Making a home away from home

Masami and Tywyno ‘Ty’ Smith have a home in one of the nation’s first housing programs to bring housing to the homeless. One is in Warm Springs, where they grew up and often visit. Another is in Ohio—a state with no Indian reservations, so no real presence of Native people of Ohio, and even fewer Native people around.

The experience of Native American people having a home of their own can come from more than the Warm Springs Housing Authority’s project. NAICCO is another Native American center in Ohio—a state with no Indian reservations, so no real presence of Native people of Ohio, and even fewer Native people around.

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NAICCO: Cuisine project taking off

(Continued from page 1) By this time Ty had graduated from the Ohio State University, having earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. So the solution was clear in his mind. The NAICCO board named Ty the center project director. Since NAICCO’s founding, accomplishments have been many, through building relationship with state and regional health agencies and organizations and securing funding.

The overriding goals of NAICCO were to honor the stories of the Native community, employ and economic development, preserve cultures, and sustainability for the center and its programs.

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The center itself, the main pillars of what might be better referred to a larger site around Columbus, Ohio, consisting of unique Native American street food, offering a one-of-a-kind menu at NAICCO. NAICCO reached a milestone this October with the grand opening of the NAICCO Cuisine food trailer.

NAICCO cuisine is a Native American street food that offers unique, health-conscious food, providing a one-of-a-kind menu that serves as a platform for promoting traditional Native American values and teachings; the fundamental fabric of Native American, or those virtues better recognized as prayer, respect, compassion, truth, generosity, humility and wisdom.

NAICCO Cuisine not only stands as a means for creating job opportunities for NAICCO community members to earn extra income and develop future employability skills but—by selling hands-on experiences and meaningful satisfactions—but as well, it provides a nurturing atmosphere that leads and sustains the development of community buy-in and overall ownership.

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Howlak Tichum

In loving Memory of Robert Tracy Sam Sr. (Bob)
Robert Tracy Sam Sr., 64 years old, passed away September 10, 2020 at 12:32 p.m. of Covid-19 precipitated at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

He was surrounded by family, his wife, children, two sisters, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, in-laws, nieces and nephews, with more family and friends. Robert was born on January 11, 1956 in Redmond.

He is the son of William (Bill) and Evelyn Wesley Sam.

He loved in Warm Springs all his life, worked at the mill and was a custodian for the Tribe. He loved his job at the Warm Springs Irrigation Project, as he loved to be with all his people. His health forced him to leave work.

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

He loved going fishing, loved to BBQ for all his family birthdays, and our Sunday meals. He loved helping make all holiday meals, most of all he loved going to the Casino.

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

“With care was Carlos Carlos, Clos jailed. Photo viewing of our loved one (due to Covid-19.)

Wakawak Services: Warm Springs Community Center.

Contemporary speakers were Levi Van Pelt and Marcy Sam.

Pall bearers: All Family and Friends there.

On Saturday Bob Reeser: All Family and Friends. He is proceeded in death by his parents William (Bill) and Evelyn W. Sam; his brothers Leslie (Shak) Sam; Thea (Tracy) Sam and husband beautifull Gary Gilber, Lucille Sam Williams and Susie: Sam Lewis, Great Grandchildren: Emily Lewis, Sam Danzuka, Nancy Sam Johnson, Lavita Tanewasha, Uelton Wilson Sam. Father-in-law Chester Van Pelt Sr., step father-in-law Harvey Jim; runes grandsons.

Survived by her second son travis Maria Luna and Julii Sandiford, his wife of 45 and 5 years Marion Rose Van Pelt Sam. His son Travis/Vernonia Sama; and niece Robert Sam Jr./Marcos and family; Thomas Sam and children; Clarence Sam; Leon Chas, Grace, his nieces and nephews, with the NAICCO Board of Trustees, to be certain that every NAICCO Board of Trustee for the success of the project was considered and taken into account. And more so, to ensure meaningful outcomes were set in place for both NAICCO and the local Native American community.

