

Tribal gathering for drug prevention



The many participants at the two-day conference at Kah-Nee-Ta, during traditional opening.

The Confederated Tribes and Health and Human Services this week hosted the first Oregon Tribal Summit on Opioids and Other Drugs.

Present were health and human service workers from the Oregon tribes, and tribal organizations.

Warm Springs Tribal Council members, committees, departments and enter-

prises were well represented.

State officials, including top officials with the Oregon Department of Human Services, were on hand. A keynote speaker was Don Coyhis, founder of White Bison and Wellbriety.

Medical workers, and law enforcement officials made presentations.

The focus of the two-

day gathering was the development of strategies to address drug and alcohol abuse problems among tribal communities.

Workshops during the second half of the confer-

ence focused on all aspects of the drug problem in Indian Country: from the sources of the drugs, prevention and healthy living programs, treatment options, cultural aspects, life



Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene at the podium, as the Color Guard posts the Colors, at the opening of the tribal Opioid and Other Drug prevention conference.

Food handler's classes in W.S.

There is a food handlers' classes scheduled for this month.

The first one is this Thursday, June 7 from 2-4 p.m. More classes are scheduled for June 11 from 10 a.m. to noon; June 14 at 2 p.m.; and June 18 at 10 a.m.

All classes are held in

the atrium at the Health and Wellness Center.

A certified food handler's card is required of every commercial food worker who is involved in public food handling and preparation. For more information on the Warm Springs classes, call 541-553-4943.

Paddlers practice as Journey approaches

N'Chi Wana Pum Canoe pull practice will be this Saturday, June 9 starting at 9 a.m. from Pelton Park Marina. Paddle will be to Indian Park.

The 2018 Power Paddle to Puyallup begins July 19. All current members and all new comers are encouraged to attend meetings and practices to learn more.

Correction

Regarding a recent article in the *Spilyay Tymoo*, we make the following correction:

Tommy Boileau Keo, son of Levi and Chrystal Keo, died April 20, 1985.

The *Spilyay* apologizes for the error.

Home for sale in Tenino Valley

Viewing appointments are being taken for a rural home for sale by the owner in Tenino Valley. The 1,750-square foot home has three bedrooms and two bathrooms on the main level, a basement apartment, plus a two-car garage, barn and storage building. You can call 541-325-3452 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. for more information.

Tip Line

The Warm Springs Police Department has an anonymous tip line.

The service helps investigators gather information from individuals who want to remain anonymous, but who want assist in providing information regarding any criminal activity.

If anyone has any information about any criminal activity, please call the anonymous tip Line: 541-553-2202.

13-year sentence for shooting incident

Rhyan Leigh Smith was sentenced last week to 13 years in prison for a 2016 shooting incident.

Smith, 26, had pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit murder, and using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

In March of 2016, Smith was living with family members. According to the prosecution:

On March 16 of that



Rhyan Leigh Smith

year, at about 8 a.m., Smith returned to the house, and shot a family member five

times with a pistol. Another family member heard the shots, tried to stop Smith, but also was shot. According to court records:

Warm Springs Police and the FBI responded to the house, finding Smith hiding in sagebrush near the house with a rifle.

The suspect was then arrested. Her sentencing was at the federal courthouse last week in Portland.

Longhouse, updates at Tribal Council

The Agency Longhouse needs a new fire suppression system, and new lights and windows. Management and Finance are working on how to fund the work, said Alyssa Macy, chief operations officer.

The building has been rehabilitated, with the removal of asbestos and lead paint, and decontamination of meth residue, reported last week at Tribal Council.

There are other buildings on the reservation that remain closed due to meth contamination. These include numerous Housing Authority units, and the Elmer Quinn Park restrooms, for instance. The Simnasho and HeHe longhouses also need to be tested, Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti said. Some other items from the chief operations officer update last week:

Transitional housing

The tribes and Health and Human Services have remodeled the Vern Jackson Home, and the building is now used for transitional housing for families working with the Children's Protective Services.

This is a unique

home, the only one associated with a Children's Protective Services department, Ms. Macy said.

Downtown project

Tribal management and Utilities are planning three more meetings on the Warm Springs Downtown project.

The tribes have hosted two meetings so far. The next three meetings will be at Simnasho, Seekseequa and in Warm Springs.

Ball fields, memorial park

The new ball fields and Warm Springs Veterans Memorial Park have drawn the interest of the National Guard in Idaho.

The National Guard offers services to communities, as a mutually beneficial training exercise.

The Guard is interested in helping with the construction of the new ball fields and the Veterans Memorial Park, said Bruce Irwin, Community Development director.

Both of these projects have secured funding. The work on both could be done in the summer of 2019, Mr. Irwin said.

Man killed in motorcycle accident on reservation

A motorcyclist died on Saturday after crashing into a bear on the reservation. Rhett Larson, 39, worked as a fire fighter in Bend.


Mr. Larson was killed when he hit the bear and fell off his motorcycle, according to police. He was then stuck by an oncoming vehicle

on Highway 26.

The driver of the oncoming vehicle was then air lifted to the hospital.

Mr. Larson was on his way

to Bend from Portland. He had been a fire fighter in Bend for 16 years. He is remembered as a great fire fighter, father and friend.



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