

Editorial

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Social Security

"Under the law, workers disabled before age 31 may need less than five years of covered work, in some cases as little as 1½ years," he said. "They should get in touch with Social Security without delay to get information about applying for disability benefits."

Disabled workers over 31 generally need more than five years of covered work with five years of it in the ten years before they become disabled to be eligible for Social Security disability benefits, Fullerton noted.

Social Security pays monthly benefits to eligible workers under 65 and their families if the worker is disabled and not expected to be able to do any work for a year or more. Payments generally start with the sixth full month of disability.

Disabled people who have not worked long or recently enough to get Social Security disability benefits may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. The SSI program, administered by Social Security, makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are disabled or blind or over 65.

"People can get more information about the Social Security disability program and the SSI program by calling or writing the Social Security office in Bend," Fullerton said. The office is located at 39 N.W. Louisiana Avenue. The phone number is 382-6922, extension 276.

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Students and other people who plan to get a summer job should apply immediately for a Social Security number if they do not have one, according to John Fullerton, Social Security representative in Central Oregon.

"You should apply for your number several weeks before you need it for a job covered by Social Security," Fullerton said. "Applications must be screened against central files in Baltimore to make sure that a second number is not issued to that same person. Screening generally takes several weeks."

"Your Social Security number is yours alone and remains the same for life," he said. "A worker builds retirement, disability, survivors and Medicare protection by work and earnings credited to his Social Security number. So when you get a job covered by Social Security, be sure your employer copies your name and number correctly from your Social Security card to his records."

People applying for a Social Security number for the first time may be asked to prove their age, identity, and citizenship.

"You can get information about applying for a Social Security number by calling, writing, or visiting the Social Security office in Bend," Fullerton said.

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Tribal Council Agenda

Apr. 18 — Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. IHS Annual Report - Garett Soules
2. 2:00 p.m. - Education Report-Committee and Jody Calica

Apr. 19 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Realty - Land Purchases, etc. - Clay Meiers - Men of Understanding-Bear Springs Ranger Station

Apr. 20 - (Tentative) Tribal Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.

1. Representatives from Portland Area Office

2. Unfinished business

Apr. 25 - W.S.F.P.I. Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

Council Room, Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge

Apr. 26 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. Kah-Nee-Ta Monthly Report

2. Management Reports

3. Annual Audited Financial Report

Apr. 28 - Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

1. Timber Mismanagement Claim - Angelo Iadarola, Wes Rickard, Paul Sanders and Owen Panner.

Exchange Grows

Friendships are forming between kids and adults in the two communities of Nehalem and Warm Springs. A cultural exchange visit made to the coast in February was returned last week when forty 4-8th graders from Nehalem spent a busy overnight April 7-8 on the reservation.

It's always hard to venture onto new turf but familiar faces made this trip a bit easier. Somewhat hesitant visitors on the first afternoon were wishing they could stay longer by the next morning.

The Tribal Council and Kah-Nee-Ta treated the Nehalemers to swimming, a banquet, a tour and a night in the teepees at Kah-Nee-Ta. In turn the visitors presented a program of song and slides and left a display of coastal items at the School.

Almost half the Nehalem kids stayed with local families and the others, along with about ten Warm Springs kids, camped out in the teepees.

Kids splashed together in

the pool, dined together at the banquet and spent the few hours tentatively getting to know each other or re-establish acquaintances made in Nehalem.

Kah-Nee-Ta's Social Director Andy Lucas took the students on a tour of the resort the next morning, telling the legend of Kah-Nee-Ta and the history of the reservation as well as offering a bit of encouragement about careers. And, of course, Andy sang to them.

Later at the grade school, Nehalem's band played, the chorus sang, and slides of their coastal environment were shown.

In appreciation, Warm Springs presented each student and adult with a beaded item. Nehalemers couldn't stop talking about these special gifts as they piled on the bus to head back over the mountains.

Cultural Exchange becomes household term

On the reservation, cultural exchange is becoming an established idea. The Simnasho

School is planning for a trip to Nehalem in May. The Salem schools have also expressed an interest in an exchange, according to liaison Delson Suppah.

