Tribes complete Umatilla Dictionary

By Wil Phinney of the CUJ

MISSION – Nearly two decades of work by linguists and fluent tribal speakers have culminated with a 622-page Umatilla Dictionary that is at once a “legacy for our elders,” a book that can “re-water the seed in the hearts” of those who want to re-dedicate themselves to their first tongue, and a classroom text for young people yearning to learn their language for the first time. Creating a dictionary is worthy of redundancy so we’ll call it what it is: a “monumental milestone” for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

"Probably the greatest thing is that words in the book will last forever,” said

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$100k of land being purchased every day

Federal Buy-Back Program purchasing fractionated allotments

By Wil Phinney of the CUJ

MISSION – More than 4,145 acres valued at more than $4 million have been purchased since Oct. 1, 2014, on the Umatilla Indian Reservation through the Department of Interior (DOI) Land Buy-Back Program. The Land Buy-Back Program is the result of the Cobell Settlement in which Congress approved $1.9 billion to a Trust Land Consolidation Fund. In May, through a cooperative agreement, the CTUIR received $12.1 million to purchase from willing sellers fractionated tracts that, once bought, become property of the CTUIR. It is expected that the purchased land will be used for farming, expansion of wildlife or riparian area, tribal preservation, access to tribal fee property, food resources, etc., thereby creating opportunities to make CTUIR lands more produc-

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MISSION – The Confederated Umatilla Journal will publish a week later than usual on Jan. 8 instead our usual first Thursday of the month, which happens to fall on New Year’s Day in 2015. For obvious reasons, we don’t want to work on the day after New Year’s Eve.

And we’d rather not have to put in a bunch of extra time between Christmas and New Year’s either.

By the way, if readers are interested, over the last year the CUJ has published more than 550 stories, more than 500 photographs and just as many advertisements.

The CUJ is one of the only programs in Tribal government that actually makes a profit by selling advertising and subscriptions. Last year the CUJ generated $53,000 in revenue from advertising and subscriptions, which isn’t much when you consider the hugeness of the CTUIR budget, but it’s enough to pay for about 7,800 copies a month, plus postage for subscribers.

The CUJ staff remains slim with Wil Phinney as editor. However, midway through December a new member of the team begins. Her name is Miranda Vega Rector. She is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and has been working as a dispatcher at the Umatilla Tribal Police Department. In addition to the CUJ, she’ll be working at KCUW and with our website and Facebook page.

Of course you’ve seen Dallas Dick all over the place taking photos for the CUJ. He’s an award winning shooter that we’re proud to have at community events. You’ll most likely see him at one or another basketball game this winter.

As if he doesn’t have enough to do, Chuck Sams, the CTUIR Communications Director, remains as publisher of the paper.

Also pitching in any time they are asked – and often when they aren’t – are Eva Enright who runs the place, and Lisa Ganuelas, the Tribes’ Legislative Affairs Coordinator.

We’re giving ourselves a break; CUJ won’t print until Jan. 8
Short news

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 13 at Longhouse
MISSION – Children and adults alike can have Breakfast with Santa and help Nixyaawii Community School raise funds for a 10th anniversary celebration in 2015. The event will take place from 9 to noon at the Mission Longhouse. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage and a drink with a $5 plate (2 pancakes and 2 sausages) or a $2 plate (1 pancake and 1 sausage). A picture with Santa will cost $3 with raffle tickets going for a buck apiece.

Christmas Celebration Dec. 25-27 at Longhouse
MISSION – The Nixyaawii Celebration Committee will celebrate three days of dancing and drumming at the Mission Longhouse starting with lunch on Christmas Day. The Dec. 25, 26 and 27 event will be a traditional competition with no cash prizes. There will be gifts and blankets awarded to first through third places for the following categories: golden age men and women 55 and older, adult men and women 18-54, teen boys and girls 13-17, junior boys and girls 7-12, and tiny tots 6 and younger.

Grand entry on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, will be at 6 p.m.

Vendor spots are available, but no food vendors are allowed. For information about table spots contact Rachel Matamoros at 541-429-7484. For other questions call Babette Cowapoo at 541-969-3303.

Elders plan Christmas Dinner on Dec. 17
MISSION – Tribal Elders of the Confederated Umatilla Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have three events planned in December, including their annual Christmas Dinner at Wildhorse Resort & Casino from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 17.

Also on their December slate are a Dec. 5 Elders’ meeting at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. The agenda will be the Christmas Dinner planning and 2015 elections. This year four positions, each with two-year terms, will be elected at the Christmas Dinner.

Elders will be on travel Dec. 15 to the Portland Trail Blazers NBA game. A charter bus will take some elders to the game; some will drive their own vehicles.

For more information call Theda Scott at 541-429-7388 or Kathleen Peterson at 541-429-7314 or cell 541-310-7647.

Community Forum Dec. 30 at Senior Center
MISSION - The main agenda item will be “information on wills” presented at 6 p.m. by Legal Aid at the Dec. 30 Community Forum to be held at the Senior Center.

Tribal leaders meet with Biden, Holder in D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC – Vice President Joe Biden joined over 300 tribal leaders at the sixth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference Dec. 3. At the opening of the conference, Vice President Biden delivered an impassioned speech about violence against women in Indian Country saying “The most horrific prison on earth is the four walls of an abused woman’s home. For far too many Native American women that is a daily reality.”

The Vice-President, who was the original author of the Violence Against Women Act and has been its most steadfast supporter over the past 20 years, was introduced by Councilwoman Deborah Parker from the Tulalip Tribes, “Vice President Biden has led the movement to protect women from rape and domestic violence. Last year he helped pass the much needed protection to help Native women from violence. Mr. Vice President, you are correct when you say no means no - no more abuse.”

Referring to the provisions added to VAWA in 2013 that allow tribal governments to prosecute non-Indian domestic violence offenders in certain cases, the Vice-President apologized that it took so long to give tribal governments the tools to hold offenders accountable in their communities, saying “as long as there is a single place where the abuse of power is excused as a question of jurisdiction or tolerated as a family affair, no one is truly safe, and we cannot define ourselves as a society that is civilized.”

The Vice President delivered a call to action saying, “Tribal governments have an inherent right, as a matter of fact they have an obligation, to protect their people. All people deserve to live free of fear.” He urged all tribal governments to be prepared on March 7 when the law goes into effect to use their authority to aggressively prosecute domestic violence offenders. He stressed the need to change the culture that too often leaves victims asking what they did wrong and instead to focus on sending a strong message that violence against women is always unacceptable.

Vice President Biden also acknowledged that we have much more to do to protect Native women from violence including giving Alaska tribes the same authority and expanding the provision to cover sexual assault and other crimes. Biden called on Congress to appropriate the $25 million in grants authorized in VAWA 2013 to implement the new law. Attorney General Eric Holder followed Vice President Biden, and strongly stated the Department of Justice’s commitment to improving law enforcement in Indian country, and to institutionalizing that commitment so that it will continue. He announced that he has implemented a Statement of Principles to guide the Department’s work with tribal nations into the future.

Attorney General Holder also announced Minthorn back on NAGPRA

MISSION – Armand Minthorn has been appointed again to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Review Committee, a seven-member oversight group that makes decisions about cultural affiliation of remains, and associated and unassociated funerary objects held by agencies, museums and universities.

Some of these issues, Kenniwick Man for example, have been in the decision-making process for years. As another example, Minthorn said, the NAGPRA Review Committee would hear both sides of an argument between two tribes and then make a determination in a claim of ancestral remains. Or NAGPRA might settle a dispute over which tribe, when there are more than one making an ancestral claim, should receive remains for repatriation.

This is the second time around for Minthorn, who serves as an at-large member of the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. He served two terms from 1997 to 2003, the second two years as chairman.

He is one of three Native Americans on the NAGPRA Committee. Others represent museums and universities. Although there is no federal representative, the U.S. Park Service is the “flagship” for NAGPRA Committee, Minthorn said.

Minthorn missed his first meeting as a new member because of a funeral here on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The next NAGPRA Review Committee meeting will be in March in Washington, D.C.
MISSION - It is likely that pretty much everybody has heard of “meth” and has some awareness of the problems that it is causing to individuals, families, and the community as a whole. But, what exactly is “meth”? How can you tell it is being used by a person? And what can you do if you want to get help for yourself or someone you care about?

The purpose of this article is to answer these basic questions. The CTUIR Alcohol and Drug Oversight Committee would like to encourage everyone to attend the upcoming “Knowledge Is Power: Meth 101” community outreach and awareness event that will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center’s large conference room.

At this event there will be sharing of important information from YTHC Behavioral Health Program and Tribal Housing, Public Safety, Tribal Court, Children and Families Services, and the Education departments. Community members who are recovering from methamphetamine use also will be present to share their personal stories in hopes of inspiring others and helping to protect the community.

So, what exactly is "meth"? Its full name is methamphetamine and it is a synthetic stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Some other nicknames for meth are ice, speed, chalk, crystal, glass, crank, yaba, fire, tina, tweak, poor man’s cocaine, trash, and stove top.

Meth is made of a decongestant called pseudoephedrine, combined with a number of toxic ingredients like lye, paint thinner and drain cleaner. It comes in crystal, powder and pill forms and can be snorted, smoked, injected or swallowed. The color of meth can range from white to brown or dark purple in severe cases.

MISSION - A married couple – one enrolled Umatilla and the other enrolled Nez Perce – will speak about their meth addiction, their recovery and healing journey during the “Knowledge Is Power: Meth 101” community outreach and awareness event that will take place Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center’s large conference room.

Kathleta Dave-Rodriguez, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and her husband Craig, from the Nez Perce Tribe, have traveled a long road of addiction and like all addicts continue to climb the steep hill of recovery.

Kathleta had her first child as a junior in high school and entered her first impatient treatment center a year later. Six years after graduating from Prairie City High School she used and was immediately hooked on methamphetamine, starting a cycle of trips in and out of jail.

Craig, a year older than Kathleta, grew up on the Umatilla Indian Reservation and attended grade and middle school in Pendleton. He was using alcohol and marijuana as a young teen and was a cocaine and heroin addict by the age of 17. He started using meth in his 20s, which started his time behind bars, including two stints in prison.

They met in 1994 and between them have six children – five sons and one daughter.

The first 13 years of their marriage were dysfunctional because of alcohol and drug addiction. Their relationship included poverty, domestic violence, homelessness, incarceration, and separation from their children. They lost everything to addiction physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

In 2006 Craig lost his mother to a heroin overdose. A month later Kathleta was in jail when she met Pastor Sharon Miller from Living World Christian Center, an introduction that changed her life and the life of her husband.

They will talk about what happened during their addiction and what has happened since they began their recovery – including a couple of relapses. The event is free and open to the community.

MISSION – One week into the United Way fundraising campaign $750 had been pledged by four employees of the Confederated Tribes, which employs more than 400.

Another $250 was pledged to the CTUIR Alumni and Friends Campaign.

Tribal contributors can designate where they want their money to be used. Two employees from the Human Resources Department have pledged funds to the CTUIR Domestic Violence Program, CTUIR veterans, and CTUIR Language Program. One employee from the Department of Natural Resources has pledged funds to the CTUIR Senior Meal Program, KCUW radio, CTUIR Scholarship program, and the Language Program. The final contributor has earmarked funds to Nixyaawii Community School.

Pledge forms were delivered to all CTUIR employees in the first week of November. Laura Kordatzky, the fundraising coordinator, encourages pledges to the United Way or the CTUIR Alumni and Friends Fund.
DOSE hosting Climate Change event Jan. 8 at Wildhorse
Vulnerability info being gathered for adaptation plan

MISSION - An interactive workshop to discuss “Climate Change and the CTUIR” is schedule to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Events Center at Wildhorse Resort & Casino.

The event is being hosted by four departments within the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Department of Science & Engineering is taking the lead on the project. The others are Tribal Planning, Tribal Public Safety and the Department of Natural Resources.

According to DOSE, the event is designed to gather “community-level” information to develop a “climate change vulnerability assessment.” Such an animal, DOSE material states, is a report that will address the current status of potential climate change impacts to the local community.

“This assessment is the first step for the CTUIR towards becoming a climate resilient community,” a DOSE informational email states. “The assessment will serve as a blueprint for the development of a climate change adaptation plan.”

