Beating the odds at meeting the needs of youth

When local youth complain there's nothing to do, they are mis-taken. The Warm Springs Prevention Team, community members, the police department, 4-H through the OSU Extension Service and other interested individuals are all working on ways to help keep local kids off the streets and out of trouble, all the while being careful to keep an eye focused on the future.

Too often youth become em-broiled in situations over which they have little or no control. Peer pressure plays an important part of a teen's self-esteem; without accep-tance and approval of their peers, youth can lose focus of reality and their future. Short of tearing their hair out and throwing their hands up in total frustration, concerned citizens, adults and youth alike, have taken a stand-idleness creates confusion. Out of boredom come mischievousness, trouble and sometimes tragedy.

Of major concern among youth and their adult counterparts is lack of meeting space. The youth desire a "safe and sober" place in which they can meet on a regular basis. The space could be used as a center in which youth could do their homework or participate in various ongoing ac-tivities. Currently, there is no such space available. According to Carol Wewa, a member of the Prevention Team, the former BIA superintendent's house is vacant, but because the home is to be turned over to tribal ownership soon, use of the home cannot not be confirmed by the BIA. The Tribe is unsure of the

home's use.

Currently, activities are being conducted at the Senior Citizen's Center, 4-H Center, police department and in private homes.

So far this year, nearly 20 Warm Springs youth have undergone treatment for substance abuse. Among those who return to the community is a strong fear that they'll relapse because the "pressures to use are so strong," said Wewa. "We need a safe and sober place to have positive ac-

During the summer, kids, parents and concerned adults met to discuss alternatives and new projects for local youth. Among those ideas was a re-source manual, since named the Directory of Activities, a teen center and a transitional living center or half-way house. These ideas were presented to the Alcohol and Drug Council and the Prevention Team members as well. Both organizations supported the ideas. Of importance is the "community ownership" of the projects—these are for and by local

The youth center concept was presented to Dr. Delores Gregory, alcohol and drug prevention program director at the Portland area office level of the Indian Health Service. She was so taken with the idea that she pledged \$15,000 toward the teen

The Youth Center Committee meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the police department squad room. The committee is shooting to become a non-profit organization so that state and federal grant funds would be

6th graders through 18-year-olds.

Wewa said there are currently three

16 year-old Boy Scout members and

chants to donate to Scouting func-

the feeling that Scouting is something

neat to be in," says Wewa. There's a

committee. Carl Bowden is coordi-

nator while Jeff Sanders is the autho-

rization person representing the

Get involved!

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The "Freedom of Choice" concept

doesn't want to see the river become

"part of a corporation", which could

privileges. It may allow guides to use

Local boaters and anglers expressed

"It's exciting to see the boys get

Wewa is chairman of the Scouting

Scouting program underway

It's a challenge these days to keep oaths. Boy Scouts are comprised of the kids busy and out of serious trouble There's always something to lure them beyond their home envi-"many 8th graders"
Harry Miller draws on his own ronment, something that may not be good for them. However, for young boys between the ages of six and 18 Boy Scouting experiences to help him with his Scout mastering duties. there is the Scouting program, sponsored by the Warm Springs Po-He's also an avid donation recruiter, lice Department. encouraging many local area mer-

As one of many programs promoted by the Warm Springs Prevention Team, the Scouting program is host to about 28 young boys within the community. Because of lack of meeting space and leaders, the boys comradery among members. currently meet at the Fire and Safety

Building. The youngest of the Scouts are the Tiger Cubs. Ten first graders are learning the basics of scouting from Scouting program sponsor. their parents who are supplied with Antoinette Pamperein is the secre-instructional packets. The Tigers are tary/treasurer. conducting community service activities and are performing litter pa-trol duties. The monthly Pack meetings for the Tiger Cubs is optional.

through fifth graders, are studying communications during September. They are learning sign language and studying radio and television. Members have found their learning to be fun. According to assistant Scout master Carol Wewa, the Cub Scouts concept "ties back to belief in God

ninth session September 11 in Madras,

and Recreation will be reviewed ..