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Recent employment numbers for region

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Health and safety message from Human Resources

WARM SPRINGS YATHC COUNCIL

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the holiday season, it is important to remember that the COVID-19 pandemic is still unfortunately with us. The Navajo Nation has had more than 15,000 Covid-19 cases, more than 8,600 people have recovered, and more than 460 people have died.

Stay connected with the latest information by following our Facebook page and checking the YATHC website at https://www.warm-springs.org/health.

Dr. Jill Jim, Acting Public Health Director, and Dr. Michelle Cary, Native American Public Health Director, have joined forces to encourage a safe holiday season for all.

Happy Holidays,

Michelle Cary
Navajo Nation Department of Health
Public Health Director

https://www.warm-springs.org/health
January

The 2020 Census was held by the U.S. Census Bureau along with the Twenty-Seventh Annual Youth Art Exhibit. “Each year we celebrate the creativity and talents of our Tribal youth,” said Nalani Kiki, museum curator. “This year was no exception.”

About the upcoming show, which opened January 23, Ms. Kiki says, “Discover more of what is created by the hearts of our youth of Warm Springs and see first-hand how art can positively affect our community and young minds. The exhibition will celebrate the vibrant creativity unlocked by local tribal youth.”

The team working on the state Moving and Marsden Indigenous People initiative met with the Warm Springs tribal community in January. The state legislature in 2019 created the MMIP task force, providing resources to help address one of the most serious problems among tribes. Terri Davie, state director of the Oregon State Police is leading the team.

She and Mitch Sparks, of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services, met with Tribal Council and the committee. She believes that a healthy community can be achieved and that economic development is important. The team continues to work on the MMIP needs.

Power and Water awarded a $30,000 grant to assess the potential of groundwater resources on tribal land. Results of the study could help determine the potential use of groundwater for domestic use, or commercial potential such as a water heating business. The domestic water source for much of the reservation currently is the Deschutes River. Water is drawn from the river at the treatment plant in the Dry Creek area.

The use of treated surface water is acceptable, however, the concept of drinking water is common, especially for larger communities. Gravelsource, however, has advantages. Filtration through the earth helps eliminate the ground water.

The work is nothing—challenging for sure, and for this team rewarding. Starla Green has a lifetime of cooking experience—from a longhouse helper as a child, to her successful commercial food business.

Starla joined the Warm Springs office of the Workforce Commission in January. She says, “Discover masterpieces created by the hearts of our youth of Warm Springs.”

February

Timber practices on the reservation have changed greatly over the recent decades. The 2020 Wallow Summit timber sale is a good example.

Natural Resources and Forestry reviewed the sale in February with Tribal Council. Some of their discussion illustrates how the forest practices have changed, specifically how the allowable cut has been reduced.

The Wallow Summit sale will be in the northwest area of the reservation, by Willow Springs and Summit Butte, the features that give their names to the sale. This sale will involve about 26.5 million board feet of timber, with revenue going to the tribe’s general fund, including areas such as the Senior Pension, funded through such projects.

Forestry and Natural Resources began looking at the aspects of this sale back in 2018. The inter- disciplinary team developed a target area of about 17,000 acres from which to develop the sale. Trees in the area are from plantings of decades ago, now coming within the harvestable inventory.

Over the past two years the team has developed a plan for mitigation of impacts to huckleberries, wildlife and fisheries, etc. Some of the discussion with Council showed how the reservation timber practices have seen a dramatic change. Most obviously, the 26.5 million board foot is within the sustainable levels as determined by Natural Resources, Forestry and the committee. Sustainability means the harvest of timber is below the amount of the forest growth.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs this month was chosen to host and conduct the first 2020 census count for the entire region.

As with other rural areas, and reservations in particular, Warm Springs contends with being under-represented during census counts.

The tribal vehicle closed some time ago, due to various factors, and the building now stands empty at the industrial park. The vehicle pool and its equipment could be put to use as an automotive school is Career Council. A funding source for these discussions was the Twisted Teepee, an automotive school, said Valerie Lam, district superintendent.

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The tribes and regional Census Center are now planning an event for Thursday, March 12.

