



Rodney Guerin visits with friends at the Forty-Third Annual Christmas Bazaar, hosted by Warm Springs Recreation.



Community Action Team entry, Mickey & Friends Christmas Lights Parade.



Some of the unique and beautiful gifts at the Christmas Bazaar



Jayson Smith photos

District, Council summaries

Council nominations: Simnasho District, Monday, December 17:

- Floyd Calica nominated Levi VanPelt; Second by Marella Sam.
- Janice Clements nominated Raymond Tsumpti; Second by Eliza Jim.
- Frank Charley nominated Charles “Jody” Calica; Second by Russell Charley.
- Bruce Jim nominated Ronald Suppah; Second by Wanda VanPelt.
- Aurolyn Stwyer nominated Sal Sahme; Second by Arlita Rhoan.
- Viola Governor nominated Olney Patt, Jr.; Second by Cecelia Collins.
- Charlene Dimmick nominated Jaylyn Suppah; Second by Raphael Queahpama.
- Lucille Suppach-Samson nominated Lincoln “Jay” Suppah; Sec-

- ond by Raphael Queahpama.
- Loren Suppah nominated Raymond Moody; Second by Levi VanPelt.
- Iva McKinley nominated Harold Pennington; Second by Davis Stwyer.
- Lawrence Squiemphen nominated Emerson Squiemphen; Second by Flossie Wolfe.
- Ardis Clark nominated TJ Foltz; Second by Charlie Strom.
- Mina Shike nominated Evaline Patt; Second by Sarah Frank.
- Sal Sahme nominated Aurolyn Stwyer; Second by Lamont Brown.
- Charlotte Herkshan nominated Edward Heath; Second by Harold Pennington; Edward declined the nomination.
- Arlita Rhoan nominated Priscilla Frank; Second by Olney Patt Jr.
- Motion by Neda Wesley to

close nominations; Second by Lilly VanPelt.

Tribal Council summary: December 17

Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Raymond Tsumpti, Lee Tom, and Brigitte McConville. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder (a.m.); Alfredine Smith, Recorder (p.m.).
 Office of Special Trustee update. Bureau of Indian Affairs update. Federal and state legislative updates.
 Tribal attorney updates. Executive session 2:42-3:30 p.m.
 Agency nomination update with Alyssa Macy, Chief Operations Officer.
 Tribal member request: Motion by Brigitte approving the medical travel request in the amount of \$600. Second by Ron. Question: 4/0/3, Chair not voting. Motion carried.

Treaty: challenges to keep treaty document secure

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The museum partnered with the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon, about an hour away, to fabricate a new exhibit case to NARA specifications. The museum’s archivist, Evaline Patt, selected six pages of the treaty to be displayed, including the signature pages.

In late September, on a sunny, cool, and crisp morning, Carol met NARA conservator Beatriz Centeno and I at our hotel in Madras. We drove to the museum, where we discussed plans for the installation of the treaty.

Claus Koch from Security Pros joined us to review security protocols while the treaty was on site. Later that morning, Gus Bradley and Cindy Bradley from the High Desert Museum joined us. Gus and his colleague Dustin Cockerham had fabricated the case in Bend.

Our greatest challenge was low relative humidity. With the very helpful museum staff, we were able to have the relative humidity in the gallery raised up to an acceptable and sustainable level.

In the weeks that followed, regular reports showed the environment inside the case was being maintained within NARA’s specified limits.

When all was ready, National Archives conservator Beatriz Centeno carefully placed each of the six pages into the display case. After taking some time to obtain balanced light levels, everyone agreed the case could be closed.

With our mission completed, Carol took us on a driving tour of the high desert, and we rode out to the Deschutes River Dam.

On our way back to the airport in Portland, we traveled through the Cascade Mountains and had great views of the majestic Mount Hood.

Meanwhile, the museum hosted a prayer service to bless the arrival of the Treaty.

In October the Museum at Warm Springs hosted a Treaty conference where *Living Treasures* awards were presented to Redline Billy, Geraldine Jim, Foster Kalama Ku-Na, Arlita Rhoan, and Maxine Switzer.

We are most grateful to former museum executive director Carol Leone and her talented staff, especially Natalie Kirk, Sunmiet Maben, and Joseph Brisbois for their warm welcome and help in making the installation go so smoothly.

