

Indian Language Program receive certificates in Tucson

Culture and Heritage would like to share some new and exciting information with the people of Warm Springs.

The Tribe's Language program now has a complete staff. The new Program will consist of the following: Myra Shawaway, Program Coordinator; Alice Harmon, Curriculum Developer; Roberta Kirk, Data Programmer; Arlita Rhoan, Teacher; Dallas Winishut, Teacher; and Suzie Slockish, Teacher.

The first assignment for the staff (with the exception of Alice) was to attend the American Indian Language Development Institute, at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. The training was for the whole month of June. The training was a normal semester term class, however it was done in four weeks time. So, for some of the staff who haven't been in a school setting for many years, the training was very intense.

Everyone took a Linguistic class in the morning, which helped us to better understand how to read, write, and enunciate the Indian languages. Then in the afternoon, Myra and Suzie took the Bilingual Curriculum Development. This class helped in learning how to develop thematic units and their lesson plans. Dallas' afternoon class was on Math and Science in Indian Bilingual Classrooms. With this class, Dallas also had the opportunity to develop lesson plans in the Math and Science field. Arlita's afternoon class was Parents as Partners in (Indian) Education. This course examined the role of parenting as it relates to children and their success in school. Roberta's afternoon class was Media in Reading Language Arts. This course assisted in learning how to use computers and media effectively to enrich the classroom learning environment.

The city of Tucson is a nice place,

however program members didn't get to see much of it. Most their time was spent in trying to keep up on their assignments. It would have been nice to have a little vacation during this time, yet it was better to have a dedicated team, who never missed a day of the school. And everyone did such an exceptional job that all attendees left, not only filled with more knowledge, but with certificates from each class. Everyone also received six college credit hours and all received "As" in each of their classes. This accomplishment certainly deserves a large pat on the

back to each of the participants.

Currently the program is working with the Early Childhood Center to bring the language program back. There are also other projects that they are working on, so that the three languages will become available for the whole community. The over all strategy for Language Renewal will be based on four programs, with similar curriculum outlines and using overlapping support. Those four programs will be based on Community, Family, School and Computers.

Program members invite anyone

who may have suggestions or ideas to come and visit the program. And if you don't, come visit anyway to see what they're up to. The Language Program is located in the trailer behind the Education Building in the Public Relations trailer. We're thankful for the space given to us to use at the trailer. However, we are part of the Culture and Heritage Department and not Public Relations. All the staff can be located there, except for Roberta. Her office is located at the Culture and Heritage office. Office numbers are 553-2200/2201.



Indian Language program staff are located in the trailers behind the Education Center. Their staff completed training at Tucson, Arizona recently. They are: back row-Dallas Winishut, Roberta Kirk, front row-Myra Shawaway, and Suzie Slockish. Not pictured is language teacher Arlita Rhoan.

News from COCC

Getting Started

Central Oregon Community College is offering two free "Getting Started" sessions in August to help prospective students with their questions about how to get started in college.

The hour-long sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, and at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30. Both will be held in Room 161 of Boyle Education Center at COCC.

The sessions will answer questions about how to be admitted, the resources available at COCC and other schools, and who to contact for more information about specific concerns. In addition, assistance will be offered on clarifying goals and determining what is needed to accomplish these goals.

For more information on these sessions or to sign up, call the COCC Counseling Center at 383-7580.

Career Workshops

Central Oregon Community College will be offering career-planning workshops from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7 in Room 106 of the Boyle Education Center on the COCC campus. The three-hour session is designed to help participants make effective career decisions by evaluating their interests, work skills and values; exploring the Career Information Center; and taking one of the career assessment inventories.

There is a \$5 fee for the workshop. For more information on this session or to sign up, call the COCC Counseling Center at 383-7580.

Forestry Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for four full-tuition Service to Community Scholarships to be awarded to Central Oregon Community College forestry students

for the 1995-96 academic year. The first screening of applicants will begin on August 25 with subsequent screenings for additional awards in September and October.

Each scholarship will pay for one year's tuition (\$1600). The scholarships will be awarded to COCC students based on several criteria. Recipients must be from Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson or Klamath counties. Preference will be given to family members of employees of wood products businesses. Financial need as well as promise of academic success will also be considered. Applicants must be enrolled, or plan to enroll, in a minimum of nine credit hours of the Forest Resources Technology program or be taking courses toward a bachelor's degree in resource management.

