

Letters to the editor

Canoe Family

The N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe Family is getting ready for the summer Canoe Journey. Here are some items on their agenda leading up to the Journey:

Saturday, May 26: At the Columbia River, Rock Creek blessing and naming of canoes.

May 30: Regular N'Chi Wana Pum meeting at the Greeley Heights community building, including craft and drum practice, at 5:30 p.m.

June 2: Performance at the Central Oregon Community College salmon bake in Bend.

June 6: Regular meeting at the Greeley Heights community building at 5:30 p.m.

June 9: Pull practice at Pelton Park marina to Indian Park, starting at 9 a.m.

June 10: Car wash fundraiser, time and location to be announced.

June 16: Pull practice, Pelton Park marina to Indian Park, starting at 9.

June 20: Regular meeting, Greeley Heights community building at 5:30 p.m., including craft and drum practice.

June 23: Pi-Ume-Sha Parade, line-up at 8 a.m. Practice to follow at 11 a.m., Pelton Park marina to Indian Park.

June 30: Pull practice, 9 a.m., Pelton Park marina to Indian Park.

July 4: Fourth of July parade.

July 5-19: Prepare for the Journey, with pullers, skipper, dancers, drummers, ground crews, cooks and drivers.

July 7: Pull practice, 9 a.m., Pelton Park marina to Indian Park.

Story Collection

The Confluence project has partnered with Washington State University to launch the Confluence Collection, a series of excerpts from our

Story Gathering interview project.

A total of 16 elders and leaders from tribes throughout the Columbia River region, including Warm Springs, shared their stories, observations and insights.

The interview sessions were beautifully recorded by our partners at NW Documentary. You can see these interviews at the Warm Springs University Plateau Peoples Portal.

Over the last 18 months, excerpts from these interviews framed the discussions for a series of seven public events called 'Confluence Story Gatherings.'

Thank you to our partners, and especially to those who shared their thoughts during these interviews.

The website is: plateauportal.libraries.wsu.edu/digital-heritage

Summer camp

Warm Springs Culture and Heritage is planning for this summer's Camp Naimuma, coming up in July at the HeHe camp grounds.

The camp—July 20-24—is open to the first 50 boys and 50 girls to sign up. The deadline to register is July 18.

You can contact Culture and Heritage at 541-553-3290. Or email: deanie.smith@wstribes.org

Salmon Camp

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Salmon Camp is a seven-day, six-night camp. This year the camp is co-hosted by the Yakama Nation.

The camp, from July 29-August 4, is free, and open to a limited number of incoming sixth- to eighth-grade students.

Campers will learn about the science and life cycle of salmon, and will visit salmon restoration sites.

Explore traditional ecological knowledge; meet tribal professionals working in the field; and gain unique and valuable hands-on experience.

The camp fosters an interest in natural resource careers among Native American youth.

You can download the application form at critfc.org

It can be filled out in Microsoft Word or printed and filled out physically.

If you have questions or need assistance filling out the application, please contact Ciarra Greene, Salmon camp coordinator, or Faron Scissons at 503-238-0667. Or email: workforce@critfc.org

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m., Friday, June 1.

Vital Stats: Attempt to locate

The Warm Springs Vital Statistics Department is still trying to locate the following individuals:

Bryson Davis, Sophie Earl, Joshua Fry, Aaron Hart Sr.

Louie Ike Jr., Richard Leonard, Angelica Maki, Jeannie Mitchell.

Devin Prouty, Bobby Spackman, Jerome Spino, Della Thompson, Wisdom Tufti, Tywrell Williams.

If family or friends know how to get ahold of them, please let the person know that we are trying to get a current mailing address from them.

If the person could, please send a fax to 541-553-2236. Include the name and current mailing address and contact phone number.

Or email: Palena.Spino@wstribes.org

With the same information as with the fax.

A history of the first school on the reservation

Evaline Patt, archivist with the Museum at Warm Springs, came across this interesting history of the first school in Warm Springs.

The story is taken from a school year book of 1938-1939. This year book was donated to the Museum at Warm Springs by a tribal member, and Evaline made a copy for the museum archives.

As told by O. Kalama

The treaty between the government and the Confederated Tribes grew out of a meeting that started June 22, 1855 and lasted until June 25, 1855. The Warm Springs Reservation was to contain about 625 square miles suitable for stock raising.

During the discussion, education for the children was one of the things mentioned. Chief Mark said, "The children should learn to read and write."

Chief Kuck-up said, "It appears you are showing me the thing I was talking about—When our children learn to read and write it will be the same as bringing them to light. As it were we have been asleep and have just woke up."

So in 1857 all the people marched out to the present reservation. There were about 1,300 Indians. The people settled around the Agency where the several houses are now.

A large log house was built for a fort with holes on all sides to shoot from. A school building was built, and they had one teacher.

The school building was located on the ground where the dairy farm now stands, some of the school buildings reaching as far as Mr. A.M. Wilson's home.