During the event, guest speakers will include Kyle Dittmer from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Stephen Bieda from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Darrin Sharp from Oregon State University/Oregon Climate Change Research Institute.

They will present information on water, weather, food, people, built environment and economy, the DOSE email said.

Open discussions and short workshops will follow each presentation. The workshops will allow attendees to provide input on their climate change concerns and knowledge about changed concerns they have witnessed personally.

The CTUIR interdepartmental and subcontractor team will document the information and develop potential action items for use in the vulnerability assessment.

According to DOSE, this event provides an opportunity for all local community members, including non-Indians, to express their opinions on what they value and have observed and learned about climate change.

There is no cost to attend the event. To receive a free catered lunch and refreshments register at cuirclimatechange.eventbrite.com before Jan. 1, 2015.

For more information or if you need help registering, call Patrick Mills at 541-429-7433.

Indians may benefit from Obamacare
By Eric Whitney, Montana Public Radio

HELENA - In late November, Montanans were able to begin buying health insurance for next year on the healthcare.gov website. One group in the state that’s been slow to do so are Native Americans.

Native Americans are exempt from the health law’s requirement to have insurance coverage. That’s because they’re eligible for health care through the Indian Health Service, or IHS, since the federal government promised in treaties to provide health care in exchange for tribes giving up their land. How’s the IHS doing?

Montana Senator Jon Tester, who sits on both the Veterans and Indian Affairs committees, puts it this way:

“The VA is actually in better shape than the Indian Health Service. It is really in tough shape, it basically runs out of money about nine months into the fiscal year, I mean, it’s really in crisis.”

The IHS budget crisis means tribal members can often only get health care when they’re in immediate danger of losing life or limb, says Lesa Evers a Blackfeet descendent and member of the Turtle Mountain tribe who works for Montana’s state health department.

“If you have an individual who really requires knee surgery from trying to play basketball with their kids, or whatever they tried to do, they may never have that opportunity to have that knee surgery.”

Sandra Sampson, Cover Oregon Assister at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, said Yellowhawk patients are “are very fortunate and need a wakeup call... they don’t realize how tough it can be in other states like Montana, where ‘life or limb’ is the only priority that exists because they run out of CHS funding.”

“We are so fortunate to be able to make things stretch a little further here on the Umatilla Rez, plus they did not expand Medicaid which puts them in an even tighter situation to either pay for Insurance through the marketplace or go without.”

Samson said buying private health coverage would give Indians access to more health care providers, and subsidies under the health care law are making insurance affordable for many Indians.

“But efforts to get them to enroll in private coverage aren’t bearing much fruit yet. Less than half a percent of people who enrolled in health coverage nationwide last year are Native American.”

Evers says there needs to be more outreach to tribes.

“I think people need education first,” says Evers. “They need to understand it, to learn about it, and they want to do that from people they trust. And that’s how people communicate in Indian Country. It’s a lot about what your friends say, and what family say. That’s who they trust.”

Evers says that so far only a handful of health care navigators have been deployed to reservations, or to the estimated one-half of the Native population that lives off of reservations, to help them understand the health care law. It’s estimated that there are about two million people who are members of federally recognized Native American tribes na-
EDs do not support tribal preference hiring

By Bob Shippentower

The following is my personal opinion and is not intended to reflect the position of any other Board of Trustee member(s). “Article II of our Constitution: Purpose. The purpose and powers of the Confederated Tribes shall be, within law, to exercise and protect all existing and future tribal rights arising from any source, whether treaty, federal statute, state statute, common law, or otherwise; to achieve a maximum degree of self-government in all tribal affairs; and to protect and promote the (employment) interests of the Indians of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.”

However, included in the recently revised Tribal Personnel Policies Manual are some provisions that clearly do not “protect and promote the (employment) interests of the Indians of the Umatilla Indian Reservation”, as stated in our Constitution above. In fact, some of the revisions clearly work against the employment interests of qualified CTUIR tribal member job applicants, and qualified job applicants who are members of other tribes. These revisions not only work against qualified Indian job applicants, they also undermine the concept and practice of self-government as it used in our Constitution.

Probably the most obvious demonstration and example of self-government and self-determination can be seen in our employment ranks, it is easy to see if job openings are being filled with Indians, or not. Over the past twenty years plus, we have filled many positions with qualified tribal members and we are much better off than before, and our self-determination efforts can be seen.

The Administrative Review for Tribal Preference provision compels those making tribal hiring decisions that they must recognize and honor our tribal hiring preference policy. Tribal member job applicants, as a matter of due process and checks and balances (both long-standing democratic principles), can request an administrative review of their hiring process if they were not hired, and if there is a question if the tribal hiring preference policy was applied, or not. The administrative review procedure protects the employment interests of qualified tribal members, right in align with our Constitution.

However, Dave Tovey, Executive Director, and Debra Crosswell, Deputy Executive Director, wanted to completely remove the administrative review policy in the revised manual. During discussions on the manual revisions, I argued strongly against this removal, and I believe I made my case – the administrative review provision will remain in the new manual. However, it is the intent of the executive management that still bothers me. Based on the discussions on this overall issue, it is my opinion that executive management does not support our long-standing philosophy and policy of tribal preference hiring policy. Otherwise, they never would have intended or wanted to remove the administrative review provision in the first place, the review is a protection of the employment interests of Indians, just like it states in Article II of our Constitution. The executive management like to say they take tribal preference policy “seriously”, but their actions tell a different story.

Another example of the failed intent of executive management to weaken or remove the due process rights of all employees, not just tribal member employees, was they wanted to remove a reduction in force (lay off) as an adverse action that was appealable by laid-off employees. Here is what is astounding, and disappointing, about this: It was in the Department of Science and Engineering in 2013 that most of the staff was laid off. One employee challenged and appealed her lay-off. The department director, who ordered the layoffs, upon reviewing the points she raised in her appeal, reversed his original decision and re-instated her full employment status. If this employee did not have the right to appeal her lay off a serious case of injustice (wrongfully being laid off) would have taken place.

Dave Tovey, Executive Director, has authority and responsibility on DOSE actions and was fully aware of this injustice (wrongful lay off) that was avoided because the employee had the right to appeal her lay off. However, Tovey and Crosswell astoundingly still intended to remove tribal employees’ due process right to appeal a lay-off, even if the lay-off is wrongful! During discussions, I also strongly argued against management’s intent to prevent laid-off tribal employees from appealing their lay-off. Common sense and doing the right thing prevailed again and employee’s right to appeal being laid-off will remain in the revised manual, despite management’s best efforts to prohibit employees from appealing a lay-off, even a wrongful one.

Another example of the intentional weakening by management of tribal/Indian preference for employment purposes is that during the hiring process for a position enrolled qualified applicants who are members of other tribes (such as the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce) will no longer have employment preference over non-Indian applicants. I also strongly disagree with this new provision.

Although I discussed just three specific examples from the revised manual of the weakening of the intention of CTUIR to protect and dismissed non-tribal employees, it is important to note that every revision was done for the specific convenience or benefit of management. The entire philosophy and emphasis of the revised manual has clearly shifted from being employee rights oriented to management power oriented. In short, the newly revised personnel manual is nothing short of a power grab by executive management. The due process rights of employees have been intentionally eroded and dismissed by management.

In my opinion, this will set us back 20 years in our self-determination efforts and goals.

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‘Visionary Leadership’ equals ‘Organizational Excellence’

By Justin E. Quaempts

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation’s (CTUIR) Board of Trustees (BOT) Board Action Plan of adopting and implementing Organizational Excellence throughout the CTUIR organization can become reality by understanding that Visionary Leadership (evolved new-aged modern leadership) is the foundation for the development, implementation, and retention of successful organizations today. At the past two BOT retreats Organizational Excellence was prioritized, as the timing for adoptions and overall improvements to the CTUIR organization exemplifies the BOT is attempting to transcend the current organization model by evolving and improving on everything we do. One improvement specifically identified is bettering the way we communicate, collaborate and treat each other as co-employees across the departments and organization for more effectiveness and efficiency in all operations, especially services provided to our community. By embracing Organizational Excellence within the CTUIR organization and community, it creates positive, safe, and healthy working conditions and environments - giving the CTUIR organization, employees (including the BOT and management), CTUIR tribal and community members, and anyone professionally working relationship(s) with the CTUIR opportunities to create success. Organizational Excellence isn’t about “change” necessarily, but about being consciously aware of current needs to get to the next level of our organization while acknowledging what past experiences got us here to become a standard of organizational “Best Practices.”

Visionary Leadership is a concept described in The Corporate Mystic (1996) by Gay Hendricks and Kate Ludeman. They give rare and comprehensible suggestions to strengthen and build your leadership skills and soul together, detailing how Visionary Leadership gives hope there are still successful leaders in the world today that esteem people’s honesty, integrity, principles, intuition and genuineness. Hendricks and Ludeman spent many years researching and working directly with top CEO’s of companies and organizations worldwide, discovering many successful leaders have similar traits and characteristics to people referred to as “mystics” (someone who changes ordinary beliefs). These leaders create fresh and innovative ways to organize human effort to break the mold.

Twelve characteristics of Corporate Mystics
  ❖ Absolute honesty
  ❖ Self-knowledge
  ❖ Open to change
  ❖ Focus on contribution
  ❖ Embrace non-dogmatic spirituality
  ❖ Fairs, ad infinitum
  ❖ Calls forth the best in themselves and empowers others
  ❖ Special sense of humor
  ❖ Possesses up-close focus and distinct vision
  ❖ Unusual self-discipline
  ❖ Balance
  ❖ Get more done by doing less

Corporate Mystic philosophy is a new-aged way of leading in a modern era by evolving away from the Standard Leadership model to Visionary Leadership, as they are very different. Especially considering Standard Leadership models usually don’t afford non-leaders the opportunity to have relevant input into the day-to-day agenda, functions, management, and operations of an organization because Standard Leadership dictates linear “Command and Control” style approaches to leading such as the boss being the “hierarchy”. Standard Leadership also potentially denies both leaders and non-leaders alike opportunities for growth because of these practices - which can result in organizational stagnation. Visionary Leadership contrarily suggests holistic equity within an organization (like traditional tribal communities) by moving away from a Euro-centric linear in nature organizational chart to a 3-D circle. An organization where all employees (not implying devaluing/reducing any CTUIR tribal member’s rights) have equal value and worth just seems natural, and should be created in any organization. Also, Visionary Leadership suggests employees in non-leadership roles to attend and have input at staff meetings and other important workplace functions and events. Having such stake-holds in the organization because of work-related training opportunities and experiences provide huge investments in oneself and is very empowering for employees and the organization.

Prioritizing all CTUIR employee empowerment (especially CTUIR tribal members) as such would set precedent that our organization values all employees to the utmost degree. Employees afforded the opportunity to create and contribute to their personal, professional, organizational, and community growth and betterment is a great aspect of Visionary Leadership and Organizational Excellence.

When pristine working conditions and environments are created throughout the CTUIR organization, employees should unconditionally enjoy being at work and around each other, feeding off each other’s positive energy to be inspired while inspiring others. Promoting such positive working relationships holistically within our organization on an employee-to-employee level will bring out the best in all of us. When pristine working conditions and environments are created throughout the CTUIR organization, employees should unconditionally enjoy being at work and around each other, feeding off each other’s positive energy to be inspired while inspiring others. Promoting such positive working relationships holistically within our organization on an employee-to-employee level will bring out the best in all of us.

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About other each and this place we call home unconditionally because it’s all we ever had. Community togetherness is powerfully traditional, as it took huge collaborative and collective efforts tribally to communicate effectively to seasonally travel throughout our homelands to gather traditional foods and medicines to live – together. Our people are referred to as “Children of the light” in our beautiful Longhouse/Washat song. When that light/love is embraced unconditionally again by acting and treating ourselves and others with the light/love we still sing about today - a harmonious, cooperative and reverence filled community and organization naturally follows. Love is the never-ending positive and transcending energy that will assist in the healing process needed in the CTUIR due to various past “Historical Traumas” - ultimately love can and will stop the in-fighting and lateral oppression sometimes seen here that could prevent CTUIR Organizational Excellence from becoming reality.

