A Homecoming of Ancestors

Since the 1880s the remains of these ancestors—believed to be Wasco—were part of a museum collection halfway around the world. A team of Columbia River tribal members from the Warm Springs, Yakama and Umatilla—traveled this week to the museum, the Canterbury Museum, in Christchurch, New Zealand.

A native tribe of New Zealand—long-time friends of the tribes, the Māori—conducted the transfer ceremony, handing the remains back to the Columbia tribes.

The tribal group—including three of the Māori—will now travel to the Columbia River for the unique and historic return.

The repatriation is unique in that it is an international effort, said Roberts Koh, Native American Genus and Repatriation Art coordinator. She explains:

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

The Canterbury Museum is outside this jurisdiction, so the law does not apply. Ms. Koh said. Instead, the museum has willingly cooperated during the years-long process that preceded this week’s return.

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Looking back at year as Miss Warm Springs

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Some of Reicie’s favorite times: The Rose Parade in Portland, and the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals—a rodeo specialty for girls 9-16.

Reicie is in her second year at Crooked River Round-Up, and the Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo, the Crow Fair in Montana, the International Miniature Rodeo Association Finals—a rodeo specialty for girls 9-16, the Modoc Heritage Junior Rodeo, and the Jefferson State Rodeo, among the many.

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Expansion plan at Composite Products

New business opportunity at Warm Springs Composite Products requires an expansion of its manufacturing plant.

“We’re seeing growth in business domestically and internationally,” said Jake Goosche, Composite Products general manager.

Some of the new opportunities are for the fire-resistant doors that are assembled, he said.

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Summary of Tribal Council

The following is a summary of the Tribal Council meeting:

March 1, 2019

Roll call: Chief Delilah Harp, Chair, Catrina Greenes Jr., Raymond Tsutsui, Ronald Suppah, Catrina Miller, and Lee Tom. Mztine Vahnin, Recorder.

Election:

· Motion by Raymond approving Resolution No. 12,561/selling of 32 individuals. Second by Lee. Questions: 3/0/2. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

March agenda/minutes:

· Motion by Raymond approving the March business agenda, subject to change. Second by Catina. Questions 3/0/0. Chair not voting. Motion carried.

· Motion by Raymond approving the November and December 2018 Minutes. Second by Carina. Questions 3/0/0. December not voting. Motion carried.

Payor of Last Resort status of Medicare Eligible

A crew works Composite’s current 3rd sawmill (above) and below, the new sawmill that arrived just this week. The new sawmill will be moved to the north building that is part of the Composite expansion. The plan is for the expansion to happen soon, within the next few months.

The Warm Springs Composite Products is the tribe-owned manufacturer and international-supplier of Tresintm-based fire-retardant architectural door components and doors, wood doorframes and spec-

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There is a Functional Fitness class today at noon in the Community Center Social Hall, and Pi-Yo at noon at the Aerobics room.

There is a Social Dance class today at 4 p.m. in the Community Center Aerobics room.

Friday, March 15
At 10:45 this morning, there is Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center. After class a meal will be provided to participants. Today’s menu is chicken piccata, brown rice, broccoli, potato and fresh fruit.

On Saturday, March 16 there is Texas Hold-Em Anonymous meeting this morning at 10 at the Senior Center.

Saturday, March 17
Warm Springs Christian Fellowship meets this morning at 9:30 at the Senior Center.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has Sunday School at 10 and Worship Service at 11 this morning.

The Warm Springs Food Bank is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open from 11:30-1:30 today. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash.

Monday, March 18
It is a regular late start Monday for 505-J and Siletz this morning.

There is Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center. Participants are invited to eat a meal after. Today they are having meatloaf, carrots and butternut squash.

There is a Head Start Lunch today at noon from noon-1 p.m. at the Education building. Call 541-553-3224 for more details.

For students heading to Madras High School
Madras High School will host an orientation evening meeting this morning from 5:30-7:30 as they will be starting high school in the fall. The Ninth-Grade Orientation Night—for students currently in eighth grade—will be this Thursday, March 14 at the high school.

The evening begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served, and transportation from Warm Springs to the high school will be provided.

The high school and district encourage all eighth-grade students to attend.

An evening at the Academy
The Warm Springs Academy will have a College and Career Night this evening from 6-8:30. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math—activities for students and families—this Thursday, March 14.

Dinner starts at 5 p.m., activities from 5:30-7.

Comment on local transportation
Cascades East Transit will hold a Warm Springs open house this Thursday, March 14 at the Warm Springs Academy community room.

Can you please help to keep the promises for future transit expansion projects.

Stop by anytime between 5 and 7:30 pm.

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Sea lions at Bonneville dam below 10-year average

The number of sea lions at Bonneville dam is below average, and most are the larger Steller sea lions. California sea lions had been more prevalent over the past decade. Each spring they would feast on hundreds of salmon and steelhead. So far this year, though, the fish predation has been by Steller sea lions, with no observed predation by California sea lions. This is according to the first 2019 monthly pinniped status report released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During the period of December through January, just one chinook salmon, four coho salmon, 11 steelhead and one white sturgeon were observed by the Corps being eaten by pinnipeds in the dam’s tailrace. A spike in the number of salmon passing through Bonneville Dam in December raised salmon passage at the dam to above the 10-year average for the month, but January’s passage of salmonids was below normal.