Dana Whitelaw, Director, Dustin Cockerham, Head Preparator, Gus Bradley, Assistant Preparator, and Cindi Bradley, Director of Exhibits at the High Desert Museum provided invaluable assistance that helped make the treaty display possible.

Back home at the National Archives, Patrick Kepley, Jane Fitzgerald, Michael Hussey, Beatriz Centeno, and Abigail Aldrich helped with all the essential preparations behind the scenes.

Interested in learning more about Native American records?

At the National Archives, we are in the process of digitizing hundreds of Indian Treaties. They will soon be available for free on our online catalog. Our Professional Development webinars will feature Native American themes during the coming year.

At the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC, visitors can view the original Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 in the “Nation to Nation” exhibition.

And for even more information about Native American records at the National Archives, visit our website.

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More Year in Review ~ 2018 ~

July

The N’Chi Wanapum Canoe Family joined 119 other tribal canoes at the landing of the Power Paddle to Puyallup.

The N’Chi Wanapum Canoe Family began nine years ago, when the tribes acquired the 36-foot canoe. And this:

Tribal Council met in July with the owner of a Las Vegas medicinal cannabis organization, a tribal financial facilitator, and Warm Springs Ventures.

Dr. Nicola Spirtos owns the Apothecary Shoppe in Las Vegas, employing scientists and other doctors to produce award-winning cannabis products. In other news:

The vision is taking shape for the Warm Springs Community Action Team small business incubator.

Chris Watson and his team have been carefully planning and working on this idea for some time, with large funding components now in place. A leading architecture firm has donated design services.

Additional funding requests are pending, with a great chance for success, bringing the project just within reach. Elsewhere:

As of this month, Tribal Council has taken no action on the future operation of Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, and the potential operator continues to seek fund-

ing that would allow the resort to stay open.

The Kah-Nee-Ta board will make a presentation soon to Tribal Council, presenting various options.

August

Testing shows the Warm Springs domestic water is perfectly safe to drink. That is the good news. On the other hand, the tribes are facing critical and expensive issues regarding the future of the Warm Springs domestic water system.

The Dry Creek Water Treatment Plant must be expanded and improved, or replaced entirely by a new plant, according to a recent study. Meanwhile the water distribution lines are leaking, most clearly shown by the many small wetland areas in neighborhoods and around the community. There are likely many more leaks that are not immediately visible. In other news:

A tribal referendum is set for February 15, 2019, and will ask tribal members to vote on changes to the how blood quantum is determined for the purposes of automatic enrollment. The change would be the addition of the 1980 census to the list of baseline census years for determining the Confederated Tribes blood quantum. In youth sports news:

Siddalee Spino-Suppah won the West Coast Regional Finals Rodeo in Peewee Bareback. The win qualifies Siddalee for the National Finals in Las Vegas. Meanwhile:

A federal judge this month has ruled in favor of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Portland General Electric, in a lawsuit alleging violations of clean water regulations. The judge ruled that undisputed evidence showed that the tribes’ and PGE’s Pelton Round Butte hydroelectric project is operating consistently with conditions of its water quality certificate from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Later in August:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council took formal action Tuesday to close the Kah-nee-ta Resort. The closure includes the Lodge, the Village, and the golf course. Immediate steps will be taken by the tribal management and the board to implement a closure plan.

The Kah-nee-ta Board of Directors has presented a number of eco-tourism options to the Tribal Council for consideration over several sessions.

These ideas included a trial season of heli-skiing on Mt. Jefferson, multi-day lodge-based fishing trips along the Deschutes River, trophy game hunting, and the development of a culture and wellness center. Each of these options required action by the Tribal Council to move forward as permitting

and capital investments were needed.

The Board also included permitting areas on Mt. Jefferson for limited commercial film and photography production. In better news:

Through a combination of grants the Confederated Tribes now have the funds to make some significant improvements to the Dry Creek Water Treatment Plant. The final piece of funding—\$447,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development—adds to an earlier \$343,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and \$80,000 from Indian Health Service—Portland Area Office. That brings the to-

tal available to \$870,000, all to be used for improvements at the treatment plant.

September

The Museum at Warm Springs Board of Directors has appointed Elizabeth Woody as executive director. Ms. Woody will succeed Carol Leone, who has ably served the museum since 2002, and is retiring at the end of November.

Ms. Woody will begin her post on December 1. She has a long history with the Museum at Warm Springs, starting in 1993.



The N’Chi Wanapum Canoe Family made the Power Paddle to Puyallup in July 2018.