

4-Hers learn about study government



Four Warm Springs 4-H members were among 70 Oregon youth and adult 4-H leaders to attend the "know your state government" conference in Salem April 29-31. Attending from Warm Springs were: Buffy Hurtado, Tammy Smith, Dorothy Yahtin, and Chesley Yahtin, Jr. Conference delegates had the opportunity to tour the State Capitol building, visit legislative committee meetings, talk with State Representatives and Senators, visit the Oregon Supreme Court building, meet with State Treasurer, Clay Meyers, and Secretary of State, Norma Paulus, and meet with

Governor Atiyeh. The Wednesday evening program at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem gave 4-Hers a chance to learn skills for effective political action. Groups of six or so 4-Hers came up with some creative solutions to a problem posed by OSU Extension Associate Director, Norm Goetze. They did everything from radio and T.V. spots to talking with 4-H groups to talking with county commissioners to news articles in order to gain support for Extension and 4-H programs in "Truman County" where the budget was cut 60 percent. After the Wednesday

evening program, Tammy and Dorothy, both 4-H Indian Heritage Society members, shared a little of their 4-H project in the form of some traditional Indian dancers. Other 4-Hers commented on how much they enjoyed the dancing and the chance to learn a little about Indian culture. 4-Hers, as well as adult leaders who participated, also went home knowing more about how Oregon Government works and how to influence lawmakers. "Know Your State Government" is a senior level 4-H event sponsored every two years by the OSU Extension Service.

Leaders, members recognized

4-H members and their families who attended the 4-H recognition program on April 5 had the chance to give Warm Springs 4-Hers a big round of applause, enjoy a potluck dessert and visit with other 4-H families. The attendance was somewhat low and a couple of 4-H leaders were unable to attend due to illness. But those who were able to be there had a good time. Education branch manager Charles Calica gave a short talk on the importance of education and how young people can learn life skills through 4-H project clubs. 4-H leader, John Simmons, gave a report on some of the things the 4-H Indian Heritage Society is doing. 4-Hers received mini-flashlights bearing the 4-H emblem as a reminder of their 4-H experience during the year. Members who were not at the recognition program will get their awards along with a certificate of recognition either at their next scheduled 4-H meeting or in the mail if no more meetings are scheduled. Some leaders chose club members and/or parents to receive special awards. An "Outstanding 4-H Member Award" was given to 4-Hers who accomplished club attendance and project goals, helped others in the club without being asked, demonstrated leadership and

were willing to take on new jobs when asked. Recipients include Lois Miller, 4-H Sewing Club; Gayleen Adams, Damion Katchia, Deanie Smith, Ryan Smith, Tammy Smith and Dorothy Yahtin, 4-H Indian Heritage Society; Vanessa Orange, Ramona Meanus and Saphronia Coochise, 4-H Cooking Club; and Vanessa Orange, 4-H Beadwork Club. The "Supportive 4-H Parent Award" was given to parents or adult family members who helped club leaders with meetings or trips, went beyond normal expectations in being helpful to 4-Hers besides their own and were willing to take on new jobs when asked. Recipients include Shirley Tufti, 4-H Cooking Club, Marie Smith, 4-H Sewing Club; Naomi Winishut, Margie Danzuka, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miller, Linton Winishut, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Yahtin, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Winishut, 4-H Indian Heritage Society. The 4-H Indian Heritage Society also awarded a special certificate to the Wevokea Singers for support given to their club. The Rockin' 4-H Livestock Club and 4-H Horse Club leaders were not available to provide names of special award recipients at this time. Two clubs, 4-H Sewing Crafts and 4-H Outdoor/Ski Club chose not to give special awards this year.

Tips to the wise buyer

Dave Frohnmayer, Oregon's Attorney General, remarks that Mark Twain once said, "There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can." That is wise advice. That kind of advice prompted the development of information for Oregon consumers. The Following information is useful as tips to the wise buyer:

- (1) Never sign anything** you haven't read and understood. Once you sign a contract, you are bound normally to its terms. You do not automatically have a "three-day cooling off period" in which you can cancel a contract. The cooling-off period only applies to certain purchases. Know your rights before signing a contract.
- (2) Never sign** a retail installment contract that does not have all the blanks filled in. The law requires that you be given a copy of the retail installment contract. Keep it for future reference.
- (3) Guarantees** should be obtained in writing and signed. Oral promises are hard to prove.

- (4) Service or finance charges** must be clearly spelled out. Make sure you know what you will be required to pay for the privilege of paying over a period of time.
- (5) Buy only what you can afford.** It is easy to sign for credit, but it may be difficult to make payments later. If you cannot meet payments, you may lose the merchandise plus what you already paid on it. If you find yourself overextended, contact a credit counseling service.
- (6) Take time!** Two extremely important factors to consider when making a purchase are the price of the item and the reputation of the firm selling it. Check around for prices and get competitive bids. Never let a salesman rush you into buying or signing a contract. Be skeptical of "now or never" sales pressure. Reputable merchants value you and will adjust complaints. If you are not sure of the firm's reputation, check with friends who have dealt with the firm, Better Business Bureau, local Chamber of Commerce, your bank or the Consumer Protection and Services Section.
- (7) Do not trade with firms that**

use bait-and-switch or other unfair or deceptive advertising techniques or which refuse to fairly adjust valid complaints.

- (8) Consult a lawyer** on major or complex transactions such as buying a house, purchasing recreation land or business franchise. Talk to the lawyer before you buy, which means before you sign an earnest money agreement or a promise to buy later.
- (9) Be certain about future delivery.** For a wide variety of reasons, firms can and do "go out of business" each year. Consumers who have made "lifetime" purchases or supplied advance payments for the future delivery of goods or services may have no recourse available for the recovery of that loss. No matter what size of investment or advance payment is involved in a consumer purchase, it is a wise practice to make sure you are reasonably certain the business firm will be able to deliver the future goods or services.
- (10) Too good to be true!** If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Remember, investigate before investing, question before signing and compare before obligating.

Extension Notes

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Call Extension office with home economics queries

Pennie Albrandt, Warm Springs Home Extension Agent, is on temporary sick leave, but the Extension Home Economics Programs will continue. Pennie and Teresa Hogue, Home Economics Agent from Jefferson County office, will be in Warr Springs office on Thursdays to coordinate programs and answer questions. If you have some home economics questions, call Sandra at 553-1161, Ext. 238 and Pennie or Teresa will answer them as soon as possible. In addition to answering your questions, Extension is offering three classes during April and May. (See class schedule below.) All classes will be held in the Extension/4-H kitchen located downstairs in the Daycare building. In May, a Child's Indian Doll class and a Beginning

crochet class are planned. Classes are limited to the first 10 people sign up! The Crochet class will consist of four meetings and class members will learn to make three projects. Jamie Parker Frank, Karen Gordon, and other volunteers will teach a simple pentagon Christmas stocking during the first two meetings. The third meeting Pat Smith, Virginia Forseth, and others will instruct how to make crocheted dishtowels. Both projects teach basic crocheting skills. At the fourth and last meeting, Charlene White and Marcie LeClair will teach how to make a Wapas basket. To sign up for classes and obtain a materials list for projects, stop by the Warm Springs Extension office, located in the Old Tribal Administration Building, or call 553-1161, Ext. 238.

Extension Classes Scheduled

Shell Dress Class	April 20 and 27, 1983
Child's Indian Dolls	May 5 and 19, 1983
Beginning Crochet	May 10, 17, 25 and June 1