At the Madras hearing, citizens were

recognizing that a resource is exhaust-

Join the The Cub Scouts, all second Warm Springs Prevention Team! Meetings are held 2nd Monday of each month at the Police Dept. and that they should do their duty to God and country." Boys learn proper squad room flag handling, Scouting pledges and

more readily available to them. And, according to Rick Souers, a member of the Prevention Team as well, the "kids want a half-way house. Money is available through the BIA that would build and staff such a facil-

Souers continued, adding that this idea is "basically something positive for the community youth and will help develop a healthy community. This gives kids the opportunity to say what they want and need."

Another thought, added Wewa, is the "hope that this idea will grow so it will be a resource for Tribal Court to use as part of their diversion program and as an alternative" to harsher disciplinary measures.

Any community member, young or old, is invited to the committee meetings. Contact Wewa at 553-3272 or Tom Kalama at 553-1527. Watch Spilyay for additional information.

Student makes who's who publication



Liza Yahyowan, an enrolled member of the Yakima Indian Nation, learned in August that her name and photo will appear in the publication "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Only five percent of the students from the nation's 22,000 high schools are honored in Who's Who each year. Yahyowan is eligible to compete

for one of 75 \$1,000 scholarships made available through the organization. She is also eligible to use the College Referral Service, an exclusive reference service for collegebound students.

Yahyowan will be a junior at Stevenson High School in Stevenson, Washington. Her favorite subjects in school are math and science. She attained a 3.9 grade point average last year.

Her parents are George and

Juba rules in favor of Columbia River fishermen

U.S. Magistrate George Juba ended a five-year court case in which nine Indians will be allowed to continue living at five small fishing sites along the Columbia River. Juba's final ruling protects Myra Sohappy

and her son, David Sohappy, Jr.

Portland attorney, Gary Berne,
who represented the native Americans, stated that "the Indians had only lived there for 10,000 years before 1984, so this restores the status quo." The Department of the Interior threatened in 1984 to evict David Sohappy, Sr and others from their homes at three sites in Washington and two in Oregon. Two years after the threatened eviction, David

Sohappy, Sr. filed the suit. In theory, the ruling affects only

Science awards available

Students selected for awards in the 1992-1993 National Science Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship competition, conducted for NSF by the National Research Council, will receive stipends of \$14,000 for a twelvemonth fellowship tenure. The costof-education allowance to the institution chosen by the Fellow for graduate study will be \$7,500 which exempts the Fellow from paying tuition and fees. This year's competition will continue the special component-Women In Engineering-to encourage women to undertake graduate study in engineering fields.

In this fellowship competition, panels of eminent scientists and engineers are appointed by the National Research Council to evaluate fellowship applications on the basis of ability. Final selection of Fellows will be made by the Foundaiton, with awards to be announced in March 1992. Subject to the availability of funds and to sustained academic progress, new fellowships awarded in March 1992 will be for maximum tenured

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the eight remaining individuals at the five in-lieu sites that amount to less than 50 acres. But Berne said the decision could be influential in setting guidelines for several hundred new acres of fishing sites to be acquired with \$2 million appropriated by Congress in 1988 while the

Sohappy suit was pending.

The five sites in-lieu sites were granted for Indian fishing after Bonneville Dam backwaters flooded fishing grounds set by treaty. Government rules adopted in 1969 called for removal of housing on those sites, but the government didn't give notice of evictions until 1984.

In a 1990 ruling, the 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals said the government's 15 years of inaction prior to 1984 implied that the Indians were entitled to build homes and live at the sites.

