

Judge blocks move of National Archives

A federal District Court judge this month blocked, temporarily at least, the sale of the National Archives property in Seattle.

The sale of the building—and the disbursement of the archives to distant locations—was opposed by tribes of the Northwest.

The National Archives and Records Administration building in Seattle houses thousands of historic documents and other items detailing the history of tribes of the region. And for this reason, many of the items—original old photograph prints and documents, for instance—are of great interest and value to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

In late 2020 an entity called the federal Public Building Reform Board voted to move the contents of the Seattle Archives building to Kansas City, Missouri, and Riverside, California. The government



Example of rare photo found at the National Archives in Seattle: Warm Springs Reservation circa 1950-60s.

could then sell the Seattle Archives building property.

The decision to move the contents of the Seattle Archives happened without consulting the tribes or other interested parties of the Northwest.

At a hearing on the matter earlier this month, District Court Judge John Coughenour asked Brian Kipnis, an assistant U.S. attorney, if anybody on the five-person Public Buildings Reform Board was from the Pacific North-

west. Mr. Kipnis said he was not sure.

Judge Coughenour then said the federal government could have avoided a “public relations disaster” if they had “displayed some sensitivity” to how the closure affected the Northwest.

Coughenour also asked Kipnis what he knew about a quote from a spokesperson for the White House Office of Management and Budget:

“Tribal consultation is a priority for this administration, and we will further assess the extent to which tribes were consulted under the previous administration on this proposal.”

Mr. Kipnis answered, “I can tell you there is truth to that statement.” He also said that “in a week or so” he expected to learn the position of the new administration on the archives remaining in Seattle.

Twenty-nine Northwest tribes and other groups filed a lawsuit on January 4 seeking to declare the sale to developers illegal.

Community notes...

Senior Lunch this Thursday, February 25 is for pick up or delivery from the Warm Springs Senior Center. Meals are free for those 60 and over. To learn more, call the Senior Program at 541-553-3313. On the Thursday menu: Lasagna with mixed vegetables, garlic bread and fruit.

Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** remains closed to potential or existing clients unless you have an appointment. You can call Jackie Minson at 541-553-3490 to arrange a visit at their offices at the Education building.

Warm Springs **Credit** has their drive up window open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed for lunch at the noon hour. The window can be used for payments, check cashing, picking up and dropping off loan applications. The ATM lobby is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IHS updates Indian Country covid testing

The Indian Health Service nationwide has now conducted more than 2 million tests for Covid-19. Of the total tests across Indian Country, 184,817 have returned positive, according to the latest IHS data. The number of positives represents an increase of less than 1 percent from the previous week.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in three areas. Two of them include the state of Arizona, indicating a disproportionate toll of Covid-19 in the state:

The Navajo Area at 16.8 percent. The Phoenix Area, 14.4 percent. The Oklahoma City Area,

13.5 percent. Based on a recent 7-day rolling average of positivity in February, three areas continue to see higher Covid-19 rates. They are the Oklahoma City Area, the California Area, and the Tucson area.

Overall, 9.8 percent of IHS tests have been positive since the onset of the pandemic, the data shows.

A thank you (continues from page 4)

Thank you Jenny and Sally Sam-Smith for the beautiful outfit you put on uncle. Girls, you know he really loved you both. Taco, Thank you for singing your songs for your uncle. He really loved to hear you sing.

Thank you our Ramona Lopez for taking care of your uncle’s dish. You know this is what he wanted. Your uncle and I love the world out of you.

Thank you, Madras Police Department for leading us out from Bel Air Funeral Home and to the Warm Springs Police Department for getting us. Thank you all.

Marcy Sam, John Sam and Felicia, We are so happy you make it back to Warm Springs for your brother-in-law, uncle and grandpa, Love you guys.

Thank you Richard Sam family from Pendleton, so glad you made it.

Loretta Selam-White and Willie Selam, Thank you for making it over for his funeral.

Ramona Baez, Thank you for being there for us, and your help with everything.

Our family from Lapwai, Pendelton, Washington and Nisqually, Thank you for all your love and calls.

Gloria Warner and Rosemary Aly, You’re two beautiful women. Thank you for all your love and prayers.

Thank you to Carlos Calica for all you have done for us. I really know he loved all his servers. You and the rest of the people really did beautiful services for our loved one. Thank you for being at Bel Air Funeral Home with my family and me.

Thank you Bel Air Funeral Home for doing a great job with my husband, and letting one of our sons go in with me before he was taken out. I was so happy that we, my son and I, got to pick out his beautiful casket.

I want to say to my place of employment, IHS. Dr. Locker, Dr. Creelman, Yvonne Iverson and Shanalee Peterson, all the Covid team, Thank you. Rachel Nua and daughter Meleseke Nua, Thank you for coming out September 13 to our place with all the snacks. We loved your baked goods, Meleseke. Gina Walker and family, for all the things you gave to us. Thank you to all my co-workers, the medical staff, who were doing my job when I was gone. The beautiful cards and money you all gave to my family, Thank you, It really helps us out.

