whoch-whoch got the story from Coyote to tell to us. From this sun, now we know. You see this bird Whoch-whoch, when he flies up singing. He is telling you this story, how Coyote pictured the sky. It is good to know the Whoch-whoch. From them, the Grizzlies and the Wolves, came the stars, as Coyote pictured them.

Coyote came this way from the sunrise. He traveled a long distance to this country. One night he looked up and saw many young stars. They were pretty thick, all growing rapidly.

In the meantime he had made Whoch-whoch to tell it all everywhere, scatter all around the news of what he had done. He asked Whoch-whoch, "What is wrong with those stars up there? Too many of them?"

Whoch-whoch answered, "Oh! Those are stars growing full in the sky. They are growing fast. If they grow

pretty full in the sky, they may fall down. This earth will become all frost."

Coyote got scared about his work! Coyote took (made up) his mind, "I will go up again! That is my work! I will go up again!"

Coyote took his five quivers of arrows. He shot them upwards, making a trail as before. He climbed again to the sky. He rounded up the stars, like war parties in camp, all different places. You see sometimes stars pointed together, maybe squares. That was Coyote's work. He placed them that way.

The big white road across the sky, Coyote made that trail. Coyote said to the stars, "You must not grow too fast. You must keep together! If you want to go somewhere, fly as the lightning, speed like the light! You do that! Never grow too fast!"

Coyote put up a knife of stars. Watch that! Coyote put up a bunch of stars. Watch them! Sometimes this bunch comes up in the evening over the mountain as trails the sun. These stars give luck when the bow-and-arrow-woods are in bloom. This luck is for gambling, horse racing, or anything you may gain.

Winners at Forty-Seventh Treaty Days

These are the results from the 2017 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow, provided by the Powwow Committee. For each category the contestants are listed in order of where they finished:

Girls Tiny Tots, 6 and under. Coraline Snow White of Warm Springs. Alexis Payer, Wapato, Wash. Nyroah Iskyoo, Warm Springs. Seequoia Edwards, Warm Springs. Janessa Abundiez, Wapato.

Boys Tiny Tots, 6 and under. James IV, Wapato. Mykael Sal, Warm Springs. Ikiaka Sanchez, Warm Springs and Nisqually. Tyler Takala, Goldendale. Masiah Barley, Chiloquin.

Girls 7-11 years. Katelyn Tanewasha, Warm Spring. Kimora Smith, Warm Springs. Kiahna Allen, Warm Springs. Vivian Walsey, Toppenish. Kaylyani Estimo, Warm Springs.

Boys 7-11. Jayden Esquiro, Warm Springs. Sheldon Joseph, Polacca, Ariz. Sunny Walsey, Toppenish. Dael Hawk, Goldendale. Joseph Boise Jr., Warm Springs.

Teen Girls Fancy/Jingle 12-16. Maryquinn J, Warm Springs. Kaleen Joseph, Polacca. Mariam Walsey, Toppenish. Bethal Scabby Robe, White Swan. Kya Creger, Pendleton.

Teen Boys Fancy/Grass, 12-16. Roger Warner, Warm Springs. Andy Bennett, Toppenish. Jacob Castilleva, Harrah,



Colorful scene at the 2017 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow. Jayson Smith photos

Wash. Kyal Dakota, Wapato. McCallister Selam, Granger, Wash.

Teen Girls Traditional, 12-16. Marjorie Heath, Warm Springs. MaryBelle Jim, Wapato. Virgilena Walsey-Begay, Satus, Wash. E-Shah-sha-sha-nee PirHe Boise, Chiloquin. Kayla Tewee, Warm Springs.

Teen Boys Traditional, 12-16. Trenton Calica, Warm Springs. Andrew Adams, Harrah. Brylen Scabbyrobe, White Swan. Terrance Bennett, Toppenish.

Owl Dance/Rabbit Dance Contest. Les and Wilma Wahsise. Ken and Carina Miller, Warm Springs. Logan Queampts and Zelma Walsey.

