Billy Chinook Clan Gathering this weekend

This weekend will see the Clan Gathering of descendants and relatives of William 'Billy Chinook' Parker, wife Annie Holliquilla and their families.

The Great Clan Gathering will be this Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19 at the Warm Springs community Center. The welcome will be out at 10 a.m. on both days.

Richard Macy has been organizing the gathering for the past several months. He will have on display at the community center an extensive family tree that has been years in the research and making.

Mr. Macy says, If you are descended from any of the following elders, you are family: Frank Polk, Waliba, Billy Chinook, Annie Holliquilla. Peter Brunoe, Amy Andrew, Jerry Brunoe, Sophie Andrew.

Amy Sallow, Cain Brunoe, Easton Aguilar, Emma Parker. Matilda Parker Stacona, Eva Brunoe, Frank Brunoe, Bessie Brunoe, Joseph Zak. Frank Pete, Charles Reed, George Reed, Adeline Brunoe.

Jeanette Brunoe, August Brunoe, Lorraine Brunoe. Buford Johnson, Sr., Francis Greene and Jasper Switzler. There may be others as well, Macy says.

The weekend will feature potluck, and meeting new family. You can learn more on Facebook at Billy Chinook/Annie Holliquilla

Enrollments: planned well in advance

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Tribal Council added the baseline census year concept for automatic enrollment purposes in 1975.

Adding the census baseline meant that all applicants for enrollment would have blood quantum determined by examining the parent/grandparent whose name appears on the 1940 census.

For those on the 1940 census list, all of their Indian blood would be considered Confederated Tribes blood for the purposes of enroll-

Tribal Council later added the 1960 baseline for enrollment purposes in 2008.

For example, consider the child of a biological tribal member parent born in 1958 who was one-quarter Warm Springs, one-quarter Navajo, one-quarter Choctaw and one-quarter white, and whose name appears on the 1960 census.

Using only the 1940 census as

the baseline, the child would only be one-eighth Confederated Tribes blood, and would not eligible for automatic enrollment.

However, using the 1960 census as the baseline, the tribal member parent has a total of three-quarters Indian blood, all of which would be considered Confederated Tribes blood.

Thus, the child could be automatically enrolled as having onequarter or more Confederated Tribes blood.

The February 2019 referendum asks tribal voters to add the 1980 census to the list of baseline census years for determining the Confederated Tribes blood quantum.

The Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council approved the referendum well in advance of the February 15, 2019 date to ensure that Vital Stats has enough time to have voters update registration information and to mail out and receive ballots.

Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks to assist Tribal members with making an informed vote.

Overview of tribal enrollment changes

April 2016: Resolution 12,157 provided policy clarification of amended Article III, Section 2(a) of the Constitution as follows:

"In determining the quantum of blood of the Confederated Tribes for application for enrollment, all the Indian blood of enrollees of the Confederated Tribes as show on the census roll of the 1940, 1960, or 1980 shall be included as the blood of the Confederated Tribes." Simnasho District representatives invoked Article VI of the Constitution and By-Laws to call for a tribal referendum on the resolution.

September 2008: Resolution 10,934 provided for an expanded interpretation of Article III, Sections 1 and 2, specifically, "shall be interpreted to include the lawful and valid membership blood quantum from a member or former member of the Ichiskin (Sahaptin or Warm Springs), Kiksht (Chinook or Wasco) and/or Numu (Shoshonean or Pauite): People wherein a close ancestral affiliation can be documented and confirmed by formal Tribal Council action."

September 2008: Resolution 10,933 provided policy clarification of amended Article III, Section 2(a) of the Constitution as follows: "In determining the quantum of blood of the Confederated Tribes of an application for enrollment, all Indian blood of enrollees of the Confederated Tribes as show on the census roll of 1940 or 1960 shall be included as blood of the Confederated Tribes."

January 1975: Resolution 4,301 provided policy clarification of amended Article III, Section 2(a) of the Constitution as follows:

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