

# COCC offers "New Approach to Learning"



Geoff Bury, instructor at the Warm Springs Adult Learning Center, shows just a few of the teaching aids that will be used this year by students attaining their GEDs.

Lots of changes are in store for people who come up to the COCC Adult Learning Center this fall. Geoff Bury, the new instructor, will be using a "learning is fun" approach to GED studies. "We plan to use lots of educational games, puzzles, computer games and group activities to get our students excited about learning. Each student who comes through the door will be part of a team. We will all be working together as a group to help each other reach their individual goals.

Most important for Bury is to help his students feel confident in their abilities to be successful.

"Every student who walks through our door is capable of reaching his or her goals. I really believe that," says Bury. He can help all his students get their GED diplomas within four months of stepping into the classroom.

GED classes will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning September 22 through December 5. Classes will be held at the Adult Learning Center on the second floor of the Old Boys dorm.



Steve Courtney finished correspondence course and passed exam giving him a Grade III Water Treatment Operator's certificate.

## Courtney gains certification

Steve Courtney recently received his Grade III Water Treatment Operator's certificate following many hours of correspondence course study and a six-hour examination.

Courtney has been working towards certification at different levels since he began work at the Warm Springs Water Treatment Plant six years ago. Encouraging him to become knowledgeable of the plant and to acquire certification in plant operation the Warm Springs Water Board funded his studies which he pursued through correspondence courses from the

University of California at Sacramento.

It was necessary that Courtney pass the examination with at least a 70 percent score in four areas including, math, chemistry, safety and management in order to gain certification.

Courtney's education is not yet complete. He is currently working towards a Grade II certification in Watermaster and will probably work towards a Grade III when that time comes. The Warm Springs plant is a grade II facility.

## Resources protected

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incorporated their resource objectives into the firefighting tactics." On the Whitewater fire, that means "no retardant drops or use of heavy equipment. It's strictly hand labor to keep the impact on the watershed to a minimum."

Getting the fires under control hasn't been easy. Harned reported, "We knew we were in trouble. We couldn't get crews through the reg-

ular channels. The BIA suspended timber harvesting operations on the Warm Springs Reservations. That freed up the loggers and they came down and volunteered to fight fire," he said.

"When the mill heard we were in trouble, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries shut down part of their operations and sent their people to help," he continued. "That was very important at the start for keeping the fires small. I would like to give the loggers and mill people credit for showing up and helping us."

Harned also cited the assistance of Russ Davis, fire management officer with the BIA in Billings, Montana, Dick French, with the BIA Portland area fire management office, and Chuck Tandy, chief of the BIA branch of fire management at the Boise Inter-Agency Fire Center.

"They really helped when it was needed and got crews when there were no crews to be had," he said. According to Warm Springs Superintendent Bernard Topash, most BIA employees have assigned duties when forest fires occur. Most employees are aware of their extended duties and quickly assume their roles.

Topash also stated that WSFPI employees were released from firefighting Thursday, while loggers were released Friday. However, some logging crews are still working on the fire, assisting with various chores. Reservation logging was reopened Saturday morning.

## Community Education classes set for adults

Registration for community education classes began September 8 and will continue through September 22 at the Central Oregon Community College Warm Springs office. For further information about the classes listed below and additional community education classes, call 553-1428.

### Braiding Horse Gear

John Sharp, veteran cowboy and leather worker from Prineville will make eight trips to Warm Springs to demonstrate and teach class how to make reins, headstalls, breast collars in round and flat styles and more! Repair your old gear and make some new gear in this fun and interesting class! Meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Old Boys Dorm. Meets September 23 to November 11. Cost is only \$20.