Three Person Hand Drum. Four Bands. Eagle Thunder. Chute #B. Three Skinz.

Womens/Girls Team Round Dance (team and captain). The Rebels, Cece Walsey. River Qs, Zelma Walsey. Simnasho Redhawks, Charlene Dimmick. Scabbyrobe Girls, Bertie Scabbyrobe.

Mens/Boys Team War Dance (team and captain). Prestige Worldwide, Kellen Joseph. Straight Outta Satus, Dillon Begay. The Horses, Moses Walsey. #1.5, Raymond Sam Smith.

Womens Fancy/Jingle, 17 and up. Keeli Littleleaf, Takilma. Destiny Summers, Klamath Falls. Mary Harris, Pendleton. Norberta Scabbyrobe, White Swan. Zelma Walsey, Toppenish.

Womens Traditional, 17 and up. Pat Heemsah, Toppenish. Tasha Adams, Harrah. Wilma Wahsise, Toppenish. Marilyn Wahatomy, Ft. Hall. Samantha Oleny, Wapato.

Mens Fancy/Grass, 17 and up. Jordan Warren, Takilma. Tom Tias, Pendleton. Rolin MorningOwl, Warm Springs. Will Hess, Klamath Falls. Dillon Begay, Satus.

Mens Traditional, 17 and up. Logan Queampts, Mission. Kellen Joseph, Pendleton. Quindon Calica, Warm Springs. Anthony Heemsah, Toppenish. Jeremy Takala, Goldendale.

Round Bustle Special. Logan Queampts, Mission. Rolin MorningOwl, Warm Springs. Michael Sammaripa, Satus.

Womens Memorial Shell Dress Special Honoring Hilda Culpus. Bernice Jim, Yakama. Wilma Wahsise, Yakama. Vivian Wutamee, Ft. Hall.

Boys and Girls Club open through August

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls club is open until September 1, when they will get ready for the school year program.

Just a reminder that Kindergarten through eighth grade students at the Warm

Springs Academy will be back to school August 14 thru the 17, and August 23 through the 25.

The club will remain open during those weeks for older kids and those who don't attend the Academy.

Youth meals program through summer

The 509-J Summer Food Service Meal program remains open to all kids. Here's where youth age 18 and under can get free, nutritious meals: Breakfast is served at the

Warm Springs Youth Center from 8:30-9, and lunch noon to 12:30. At Bridges Career School, located in the Westside School, they serve lunch at noon and an afternoon meal at 3.

The Traditional Parade



And here are the results in the various categories of the 2017 Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade.

Horseback

Male adults 17 and over. Delvis Heath, and Sean McConville.

Female adults 17 and over. Pat Heemsah (in memory of Viola Kalama). Brigitte McConville (in memory of Janet Billey). Karina Blackwolf (in memory of Hilda Culpus).

Youth males 16 and under. Logan Queampts, Mission. Kellen Joseph, Pendleton.

Youth females, 16 and under. Miriam Walsey. Winola Brisbois. Sharmiah Brisbois.

Walkers

Male adults 17 and over. Archie Caldera. Kellon Joseph. Damion Solomon.

Female adults 17 and over. Bernice Jim. Samantha Olney. Sarah Dowty.

Youth males 16 and under. Jason Jim. Tyler Takola. Jerimiah Lewis. Maybelle Jim. Annie Payer. Tapanga Iness.

Traditional Floats: Austin Greene. Zelma Walsey (Rock Creek).

Contemporary Floats: Warm Springs T-Ball (Eileen Dick). Re-Use It Second Hand Store (Terry Macy). Solar Eclipse (Indian Head Casino).

The Grand Marshals. Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath. Wasco Chief JR Alfred Smith. Paiute Chief Joe Moses. Tribal Council Chairman Eugene Austin Greene Jr. Agency District: Valerie Switzer and Carina Miller. Seekseequa: Brigitte McConville and Lee Tom. Simnasho: Jody Calica, Ronnie Suppah and Raymond Tsumpti.