Also during the December- January period, 11 other fish were taken. Those include: one small mouth bass, four chum salmon, one salmon and five unidentified fish. A separate category, marked ‘other,’ was added 13 days earlier than in the previous season. The majority of these were rockfish, which are part of the Columbia River, while state fishery managers work with Oregon and Washington to develop recommendations for Columbia River fisheries development.

For MHS track and field

For their first fund-raiser for the Madras High School track and field teams, the athletes are sending out letter asking for pledges for laps.

The pledge is for the number of laps you run in one hour. Date of the event is early April, and most are the Steller sea lions. With no larger Steller sea lions.

A British Columbia cabinet minister monitoring negotiations with the United States says the future of the existing Columbia River Treaty says talks have been ‘frank’ around opposition to the dam, and has also prompted consultation.

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This message is brought to you by the Warm Springs Foundation.

**Cannabis tax rebate**

**Whereas** the 2017 Or- egon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 297, autho- rizing the Inter-Governmental Agreements with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Resolution of Oregon to rebate to the tribes state marijuana tax revenues attributable to the Tribal Council and/or processed on tribal land;

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Ancestors: team returning from New Zealand

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The Yale Peabody Museum in Connecticut received many Wasco remains, identifiable by the shape of the cranium. Mr. Kirk then explained:

At some point in the 1880s, the Peabody Museum apparently exchanged some of its Wasco remains and objects with the Canterbury Museum in New Zealand, in exchange for Māori remains and objects.

The looting, selling and trading of Native American remains was not unusual at the time. On the contrary, evidence at time of NAGPRA were that half a million Native American remains were held by museums in the U.S. alone. More than 100,000—along with a million funerary objects—could not be associated with any specific tribe or tribes.

In NAGPRA, many of those who could be identified have been returned for repatriation to tribes, including to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The remains from the Canterbury Museum will be the first the tribe has received from a museum in a foreign country. Mr. Kirk details how the repatriation came about.

"Back in 1996 an artist friend was traveling in New Zealand, and while there he went to the Canterbury Museum,” becoming aware of the Canterbury River ancestral remains.

"The tribe he first alerted was the Umatilla, and they got the ball rolling," Roberts says.

"We heard about it and wanted to be involved. And we started a conversation with the Canterbury Museum.

Evidence at the museum was that the remains were from The Dalles area, and could therefore be Wasco. This belief was strengthened by observing the distinctive shape of the cranium, indicating a ‘flathead’ or Wasco readily identifiable.

The tribes contacted the Canterbury Museum to see if they could ship the remains back to the tribes. The museum board, though, said they would prefer a formal repatriation ceremony, involving the Māori.

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Second repatriation from Canterbury Museum

The tribes and the Canterbury Museum believe the remains were potentially sold to the museum by Professor Harry Ward in the early 1900s. Ward was an American scientist, explorer and museum builder.

He travelled the globe, trading, purchasing and amassing a huge collection of fossils and other objects for his collections.

On Easter Island

This is the second time Canterbury Museum has returned ancestral remains to another country. In 2018, remains were returned to the Rapa Nui—the aboriginal Polynesian inhabitants of Easter Island.

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Testimony on climate change in Indian Country

Clayton Honyumptewa says the Powamuya ceremony took place as usual in February on parts of the Hopi reservation, but the planting that traditionally follows the ceremony might not come until May.

“The delay is just another example of the effects of climate change that have left dams dry, water scarce—and pushed planting from March to April and then to May, leaving little time for crops to grow.”

“Sometimes they don’t even mature because it all ready gets cold in September,” said Honyumptewa, director for the Hopi Department of Natural Resources.

“It’s been really tough on the farmers.”

“It’s been really tough on tribes across the country, officials told a House panel looking at the effects of climate change on North America. Honyumptewa was not there, but stories like his were repeated in testimony in February by tribal leaders from Alaska, Washington and Arizona.

“Our members go out to gather traditional foods and find that many are blooming out of season or not blooming at all as a result of climate change,” he said.

At the hearing, witnesses asked Congress for a seat at the table as the government grapples with climate change, and instead indigenous experience and expertise should be part of any solutions aimed at reversing its effects.

“We as a community can use best practices, going back to our traditional ways as well as bridging the modern social network to address climate change,” Honyumptewa said.

And while some areas of the Hopi tribe prepared for the Powamuya ceremony to inspire a successful growing season, Honyumptewa said the drought has made it harder to keep cultural norms alive.

“We need rain, we need water to do that. Rain, snow, all our ceremonies are geared to that,” he said.

Dinner for veterans

The Madras VFW Post 1241 and its Auxiliary invites all people, veterans and non-veterans, to a free Welcome Home Veterans spaghetti dinner and events on Saturday, March 30 from 4-8 p.m. at the Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras.

There will be dinner from 5-6 and entertainment, raffles, auctions, kid friendly games and patriotic merchandise for sale. Donations are appreciated.

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