### Shorthand II

Expert teacher Bonnie Grote will work with everyone who wants to brush up on their skills. Emphasizes theory and taking dictation. Continuation of beginning shorthand. Mondays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Old Boys Dorm. Meets September 24—November

30. Cost is sponsored by Confederated Tribes.

### "Black Canvas" Painting

Bea Youngs, popular artist from Bend will visit Warm Springs for one day to teach a six hour class in oil painting on black canvas for a striking effect. Choose portrait of Indian chief, landscape, or bring your own photograph of a favorite Grandfather, niece, or uncle etc. Beginners are welcome. Bring your own supplies with you. If you don't know what to bring, call Geoff at 553-1428. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Old Boys Dorm. Meets November 21. Cost is only \$6.00.

### Power Machine Sewing

Dorothy Pederson, expert seamstress and supervisor of the new Warm Springs sewing plant will teach you how to get fast and professional results when you make new clothes for your family. Make ribbon-shirts, traditional regalia or whatever you want! You'll be amazed at the great things you can make! Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Meets September 24-October 29. Appraisals Industry (Old Tekronics building). Cost is only \$15.00.

### College Credit—Math Class

If you're planning on college there's a math class just right for you: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra 2, and Intermediate Algebra. Let Steve Heydon help you prepare now to get ahead in math. (4 credits) Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meets September 23-December 9. Old Boys Dorm. Cost is \$86.00 + books, or see Levi Bobbin Tribal Administration about tuition grants.

### College Credit—Basic Forestry

Introduces students to the entire field of forestry: multiple uses of timber, grazing (range) wildlife, watershed and recreation. Career opportunities on and off the reservation are discussed in detail. No previous knowledge required. Field trips to cascade summit and Deschutes for map use and plant identification. Visit silviculture and logging operations. Team taught by full-time COCC forestry faculty. Individual counseling available. (4 credits) Wednesdays 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

Old Boys dorm. Labs on Saturday. Meets September 24—December 5. Cost 64.50 + books, or see Levi Bobbin Tribal Administration about tuition grants.

### Typing I

Marge Entrikin will help you along the way to being a good typist. Learn keyboard and numbers. Work toward speed and accuracy. A great opportunity to learn how to type! Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 a.m.—11 a.m. Old Boys Dorm. Meets September 22-October 28. Cost is sponsored by Confederated Tribes.

### GED Classes-Adult Learning Center

Geoff Bury will be helping students get their GED diplomas this fall. He will also help anyone who walks in the door with a desire to improve their reading, writing, or arithmetic. Lots of new activities and computer "games" that are fun and educational. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Old Boys Dorm. Meets September 22—December 5.

## Letter to the People

To the People,

Nearly the entire month of September will be dedicated to working on the 1988 tribal operating budget. Our work on the budget does not begin without many hours' preliminary work by department heads and branch managers. Preparation of the budget for public review and comments during October and November does not happen overnight.

The target level of the 1988 budget was to continue a reduction of four percent. The managers worked with their people to come up with further reductions. The four percent reduction is a target, but the final budget may come between the current budget and the reduction.

There has been no Council directive to reduce the work force and we intend to maintain current employee levels. We see no need for a reduction in the work force.

You may have read in newspapers about a proposed Cascade Scenic Loop Highway, Clackamas, in an old economic development plan, proposed a highway running east of Molalla. The plan also contemplated that the road would run through the Schoolie Flat area on the reservation. It is simply a concept and not a concrete proposal. If accepted, the highway would not become a reality for 15 to 20 years. Meetings will be held at the

Simnasho and Agency Longhouses to discuss the design concept and location of the proposed shopping and town center. Input will be gathered as to where the center will be located. The meetings are tentatively scheduled for either late September or early October.

Tribal Council has directed the Land Use Committee to review and make recommendations on land assignments as specified in the tribal Constitution and By-Laws. Assignments could be cancelled if the person(s) is not using, working or making improvements on the land.

At the August 3, 4 and 5 meeting of Affiliated Tribes we learned that the beginning of an administrative organization are being formulated. The administration will elaborate on what's already there and include, among other things, additional staff, a facility and an operating budget.

A delegation will be attending the annual meeting of National Congress of American Indians in Tampa, Florida September 21 through 25.