I want to thank the beautiful women who came to our place to give me clothes and beautiful breakfast. My sisters-in-law Maria and family, Julie Sandoval, Louis Katchia, Cassie Katchia, Leona Ike, Natasha DeBiaso, Jennifer Sam Smith, Sally Sam Smith, Sandra Main, to my mother for all her help, Eliza Jim, my daughter-in-law Veronica Sam, for all you did this day. In addition, to all who helped cook for this Ceremony, Thank you. To our son Clarence Vernon Sam for saying the prayer, I love you son. Than kyou Deana Smith for the beautiful memory cards. In addition, most of all helping with the giveaway.

Thank you Karen Picard for all you have done for our family, taking care of me and my two little ones, cleaning, washing, taking care of my room, Love you and miss you more.

Robert is deeply loved, always will be missed but never forgotten. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Most of all our grandchildren. Made sure they were all taken care of. He was a true man with a big heart. I want to say to our family and friends, Please take care. This Covid-19 is not a game. We did what we could to stay safe. He just was at home maybe a ride or two but we made him stay to keep safe. I did go to work. (Please keep your masks on.) All of you who have your father and mother, Take care of them. This is so hard on our children, all so close to their father and really missing him.

I have memory cards if you would like one. Just call me, I am back to work. Or my cell number.

I do apologize if I missed anyone. Thank you all!

Marella Sam; Sons, Tracy and Veronica Sam family, Robert Sam Jr. and Mercedes family, Thomas Sam and children, Leon Chase, Clarence Sam and Craig Tailfeathers Jr. With all his beautiful daughters, Sadie Sam, Grant and Picard children, Elsie Sam and Carl, Neda and Gerald Tias Sr. and boys. JeLeah and Clint Warner Sr., and Clint Jr. and Shasta Tailfeathers. With all the rest of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Coaches wanted!

Warm Springs Nation Little League is looking for coaches for this year’s softball and baseball teams.

If you are interested in coaching this year, you can get ahold of Edmond Francis at **541-325-3856**

You will need to fill out a registration form and complete 2 background checks

There will NOT be a league fee for participation this year.

The deadline to turn in an application for coaches is **March 5th (Friday)**

The deadline to turn in player registration forms is **March 17th (Wednesday)**

If you have any questions, you can get ahold of WSNLL President, Edmond Francis (541) 325-3856 or

WSNLL Information Officer, Jordan Stacona (541) 460-1160

Community notes...

The Warm Springs Community Action Team remains closed as a Covid-19 precaution. For current and former **IDA clients**, Demus Martinez is available to talk about your Credit Report and FICO scores.

Contact Demus via text or call

541-460-3851 or email demus@wscat.org

Due to the pandemic the Community Action Team will not be hosting their **AARP Tax Aide** site this year. You may be able to get an appointment for tax preparation and filing with NeighborImpact. Their offices in Bend can be reached at 541-318-7506 and in Redmond at 541-548-2380.

Warm Springs **Commodities** is located in the Warm Springs Industrial Park.

They offer food like: cereal, fresh fruit and produce, canned fruit and veggies, pasta, meat, eggs, juice and cheese. You do need to meet eligibility requirements to qualify for commodities. Call 541-553-3422 for details and check out the ‘W S Commods’ Facebook page for updates.

Chinook Nation looks to fill two positions

The Chinook Nation consists of the five western most Tribes of Chinookan peoples. Our history and constitution define us as being Lower Chinook, Clatsop, Willapa, Wabkiakum and Katlamet.

We have always resided in the lower Columbia River region and always will. We are proud of our heritage and inheritance and ask you to join us in celebrating our rich history and bright future. We are looking to hire for the following positions:

Executive Director. Reports to the Chinook Nation Tribal Council. Open until filled. Salary is \$79,000 to \$108,000 annually.

The community of the Chinook Indian Nation is commit-

ted to the clarification of its federal status, the revitalization of its culture, language and lifeways and to better support the needs of its membership. This new position will be responsible for overseeing and developing exciting growth opportunities, and will facilitate tribal council, committee and community activities as designated by Tribal Council.

It will ensure the effective and efficient administration of overall Tribal operations while working cooperatively with staff, government structures and the community to achieve Council goals. Read a full description of duties, responsibilities and qualifications here.

Tribal Office Manager. Reports to the Executive Director.

Open until filled. Salary is \$33,000 to \$42,000 annually.

The office manager supports tribal operations by managing office needs. Responsible for office activities, including general reception, mail, purchasing and facilities. Also responsible for directing and coordinating overall office duties and related activities.

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For more information on these positions see chinooknation.org Send resume and cover letter to: Jobs@ChinookNation.org