

# The Year in Review ~ 2019 ~

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## January

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The **five curriculum topics:** Tribal History, Sovereignty, Culture, Languages, and Tribal Government. Three levels of study—for elementary school students, middle and high school—are included.

The final curriculum will be complete and submitted to the Oregon Department of Education. This will then be incorporated into the lessons of the public school system, replacing the versions that are incomplete or inaccurate in regard to the Native people.

Culture and Heritage for years now has been teaching tribal languages, history and culture in schools. The new curriculum will broaden this approach, giving students a better understanding of the tribal experience.

## February

Oregon Governor Kate Brown this month met with Tribal Council, making official her stance against **'the Huntington document.'** Known also as 'the treaty of 1865,' this abnormality has never been recognized by tribes or federal government, and is an offense to the tribes.

Essentially: The Treaty of 1855 created the Warm Springs Reservation while recognizing the tribal right to hunt, fish and gather at usual and accustomed places, and on "unclaimed lands" within and beyond the 11-thousand square miles of Ceded lands.

Then a decade later the Oregon superintendent of Indian Affairs, one J.W. Huntington, orchestrated the so-called 'treaty of 1865.'

This document—with no apparent compensation to the tribes, and with hardly any tribal signatures—purported to eliminate tribal off-reservation rights as ensured by the Treaty of 1855. A provision in the 1865 document also says tribal members could only leave the reservation with written BIA permission.

This erroneous document was eventually ratified by the United States Senate. Yet it has never been recognized or enforced, either by the tribes or the federal government.

In support of a federal effort to recognize the illegitimacy of the Huntington document, Governor Brown met with Council at the Museum at Warm Springs, signing her letter of support. In other news this month:



Courtesy Alyssa Macy

Members of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes—Lee Tom, Ron Suppah, Carina Miller (seated), Valerie Switzler, Brigetta McConville, atwai Jody Calica, Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath and Council chairman Austin Greene (from left)—witness as Governor Kate Brown signs a letter of tribal support, against 'the Huntington document.'

Ballots went out in February for the April 2019 election of the **Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council** of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. And this in February:

Kiahna Allen, age 11, spoke before the Oregon legislature as an advocate of a state bill that would **reduce carbon emissions.**

Kiahna was on the first panel to testify before the House committee regarding HB 2020: She spoke of her elders' teachings on the importance of a healthy environment.

"We already see the effects of global warming on our roots, berries and salmon," Kiahna said. The state's decision regarding HB 2020, she said, will certainly affect her own, and those of future generations.

Kiahna is the daughter of Lorien Stacona, Health and Human Services tribal targeted case manager; and Gordon Scott, liaison with the Oregon Health Sciences University. Despite strong advocacy in favor—and support from Gov. Kate Brown—HB2020 in the end did not pass the House.

## March

Since the 1880s the **remains of three ancestors**—believed to be Wasco—were part of a museum collection half-way around the world. A team of Columbia River tribal members—from Warm Springs, Yakama and Umatilla—traveled in March to the museum, the Canterbury in the Christchurch, New Zealand.

A native tribe of New Zealand—long-time friends of the tribes, the Māori—conducted the transfer ceremony, handing the remains back to the Columbia tribes. The tribal group—including three of the Māori—then traveled to the Columbia River—the Wishxam Cemetery at Dallesport, Washington—for this unique and historic return.

The repatriation is unique in that it is an international effort, said Roberta Kirk, Native American Graves and Repatriation Act coordinator. She explains:

The Graves and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) applies to museums within the jurisdiction of the United States. The law requires these museums to return any Native remains and funerary objects to the most appropriate tribe or tribes.

The Canterbury Museum is outside this jurisdiction, so the law does not apply, Ms. Kirk said. Instead, the museum has willingly cooperated during the years-long process that preceded this month's return. In other March news:

For Isaiah Florendo **rodeo is a year round sport.** With grandfather Evans Spino Jr. and his traveling family, Isaiah makes about 80 rodeos a year.

At age 12, Isaiah had already seen many kinds of rodeo arenas. Yet none were like the renowned Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City.

Former home of the National Finals Rodeo, the arena earlier this year hosted the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals—where hundreds of young people from around the world were in competition.

In the saddle bronc competition—a rodeo specialty for Isaiah—there were four go-rounds. Isaiah won two of these outright. And in the end—with most points overall—he won the International Miniature Rodeo Saddle Bronc World Championship.

Isaiah won the Championship buckle and money, and fine wooden plaques for his two go-around wins. "I was happy about that," Isaiah says. "I was proud."

## Charles 'Jody' Calica ~ Wall-A-Hee- 1947-2019

Charles 'Jody' Calica, Vice-Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council, passed away March 18, 2019 at his home and surrounded by family.

He is greatly missed by many who knew him and worked with him on natural resources, economic development and tribal policy.

Mr. Calica's tribal heritage descends from the Tiah Band of the Ichischkin or Warm Springs People, and the Clackamas band of the Kiksht or Wasco People. He was a veterans of the U.S. Navy.

Throughout his 37-year career of tribal service, he worked in a number of middle to senior executive positions including municipal manager, Natural Resources general manager, and



Kiahna Allen, 11, testifies on the carbon emissions bill before the Oregon legislature, 2019.

## April

This month—in choosing the **Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes**—the membership elected an almost wholly new Council.

Six new Council members are joining two members who were re-elected, plus the three Chiefs who serve for life.

The turnover on the new Tribal Council is the biggest among at least the past several recent Council elections.

Swearing-in of the new Council is planned for the first Monday in May. These are the members of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes:

**Agency District:** Anita Jackson, Glendon Smith and Lola Sohapp.

**Simnasho District:** Captain Moody, Lincoln Jay Suppah and Raymond Tsumpti.

**Seekseequa District:** Brigetta McConville and Wilson Wewa.

Management and Council are developing a plan for a **new water treatment plant.**

The tribes so far this year have made recent improvements to the domestic water treatment plant.

These improvements have allowed the tribes to continue to provide the safe drinking water that currently serves the membership.

The improvements—a cooperative effort of Council and management, Utilities and federal agencies—were designed to prolong the life of the treatment plant.

The long-term solution for the growing community, though, will be a new treatment plant.

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## Make it a...

# HAPPI HOLIDAY

FOR WARM SPRINGS FAMILIES IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The Warm Springs Health And Promotion Prevention Initiative (HAPPI) is coordinating items for distribution in December. There are 2 ways you can help.

**You can contribute any item for youth 0-18**

Unwrapped Items can be dropped off at:

- Tribal Admin Building
- Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center
- Warm Springs ECE
- Warm Springs Library (Family Resource Center )
- GROW program office (103 Wasco Street)
- KWSO radio

**You can make a cash contribution**

(\$25 sponsors an item for a child)

- Contributions can be made at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Administration Building Cash Management Window during their business hours.



**Deadline to turn in donations:  
Monday, December 16, 2019**