## Fisheries, tribal advocate passes

Roy Sampsel, the first executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, has passed away. Mr. Sampsel was a dedicated advocate of tribes throughout Indian Country for nearly fifty years.

Mr. Sampsel was the CRITFC executive director from 1977-1979, and remained a constant figure in the organization over the following 40 years.

"Roy was a leader, but his biggest role was to never lead—his role was to prepare us to lead, support us in the lead, and make sure we accepted the responsibility to lead," said current CRITFC executive director Jaime Pinkham.

Mr. Sampsel had a life-long fascination with fish, water, forests, oceans, wildlife, and the rights of Indian tribes.

More than a fascination, he maintained a steady and creative commitment to the sovereignty of Indian nations and the protection of their natural resources.

As the first executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, he worked to protect, enhance and implement the tribal fishing rights of the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes.

He worked tirelessly convincing others that tribes have unique skills and abilities as resource managers.

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Mr. Sampsel spent his early years in Broken Bow and Tahlequa, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Wyandotte and Choctaw Nations.

The Sampsel family moved from Oklahoma to Tulane, Louisiana, then to Portland, where Roy caught the spark for public service from professors at Portland State University and from Oregon political leaders.

The Mobile Medical Unit will be located at the campus area on Tuesday, November 28. To make an appointment, call the medical desk at the clinic, 541-553-1196.





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## Toy drive for happy holidays

The Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch is holding its annual toy drive to benefit youth of the community ages 2-17.

If you are a family needing help this Christmas, there is a form to fill out. All requests for assistance must be returned by December 15, and will be processed first-come first serve.

One form is required for each child. For forms, go by the Social Services office in the Family Resource Center. Or call 541-553-0497.

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