The kids who originally traveled to Nehalem are becoming an organized and on-going group of exchangers. In order to raise a bit of money and to further promote understanding, the kids entertained guests at Kah-Nee-Ta Village last Sunday. Delson and the kids added their own special touch by fielding questions that guests posed about Indian culture and life on the reservation.

Delson hopes that exchange will grow in importance throughout the school system and is committing himself and the students to activities that enhance understanding among kids of different cultures.

Delson expects that as students learn to overcome fears, take risks and make friends, each exchange will be easier and more fun.

To the Editor

Thanks for Warm Springs Welcome

Dear Mr. Miller:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the day at Warm Springs provided for our Japanese exchange students on March 24, 1977.

The effort and kindness shown by the Warm Springs Community is an inspiration to us all. Our exchange students thoroughly enjoyed the entire day and now have a view of American life and community commitment not seen by many

visitors to our country.

A warm reception at the Warm Springs Forest Products, the Warm Springs school, the Simnasho school, and Kah-nee-ta was only the beginning of the "Warm Springs Welcome." The play time in the Community Center gym, the fine meal for not only our Japanese guests, but also for the host families, and the evening's cultural exchange topped a perfect day.

The 1977 coordinators of

the Japanese Exchange Program, Robin Gerke, Ase Rice, and myself, all hope that this fantastic event can be repeated next year.

A heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who helped make this year's exchange such a success. A special "thank you" must be given to several individuals and groups who did so much for us:

The Warm Springs Indian Club for providing the fine dinner:

Cooks, Ellen Heath, head chef, and Ursula Little, Bernice Mitchell, and Della Estimo;

The evening guest speaker, Linton Winishut;

The J.O.M. Committee for providing enrichment funds;

Marie Calica and the MJHS Indian Club for dancing and singing;

Leah Conner and the Warm Springs elementary group for their skit, dancing and singing;

The Warm Springs Confederated Tribes for donating the salmon;

Jacob Frank Sr. and the Pine Gove Singers for their drum;

George Clements Sr. and group for their drum;

The Warm Springs Community Center and its staff for the many hours of work on our behalf;

Mike Clements for coordinating all the events;

and the people of Warm Springs Community for coming and taking part in the evening's events.

Thank you very much. Stephen K. Hillis

Madras Senior High School P.S. An April 1 issue of your excellent award winning paper SPILYAY TYMOO is being mailed to Onomichi, Japan for the students who have now returned home.

. . . From Congressmen

AL ULLMAN

Oregon Rep. Al Ullman reported that Congress is moving swiftly on legislation that will assist drought-stricken farmers and ranchers in the West. Ullman spoke at the Annual Meeting of The Pacific International Livestock Exposition held in Portland April 11.

"Obviously, Congress cannot make the drought disappear, but the legislation being considered will double available funds to meet the severe conditions anticipated," Ullman said.

In addition to proposed, supplemental drought appropri-

ations of \$1 billion, Ullman said, the Congress has nearly completed action on preventive legislation aimed at reducing the amount of disaster relief required later.

The preventive legislation would enable the Interior Secretary to take quick action in building facilities to conserve and use more efficiently what little water is available on federal reclamation projects, Ullman said. Private irrigators would be eligible for interest-free loans to build similar facilities.

"It will also allow purchase of water supplies from willing sellers and redistribution to fight drought where it can have the greatest long-term impact — on perennial crops," Ullman said.

Ullman said additional funds will be available for farmers and ranchers in Oregon when the state is declared an emergency area.

Governor Bob Straub requested the emergency declaration April 1.

Ullman said he anticipated early action on the request, which is now being processed by the federal government.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped and offered kindness during our recent loss.

Special thanks to Herb Graybael for going down the river with a back-hoe.

Pat Shuster

Aleatha Caldera

Frankie Mitchell

Jeff Mitchell

Sara Lee Hinsala

Fred Johnson, Jr.