The cellar used by the kitchen is still in use. Half of the building used

for dormitory purposes was occupied by the boys, the other half was used by the girls. The students worked one half day and attended school one half day. This was about 1870 until 1890.

In 1895 the frame school building now used for arts and crafts was started. The lumber was taken from the reservation and was sawed by water power. In about 1896 the school building was completed.

Children were taught from the kindergarten to the fifth grade. An assembly room was used each morning, where the students sang for about one half hour then returned to the classrooms to study. Detail work was changed every month.

The boys worked in the school garden, did the feeding and hauling of wood with mule teams. The girls did all the house work and helped with the cooking.

There were programs on every holiday. On May 30 all students marched to decorate the school grounds. All students marched to and from the dining room, school buildings and garden.

During social nights games were the only thing followed. At times they would have square dances, but no one would play for the students.

The government bought wood in four foot lengths, and the boys being punished sawed this up. A water power mill and a flour mill used this wood. This was located exactly where A.M. Wilson's house now stands.

Kerosene lamps were used for street lights. In about 1902 electricity was generated. At this time there was one girl advisor, a boy's advisor, a carpenter, school cook, dairyman, four teachers, superintendent, doctor, seamstress, 10 Indian policemen, three judges and one clerk.

The busy man of the campus was the industrial teacher. He looked after the buildings, the farm work, dairy work, kept school grounds clean, and supplied the buildings with wood.

Since that time the school has gradually grown in pupils as well as teachers. We now have a modern school building with all the latest advantages. The school is based and run on a democratic platform. The vocational students have a number of courses to choose from, and we feel sure that the school is well prepared to take care of the child's needs.

Location: On a bench of the Shitike Creek, where it joins the rushing waters of the Deschutes River, sits our Alma Mater.

Back of the school grounds rises a wall 800 feet high rimmed with rock and covered with cheat grass. Amid the sage brush surrounding our school we often hear the howl of the coyote or the scream of an owl perched on one of the juniper trees.

Beyond the Shitike the other canyon wall rolls to a stop 1,500 feet above. Looking west of our school a snow capped portion of Olallie Butte is visible and east of the school we see the Agency plains. At their base runs the cool waters of the Deschutes.

In the winter these walls protect us from severe cold, and a breeze from the Shitike in summer makes them enjoyable. Is it any wonder that Warm Springs students are always happy and contented?

(Evaline notes: This story was taken from one of the school books called 'The Tepee' from the 1938-1939 school year. As this was the 1938 school year, the book is now 80 years old.)

This portion of history tells a lot from that time, as told by O. Kalama. I'm assuming this is Oliver Kalama, who was Secretary-Treasurer at that time.)

An apology

I am sorry Grandpa I haven't been going to school. I can try to start going more

and try to get my grades up until I can go to Roots next year.

I am sorry for not going to school. I've been go-

ing lately and trying to get my grades up and do better.

James Kalama Jr.

Siletz Fund donation



Courtesy photo.

From the Museum at Warm Springs, Deb Stacona and Natalie Kirk accept a contribution from Rebekah Goulet, of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. The Siletz fund gave \$5,000 for the Museum at Warm Springs upcoming exhibit Memory of the Land, opening in June.

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On the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of May

The following are some of the remaining items on the Tribal Council May agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

Tuesday, May 29

9: a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer /COO update with Michele Stacona and Alyssa

Macy.

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

11: Meet and greet with the executive director of the Port of Portland.

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

2:30: Moss Adams report with Roderick Ariwite/Ven-

tures board.

3:30: Enrollments with Vital Stats.

Wednesday, May 30

9 a.m.: Land Buy Back program appraisal report, wave 2, with Iris Crismin/deputy chief appraiser, and Rena Sanford, regional su-

pervisor.

10: Update: Senior citizen home repair policy.

11: Draft resolutions.

1:30 p.m.: Housing update with Danielle Wood.

2:30: April financial update with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

Summary of Tribal Council

May 14, 2018

1. Roll call: Chief Alfred Smith Sr., Chairman Eugene Greene Sr., Vice Chairman Charles Calica, Brigitte McConville, Valerie Switzler, Raymond Tsumpti, Phoebe Joe, Recorder.

2. Tribal Veterans Representation update.

3. Meth Proclamation.

•Motion by Raymond for this resolution to be tabled, as more information is needed. It will come back as a full document. Second by Charles. Question: 7/0/1, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

•Executive session 11:35

a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

4. Opioid Litigation.

• Motion by Charles adopting Resolution No. 12,489: Tribal Council hereby authorize and engagement of the law firm on the terms and conditions of substantially set forth from the legal services agreement attached as Exhibit A. Second by Valerie. Question: 8/0/0, Chairman not voting. Mo-

tion carried.

5. Kah-Nee-Ta and AV Northwest update.

6. Meet and greet candidate Courtney Snead for Jefferson County Commissioner.

7. Farm status and Horse Removal Program update.

8. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.