

The Chinook-Holliquilla Gathering

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photos

In the year 1823 at the Wascopum village at the Columbia River, the child Young Guygo was born.

Young Guygo was orphaned at an early age, his parents probably taken by one of the many diseases brought to the area by the non-Indian settlers.

As a teenager Guygo moved to Ft. Dalles, living for a time at the Mission with the Reverend Daniel Lee and family, where he learned English.

The reverend in 1835 baptized Young Guygo and gave him the Christian name William 'Billy' Mackendrie.

Sometime later he moved in with the Perkins family, who were Chinook Indians.

Cpt. William Fremont arrived at Ft. Dalles in 1842, as he was mapping trails and waterways of the West for the U.S. government.

Fremont recruited Billy to join the expedition. Believing Billy was a Chinook Indian, Fremont called him Billy Chinook.

In the ensuing years, Young 'Billy Chinook' Guygo traveled to California, east to Nevada, and eventually to Washington, D.C., where he attended Columbia College.

He lived in Pennsylvania, living with Quakers, where he acquired his preferred name, William Parker.

In time he traveled back to California, probably having some luck with gold mining, and then finally returning to Oregon.

In his middle and later years he lived on the Warm Springs Reservation, farming and ranching, marrying more than once. He and his wife Annie Holliquilla had a daughter, Emma Parker...

This is a very abbreviated account—based on a history by Richard Macy— of the fascinating life of William 'Billy Chinook' Parker, whose memory was brought to life this month at the Great Clan Gathering. At the gathering Mr. Macy shared some great old photographs, and a family tree as long as the gymnasium wall.



Many relatives and friends at the Gathering (above) pose for a shot.



The family tree is as long as the gymnasium wall (above); while Ted Brunoe (left) shares some thoughts with friends and relatives.

Summer Youth Worker Profile



Name: Coreena Stwyer
Age: 14 years old
Summer youth worker for WIOA-Native Aspirations: Early Childhood Education teacher aide

This is Coreena's first year working with the ECE program. She has picked up some new skills such as sign language working along with teacher Jason. In high-school she plans on trying out for both basketball and volleyball. Her favorite subject is Social studies. If money was no object she would like to go to Hawaii.

Community notes...

The Simnasho community will host an **art camp** this Thursday and Friday, August 29-30.

The camp will be at the Simnasho powwow grounds each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. Kids younger than 7 must be accompanied by a parent. This is a free event. Lunch and painting materials will be provided.

Warm Springs OSU Extension and Nutrition Education will have a **Fruit Tree Production 101** class this Thursday, August 30 at noon in the Education building basement. Learn tips for planting and caring for the best cold hardy fruit trees for Central Oregon. Lunch will be served and the class is free to attend.

There is a **food handlers class** this Thursday, August 30 from 2-4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center atrium.

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