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High School Equivalency Program:
Washington State University, Pullman

Washington State University and the Office for Access, Equity and Achievement are excited to announce the arrival of the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at the Pullman campus. The HEP program assists migrant and seasonal farmworkers, or their immediate family member, to complete their High School Equivalency (HSE) Exam while financially supporting students. Farmwork may include production of crops, dairy products, poultry, livestock, tree logging, fishing, or similar activities.

The program supports students by housing them in a WSU student residence hall, providing instruction and tutoring, covering GED test fees, supplying books and study materials, and advising students on post HEP placement at no cost to the student.

For more information about the program, including eligibility and the application, please visit hep.wsu.edu or contact Kari Miller at 509-335-3397 or kari.miller@wsu.edu with any questions.

Obituaries

Betty Ball-Thompson
Oct. 9, 1965 – Nov. 18, 2014

Betty Ball-Thompson, “La Tee Tah Shun Mi”, a resident of Pendleton, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, at her home. She was 49 years old.

A Dressing Ceremony was held Nov. 20, 2014, at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton followed by a Funeral Procession to Agency Longhouse, where Shaker Prayer Service was held Thursday evening followed by Washat. Final Songs were Friday morning, Nov. 21, at the Longhouse and were followed by burial at Homly Cemetery. Sign the online condolences book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Betty was born Oct. 9, 1965, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Yvonne Bronchateau Ball and Frank E. Ball Sr. She was raised in Pendleton where she attended school. She married Tommy Thompson Sr. She was a homemaker and an awesome mother, dedicating her time and energy to her three children. She loved to go on walks. She enjoyed crocheting, spending time with her Wildhorse Casino Family, reading and dancing. She even had the nickname “Breakdance Betty”. She was a member of the Shaker Religion and the Longhouse. Betty had been in failing health for the past two years.

She is survived by her husband Tommy Thompson Sr., children Daniel C. Red Elk, Tommy Thompson Jr., and Sydney Thompson, her father Frank E. Ball Sr., brothers Frank E. Ball Jr. and William “Joe” Ball, sisters Amelia “Missy” Ball and Patricia “Patty” Ball, children Ayana Kaydenose Thompson-Red Elk and Kendial Richard Thompson-Red Elk, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Yvonne Bronchateau Ball and daughter Kambra Leigh Thompson.

Annette “Weatsie” Alice Bill
April 19, 1962 – Nov. 8, 2014

Annette “Weatsie” Alice Bill, “ANAXAAT”, a resident, passed away Sat., Nov. 8, 2014, at her home in Pendleton. She was 52 years.

Dressing Ceremony was Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014, at the Agency Longhouse followed by Washat Service. Final Seven Drums was at the Longhouse Wednesday Nov. 12, 2014, with burial to follow at Agency Cemetery. Sign the online condolences book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Annette was born April 19, 1962, in Toppenish, Wash., to Pauline and Wally D. Yallup. She was raised in Toppenish and Wapato, Wash. She graduated from Chemawa School in Oregon and completed various job training programs. She moved to Oregon in 1984. On Aug. 8, 1992, she married James E. Bill in the Mission Longhouse. She was a member of the Washat Religion. Annette had worked at the Misson Bingo for seven years. She is survived by her husband, Tommy Thompson Jr., and Sydney Thompson, children Daniel C. Red Elk, Tommy Thompson Jr., and Sydney Thompson, her father Frank E. Ball Sr., brothers Frank E. Ball Jr. and William “Joe” Ball, sisters Amelia “Missy” Ball and Patricia “Patty” Ball, grandchildren Ayana Kaydenose Thompson-Red Elk and Kendial Richard Thompson-Red Elk, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother Yvonne Bronchateau Ball and daughter Kambra Leigh Thompson.

Weather

Weather information summarized data taken at the Pendleton Weather Station Nov. 1-30.

The average daily temperature was 36.9 degrees with a high of 70 degrees on Nov. 5 and a low of 7 degrees on November 15-16. The average temperature departure from normal was -4.4 degrees.

Total precipitation to date in Nov. was 1.30” with greatest 24-hr average 0.38”. There was a departure of 0.5” from average for the month of November. Total snow level for the month was 4.8” with the greatest 24-hr. accumulation of 3.7” on Nov. 13 and 0.9” on Nov. 29.

The average wind speed was 8.6 mph with a sustained max speed of 43 mph from the West at the Pendleton Weather Station Nov. 1-30.

Applications available at the Nixyaawii Governance Center or online at www.ctuir.org/commcmm.html. Completed applications should be submitted to the Nixyaawii Governance Center lobby. For more information, call 541-276-3165.

Completed applications are to be returned to the Nixyaawii Governance Center switchboard desk. If you have any questions, please contact Kat Brigham, BOT Secretary 541-429-7374 or Don Scott, Secretary II at 541-429-7377.
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Correction

Feral horses are livestock. They were inadvertently identified as wildlife in a story in the November CUJ. Livestock are treated much differently than wildlife in the Tribes’ management policies.

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General Council Meeting

Nixyaawii Governance Center, 2 p.m. - December 18, 2014

Draft agenda:
1. Department of Economic & Community Development Report
2. Human Resources Department
3. Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Report

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December 2014
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Land Buy-back December 2014 Update

Background:
The Cobelt Settlement was approved on 11/24/12 to provide $1.6 Billion to Trust Land Consolidation Fund. Through a cooperative agreement (5/19/14) under the Department of Interior Land Buy Back Program (LBBP), The CTUIR Board of Trustees passed B0T Resolution #12-04 and #13-04, respectively providing guidance for the prioritization of acquisition for 100 out of 1,800 allotments on the Umatilla Reservation (28% most fractionated out of 150). Priorities were categorized by:

- Access to CTUIR’s fee property
- Culturally sensitive areas and access to cemeteries
- CTUIR’s ownership 50%
- Economic development, public utilities (e.g. public use)
- 20 owners defined as “Highly fractionated”
- 20 non-CTUIR owners
- Who sells/owners - You may contact OAS to be added as a “Willing Seller”
- Z31 Mineral Only allotments (Minerals Rights are below the ground)

Implementation:
In May 2014, DOI LB BP and CTUIR signed a Cooperative Agreement to assist the Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program. 52112-252, was obligated to acquire Tribal priority allotments and implement the three (3) components:

- Outreach/Explaining LB BP Process
- Land Characteristics/Mapping
- Appraisals

DOI LB BP will be conducting the (3) component of mailing out offer packages. The Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program will be completing the appraisals on the 400 allotments in three (3) separate waves to be submitted to the Office of Special Trustees Office of Appraisal Services OAS for review.

In Wave 1, 212 “Mineral Only” rights (historically only basin, sand, or gravel on the CTUIR), received fair market value from DOI, Office of Minerals Evaluation (OME), which were at one time separated from the surface ownership (land). The Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) appraised current mineral rights; please note not every parcel had mineralization value.

A “fractionated tract” is defined as a tract with either of two or more fractional interests, each being less than a 100 percent interest. The term “purchaseable interest” is an aggregate of fractional interests in a fractionated tract that is held in trust or restricted status (i.e., not a fee interest) where a Tribe exercises jurisdiction, excluding interests owned by a tribe or the government, beneficial interests (e.g., estates, and interests where no tribe has jurisdiction e.g., public domain).

Next Steps:
Selling your land voluntarily on the Umatilla Indian Reservation will assist CTUIR to develop a stronger land base for Tribal use in farming, expansion of wildlife or riparian areas, Tribal preservation, access to Tribal fee property, food resources, etc. thereby creating opportunities to make CTUIR lands more productive for the Tribe and the community. Any land interests sell remains in trust with ownership will be transferred to CTUIR to:

- Reduce highly fractionated ownership on allotments
- Increase CTUIR’s land ownership
- Increase CTUIR’s sovereignty and self-determination

If you do not want to sell your fractioned interests of allotment on the Umatilla Indian Reservation you do not need to do anything. You will have 45 days to complete and return notarized paperwork contained in the offer to OAS. In the case of no response within 45 days, the offer will be nullified and you will receive a Fair Market Value (FMV) for any fractional interests you sell, based on your share of the whole tract plus any 5% base payment per offer.

If your payment will be deposited into your individual Indian Money (AIM) account or a check will be issued and mailed to your current address.

Contact the Umatilla Office of Special Trustee at the Umatilla Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency 541-728-3766 or TRIC to update your address, or assistance reading Quarterly Statements of Individual Indian Money (IIM).

If you own property on other reservations contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center or the Tribal Department where the land is located.

Important Contacts:
Umatilla Land Buy-Back Contact Center (855) 355-7434
Mon-Fri 10:00-6:00pm PST
Andrea Ball, Umatilla Tribal Land Buy Back Program: (541) 425-7499
Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00pm PST
Leslie LeCorin, Acquisition & Disposal/Conveyance: (541) 276-3792
Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00pm PST
Kevin Moore, DST Fiduciary Trust Officer: (541) 276-3792
Mon-Fri 7:30-4:00pm PST
Trust Beneficiary Call Center (888) 676-6830
Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00pm PST


Check your Options to Sell Allotments in Wave 1 ended October 31, 2014 LBBP will continue to accept and process offers - after the deadline - for those who still wish to complete their offer packages. Purchase offers will be processed, but there is no guarantee late submissions will be accepted. In the event the purchase offer is not accepted, you may register as a “Willing Seller” for future wave offers.

Wave 1 Offers:
Postmarked due by October 31, 2014

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Allotments denoted above have been removed from consideration at this time. The ones denoted have been pulled from consideration and LBBP is working on a resolution. For more information, please contact the Office of Special Trustee at 541-728-3766.

*Please note information may be subject to change.

Wave 2: (Offers Tentatively scheduled for December ’14) (January ’15)

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Important Tips for Completing Purchase Offer Package:
Check that your legal name is correctly listed for accuracy. DO NOT SIGN. Deal until you are with a Notary Public to witness your signature.

Return: 1) Original Deed, 2) Purchaseable Interests Inventory Detail 3) Purchaseable Interests Inventory Summary (keep a copy for your records)

see complete instructions in purchase offer package
MISSION - During the first winter storm of the year in Eastern Oregon, a conference was held at Wildhorse Resort & Casino: The Good Road of Life. Dr. Clayton Small traveled to the Umatilla Indian Reservation from Albuquerque, N.M. to facilitate The Good Road of Life Conference. Dr. Small is an enrolled member of Northern Cheyenne and CEO of Native P.R.I.D.E. (Prevention, Research, Intervention, Development, and Education).

The purpose of the conference was to have a culture-based program that uses sources of strength such as spirituality, humor, and healing to assist Native men, women, and families address the impact of colonization, trauma, racism, and other challenges that threaten the well-being of children and families. The first day of the conference set the stage for the rest of the week with creating “clans” or small talking circles led by “clan leaders,” which were employees from Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Behavioral Health, CTUIR Department of Children and Family Services, and Cay-Uma-Wa Head Start. The event started with six clans and each clan had to create a clan name and shield or crest. It required communication and teamwork to complete the process for the new clans. Each clan was responsible for creating a safe environment for sharing and to compete as a team in clan competitions.

Topics discussed at the conference were grief, forgiveness, healthy communication, historical trauma, domestic violence, and alcohol and drug abuse. Each participant was given the opportunity to share their personal experience on a given topic within their clans and clan leaders.

While all tribal offices and local schools closed on Thursday due to weather, The Good Road of Life Conference was still going on at Wildhorse. Facilitators invited high school students to attend the conference since school was cancelled and to provide a youth perspective. New participants were adopted by clans and jumped into the discussions and games. It was hard to break away from the small talking circles with everyone being so engaged in sharing their personal experiences and listening with care and compassion to others. The elders spoke of times before, such as boarding schools, and youth spoke about contemporary issues, such as cyber bullying. It created a balance in the groups’ discussions.

The final day of the conference was filled with good stories and sharing. It was concluded with a graduation ceremony for participants and clan leaders. Local Pendleton High School student and current CTUIR Youth Leadership Council Chairman Kelsey Burns closed the ceremony with two hand-drum songs and a circle dance for all participants and facilitators.

Leaving the conference, participants were given the task of continuing their healing with some homework assignments. The Good Road of Life Conference participants are invited to complete these homework assignments at the Monday Night Wellness Study Group at 6 p.m. held weekly in the Yellowhawk Prevention Activity Room.