We encourage all to watch for district and general council meetings in October and November to discuss the budget. Your input is valuable and necessary in putting a final budget together.

Sincerely,  
Warm Springs Tribal Council

## EMS Week to honor emergency workers

This year, September 20-26 is designated as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week. This annual event, recognized nationwide, is designed to encourage the public to learn more about emergency medical resources in their community. The theme of Oregon's EMS Week is, "Prevention—An Individual and Community Responsibility."

Emergency Medical Technicians, first responders, emergency medical dispatcher, registered nurses and physicians are the professionals who make up the EMS team. Each of their contributions is a crucial link to a system which has evolved from the need to reduce death and disability. This common goal is addressed in an atmosphere which often requires rapid management of unpredictable volumes of patients who present conditions of varying severity and complexity.

The field of EMS continually works to assure that decreases are seen in death and disability. To

accomplish this goal, their pursuits often involve a number of areas including: research, education, system development and coordination. This year's theme was chosen because Oregon's providers are currently working on a variety of programs whose objectives include prevention of illness and injury through public education.

Numerous studies have shown that prevention can have a large impact on improving health and welfare of the community. These studies have shown for example that:

40 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims can be saved if

CPR is started within 4 minutes (followed by advanced life support within ten minutes).

Significant reduction in deaths and severe injuries can occur if seatbelts, motorcycle and bicycle helmets are worn.

Children under the age of four not protected by child safety seats are over ten times as likely to be killed in a motor vehicle accident than children using safety seats.

Because of these and other facts which support prevention education, EMS providers in your area encourage you to find out more about what you can do to reduce illness and injury in your home.

## Emergency MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1987

## DEC members participate in Portland health conference



EMT, Keith Baker checks Harriet Henry's blood pressure before the Poker Fun Walk/Run.

Seven members of the Diabetes Education and Control Project (DEC) at Warm Springs were invited to take part in the Indian Health Service "Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Conference" September 1, 2 and 3 held in Portland, Oregon. The seven members were Harriet Henry, Martha George, Julia Wolfe, Iris Smith, Louise Jackson, Norval Tufti and Wilson Wewa.

The DEC members demonstrated exercise in chairs, standing, moving, walking, using equipment and group exercise activities. The group was formed earlier this year to control Type II diabetes through diet, exercise and, in some cases, medication. DEC is a joint effort through Indian Health Service and the Tribal Wellness Program.

The conference, sponsored by the Portland Area Office for Indian Health Services, spotlighted the theme of "Soaring to Health." It was the second conference to be held and IHS would like it to become an annual event.

During the opening ceremony the presentation of the flags were given by the Warm Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4217 by members, Claude Smith, Sr., Woody Smith and Spud Langness.

Lillian January, Warm Springs IHS dietitian, narrated the Warm Springs presentation which included history of the diabetes program, how it is operated, where the program is and what the goals are for

the future. The group was asked to present the program because it is the only one with concentrated efforts aimed toward controlling diabetes in the Portland Area office. It is hoped that the presentation of the program will encourage other reservations to start similar programs in their areas.

Other health topics presented at the conference included: aids update, Yakima service unit elder program, alcoholism and substance abuse, youth working with youth, adult health issues and presentation by other area service units in the Northwest.

A total of 63 people took part in the Poker Fun Walk/Run held August 27. The event was sponsored jointly by the Community Center and the Tribal Wellness Program. Winners of the fun event were Iris Smith, who came in with the best poker hand, three aces. She won a \$10 gift certificate. In the one-mile event, Jean Green won a 1/2 case of pop with three kings and Sharondée Mitchell won a bag of grapes with three nines. In the 2 1/2 mile event, Evaline Patt won a case of pop with three queens and Eraina Palmer won a bag of grapes with a pair of kings and a pair of queens.

The event was held to increase community awareness in the prevention efforts aimed toward controlling diabetes on the Warm Springs reservation.

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