But the appeals court sent the case back to Portland, advising the District Court to determine whether Indians had lived permanently at their original fishing sites. Photos show that houses were there in 1937.Juba signed the final judgment, approved by lawyers on both sides, without taking additional evidence. The five sites are at Cooks Landing, Underwood and Wind River in Washington and at Cascade Locks and The Dalles in

Vernita Yahyowan. Her Indian name is Win-Wiy-Yah. She is of Wenatchee, Wishcom and Nez Perce descendency. Her aunts and uncles, Nathan and Ella Jim and Grant and Sandy Clements, live in Warm

Youth fatally shot

A 16-year-old Warm Springs youth, Leonard Bryant, was fatally shot Sunday, September 8 at a residence in the Dry Creek housing subdivision.

Warm Springs Police received a 9-1-1 call at 1:23 a.m. reporting that someone had been shot. Upon arrival, police and the BIA investigator Rob Moran, found that Leonard had been shot in the head with a .22 automatic pistol. Bryant was taken to Madras by ambulance and then air lifted to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. He was pronounced dead at 5:30 a.m.

A 14-year-old Warm Springs youth was apprehended for the shooting. He was initially charged for minor in possession and negligent wounding, both of which are tribal offenses. He was released to his parents. According to Moran, the case is being presented to U.S. Attorney Mike Mossman where the charge is expected to be a violation of the juvenile delinquency act for committing the act of manslaughter. The case is pending prosecutive opinion.

> General Council Meeting scheduled for September 23 has been postponed

Timber tour covers proposed timber sales

The timber tour covered the north end and the middle part of the reservation where proposed timber sales are on tap along with other programs that are taking place in the forest today. Forest management is vital at this stage and studies are being made to handle problem areas within the reservation. One problem which has covered a great part of the northwest is the Western Spruce Bud Worm. There is a portion of forest effected by the Bud Worm which lies along the Cedar Creek area where approximately 650 acres of timbered land is effected. There will be some logging done in these areas which will include six tracts of clear-cutting.

Indian Creek, Paquet Gulch, Quartz Butte timber sale areas were viewed and discussed among the group who made the tour. The main topic was the post management plan within these areas and the type of logging practices that will: take place, whether it will be clear cut or selective logging. Many factors have to be considered in this area for the protection of the wildliffe and range animals, also the stream bed for the fish. All methods were discussed right down to the post management of the area.

The Indian Creek sale was proposed for 1992, but in order to create employment for the tribal members it was stepped up a year. In all the sale areas viewed by the group, all conditions were discussed as each presenter pointed out the total No. of board feet there are to be taken from each sale. The various agencies concerned of these sale areas which were the Range, Soil, Natural Rescources, Fish and Game of what effect it may have on each area. There were several representatives from all the



BIA forester Frank Marsh poins out the Bald Peter sale on the map while forest manager Bill Donaghu explains various methods of harvesting

Committees who expressed their concerns to the methods to be applied on each sale. Soil erosion, stream beds and many range problems were asked and how these problems can be handled to protect the natural habitat for the wildlife and the reforestation of the logged areas, and who gets these contracts of replanting of the trees. Our own people need employment and yet many contracts are given to outsiders.

Old logging roads are being ripped up throughout the reservation and being replanted with trees. There are so many roads in

the forest where people are on the go all the time with their 4-wheel rigs. It was said that no matter how much they rip up some of these roads the 4-wheelers are still using them. There is all types of problems in the forest lands and it is difficult to curb all activities that occur all the time.

These tours are made annually to give all interested individuals a chance to see what will take place and what methods there are to be applied in harvesting the timber and also gives them a chance for their input and suggestions at that time.

permits as a commodity. "Freedom of Choice," he says, provides a "less ible. The importance, of keeping the Deschutes River a scenic river was imparted. complicated and more fair," system.

YOUTH CHALLENGES Begin Tuesday, September 10, 1991 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Oregon. The opinions on the plan which was emphasized. Proponents of this

will be reviewed by an independent idea favor an open drawing for permits,

consultant will be incorporated into the with guides as part of the citizen group

final draft plan. Public comments and rather than a special interest group who

written testimony submitted by Octo- would be allotted a certain percentage

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concerned with overuse of the river, occur if guides are given special

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great attachment to the river but were inclined to disfavor a limited-use system. The limited-use system would prevent local citizens from enjoying the river on a spontaneous basis, when they could find the time. Instead, they may have to draw a permit and receive a permit date which may not be acceptable due to farming, or other obligations. One citizen considered a 'salmon tag type" punch system, where citizens would be allowed two punches, an possible solution.