Danielle Thompson dances to the left as everyone else goes right during a fun exercise at the Good Road of Life Conference held at Wildhorse Resort & Casino in November. Cedric Wildbill, left, looks on, and Robby Bill, in the checkered sweater, shows his moves.
Retired U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Jim Givan explains the history and meaning of the WWII era posters he has collected. Givan spoke to visitors at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute on Veterans Day during a Pepsi Primetime @ the Museum event. More than 70 of Givan’s 800-plus collection of posters are currently on display in the “Art of War: exhibit at Tamástslikt. For more information contact Randall Melton, Tamástslikt Collection Coordinator at 541-429-7720 or visit www.tamastslikt.org.

A public showing is planned from Jan. 23 through Feb. 24 at Tamástslikt, the museum on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, with an artists’ reception at 1 p.m. on Valentine’s Day Feb. 14. Rules are available at TCI or online at www.tamastslikt.org.

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PENDLETON - Students at Washington Elementary School were evacuated to Pendleton Convention Center about noon Dec. 1 after a report of a explosive devise in the neighborhood. No other information by press time.

News Brief

Steven Cain dies in Bingham Road crash
MISSION – Steven Cain, 37, died Nov. 16 on East Bingham road about 36 miles east of Pendleton when his 2005 Jeep Wrangler left the snow covered, icy roadway and rolled down an embankment and struck a tree.

Drivers in two other companion vehicles following Cain found the roof of the Jeep destroyed and the vehicle trapped by trees. Cain was seated inside the vehicle and unconscious. Cain’s friends winched the Jeep away from the trees and freed Cain, and then transported him about 15 miles where they met with an ambulance crew from Umatilla Tribal Fire and Ambulance. Cain had head injuries and never regained consciousness. Cain was the son of Leslie Cain, an employee in the Finance Department of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Tribes.

Nixyaawii School looking for alumni celebration
MISSION – Early planning for a 10th celebration means locating all graduates of Nixyaawii Community School, said Andi Scott, who is organizing the event. In an advertisement on Page 37 in this CUJ, a celebration committee is looking for name, e-mail or mailing address and the year of graduation. Additionally, a current photo and a senior photo would be appreciated.

Information should be sent to Andi Scott in care of Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Pendleton, OR 97801, or email AndreaScott@ctuir.org.

TCI sponsoring Artworkz show and competition
MISSION – Artists up to the age of 18 are invited to participate in the 2015 Artworkz Junior Art Show and Competition at Tamástslikt Cultural Institution. Submissions, open to tribal and non-tribal youth, will be accepted until Jan. 16, 2015. There are three age categories – 10 and younger, 11-14, and 15-18. Artists can decide whether or not to enter their art in competitive or non-competitive categories.

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R Kids Count to three
Washington Elementary School Indian Education Counselor Sally Kosey works with three students - Justin Dubeck, Wasey LaMere and Kiesha LaMere - during a break in the R Kids Count Project that has started through the Education Department for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. While parents went to learn about the project, children went with Kosey to a classroom. According to a brochure, the project will address the root cause of historical trauma to reach the core issues of why there is resistance to attending school. “Addressing chronic absenteeism will highlight the social consequences that have occurred within the education system as a direct result of assimilation and colonization.” Look for an indepth story in the January issue of the CUJ.

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New research shows salmon losses, sea lion increases

By Jeremy FiveCrows, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Public Affairs

PORTLAND - Recent research from NOAA Fisheries is trying to find out just how many adult salmon are being lost between the mouth of the Columbia River and Bonneville Dam. The number they came up with is quite alarming.

The fish loss research, which began in 2010, shows a steady increase in fish deaths in that stretch. Adjusted for harvest and other salmon impacts, the 2014 average spring chinook salmon survival was just 55 percent, down from 69 percent in 2013 and 82 percent in 2012. If the 2014 estimate is representative of the overall run, this means approximately 45 percent of the 2014 spring chinook run died somewhere between Astoria and Bonneville Dam.

Right now, the research can’t tell how much of this fish loss is due to sea lions and seals. The project lead researcher Dr. Michelle Wargo-Rub of the Seattle-based Northwest Fisheries Science Center reported, though, that fish mortality and the number of sea lions in the estuary have increased dramatically in recent years. This coincides with reports from tribal fishers, who have been seeing evidence of sea lion and seal predation on damaged fish in their nets.

CRITFC and other agencies are trying to fill in this gap in the research. They hope to determine just how much of the loss being seen is due to sea lions and seals. One current CRITFC research project is counting sea lions and seals along the entire lower river, not just at Bonneville Dam.

The fish loss research focuses on spring chinook because that is the time of year when the sea lion population is largest in the river. The sea lions follow the spring chinook run coming up the river between March and May. Most of the sea lions then go to breeding grounds off southern California in the summer.

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Survival varies over the course of the run, Dr. Wargo-Rub said. It appears that a higher percentage of fish in the early part of the run die before reaching Bonneville Dam than fish migrating later in the spring. Early returning fish also take longer to reach the dam, which exposes them to sea lions and seals for a longer time, she said.

CRITFC has been working with the States of Oregon and Washington, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to haze California and Steller sea lions below Bonneville dam to hopefully change their behavior. The CRITFC hazing crew uses cracker shells, seal bombs, and boat chases to attempt to change the sea lions’ feeding location and cut down on the number of salmon they eat. This keeps them away from the fish ladders but doesn’t keep the sea lions and seals from coming up the river in the first place.

“The tribes and state and federal agencies are pouring enormous resources and millions of dollars into salmon restoration. We can’t afford having all our hard-earned gains to be eaten by this growing sea lion predation problem,” said CRITFC Chairman Carlos Smith. “Our hazing effort is really a stopgap measure until this underlying problem is dealt with.”

The tribes continue to advocate for federal agencies to address the growing problem. The issue is made particularly thorny as it pits two major conservation laws (Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act) and the tribal treaties against each other.
American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state governments, to have a day to honor American Indians. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating November 1990 as “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994. This information is as of Nov. 12, 2014.

Population - 5.2 million - The nation’s population of American Indians and Alaska Natives, including those of more than one race. They made up about 2 percent of the total population in 2013. Of this total, about 49 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native only, and about 51 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races. Source: 2011-2013 American Community Survey

11.2 million - The projected population of American Indians and Alaska Native households, alone or in combination, on July 1, 2060. They would comprise 2.7 percent of the total population.

14 - Number of states with more than 100,000 American Indian and Alaska Native residents, alone or in combination, in 2013. These states were California, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Washington, New York, North Carolina, Florida, Alaska, Michigan, Oregon, Colorado and Minnesota.

14.3% - The proportion of Alaska’s population identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, alone or in combination, in 2013, the highest share for this race group of any state. Alaska was followed by Oklahoma (7.5 percent), New Mexico (9.1), South Dakota (8.5 percent) and Montana (6.8 percent).

30.8 - Median age for those who were American Indian and Alaska Native, alone or in combination, in 2013. This compares with a median age of 37.5 for the U.S. population as a whole. Reservations

325 - Number of federally recognized American Indian reservations in 2012. All in all, excluding Hawaiian Home Lands, there are 630 American Indian and Alaska Native legal and statistical areas for which the Census Bureau provides statistics. Tribes - 566 - Number of federally recognized Indian tribes.

Families - 1,696,815 - The number of American Indian and Alaska Native family households in 2013 (households with a householder who was American Indian and Alaska Native alone or in combination with another race). Of these, 38.5 percent were married-couple families, including those with children. 6.1% - The percentage of American Indian and Alaska Natives, alone or in combination with other races, who were grandparents living with at least one of their grandchildren in 2013.

Housing - 53.9% - The percentage of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native households who owned their own home in 2013. This is compared with 64.0 percent of the overall population.

Languages - 20% - Percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives, alone or in combination age 5 and older who spoke a language other than English at home in 2011-2013, compared with 21 percent for the nation as a whole.

Education - 82.2% - The percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives 25 and older who had at least a high school diploma, GED certificate or alternative credential. In addition, 17.6 percent obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher. In comparison, 86.3 percent of the overall population had a high school diploma or higher and 29.1 percent had a bachelor’s degree or higher. 39.8% - Single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives 25 and older whose bachelor’s degree or higher was in science and engineering, or science and engineering-related fields in 2013. This compares with 43.7 percent for all people 25 and older with a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Veterans - 152,897 - The number of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2011-2013.

Income and Poverty - $36,252 - The median household income of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native households in 2013. This compares with $52,176 for the nation as a whole. 29.2% - The percent of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives that were in poverty in 2013, the highest rate of any race group. For the nation as a whole, the poverty rate was 15.9 percent.

Health Insurance - 26.9% - The percentage of single-race American Indians and Alaska Natives who lacked health insurance coverage in 2013. For the nation as a whole, the corresponding percentage was 14.5 percent.

Editor’s note: The preceding data were collected from a variety of sources and may be subject to sampling variability and other sources of error. Facts for Features are customarily released about two months before an observance in order to accommodate magazine production timelines. Questions or comments should be directed to the Census Bureau’s Public Information Office: telephone: 301-763-3030 or e-mail: <pio@census.gov>.
Many activities took place in the month of December. In addition to hunting and preparing for winter, Christmas was celebrated in contemporary times at several different locations on the reservation. Elders have memories of celebrating the Christmas season at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Catholic Mission, at the Tillicum Grange Hall and at the "Barn" and later, the Quonset Hut, to which the following oral histories attest:

Tutuilla Church: "They'd come to Christmas at Tutuilla. The girls would sing and they were really talented! They taught 'em how to sing at this school right up here. They'd come from McKay. Yeah, used to go to all the talent shows."

St. Andrews Church: "They used to have a longhouse up by St. Andrews. Used to be right alongside the road there, on the south side of the road. There used to be a bunch of buildings there and the longhouse used to be right alongside the road there. They used to have their activities there; meetings, and dinners, Christmas, Easter...Thanksgiving...and they used to have dances and socials there, or, not war dances, but like square dances. They had a piano in there, and they had some pretty good times there!"

Tillicum Grange Hall: "You know, they let the Indian school use their facility. Uh to do whatever, like at Christmas time and Halloween time, you know, to have parties and stuff like that. Because it was a big place, you know, about as big as the longhouse at that time. It had kitchen facilities and all of that, so it, it was quite a place. And they had a stage, you know. And it was a good place for us to have our Christmas play and stuff like that. We used it to for practice as well, you know. We’d get to practicing for the Christmas play."

The "Barn" / Quonset Hut: "Yeah, we'd go to all the doings. We go to the Quonset Hut, Christmas and have the odd celebration but seem like when I was growing up seems like a few people at the Quonset hut but, lots of people at the legion hall. Be packed. They came up when they were young men for Christmas Powwow, then met woman and all stayed."

"They referred to it as 'the barn.' It was this great big white building, that's kind of like, when you're going up to the cemetery, it was right there. And that's where the community things were held before the Quonset hut was built. And it was huge. I could see why they called it the barn. I don't know who gave it the name, the barn. But they had Christmas and the community gatherings were there. Dances. There was a lot of modern dances then. They had bands. Yeah, big band era."

"In those early 40's, Mission has always been, as I can remember, has always been sort of the heart of the reservation community. It's where all the major activities took place. In a sense, I guess you would say it was a seat of government. There used to, there was a barn; actually, a barn that was converted for use by the tribes for recreation. And that's the same place that they held the General Council and that barn is where, the barn used to be where the landfill office is now [when located behind BIA]. And that's where they held all their major celebrations. In particular, the winter dances, which used to be, extend over at least two weeks during Christmas and into the New Year they celebrated there."

Another elder recalled harder times during the season:

"I didn't go to school until after December/Christmas because we had to survive and hunting and fishing and getting our foods dry and everything for the winter. And it's like when they had all the tough times, we never did know it was tough times because everything we lived off was natural things - deer, elk, fish and you know, they dried it and took care of it. Only thing we knew about the depression was gas. Because they'd give you stamps, gas stamps, to get gas with, you know."