The scholarships are sponsored by the members of Paulina Hoo Hoo #220, a lumbermen's fraternal organization, which has been active in Central Oregon since the 1940s. Its 75 members represent all aspects of the wood products industry, such as sawmills, remanufacturing, trucking and marketing.

"Our board of directors feels that it is important to invest in education for industry," said Loren Irving, a member of the organization's scholarship committee. "We believe that COCC has a tremendously successful forestry program."

Through COCC's Service to Community program, as well as the national AmeriCorps program, students receive financial assistance in exchange for serving nonprofit agencies throughout Central Oregon. Last year, 85 students participated in community service scholarship programs.

For more information, call the COCC Service Learning Center at 383-7590.

Federal employees attend culture workshop

Forty federal employees attended a workshop designed to help understand the Native American culture and traditions to work more effectively with tribes in Oregon.

The workshop was kicked off with elder Bernice Mitchell of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) speaking on her concerns about the natural resources. Louie Dick, Jr., of The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation gave a presentation on "Introduction to Native American Culture" highlighting the differences between his culture verses the European culture.

Though sponsored by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (formally the Soil Conservation Service), other federal agencies were invited and participated. They included the USDA-Consolidated Farm Services Agency (formally Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

Service); USDA Forest Service (Mt. Hood National Forest); USDA-Rural and Economic Community Development (formally Farmers Home Administration); Extension service; the Umatilla, Jefferson, Deschutes, Hood River, Wasco and Eagle Valley Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

For four days, July 17-20, the participants met on Lake Billy Chinook at Camp Eierly, a property owned by CTWS. Through out the week, the participants learned about respecting elders, Native American views on natural resources, and the traditions and values of the tribes.

Participants from the Warm Springs area included Rich Edlund and Martin Ramirez, NRCS, Madras; Patti Bender, Jefferson SWCD; Ray Curry, Deschutes SWCD; Clint Jacks, Extension Service, Madras; Sam Brown, CFSA, Madras; Raven

Summer, RECD, Madras; and Ron Davis, NRCS, Prineville.

"I wouldn't call it a workshop or a training session, I would call it an experience, a very, very rewarding experience. An experience that I would only hope that others would have the opportunity to have," says Leonard Jordan, assistant state conservationist, NRCS. "It's about sensitivity, it's about respect. We can't have enough of that."

Elders participated in the workshop through out the week sharing their wisdom and insight with the participants. On Wednesday night, elders Gladys Thompson, Madeline McInturff, Irene Towe, and Charlotte Shike prepared a traditional dinner of salmon, elk steak, elk stew, eel, bitterroot, wild carrots, and huckleberry cake. A pow wow followed featuring The Stone People Singers from Portland, Or. Joe Tuckta of Warm Springs traveled to the camp to dance for the group. NRCS Native American employees Gerald Allison, The Dalles, and Martin Bales, LaGrande, also danced and sang for the group.

"It really opened their [participants] eyes to how we work in Indian country," says Bobby Brunoe, range and agriculture department, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. "It really opened up some good communication lines."

This was the tenth workshop put on by NRCS in the United States. Others have been held in Montana, Utah, New York, Idaho, with two more scheduled later this year in South Dakota and Colorado.

Wewa sues over Oregon wetlands project

A massive wetlands restoration project made possible by an earthen dam on the Chewaucan River in southern Oregon was considered a model until human bones were found in the dirt.

Now, the project is the subject of a \$6.5 million lawsuit filed by a Warm Springs tribal member who claims as many as 67 American Indian cultural sites were disturbed or destroyed.

Tribal member Wilson Wewa, Jr., 39, whose lawsuit seeks \$500,000 for emotion distress, said the case highlights the difference between treatment of their ancestors' remains and that of white society.

"How would white people feel if I went to Arlington National Cemetery and dug up the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?" Wewa said. "I'd be in prison."

Wewa, whose great-great-grandfather was chief of all the Paiutes in the Great Basin, is a recognized spiritual leader in his tribe. He wants the dam removed and the earth sifted for more remains or artifacts.

"There was gross negligence on the part of all the federals for not ensuring the steps were taken that were necessary to protect cultural area, but Wewa and several Indians from various reservations said they found obsidian flakes and bone fragments while touring the dam a year ago.

"Later, it was determined from those bones were human," Wewa said. "Artifacts were literally strewn throughout the construction site."