These local citizens have been impressed by the increasing number of river-users, claiming that more people can enjoy the river if the numbers are decreased but how that will be done remains the problem of the policy committee.

Jet boats were discussed, mostly in a disfavorable sense. As Madras com-munity member Don Ratliff states, "More people can enjoy the river if everybody is going in the same direction." Larry Rish, Portland member of the Oregon Kayak and Canoe Club, favors complete banishment of jet boats and he came to the Madras meeting to make his feelings known.

The Deschutes River Management process itself was put into question as former policy board member and Madras business owner Mike Ahern saw it as being "flawed." Too many interests keep board members from working to protect the river and arrive at decisions that would favor the majority of the

The "clout" of the Warm springs Tribe in the process was also mentioned. Mike McLucas, Maupin businessman and guide recognizes the Tribe as a cultural entity, but he says, it is also a "multi-million dollar corporation." He continues, "The Tribe has too much clout in the process," and adds, "I want to be as fairly treated as they are."

For more information on the Deschutes River Management plan and process contact Louie Pitt, Jr., at the Warm Springs Natural Resources Office, 553-3233. A copy of the draft plan is also available at the Natural Resources Office for review.

Tough future for Tribe, WSFPI--Continued from page 1

In addition, the yet-to-be-finalized Integrated Resource Management Plan will offer management alternatives which will "result in reduced timber harvest, but the phasein of such reduced harvest levels will allow both the tribal operations and WSFPI to make gradual adjustments...and not have a significant long-term impact upon harvest levels after the year 1996."

To help address the major challenges confronting WSFPI, the Confederated Tribes through Tribal Council, in early August, retained the services of Hamstreet, Stumbaugh and Co., a Portland management consulting firm, to work with WSFPI management to help adjust to the current market and supply conditions. Hamstreet, Stumbaugh and Co. specializes in working with companies that are having financial or operational difficulties.

According to WSFPI general manager Bob Macy, the current problems are "driven by the market." The first two quarters of 1991 (January through June) were good for WSFPI, with good, strong prices for nearly all products, especially pine. However, the market fell dramatically in the third quarter, leaving WSFPI on an uncontrolable, unprofitable pendulum.

Questioned as to whether the installation of the \$12 million small log sawmill had an impact on WSFPI's financial status, Macy stated, "If we didn't have the small log mill, we'd be in a different situation. We would have to rely more heavily on sales that we do now. If we didn't put it in, we wouldn't have the employment we currently have." In addition, Macy said, the mill would not have "maintained any sense of efficiency." One alternative would be to go heavily into the export market, but exporting more timber would mean that certain areas of the mill would be closed. Curtailment of operations is expected while WSFPI returns to profitability.

WSFPI has been unable to meet their debt obligations and has again asked Tribal Council to defer stumpage payments to the Tribe, threatening the financial stability and cash flow of the entire tribal organization. Tribal Council agreed to a shortterm deferral of the August 1991 stumpage as an alternative to complete closure at WSFPI with the understanding that a business plan would be developed and presented to Council in early September. Council has received no plan from WSFPI.

New policies for mill employees

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries employees, at a September 10 meeting, met with mill management personnel and Hamstreet and Stumbaugh. Problems facing the mill boiled down to three major areas: 1. less timber is available; 2. logs are worth more than the finished product and 3. WSFPI is not competitive. Solution to the problem, according to Hamstreet and Stumbaugh, will

come in the form of using available wood wisely. WSFPI must "change or perish; employees must work hard and work smart and work cooperatively toward the common goal of making the mill a viable enterprise

Employees were also informed of new personnel policies.Employees will be terminated for serious, unsafe Continued on page 8