Indian New Year, which coincides with the winter solstice, was celebrated combining religious and ceremonial events. According to anthropologist Theodore Stern, who lived with the Halfmoon family on the Umatilla Reservation on and off for 30 years, "Indian New Year traditionally marked the beginning of the year at the winter solstice with a gathering, paic'a'sa, at which..."
people danced and worshiped.”

Oral history indicates it was an important time of year.

According to Thomas Morning Owl of the CTUIR Language Program:
“In the teachings that I was given about the New Years, there are two different times that could be observed. One would be on the shortest day of the year and also the one that would count on the moon, pášni áłxayx. In that time when that happens, it’s a very holy time. And when the āłxayx would be carried on all night to greet that new year, the people would dress up in the best that they had and they would sing. They would paint on their faces, paint themselves. Well everybody would paint in their own way. Each person had their own. We don’t do that anymore. That was for the new years on the moon time, on the big moon, nč ‘í áłxayx. We have to remember those things that are given to us. Some of those teachings go way back.”

When the Christian era came, they would go to other places where it was carried on, knowing that they used to have it here. Indian New Year is still celebrated at the tribal longhouse today and initiates the year of food gathering.

According to Fermore Craig Sr.
“It was told that when the sun turns around that first day of winter is the shortest day and the days after that, then the days get longer and the Indian people start looking towards spring to the roots that are coming back and to know that spring is coming. They say that the roots are starting to get themselves ready, start waking up, and start getting ready for that day when the women go to gather them. Some would say, some kind of put to air, ‘I’m going to gather roots this year.’ You’re putting that to air and kind of making a promise to springtime.”

“That night, at midnight, all Indian food. No coffee, no potato salad, no pies, nothing. Just all Indian food. All the roots, all the berries are put out and we drink water. No ‘white man’ food in there. Nothing modern. In that, we’re letting the Creator know that we haven’t forgotten where we come from and who gave the foods to us.”

December Activities for Tribal Elders

Dec. 5 - Senior Elders’ meeting at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Agenda: Christmas dinner; 2015 elections (4 positions with 2-year terms to be held at Christmas Dinner Dec. 17.)

Dec. 15 - CTUIR elders will be on travel to the Nixyaawii Trail Blazers game in Portland. Charter bus will transport some elders, some will drive their own vehicles.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Dinner at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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By MATTHEW PERRONE, AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is finalizing new restrictions on hundreds of medicines containing hydrocodone, the highly addictive painkiller that has grown into the most widely prescribed drug in the U.S.

The new rules mean that drugs like Vicodin, Lortab and their generic equivalents will be subject to the same prescribing rules as painkillers like codeine and oxycodone. Patients will be limited to one 90-day supply of medication and will have to see a health care professional to get a refill. In many states, only doctors will be able to prescribe the medications, not nurses or physician assistants.

"Today’s action recognizes that these products are some of the most addictive and potentially dangerous prescription medications available," said DEA chief Michele Leonhart, in a statement.

The move, announced in a federal notice, comes more than a decade after the Drug Enforcement Administration first recommended reclassifying hydrocodone due to its risks for abuse and addiction. For years, physician groups and the Food and Drug Administration opposed the move, saying it would burden health care providers and patients while driving up costs.

But last year the FDA changed its position, citing the national epidemic of overdoses and deaths tied to prescription painkillers known as opioids.

Deaths linked to the drugs more than tripled between 1999 and 2010, during which sales of opioids increased four-fold.

Anti-addiction groups praised the restrictions, but criticized the FDA for taking nearly a decade to embrace the changes.

"Had FDA responded in a timely and appropriate manner to DEA’s urgent request, thousands of overdose deaths and tens of thousands of cases of opioid addiction might have been prevented," said Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing, an advocacy group which has been critical of the government’s approach to curbing abuse.

That ease of access made it many health care professionals’ top choice for treating chronic pain, including everything from back pain to arthritis to toothaches.

In 2012, U.S. doctors wrote more than 125 million prescriptions for hydrocodone-containing medications, making it the most prescribed drug in the country, according to figures from IMS Health.

News of the rescheduling was applauded by lawmakers from states that have been plagued by opioid abuse,
Gaggles of geese

A bit camera shy, this group of Canada geese waddles south through a stubble field near the Nixyaawii Governance Center on a day when the temperatures were a bit balmy. There were days in the high 60s and days when the mercury dipped to near zero.
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The New River Co. crew at its Maryhill facility “belly ice” fish then load them into totes before they are shipped on semis to Pacific Seafood in Portland.

Tribally owned New River Co. purchased 700,000 pounds of native-caught fish this year

MARYHILL - In its first year on the Columbia, tribally owned New River Co. purchased nearly 700,000 pounds of quality native-caught fish under a contract with a nationwide distributor.

Bud and Wendy Hererra are part owners of New River Co., which employs as many as 13 native workers during the peak season at their Maryhill in-lieu fishing site facility. All four treaty-rights fishing tribes – Umatilla, Warm Springs, Yakama and Nez Perce tribes – are represented in the workforce, according to Wendy Hererra.

New River has a non-compete contract with Portland-based Pacific Seafood, the distributor to grocery stores such as Kroegers and Fred Meyers. Bud Hererra, a Umatilla tribal member, said New River fish have been sent all over the nation, most recently to stores in Texas.

Fishers from Zone 6, the section of the Columbia River between Bonneville and McNary dams, bring their catch in iced totes to New River. It’s a long haul but worth the trip for the money they make on high quality fish.

“We need high quality and we pay a higher price than anyone on the river,” Wendy Hererra said.

Some fishers become frustrated, she said, when their fish are turned away, but they know that if the quality is high they will get top dollar.

“It’s working extremely well,” Wendy Hererra said, guestimating that New River purchased between 650,000 and 700,000 pounds of gilled and gutted fish this year.

New River also spent $60,000 on ice to keep totes full, she said.

Starting in the winter, New River purchases sturgeon, then moves on to Spring Chinook, Summer Chinook, Sockeye, Coho and Fall Chinook. They don’t focus on steelhead mostly because that fish isn’t caught as much in gillnets.

Wendy Hererra, who had been a buyer for four years before starting New River with her husband, said it is important to note that the fresh fish bought behind the counter in the store is native caught. Toward that goal, Pacific Seafood has developed a bag label that depicts a native dipnetter so “you know you’re buying a native-caught fish.”
Navajo Nation president approves junk-food tax

By FELICIA FONSECA, Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - The sales tax on cookies, chips, sodas and other junk food sold on the country’s largest American Indian reservation is going up.

Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly signed legislation Nov. 21 to increase by 2 percent the sales tax on food with little to no nutritional value, starting next year. No other sales tax on the Navajo Nation specifically targets the spending habits of consumers. It will remain in effect until 2020, but it can be extended by the Navajo Nation Council.

Navajo advocating for a junk-food tax said they wanted to pass a bill that could serve as a model for Indian Country to improve the rates of diabetes and obesity among tribal members. Proposals targeting sugary drinks with proposed bans, size limits, tax hikes and warning labels haven’t gained widespread traction across the country.

“We want them to think twice about buying healthy foods instead of soda pop, potato chips and the junk food. The effort is really much more in the message of Navajo people making better choices for quality foods.”

- Gloria Begay, an advocate of the tax

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Young dancers and drummers from the region from the region, including students from the Pendleton community, traveled to Richland, Wash., to participate in a celebration for Native American Heritage Month at the Reach Interpretive Center Nov. 13. Fred Hill officiated with Randall Minthorn lending a hand to educate the Tri-Cities community about Nixyaawii Community School, and provide some history of tribal involvement in the area. Members of the community and some elementary school students enjoyed the dancing and drumming, some of them seeing it for the first time. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and Office of Science, Mission Support Alliance and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society’s Columbia River Professional Chapter. Michelle Burke from the Confederated Tribes’ Department of Science and Engineering helped coordinate the event. She is in the photo with students, from left, Elsie McKay, Layla Neimeier, Sophie Bronson and Eva Oatman.
Tribes join to protect Columbia Basin waters

PORTLAND - The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission on Nov. 14 hosted a “Columbia Basin 15 Tribes” meeting at which more than 40 Columbia Basin tribal leaders and tribal staff met discuss water-quality issues of common concern. Dennis McLerran, EPA Region 10 Administrator, also attended the meeting.

The meeting gave tribal leaders the opportunity to express views on water quality standard processes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, EPA rulemaking, the Columbia River Restoration Act, and other topics.

Paul Lumley, CRITFC Executive Director, said the tribes have been advocates of improving water quality for decades, particularly since tribal diets rich in fish expose natives to higher amounts of toxic substances found in the water.

“Even before we eat the salmon at the feasts, we drink choosh,” Lumley said. “Tribal people have known since time immemorial that water is what all life depends on. Where tribal people could once drink pure water straight from the rivers in the region, today we don’t even dare. It is unacceptable that our most precious medicine has been turned into something that can harm us and the fish, animals, and plants that all depend on it.”

Prior to the Nov. 15 meeting the tribes met with Rob Duff, Washington Governor’s Office Policy Advisor, to review the Washington Governor’s Toxics Reduction Initiative.

As a result of these meetings, the tribes agreed that future strategies are needed to move forward including the need for improved state water quality standards and documenting our concerns directly with the EPA. It was decided that the 15 tribes should meet annually on water quality issues due to the many continuing pressing concerns.

“By speaking together with one voice, the Columbia Basin tribes are forcefully reminding the US government that water should be protected, pure, and respected, not just because it’s a treaty protected obligation, but because all life in the region is counting on it.” Lumley said.
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We appreciate the Wildhorse Resort & Casino staff for the wonderful hospitality throughout the week and preparing the delicious meals and the IT support. I would also like to personally thank Marcy and Becky for moving forward against all odds such as freezing rain and closures to keep the conference going. We also send our deepest gratitude and continued prayers to the families that suffered a loss.

Sincerely, Claudette Enos, Youth Suicide Prevention Program Assistant

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MISSION – The Diabetes Education Program at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center was one of three programs recognized during American Diabetes Month and American Indian/Alaska Native Month in November. Three leading Special Diabetes Programs for Indians (SDPI) grantees were presented with the American Diabetes Association’s John Pipe Voices for Change Award. The programs are recognized for their effective diabetes treatment and prevention services in the categories of advocacy, outcomes, and innovation.

The Yellowhawk Diabetes Education Program was honored with the “outcomes award.” The Yellowhawk program is part of a team of educators that help patients build skills to prevent diabetes complications and stay healthy. The program includes group classes, support group and individual education appointments with a team of educators, including a registered nurse, registered dietician/certified diabetes educator, fitness trainer and life coach. Patients are encouraged to bring a family member or friend when attending.

The Advocacy Award went to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Diabetes Program in Anchorage and the Innovation Award went to the Yankton Sioux Tribe Community Directed Diabetes Prevention Program in Wagner, S.D.

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians provides Indian health programs and tribal communities the resources and tools they need to prevent and treat diabetes. It funds nearly 400 community based programs, offering local tribes and health programs the opportunity to set priorities that meet the needs of their community. For more than a decade, Congress has provided funding for the SDPI.
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Tunica-Biloxi chief arrested on drug charges

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Baumgartner new Round-Up royalty

PENDLETON – Marissa Baumgartner, last year’s Happy Canyon Princess, has been chosen to represent the Pendleton Round-Up as a member of the rodeo’s 2015 royalty.

“During my Happy Canyon Princess experience last year, I fell more in love with the Pendleton Round-Up,” she said in a news release. “My culture has taught me to be passionate about something you love and I love the Pendleton Round-Up.”

Baumgartner, 19, is the daughter of Keysha and Aaron Ashley, and Jeff and Onawa Baumgartner. She has seven siblings. Her family includes the Sheoships/Farrows, the Baumgartners, the Ashley/Bronson/Burke families.

She graduated from Pendleton High School and is attending Blue Mountain Community College aiming toward a degree in early childhood education. Kylee Jensen of Pilot Rock who is attending Oregon State University is the 2015 Pendleton Round-Up Queen. Her court, besides Baumgartner, includes Emily Jayne Sorey from Pendleton, Paula Thompson from Weston, and Kendra Torrey from Walla Walla.

Nixyaawii elects Nez student body president

MISSION - Students at Nixyaawii Community School last month elected Nathan Nez president to lead the associated student body through the rest of the school year.