"To me, the tragedy of destroying this site is as bad as the bombing in

Oklahoma City," Wewa said.

The 1,400-acre wetlands project, initiated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, was intended to benefit waterfowl and migratory birds.

"The benefits of restoring this wetlands right in the middle of the Pacific flyway are just phenomenal," said Oliver Spires, who agreed to have the dam built on his 6,000-acre ranch.

"It was such a sound project. The state and federal agencies came to me with it and asked me to participate. They drew up all the paperwork, all the leases," Spires said.

"I was looked on as quite an idiot by the ranchers in the area," he said. "They felt I would end up giving the government the ranch. Well, it looks like they are exactly right."

Larry Conn, a state wildlife biologist, said state and federal wildlife officials were excited by the project.

"Everyone felt this project was like America, apple pie and motherhood," Conn said. "They were all for it. Then it went to hell in a hand basket."

Roger Nesbit, an attorney representing the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management, said he could not discuss the case because of the lawsuit.

Spires said he and his wife have spent nearly \$100,000 in legal fees this year. "It's crazy," he said. "We're spending thousands of dollars to try to stay out of jail and not to go broke on a wetlands project that was orchestrated by the government."

But Spires said he saw not human skulls or bones. "I worked on this things for several months and the only bones we ever ran into were cow bones, dog bones and coyote bones—all animal bones."

Spires said no one intended to disturb cultural sites, but some small artifacts were bound to turn up as a result of the digging.

"From a common sense point of view, anywhere you find water and wetlands, whether it's white settlers or native Americans, you are going to find artifacts," he said, adding that he did notice several arrowheads in the dirt pushed up from the reservoir bottom. Spires said he would like to see everyone work toward a settlement that would both protect any cultural sites and preserve the wetland.

"Do you condemn all the wildlife in this area and dry this up because there are some white settler bones or Indian bones that could have washed down the river?" Spires said. "For what? What happened to common sense?"

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School age program powwow

August 30, 3:00 p.m.

at the ECE Grounds

(longhouse, if weather is bad)

All community members, drummers and dancers are welcome

Moses 'Sufficiency' poem to be printed

William Moses was recently notified that a poem he submitted in the 1995 North American Open Poetry Contest will be printed in *Windows of the Soul*. Moses will also qualify for numerous prizes, including the \$1,000 grand prize. Following is Moses' submission.

"The Steps to Successful Self-Sufficiency"

For starters the life and times are hard

Whether young or old, the struggles are true

Being active is simply hard as to not to become bored

Especially if your emotions are happy or blue

Sufficiency eliminates defeat

One's dreams are never ending

But daily problems continue to rise

Elders voices of the past echoes and distant melodies singing

Hoping the children of today will make decisions of the wise.

Sufficiency can make one complete

Distance doesn't make the man or woman

Destinies can be big or small

Progress and accomplishments can take a life span

The road to success usually starts with a call.

Sufficiency is a way to express your voice

Whether homeless or unemployed

People and programs will make the difference

Training available and plans to fill the void

Success, awareness, responsibility are steps for your defense.

Sufficiency is a major choice

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Joel Thompson

I have been a firefighter three years, including this year. I started on the Helitack Crew, then the Engine Crew for the past two years.

I really enjoy fire fighting, you get to work outside and you do different things just about every day. I plan to be in the field of fire fighting for a long time if possible.

Troy C. Kaska

I'm from Grand Canyon, Arizona. This is my second year working with Fire Management and my eleventh year as a firefighter.

I moved from Grand Canyon to the Verde Valley, where I went to school up to the eighth grade. I went to high school at Stewart Indian School where I graduated in 1980.

Started my career as a firefighter in 1986 up until now, and enjoy my work very much and would like to continue this line of work until I'm no longer able to. I also enjoy working with the employees who are also employed here at Fire Management.

Joanna Brisbois

I am an enrolled member of Grand Ronde. I have lived here in Warm Springs for twelve years.

I have worked seasonally with the Warm Springs Branch of Forestry since 1990.

I graduated from Madras Senior High School in 1991, and received my Associates Degree in Natural Resource Technology, June 1995.

This is my first season with Fire Management, as an Engine Operator.



Engine crew members (left to right) are Joel Thompson, Joanna Brisbois, and Troy Kaska, firefighters with experience in the field of fire management.