

Letters to the editor

Fall Round Up Yard Sale Friday

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is presenting the Fall Round Up Yard Sale this Friday, September 9 at the Community Center front lawn.

Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m., and the sales begin at 9. There will be delish Indian Tacos and more.

For more information contact **Carol** at 541-553-3243.

Member art next month

The Museum at Warm Springs next month will host the Twenty-Ninth Annual Tribal Member Art Show. The exhibit will open October 20 and run through the remainder of the year.

The museum is combining the member adult and youth art into one exhibition.

Come and enjoy many generations of beautiful artistry in paintings, drawings, mixed-media, beadwork, weavings, video, photography and more.

The entries are in two categories, Traditional and Contemporary Art.

Meanwhile, the museum display *Faces from the Land: A Photographic Journey Through Native America* runs through September 24.

For your pets

The Warm Springs Community Pet Food Bank provides free pet food on the second Saturday of each month. The next distribution is this Saturday, Septem-

ber 10 from 10 a.m. until noon. You can reserve your pet food by calling or texting 503-319-9838 or email: petfoodbank@fencesforfido.org

Regarding office phones

Our Human Resources phone line seems to be up and running. You can now call us at 541-553-3262. Also, please remember that all documents for human resources need to be sent to hr@wstribes.org

Please do not send Human Resources documents to individual staff in HR or Comp and Benefits.

Lastly, Human Resources is now down to three full-time staff (two positions are being advertised) with two folks working limited duration to assist us. Your patience with us during this time will be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards, **William L. Sam**, Human Resources Director.

Other office phones

Phone service has been an issue for many tribal offices in Warm Springs. As the lines are being corrected, and if you need assistance finding an email address or alternate phone number, you can call KWSO at 541-553-1968. The staff will try and assist you.

You can reach Vital Stats at 541-777-4381. For Tribal Council call 541-553-3257. A new phone system is being installed to resolve the phone problems.

Another great Portland to Coast for team No Fear



Courtesy Earlynne Squiemphen

Team 'No Fear' representing Warm Springs and the tribes made another inspirational showing in the 2022 Portland to Coast Challenge. The event raises awareness and funds for the cause of the American Cancer Society.

Team members include Marcus Martines (volunteer), Susan Jim, Dena Coffee, I-hsin Song, Melissa Benson and Becca McPherson (top row from left); and Teressa Martinez, Liz Sachse, Sara Kelm, team

captain Earlynne Squiemphen and Lynn Graybael (bottom row from left. Not pictured are volunteers Marsha Spellman and Todd White.)

Earlynne Squiemphen this year marked her twenty-fifth year with Portland-to-Coast Challenge, while her daughter Lynn Graybael completed her twenty-second Portland-to-Coast. Thank you to everyone for your support, and great job everyone!

Earlynne Squiemphen and Team No Fear

Confluence to honor legacy of founding director

All of us leave a legacy. Our late founding director Jane Jacobsen left many, including the Confluence River Sites by Maya Lin, thriving cultural education programs, a vibrant riverfront project in Vancouver and countless moments of joy for all who knew her.

Twenty years after our founding, we will honor Jane and her impact on us all at the Confluence Legacy Maker Gathering. This informal event will include Indigenous-owned catering, a powwow dance performance, and an uplifting video of testimonials about Jane.

At the gathering the fea-



Courtesy Confluence

Keeli Nehani Littleleaf Kotchik and Jared Garcia.

tured powwow dancers will be Keeli Nehani Littleleaf Kotchik of Warm Springs, and Jared Garcia, Klamath.

Catering will be by the Brigham Fish Market of Umatilla, and Shulamit Urenia of KashRootz Catering, who are of the White

Mountain Apache, Mexican-American, Seminole, and Sephardic Jewish.

We hope you can join us for this gathering as we honor Jane's legacy and build our own together.

The gathering will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, September

10 at the Pearson Air Museum Historic Hangar, 1115 East 5th Street, Vancouver, Washington. This is an informal gathering of friends, not a sit-down dinner. Dress code is casual. **Colin Fogarty**, director, Confluence Project. See the site: confluenceproject.org



Kim Brigham Campbell and Terri Brigham.



The picture of President Joe Biden and Raymond Tsumpti Sr. was gifted recently to Raymond by U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. Sen. Merkley and Raymond, who now is the tribes' Governmental Affairs director, worked together with others to nullify the false 1865 treaty. Raymond's sons, Ray Jr., Floyd and Rusty are very proud of their father and his lifetime service to all of our people. His late daughters who have passed also shared this same sentiment.

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New officers at CRITFC include Chairman Ron Suppah

Ron Suppah of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is the 2022-2023 chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Mr. Suppah was sworn into the CRITFC office this summer by the outgoing chairman Quincy Ellenwood, Nez Perce. And newly sworn in, Chairman Suppah commented:

"This is a great honor. The Warm Springs, Nez Perce, Umatilla, and Yakama tribes consider salmon and the other First Foods as the sacred center of our cultures. It is our duty to protect them.

"We will always work to protect salmon, lamprey, and tribal treaty fishing rights at all our traditional locations for today and future generations."

Ron is from the Tyghpum band of the Itcheeskin-speaking bands of 1855 treaty signers. He practices the Washat religion, and hunts and fishes for feasts and special spiritual ceremonies.



Courtesy CRITFC

Ron Suppah takes the CRITFC chair oath of office, as administered by outgoing chair Quincy Ellenwood.

He began ceremonial hunting for the Simnasho Longhouse when he was 9, and still regularly fishes for salmon on his family's scaffold at Sherar's Falls for ceremonial harvests and family subsistence. Ron is also a keeper of the longhouse songs and a drummer of those songs.

In addition to protecting the salmon resource, he is a passionate advocate for protecting lamprey and the treaty-reserved rights the

four CRITFC member tribes have to harvest them. He harvests this First Food on the Warm Springs Reservation at Sherar's Falls as well as at the Warm Springs traditional use area of Willamette Falls.

"My first trip to harvest lamprey at Willamette Falls with my family was in 1965," Ron recalls.

"In those days, we used row boats to get to the falls and spent several days gathering enough lamprey to

bring back to the reservation to share among all the clans for ceremonies and feasts."

Ron served on the Warm Springs Tribal Council from 2001 to 2019 and served as the tribal Chair from 2004 to 2010. He currently serves on the Warm Springs Fish & Wildlife Committee.

Outgoing CRITFC chair Quincy Ellenwood commented: "I have had the honor and privilege in working with Ron at the CRITFC table for about a decade. He brings a lot to the table for the well-being of all four CRITFC member tribes. I look forward to serving with him as our new CRITFC Chair."

The other CRITFC officers elected for the 2022-2023 term were Corinne Sams (Umatilla), vice-chair; Jeremy Takala (Yakama), secretary, and Quincy Ellenwood (Nez Perce), treasurer. The election of CRITFC officers takes place every summer with the seats rotated among the four member tribes.