Along with Nez, Teata Oatman was elected vice president, Shandiin Horston junior class representative, Rosa Arellanes sophomore class representative, and Kaillynn Melton freshman class representative.

They will hold office through May 26, 2015.

Weston picks top Student of Month

WESTON - Drake Burke-Picard was selected as November’s sixth grade student of the month for Weston Middle School.

Drake was nominated by his teachers for being an outstanding student based on effort, behavior, responsible choices.

Students of the month are treated to lunch at the Longbranch Café, their picture is posted on the Student of the Month bulletin board for the year, the teachers write up a nomination form listing the reasons why the student was selected and the principal mails a letter home to parents telling them how much the school appreciates having their student attend Weston Middle School.

Pendleton Parks & Rec plans December events

PENDLETON - A gymnastics camp and open gym are scheduled in December for youth as part of the Pendleton Parks & Recreation Department activities.

The gymnastics camp for children will take place from 6:30-7:15 on Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at the Recreation Gymnastics Studio Dec. 9 is for 3-4 year olds; Dec. 10 is for 5-7 year olds; Dec. 11 is for children 8 and older. Pre-registration is required.

Also, a “No School Youth Open Gym: Inflatable Volleyball” competition is planned from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 30. There is a $5 registration fee that needs to be in by Dec. 29.

More info call 541-276-8100.

Oglala student to represent OST at White House

By Brandon Ecoffey, Native Sun News Managing Editor

KYLE - Last year a star freshman point guard inspired a reservation with a message of hope designed to prevent suicide. This year that same girl, has set her sights on a new goal that reaches beyond the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as she was chosen to represent the Oglala Lakota Nation at this year’s White House Tribal Nations Conference as a youth ambassador.

Janay Jumping Eagle, the daughter of Ryan Jumping Eagle and Echo Lebeau, was selected to represent her tribal nation as a youth ambassador and will attend President Obama’s Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC Dec. 1-3.

“This is a great opportunity for me to help our youth get their voices heard at the national level. My family and I are beyond excited and I am very honored to represent our tribe,” said Janay in a statement she made on her gofundme.com account.

Last year as Janay made a name for herself by posting an anti-suicide message on Facebook that went viral informing her fellow youth that, “There is Hope.” The message that was scribbled on to a basketball, photographed, and posted to her Facebook page was shared by hundreds if not thousands across social media.

“We are very proud of Janay. She deserves all these opportunities that come her way. When she applied for this conference, we didn’t think she had a chance. The lady in charge of the program in D.C. said that we should really be proud of Janay and we are. We hope that this will open up a lot more opportunities for her in the future, said Janay’s father, Ryan Jumping Eagle.

In a press release from the White House last month, President Obama, announced the event that will “provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. That conference is part of President Obama’s pledge to honor the historical government to government relationship that exists between tribes and the United States government.
CTUIR linguist Modesta Minthorn. “It will serve a purpose academically in schools and classrooms, but I think the biggest thing is that the words of our elders will live on.”

The Language Program in the Department of Education, under some 17 years of work from linguist Noel Rude, who retired as soon as the dictionary was published, was responsible for the final product. Linguist Minthorn was instrumental with the word pieces of the dictionary, but she had no idea when it came to the actual publishing part of the puzzle.

Everyone you talk with gives Rude all the credit for putting the words of this project together. He came to the Reservation in 1996, primarily to work with Inez Reves, an elder he said spoke the “old language.”

Modesta Minthorn searched for the right word to describe Rude and wasn’t satisfied with “relentless.”

“He knew his time was limited so he worked really hard with the elders. He listened to what they told him. He spent hours at the table with the elders,” she said.

“He was one dedicated worker. You’d drive by here at 5 o’clock in the morning and he’d be here and when you left at 5 or 6 at night he was still here. Always, always,” Modesta Minthorn said. “If he heard a word he didn’t recognize he’d come run over with pen and paper. ‘What was that?’ He was always asking questions about our language.”

Fred Hill, a fluent speaker, is sharing the Umatilla Dictionary with beginning language students at Nixyaawii Community School.

“I tell them they can read this book, with the stress marks and accents, that they can pull out a word in the dictionary and at least read it,” Hill said. “I think it will serve as a work in progress. I know I use it every day as my reference.”

Hill said the dictionary has been long awaited and wasn’t always an easy-going task. There was some resistance early on, but for the most part elders consulted and helped document words in the dictionary.

“Our early language was not written. Over the years we adopted sounds for our language and then used English phonetically as best we could,” Hill said.

Antone Minthorn, the father of Modesta, met Noel Rude at the University of Oregon’s Native American Student Union Longhouse in the 1970’s.

“We presented him with a medal and a name that meant persistent,” laughed the elder Minthorn, who works as a teacher in the Language Program. He, too, has always been impressed with Rude’s work.

“Armand Minthorn (no relation to the other Minthorns) is a fluent speaker and a Washat leader in the Longhouse. He said the dictionary is a huge accomplishment for the CTUIR.

“The Umatilla Dictionary is a big tool for generations today and tomorrow, and a big step for us as a tribe to strengthen our Indian languages. And just like when Aoki’s dictionary came out on the Nez Perce, the Umatilla language now is going to be documented and taught to help with all our Indian ways,” he said.

Modesta Minthorn said the Language Program first considered publishing the dictionary in 2005. Rude kept working on it, developing more three-ring binder versions that still sit on shelves in the Language Program office.

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Recognizing veterans

Gregory Arnold looks over the names of Vietnam veterans at the Nix Ya Wii War Memorial on Nov. 11. Due to a tribal death, the annual ceremony was cancelled.

Congratulations Chazz

On Oct. 9, Chazz Webb aced number 8, the 135-yard par 3 at Wildhorse Golf Course. He was playing with John Barkley, Troy Rodriguez and Tom Rodriguez. It was his first hole-in-one.
ONEIDAS PLAN CASINO OUTLET MALL AMID COMPETITION

By MICHAEL HILL, Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - With new casino competition looming, the Oneida Indians announced plans Nov. 19 to develop a luxury outlet center with about 60 stores at their Turning Stone Resort Casino.

The 250,000-square-foot enclosed venue - bigger than four football fields - also will add new restaurants and a six-screen movie theater to the resort in Verona in central New York. The Oneida Indian Nation estimates the addition will result in another five million visits a year after it opens in the fall of 2016, roughly doubling the number of visits it receives now.

Ground will be broken in the spring on the $100 million complex, which will be developed, leased and operated by Connecticut-based Gordon Group Holdings.

The high-end outlet center would differentiate Turning Stone in the overcrowding state and regional casino markets. And the announcement comes as state officials are poised to approve up to four additional full casinos in upstate New York as early as this month.

Oneida Nation representative Ray Halbritter said the tribe is aware of increasing competition, but he stressed the development was part of its long-term strategy to grow and adapt Turning Stone as a successful destination resort.

"We see the changes that are occurring. We see the changes in the economic climate as well as the preferences of travelers and our guests and we're responding to those," Halbritter said.

Gordon Group has developed retail projects at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut and also is involved in an outlet center under construction at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut, which is scheduled to open in May.

Gordon chairman Sheldon Gordon said it's too early to mention possible tenants. He said the Oneida project would be similar to the Foxwoods project, where tenants will include Ann Taylor Factory Store, Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger.

Gordon said that while the shopping center industry is "overloaded," he said they can develop an attractive outlet at a resort that already draws a lot of people from neighboring states and the New York City region.

Turning Stone opened in 1993 and was granted an exclusive operating zone by the Cuomo administration under a deal last year that requires the Oneidas to give the state a quarter of the casino’s net revenue from slots. Slots revenue this year is estimated at around $200 million.

DID YOU KNOW?

Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male immigrants living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. It's important to know that even though he is registered, a man will not automatically be inducted into the military. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they would be examined for mental, physical and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

Registration is the law. A man who fails to register may, if prosecuted and convicted, face a fine of up to $250,000 and/or a prison term of up to five years. Even if not tried, a man who fails to register with Selective Service before turning age 26 may find that some doors are permanently closed. Impacts could affect student financial aid, citizenship, federal job training, federal jobs.

From Selective Service System.
white, tan and red. Meth is one of the most addictive substances and its effects are devastating.

What are the signs that someone you know may be using meth? Not everyone who uses meth will show the same signs, but some common signs are changes in physical appearance – especially unhealthy weight loss; not showering or caring how they look; licking their lips excessively; obsessively picking at hair or skin; unusual or foul body odor – some may smell like ammonia; excessive sweating that’s not from heat or physical activity; psychotic behavior with paranoia and hallucinations – they may obsess over the idea of being watched; angry outbursts, mood swings, overall change in attitude; and strange sleeping patterns – staying up for days or even weeks, then sleeping for days. In order to finance their addiction, they may start borrowing money often from family and friends, selling possessions and stealing.

If you are concerned about someone’s meth use and want to intervene here are some tips that you can follow:

Find out about meth and its effects on a person so that you can better understand what the person is going through. Two excellent online sources of information are the websites: www.methproject.org and www.na.org

Confronting someone when they’re high on meth can be dangerous as users can become agitated or psychotic. Wait until they seem sober and then choose a safe place to talk.

Listen to them. It may help you to understand why they started using meth and how you can help.

Seek assistance. Meth addiction is very hard to deal with and a trained professional can provide the help the person needs. 8

Local sources of professional help are listed below:

YTHC Behavioral Health Program 541-278-7528
Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation 541-276-3518
Eastern Oregon Detoxification Center 541-278-2558
Homestead Youth and Family Services 541-276-5433
Center for Women and the Family 541-278-3377
Umatilla County Human Services 541-278-6330
OSOA Therapy 541-429-9000
TM Counseling and Consulting of Pendleton 541-276-1022
Narcotics Anonymous 817-773-9999

Keep at it. The person may not be ready to get help right away, but if you keep reaching out you might be able to help when the time is right.

Show support. The person will be dealing with lingering effects of the drug even after they quit since meth can cause significant brain damage. Just being there for the person can go a long way.

Meth addiction, like all addictions, is a problem that affects all those friends and family members connected to the addict. It is important for all those affected to get help too – not just the addict.

Healing begins when:

Friends and family learn how to detach with love, set healthy boundaries and practice good self-care. These are all important skills to develop when our lives are affected by others’ addictions. Seeking your own counseling may be a critical step in developing the skills to provide the right kind of help to your meth-using friend or relative.

Currently, Yellowhawk is holding a weekly wellness study group focused on support for those whose lives are affected by others’ addictions. The Wellness Study Group meets on Monday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Prevention Activity Room. The group is currently reading and discussing the book, “Codependent No More” by Melody Beattie. Everyone is welcome, books are provided, and no one has to read aloud unless they want to.

Meth 101

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Merry Christmas Mom & Dad from your Son

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Prescribed burn assisting aspen regeneration at Jennings Creek

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The goal of the project is to stimulate regeneration of aspen plant communities and reduce hazardous fuels in the project area.

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"Increasing aspen stand vigor by reducing the presence of conifers should improve wildlife habitat, ecological function, and improve habitat for aspen-dependent species," according to Richard Gardner, CTUIR Silviculture Forester.

The aspen stand is "gold" as there are very few stands of aspen within the CTUIR boundaries. CTUIR Forestry has also fenced off the area to protect the young aspen sprouts from browsers such as deer, elk and cattle.

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FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Prosecutors have brought nine criminal charges against a recently re-elected Navajo lawmaker who is accused of illegally authorizing nearly $34,000 in payments to his children from a now-defunct discretionary fund, including a daughter who posed as a voter in need of cash for firewood, coal and a new transmission for her car.

The case filed Nov. 17 in Window Rock District Court threatens Mel R. Begay’s chances of serving out his next four-year term representing five Navajo communities in New Mexico. He is the only current member of the Navajo Nation Council facing criminal charges in an investigation of the discretionary fund.

The Colorado law firm representing him said it hadn’t seen the criminal complaints and declined to comment.

Begay is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 22 on a single count of conspiracy to commit fraud, two counts of making or permitting a false Navajo Nation voucher and six counts of conflict of interest.

Prosecutors said, in one instance, one of Begay’s daughters wrote to him as a voter from Coyote Canyon, New Mexico, and requested money for heating costs and a new transmission for her car. She did not disclose her relationship. Prosecutors say she was 15 at the time, making her ineligible to vote and drive a car.