New funding will become available for the 2020-21 school year at the Warm Springs Academy.

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The data we collect shows that the majority of our positive cases are within households. We can pre- vent the spread to others within a household from happening if we can separate those who have the virus from others who do not.

Especially when we want to protect our Elders, those with underlying conditions, and those who are pregnant.

There is no place within many homes to protect them due to lack of space. We have an obligation to protect the community. We have lost several members already due to this virus. At the time of this writing, the virus has had more than 135 positive cases since the pandemic began.

So the FEMA Trailers Quarantine Project will not be used for those who have the virus?

If you are truly sick, the trailers would house those who need to be quarantined because they have the virus or they do not have the virus but need a safe place to be away from others who have the virus within the household.

Who authorized this?

The Covid-19 Team presented the Quarantine FEMA trailers to the Tribal Council, a resolution was passed, and this project was put into action from one person to the other.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority had not had the CDC or H&HS approval. The Warm Springs Housing Authority had not received approval for the Dips at this time and wanted to join the H&HS at this site to keep cost down since we had no other options. The Warm Springs Housing Authority had not received approval from the FEMA.

Once the Dips was approved with H&HS approval, the Warm Springs Housing Authority had the opportunity to begin the project.

This is the main reason why we practice social distancing, wearing masks and using sanitizers to prevent the virus entering our bodies.

Those who will be housed at the Quarantine FEMA trailers will not be able to leave the virus. We will house those needing protection. We cannot refuse those who may be coming to the clinic, but we cannot keep them at or in their homes where others in our community could be exposed to the virus. They have no place to go.

Why was there not community input to the site?

One of the new sites at the Dips became available we moved forward with this site. There was no reason for us to investigate or to make the community involved in the site decision. We did not want to expose the community. We did not want to expose the community. We did not want to expose the community.

Note: Please continue to wear your mask, social distance a minimum of six feet when you are out, use sanitizers, and sanitize any vehicle you are available to use in your vehicle(s), your homes, workplace and make it a habit to use.

If you need masks or sanitizers you are available to use they are available at Emergency Management or the Family Resource Center.

Be safe!
In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

2020 Review

Shanelle Kalamu: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Discovery Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear at this matter at a hearing scheduled for June 1, 2021 @ 3:00 pm.

PROBATE
In the matter of the estate of Merrie C. Polk, U.S.A., deceased. Estate no. 2111-PR19. To Cordy Lebanon, Michael Wells, Michelle Wells, Anthony Guerin, Karmyn Bolver, Allene Williams and Melaina Ramsey. You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020.

In the matter of the estate of Darryl Anthony James Smith, deceased. Case No. CR559-19. You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020.

In the matter of the estate of Donald Thomas Tang, deceased. Case No. CR1679-19. You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Katie Allen, Defendant; Case No. CR003-19. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for January 6, 2021 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Charley Morris Leclaire, Defendant; Case No. CR578-20. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Joyce Allen, Defendant; Case No. CR183-19. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Arraignment Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for January 6, 2021 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Leclaire Celeste L. Escalante, Defendant; Case No. CR540-20. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Darrell Anthony James Smith, Defendant; Case No. CR889-20. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Amy Masters, Defendant; Case No. CR610-19. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Darrell Anthony James Smith, Defendant; Case No. CR889-20. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Rolanda Wells, Defendant; Case No. CR732-19. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020.

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Plaintiff, vs Darrell Anthony James Smith, Defendant; Case No. CR889-20. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Criminal Trial Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 29, 2020 @ 8:00am.
Letters regarding the Cost of Living Adjust-ments—the COLA—and the new Medicare Part B amounts will be mailed out very soon from Social Security. The statements are re-quired when applying for Senior programs as proof of income. Most of us who re-ceive these statements lose them within a couple days or so. To ensure that you always have a copy you can bring the statement by my of-fice at the Resource Cen-ter to be photo copied and stored for future use. Please consider this op-tion. Thank you.

Rosemary "Moosh" Alarcon, 541-553-9195.