

NAICCO: Cuisine project taking off

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By this time Ty had graduated from the Ohio State University, having earned his Masters Degree in Social Work. So the solution was obvious, and the NAICCO board named Ty the center project director.

Since that time the accomplishments have been many, through building relationships with state and regional health agencies and organizations, schools and universities. The overriding goals of NAICCO are the best interests of the Native community, employment and economic development, preserving cultures, and sustainability for the center and its programs.

With the success has come the idea to move the center to a larger site around Columbus—perhaps on 20 acres or more—to accommodate a bigger and better NAICCO campus.

Toward the goal of economic development, NAICCO reached a milestone this October with the grand opening of the NAICCO Cuisine food trailer. In NAICCO's own words:

"NAICCO Cuisine is a Native American owned and operated food trailer that offers a one-of-a-kind menu consisting of unique Native American street food, or what might be better referred to as savory favorites from various parts of Indian Country..."

Reflecting values of the center itself, the main pillars



Courtesy NAICCO

NAICCO Cuisine food trailer in Columbus, Ohio, with tribal flags on display, including the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. For more information, or to donate to the *Bigger & Better NAICCO Campaign* see the website: naicco.com. For more on NAICCO Cuisine see naicco.com/naicco-cuisine

of NAICCO Cuisine are social development, economic development and cultural preservation. The idea for NAICCO Cuisine came from the local Native American community, or those who call NAICCO home:

"Over a period of nine plus years, and through an array of community engagement activities, a consensus was voiced by both NAICCO leadership and a wealth of longstanding Native American community members. The community voice that emerged over those years has spoken directly and dis-

tinctly to the importance of NAICCO having an in-house sustainability plan and approach in place. In this way the meaningful Native American programs, events and gatherings can continue forward into the future.

"The NAICCO team deliberated with community elders, families, youth and the NAICCO Board of Trustees, to be certain that every element necessary for assuring the success of the project was considered and taken into account. And more so, to ensure meaningful outcomes were set in place for

both NAICCO and the local Native American community.

"NAICCO Cuisine not only stands as a means for creating opportunities for NAICCO community members to earn extra income and develop future employability skill sets—by way of hands on experiences and trainings—but as well, it provides a nurturing atmosphere that lends itself to the development of community buy-in and overall ownership.

"The design of the model that defines NAICCO Cuisine is one that is not only meant to generate revenue to supplement ongoing programs, activities and events at NAICCO, but just as meaningfully, one that serves as a platform for promoting traditional Native American values and teachings; the foundational fabric of Native Americans, or those virtues better recognized as prayer, respect, compassion, truth, generosity, humility and wisdom..."

Masami and Ty have never forgotten who they are or where they come from. They take great pride in being members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Today, on behalf of the Native people they stand for in Ohio, they feel that their life experiences growing up on the Warm Springs Reservation helped shape and prepare them for the mission work they diligently take on at NAICCO.

— Dave McMechan

Howlak Tichum

In loving Memory of Robert Tracy Sam Sr. (Bobbit)

Robert Tracy Sam Sr., 64 years old, passed away September 10, 2020 at 12:21 p.m. of Covid-19 pneumonia at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

He was surrounded by family, his wife, children, two sisters, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brothers-in-laws, nieces and nephews, with more family and friends.

Robert was born on January 11, 1956 in Redmond. He is the son of William (Bill) and Evelyn Wesley Sam.

He lived in Warm Springs all his life, worked at the mill and as a custodian for the Tribe. He loved his job out at Kah-Nee-Ta. The last job he worked at was the Senior Citizen program, where he loved to be with all his people. His health forced him to leave work.

He enjoyed riding in the woods with all his sons and grandsons, during hunting season, or just out getting wood. Robert was known as bull cook in the Warm Springs Longhouse.

He loved going fishing, loved to BBQ for all his family birthdays, and our Sunday meals. He loved helping cook all Holiday meals, most of all he loved going to the Casinos.

Arrangements were Dressing - No Dressing, Bel Air did what had to be done, Friday, September 11, 2020 at 9 a.m., Bel Air Funeral Home.

Officiators were Carlos Calica. Closed casket. Photo viewing of our loved one (due to Covid-19).