Tribal court records show Begay approved a $500 payment to his daughter. Prosecutors said none of the 60 letters that Begay’s six children wrote to him asking for financial assistance disclosed that he was their father. Tribal law prohibits nepotism, and no one person was allowed to receive payment from the discretionary fund more than once over a 12-month period, prosecutors said. Begay authorized 60 checks for his children from 2006 to 2010, according to court documents.

Prosecutors said the discretionary fund was intended for elderly Navajos on fixed incomes, the unemployed, students enrolled in academic programs, burial expenses and other limited circumstances where tribal members had no other monetary resource to pay expenses.

The investigation into discretionary spending has led to the resignation of two Navajo Nation Council members this year, David Tom and Johnny Naize, who served as the head of the tribe’s legislative branch. If Begay pleads guilty in the case or is convicted, he would be removed from office, election officials have said.

Twenty-nine current and former Navajo lawmakers have been charged criminally or accused of ethics violations. Some former lawmakers have settled their criminal cases by agreeing to plead guilty to a single count of conspiracy to commit bribery and cooperate with prosecutors. Others are awaiting trial, have pending ethics cases or have been cleared of wrongdoing altogether.

Former lawmaker Orlanda Smith-Hodge pleaded guilty Nov. 17 in tribal court to conspiracy to commit bribery. She had been charged with six counts of bribery, four counts of abuse of office and five counts of unauthorized compensation. Prosecutors said she funneled nearly $25,000 in tribal funds to her family. Those charges will be dismissed with prejudice if she aids prosecutors in cases against her onetime colleagues.

A sentencing date will be set once those cases are resolved. Smith-Hodge faces up to a year in jail, probation and community service. The tribe also could seek restitution.

Prosecutors said more than 20 people who have served on the Tribal Council have acknowledged participating in the bribery scheme.

If you must use a Styrofoam cup, please put your name on it with a smelly magic marker because it’s going to last a long, long time. In fact your family will be able to pass the cup and your name along for the next seven generations. That’s how long a Styrofoam cup will last, as far as we know. Nobody yet has outlived Styrofoam.
By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
of the Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Greasy diners, big-finned Cadillacs, mom-and-pop souvenir shops, dusty trading posts and the promise of the West were undoubtedly part of the recipe that made historic Route 66-America’s Mother Road-famous.

The lesser known story is that of the tribes scattered along the 2,400-mile byway, which stretched from Chicago to California.

Tribes are now teaming up with a tourism group and the National Park Service to tell a new story for Route 66 travelers, one that aims to detail the histories of Native American communities that saw their part of the West changed because of the road and to dispel long-held stereotypes.

Virginia Salazar-Halfmoon, who is coordinating the project for the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, said many foreign visitors and even some Americans expect to find Indians wearing headdresses and living in teepees when they travel along the route.

“She would like them to know is that we are all unique nations. We have a different story and a different history with Route 66,” she said.

“We’re very much wanting to share who we are with the world.”

During the next year, the plan is to create a guidebook using federal grant money that will highlight significant tribal sites along the 2,400-mile route. The book will also include stories of how communities were affected by the commerce that came along with the traffic.

Representatives from the Park Service and the American Indian Center of Chicago were among those who participated in a meeting Nov. 17 to kick off the project. Officials from Acoma and Zuni pueblos in New Mexico, the Cherokee Nation and several other tribes attended.

Many talked about the route’s role in the federal government’s Indian relocation program of the 1950s and the migration of many Indian children to boarding schools.

They also said some legs of the highway used to be traditional trading routes that were used by the Indians long before the pavement went down and the road signs went up.

“This is a great opportunity we have here,” said Otis Halfmoon, a tribal liaison with the Park Service. “These stories need to be told by us, by American Indian people.”

Otis Halfmoon, tribal liaison with the Park Service

Opponents vow to fight Oklahoma wind farms

PAWHUSKA, Okla. (AP) - Opponents of two planned wind farms in Osage County say they’ll keep fighting the developments.

One wind farm is under construction in the northern Oklahoma county, and the recently won a court order to allow construction to begin.

The Osage Nation has long opposed both. It claims one of the developments, the Osage Wind project, violates the tribe’s mineral rights by removing rock to build foundations for the turbine towers.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs said the wind farm developers must seek a permit from the tribe. But the developers said no such permit is required.

Almost 100 people met Nov. 17 in an Osage County theater to keep fighting the wind farms, the Tulsa World (http://bit.ly/1EZPtIC) reported.

“Driving west on 66,” rancher Ford Drummer said, referring to U.S. 60 between Pawhuska and Ponca City, “has always been one of my favorite drives, where the landscape just opens up. It’s going to be marred for a generation now.”

Meanwhile, the county Board of Adjustment’s attorney said that it hasn’t decided yet how it will respond to a district court ruling last week that the board must grant a permit for the second wind farm development, the Mustang Run project. The board had refused to grant the permit.

But Wilson Pipestem, an attorney for the Osage Nation, said it will continue to oppose the Mustang Run project.

“This fight is far from over,” he told the hearing audience. “There are a lot of things going on to try to stop this. We won’t give up.”

The Osage Wind project will include 94 turbines across more than 8,000 acres in Osage County. The Mustang Wind project is planning to add another 64 turbines in the area.

December Birthdays:
2nd: Linda Schmidt, Reuben Bronson
4th: Connie Jones
5th: Kathryn Brigham, Kathryn Patrick
7th: Kim Brigham Campbell
8th: Chelsea Quaempts
9th: Sara Hussey, Gene Shippenower
15th: Cheryl Shippenower
18th: Isabel Watchman
22nd: Terrie Brigham, Sara Patrick
29th: Calvin VanPelt

Anniversaries:
1st: Daniel & Fabby Jones
3rd: Kim & James Campbell

Merry Christmas from the Confederated Umatilla Journal
Trio will discuss new Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla place names atlas

PENDLETON - The December First Draft Writers’ Series at the Pendleton Center for the Arts features three local scholars whose new book, “Caw Pawa Laakni, They Are Not Forgotten: Sahaptian Place Names Atlas of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla”, is due out soon. The event begins at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 and is free and open to the general public. Roberta (Bobbie) Conner (Sinaa’tayx) has been the director of Tamástslikt (Tah-mahst-slickt) Cultural Institute since before its opening in 1998. She co-authored a chapter in “Wiýáxayt / As Days Go By / Wiýáxakaa’um” (2009), wrote the introduction to the “Treaty Edition Of The Cayuse Indians, Imperial Tribesmen of Old Oregon”, and is an editor and contributor to “Caw Pawa Laakni” (2014). Conner is Cayuse, Umatilla and Nez Perce, and a member of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla.

E. Thomas Morning Owl (Kakínaš) was raised on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. His early years were influenced by traditional elders in his first language, the Umatilla language. As a lifelong speaker he learned a great deal from his mother, Inez Spino Reves and his grandparents. He is well versed in traditional life skills, including hunting, fishing, medicinal and food plant gathering as well as ceremonial leadership roles. Morning Owl was elected to the tribal governing Board of Trustees at the age of 18 and served another term before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was the first Tribal Language Coordinator for the CTUIR. He continues to teach the Umatilla Language at the Nixyáawii Community School and has passed the language and traditional teachings on to his own children.

Jennifer Karson Engum (Wetyetma’anmay) grew up in Los Angeles, Calif. She attended University of California Santa Barbara, Claremont Graduate University, and the University of Texas at Austin where she completed her doctorate in Social Anthropology. In 2007. Her dissertation work in the repatriation of ethnographic knowledge and self-representation within tribal museums focused on Tamástslikt Cultural Institute. In 2006, she edited “Wiýáxayt / As Days Go By / Wiýáxakaa’um”. Conner is Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla. Dr. Karson Engum currently works as cultural anthropologist/ethnographer with the Cultural Resources Protection Program of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and serves as a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) consultant for the Northwest Museum at Whitman College.

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FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) - A long-simmering tax dispute between the Flan-dreau Santee Sioux Tribe and the state of South Dakota is threatening to shut down alcohol sales at the Royal River Casino and Hotel in Flandreau.

The tribe has refused to pay the state’s use tax since 2009, saying its status as a sovereign nation exempts its patrons from state taxation. The state has refused to renew the casino’s licenses unless the tribe pays.

The tribe has now filed a lawsuit in federal court to bar the state from collect-ing use taxes from non-tribal members, The Argus Leader newspaper reported (http://argusne.ws/11BUSXp ). The tribe also wants a federal judge to block the state from withholding a liquor li- cense while the case proceeds. Without an injunction, the licenses will expire on Dec. 13.

“(The state) always says we have a government-to-government relationship, but when it comes down to something like this, it’s always a fight,” Tribal Vice President Jean Archambeau said.

The state says the tribe is thumbing its nose at a reasonable tax on non-tribal members. The legislature passed a law in 2006 requiring tribes to remit use taxes to the state, and most tribes comply.

Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach declined comment on the lawsuit but pointed out that an Oct. 29 ruling by the state Office of Hearing Examiners said the law’s purpose was clear - to allow the state to collect taxes on those who benefit from a state-issued liquor license.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol has ordered the state to respond to the lawsuit by Nov. 26 and set a Dec. 1 hearing on the injunction request.

The case could have implications for the nine tribal casinos in South Dakota, most of which pay use taxes to the state through special jurisdiction agreements.
Record-setting fall fishery winds down

By Stuart Ellis, Harvest Biologist for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

PORTLAND - The fall fishing season has mostly wound down. The Zone 6 platforms can still sell any salmon or steelhead they catch through the end of the year, but there isn’t much fishing effort or catch. The tribes did authorize a sturgeon setline fishery in The Dalles pool to try to get some more of the fish remaining on the commercial harvest guideline. A few sturgeon are being picked up.

This year’s fall season fisheries have set records for modern times. This year’s total fall chinook run was a bit less than the record high predicted, but was still a close second to last year’s record return. Steelhead returns did a bit better than predicted.

The upriver coho return at Bonneville was the second highest since dam construction. At The Dalles Dam and further upriver, coho counts set record highs.

The tribes had nine weeks of commercial gillnet fishing and caught over 260,000 adult fall chinook. There were 48% days of commercial gillnet fishing, which is the most open days since at least back in the 1980’s.

During the peak week, the tribal fishery caught just more than 80,000 fall chinook, which is more than some fall seasons caught in their entirety. We have not found any records of harvesting more fish than this in one week, so this may be a new record high weekly catch. Even with all this fishing, fall chinook counts at Lower Granite set new records for adult fall chinook and adult coho.

This is further evidence that tribal efforts to restore and rebuild upriver runs has benefited the fish as well as fisheries and tribal economies.

Fishers may be turning their thoughts to next year. The pre-season forecasts won’t be done until December for spring and summer chinook and sockeye, and the other stocks won’t be forecasted until as late as early February. Fish runs naturally cycle up and down, so we may not see runs as large as this year in 2015, but most stocks may have pretty good returns next year and there is no reason we shouldn’t see good fishing opportunity. Remember that our forecasts are just predictions and the fisheries get managed based on the actual returns.

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Umatilla Dictionary

As the idea to publish neared, Modesta didn’t know where to start so she turned to Jennifer Karson Engum, who in 2006 edited “As Days Go By” the history of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla.

“Far as the process I had no idea. I went to Jennifer and asked her “How do you get a book published?” She gave me a contact at UW (University of Washington) Press,” Modesta said.

By 2009 they thought they were ready to go, but circumstances beyond their control, i.e. a lack of funding, allowed extra time to get more things in order. The book Rude edited was sent for peer review and then to the book designer, and that began a back-and-forth process that lasted six months.

The dictionary already was to use the Salish font, so there was the matter that lasted six months.

And Happy New Year’s fellas
The following are summaries of Board of Trustee resolutions. The summaries are prepared by CHUJ, without approval by or review from the Board of Trustees. The summaries are presented here as they are provided, without CHUJ editing.

Date: November 10, 2014

**BOT Present:** Gary Burke, BOT Chairman; Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman; Aaron Hines, Treasurer; Kat Brigham, Secretary; Bob Shippentower, Member; Armand Minthorn, Member; Woodrow Star, Member, and Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman. Justin Quaempts, Member on personal leave. Quorum present.

**Resolution 14-056:** Topic: Amendments to Tribal Personnel Policies Manual (TPPM). BOT approved the TPPM to go into effect on January 1, 2015, and directs any settlement proceeds received be dedicated to construction of new Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center facility. Motion carries unanimously.

**Other Board Action:** Fish & Wildlife Commission presented letter to the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) stating Ken Hall will be attending the ITBC Conference at Las Vegas on Dec. 10-11 as a CTUIR Representative. Motion to approve. Motion carries unanimously.

**BOT Travel Reports:**
1) Aaron Hines travel Dec. 8-12 to Las Vegas NV for Inter-Tribal Ag Council Conference. 2) Armand Minthorn travel Nov. 18-21 to Washington DC for NAGPRA Review Committee meeting. 3) Gary Burke travel Fri. Nov. 14 to Portland to attend Eco Trust event as BOT Representative. 4) Kat Brigham travel Nov. 19-20 to Portland for CRITFC meeting.

**BOT Leave and Travel Requests:**
1) Bob Shippentower personal leave Mon/Tues/Wed from 1-4 PM for total of 3 days. 2) Justin Quaempts personal leave Fri. Nov. 14.

**DATE:** October 20, 2014

**BOT Present:** Gary Burke, BOT Chairman; Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman; Aaron Hines, Treasurer; Kat Brigham, Secretary; Bob Shippentower, Member; Woodrow Star, Member, and Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman. Justin Minthorn, Member on travel status. Quorum.

**Old Business:** Ratify poll approving 2014 Education 75k. Leo Stewart moves to ratify poll. Bob Shippentower seconds. Motion to approve. Motion carries 7-0.

**No Resolutions.**

**BOT Travel Reports:**
1) Kat Brigham, travel on October 16-17, US v OR meeting at Portland. 2) Leo Stewart travel on October 13 – 16, Rapid City SD to attend OYW consultation and CTAS grant review meeting.

**BOT Leave and Travel Requests:**
1) Aaron Hines, personal leave, October 24 from 1 – 4pm. 2) Kat Brigham, travel, depart October 23 at 3pm and return October 24 to Portland for G2G meeting. Travel, depart November 13 at 3pm and return November 14 to Portland to attend Tribal Fish Co. LLC meeting. 3) Woodrow Star, personal leave, October 20 from 1 – 4pm. Travel December 7 – 13 to Las Vegas to attend IAG Conference.

**October 27, 2014**

**BOT Present:** Gary Burke, BOT Chairman; Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman; Kat Brigham, Secretary; Bob Shippentower, Member; Armand Minthorn, Member; Justin Quaempts, Member and Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman. Aaron Hines, Treasurer, on travel status. Woodrow Star, Member, on personal leave. Quorum present.

**No Resolutions.**

**Other Board Action:** Committee/Commission Update by Kat Brigham. 1) Natural Resources Commission, 1 vacancy with 1 application from Chuck Sams. There was legal review to the NRC recommendation to the current alternate to the member vacancy position. The NRC Bylaws state vacancies being advertised are appointed by the BOT and if the alternate applied for the member position being advertised they could file the position. Motion to appoint Chuck Sams as member of Natural Resources Commission for a 3 year term. Motion carries unanimously.

2) Science & Technology Committee, 1 vacancy with 1 application from Alvina Huestes. Motion to reappoint Alvina Huestes to Science & Technology Committee for two year term. Motion carries unanimously.

**DATE:** November 3, 2014

**BOT Present:** Gary Burke, BOT Chairman; Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman; Aaron Hines, Treasurer; Kat Brigham, Secretary; Bob Shippentower, Member; Justin Quaempts, Member and Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman. Armand Minthorn and Woodrow Star, BOT Members at Walla Walla return to return this morning. Quorum present.

**Old Business:** Committee/Commission Poll by Kat Brigham. BOT was polled on October 7, 2014 regarding resignations from Tribal Water Commission and Health & Welfare Commission. Action to accept the resignations from Bill Quaempts on Wildhorse Water Commission and to send letter to the City of Pendleton advising them of Mr. Houk's term on Wildhorse Foundation expires on November 30, 2014. Mr. Houk informed BOT Secretary that he has been re-nominated for another term. Motion to advertise for two tribal member positions on Wildhorse Foundation and to send letter to the City of Pendleton advising them to submit a nomination letter. Motion carries unanimously.

4) b) Towanna Potter term on the Ticháhm Conservation District will expire on November 6, 2014. Motion to advertise for one position on Ticháhm Conservation District. Motion carries unanimously. 5) Continue advertising for: 2 positions on election Commission and 1 position on Housing Commission and 1 position on Wildhorse Foundation.

**BOT Secretary** will poll the BOT in order to get a BOT position advertised for a vacant Water Commission position because of Bill Quaempts resignation for November CUJ. All applications will be due on November 17 and a BOT work session has been scheduled for November 21 at 10:30 AM. The BOT will take action on applications on November 24, 2014.

**BOT Travel Reports:**
1) Kat Brigham, travel, October 22 – 23 to Omaha for UPRR meeting. Travel, October 24 to Portland for G2G meeting.

**BOT Leave and Travel Requests:**
1) Alan Crawford, personal leave, November 7 all day. Personal leave December 15 & 16. 2) Bob Shippentower, personal leave, each day on October 27, 29 and 31 from 1 – 4pm. 3) Kat Brigham, personal leave, October 27 from 3 – 4pm.

**DATE:** November 3, 2014

**BOT Present:** Gary Burke, BOT Chairman; Leo Stewart, Vice Chairman; Aaron Hines, Treasurer; Kat Brigham, Secretary; Bob Shippentower, Member; Justin Quaempts, Member and Alan Crawford, General Council Chairman. Armand Minthorn and Woodrow Star, BOT Members at Walla Walla return to return this morning. Quorum present.

**Old Business:** Committee/Commission Poll by Kat Brigham.

**Deferral no motion.**

**Other Board Action:** Letter to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Chairman by Cultural Resources Program. CRC passed a motion recommending the BOT send the letter. Motion to approve. Motion carries 6-0.

**Resolution 14-058:** Topic: Hanford Access Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Motion carries 6-0.

**BOT Leave and Travel Requests:**
1) Woodrow Star, personal leave, November 7, all day. 2) Bob Shippentower, personal leave November 3, 5 and 7 from 1-4pm for 9 hours total.

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**Congratulations to Jada Burns**

A freshman chosen team captain by her varsity peers at Irrigon High School.
Lady Golden Eagles will see ‘lot of parody’ in new league

By Aaron Noisey for the CUJ

MISSION - Coach Jeremy Maddern is excited his Nixyaawii Community School Golden Eagle girls hoop squad will be playing the new Old Oregon League this year.

The team’s non-league schedule, which includes the Bouncin’ Cancer tournament Dec. 6 in Hermiston, should help prepare the girls for the start of conference play, Maddern said.

According to Maddern, it’s hard to say who may come out as league champion.

8th annual Bounc’n Cancer Dec. 12, 13 in Hermiston

HERMISTON – Nixyaawii Community School boys and girls basketball teams will play squads from Irrigon, Riverside and Pilot Rock at the eighth-annual Bounc’n Cancer event Dec. 12 and 13 at Hermiston High School.

The event generates money for local cancer patients from Umatilla and North Morrow counties. Nixyaawii and Echo played in the first Bounc’n Cancer games eight years ago and raised $1,000. Last year the event raised $9,000.

Here is the schedule for the two-day competition. Team listed first is home team.

Friday, December 12, 2014
3 PM – Nixyaawii Girls vs. Irrigon Girls @ Hermiston High School
3 PM – Echo JV Girls vs. Pilot Rock JV Girls @ Echo High School
4:30 PM – Nixyaawii Boys vs. Irrigon Boys @ Hermiston High School
4:30 PM – Echo JV Boys vs. Pilot Rock JV Boys @ Echo High School
6 PM – Echo Girls vs. Pilot Rock Girls @ Echo High School
7:30 PM – Echo Boys vs. Pilot Rock Boys @ Echo High School

Saturday, December 13, 2014
Noon – Echo Girls vs. Stanfield Girls @ Hermiston High School
1:30 PM – Echo Boys vs. Stanfield Boys @ Hermiston High School
3 PM – Riverside Girls vs. Irrigon Girls @ Hermiston High School
4:30 PM – Riverside Boys vs. Irrigon Boys @ Hermiston High School
6 PM – Pilot Rock Girls vs. Nixyaawii girls @ Hermiston High School
7:30 PM – Pilot Rock Boys vs. Nixyaawii Boys @ Hermiston High School

Elijah Bevis has led Nixyaawii the last two years and will be expected to carry the weight again this winter. He’s being guarded here in practice by Hunter McKay. That’s Caleb Herrera and Coach Shane Rivera looking on.

Four starters return to team that won 20 games last year

By Aaron Noisey for the CUJ

MISSION - Looking to improve on last year’s sub-state finish and climb back into state competition at Baker City, the Nixyaawii Community School Golden Eagles have four returning starters from their team, which went 12-2 in the Big Sky Conference, 20-6 overall.

The Golden Eagles will be running the court again this year, but there will be a change of pace. Nixyaawii moves from the Big Sky to the Old Oregon League with Echo, Helix, Joseph, Pine Eagle, Powder Valley and Wallowa.

The Golden Eagles will be looking to senior Elijah Bevis, according to Coach Shane Rivera. Bevis has led the team in scoring and rebounding the last two seasons. Joining Bevis will be guard Hunter Melton, who had a breakout performance at the Big Sky tournament last season.

The other two returning starters are Ira Ashley and Fredy Campos.

The team will be deep this year, with several that started games and saw lots of minutes, and transfers like Tiya-po Farrow, the third tallest player who moved from Pendleton to Nixyaawii for his senior year.

The tallest kid on the squad also is a newcomer. He’s a raw unknown quantity at this point but it looks like there’s a lot of potential in the 6-4 sophomore Chandler Case, Coach Rivera said.

“We expect to compete for the league title,” Coach Rivera said.

In the preseason the Nixyaawii will be tested by the Irrigon Nights, the defending State 2A champions. They will face each other at the 8th annual Bounc’n Cancer Tournament in Hermiston on Dec. 12.

In league play Coach Rivera thinks Powder Valley will be their toughest opponent.
Dave expected to lead Rockets

By Aaron Noisey for the CUJ

PILOT ROCK - Coming off a trip to the state 2A tournament, the Lady Rockets will be in the newly formed Columbia Basin Conference this year.

Coach Butch Wilson looks to continue “the tradition of winning” this season.

Last year’s team went 18-6 overall and 17-3 in league. Wilson thinks the CBC will be weak this year but the two teams that continue on to state will be competitive with anyone.

The Rockets will be looking to first team all-star Madison Dave to pace the team. Dave, a Tribal member, should be one of the most dominant players in the CBC. Also bringing experience will be Bailey Weinke, whose leadership will help lead the Lady Rockets.

In non-league action Coach Wilson thinks Condon-Wheeler, Echo and Nixyaawii all 1A schools will be tough. The Rockets and Golden Eagles will play Dec. 12 in Hermiston at the Bounce’n Cancer tournament. In league play, rival Weston-McEwen will be the team’s toughest opponent.

Rocket boys intend to improve on last year’s 1-21 mark

By Aaron Noisey for the CUJ

PILOT ROCK - Second-year Pilot Rock coach Cory Anderson expects his team to improve on last year’s 1-21 record.

Senior center Justin Willingham will lead the Rockets into the newly created Columbia Basin Conference, which will again be a stout test for Pilot Rock. Coach Anderson has been impressed with the team’s practices and their strong off-season efforts.

The team welcomes a “strong group of freshmen guards to complement our returning players.” Nixyaawii Community School looks to be the Rockets’ toughest non-league opponent. The Rockets will face the Golden Eagles on Dec. 13 at the Bounce’n Cancer Tournament in Hermiston. Coach Anderson coached a few of the boys during the football season. In league play Irrigon will be the Rockets’ toughest test.

Shana Radford coaches her young charges during an evening practice on the basketball floor at Washington Elementary School. They will be playing against teams from other schools during the months of December and January.

2014-15 NIXYAAWI BASKETBALL

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