Wasklick Services: Warm Springs Community Center One set of Seven. Burial: Agency Cemetery, Warm Springs.

Gravesite speakers were Levi Van Pelt and Marcy Sam. Pall bearers: All Family and Friends there. Honorary Pall Bearers: All Family and Friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents William (Bill) and Evelyn W. Sam; his brothers Leslie (Shula) Sam; Theron (Tweedie) Sam; his sisters Clydell Barnart Gilbert, Lucille Sam Williams and Suzanne Sam Lewis. Grandparents, Lincoln and Eva Winishut; aunts Mary Sam Danzuka, Nancy Sam Johnson, Lavina Tanewasha; Uncle Wilson Sam. Father-in-law Chester Van Pelt Sr., sister-in-law Jewell Lean VanPelt; father-in-law Harvey Jim; twin grandsons.

Robert is survived by his two sisters Maria Lopez and Julie Sandoval; his wife of 43 and 1/2 years Marella Rose Van Pelt Sam. His sons Tracy/Veronica Sam; and boys Robert Sam Jr./Mercedes and family; Thomas Sam and children; Clarence Sam; Leon Chase; Craig Tailfeathers Jr. with all his beautiful daughters: Sadie Sam/Grant, and Picard children. Elsie Sam/Carl. Shasta Tailfeathers. Neda/Gerald Tias Sr. and boys. JeLeah/Clint Waner Sr. and CJ.

Along with more grandchildren and great grandchildren, all his nieces and nephews.

Recent employment numbers for region

Economic recovery from the Covid-19 shock continued in October for the Central Oregon region.

This included Jefferson County, which had been posting comparatively lower recovery numbers.

Another note: The latest employment and economy numbers do not reflect the impact of the most recent statewide shutdown of late November and early December. In October for Jefferson County, including the reservation:

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, down from 8.44 per-

cent in September.

For comparison: The rate was 4.2 percent in March of this year, just before the onset of Covid-19.

In October Jefferson County added 50 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a revised gain of 50 jobs in September.

Revisions to Jefferson County's employment situation were significant. Initial Covid-19 losses were roughly 30 percent lower than the original estimate, with total nonfarm employment only decreasing by around 780 jobs.

As of October the county had recovered 480 of those

jobs, roughly 60 percent of total jobs lost.

Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality—down 70 jobs.

Education and health services in the county were down 60 jobs; and manufacturing, down 50 jobs.

These latest monthly figures for the region also show significant revisions to earlier estimates, using payroll records, providing a clearer picture of the initial Covid-19 shock and early recovery.

The revisions revealed that job losses were not nearly as significant as initially estimated for both Jefferson and Crook counties.

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State covid report

Oregon in late November reported 1,599 new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases, and nine new deaths.

The November deaths brought the statewide death toll to 905. "As we hit this somber milestone of more than 900 deaths in Oregon, we want to express our deepest sympathies to all the families that have lost a loved one to this virus," the Oregon Health Authority says in a statement.

"We must honor them by redoubling our efforts to protect one another: Wear a mask, limit social gatherings, keep 6 feet between you and other people who don't live in your home, and wash hands often."

The new confirmed and presumptive Covid-19 cases in the state were as follows, by county:

Baker (3), Benton (7), Clackamas (136), Clatsop

(1), Columbia (18), Coos (4), Crook (9), Curry (2), Deschutes (78), Douglas (9), Hood River (5), Jackson (57), Jefferson (21), Josephine (14), Klamath (28), Lake (8), Lane (59), Lincoln (6), Linn (30), Malheur (20), Marion (126), Morrow (4), Multnomah (648), Polk (35), Tillamook (5), Umatilla (17), Union (3), Wasco (6), Washington (206), Yamhill (34).

The nine recent deaths in Oregon happened to:

An 82-year-old woman in Jackson County. A 69-year-old woman in Linn County. A 72-year-old woman in Malheur County. A 76-year-old woman in Malheur County. An 82-year-old woman in Marion County. A 73-year-old man in Multnomah County. An 88-year-old woman in Multnomah County. An 88-year-old woman in Washington County. An 80-year-old man in Washington County.

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