

# Spring break activities keep youth positively active

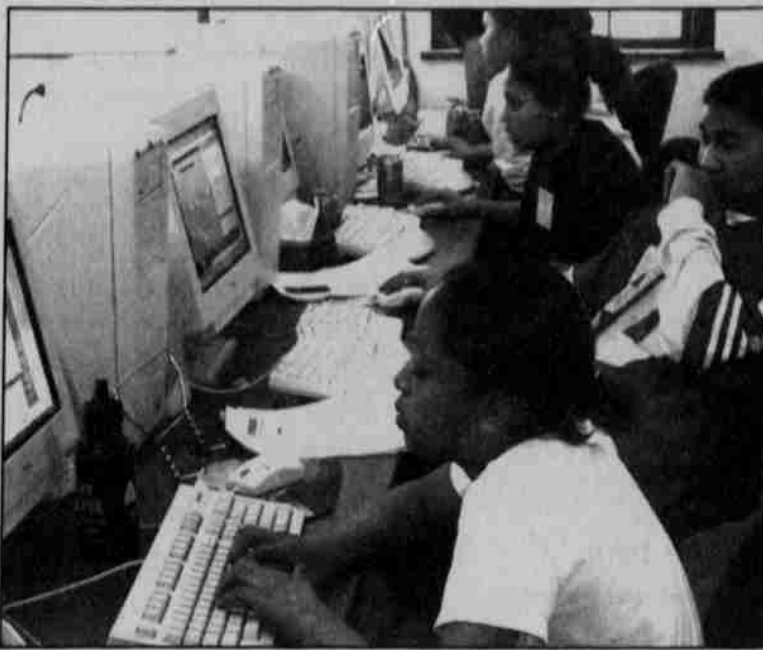
Spring Break was a productive time for at least two groups of Warm Springs students. Teens focused on their futures at a Youth Conference jointly presented by Workforce Development and the Education departments. The students enjoyed hands-on computer training as well as discussions about college planning and career training options.

Among the presenters were representatives from OSU and WSU who spoke about Native American College-Bound Support Services, the Native American Nursing Program, and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

At the close of the three-day conference, the hard-working students were treated to a day of skiing at Mt. Hood.

The Museum at Warm Springs hosted a week-long beading class taught by Amelia Colwash. The

youngsters produced beautiful pieces of traditional work as well as some contemporary interpretations.



Computer skill taught at youth conference.

# Subsistence fishery opens at Sherars

Subsistence fishing at Sherars Falls opened on April 1 and will continue through June 15 for hook and line, dip-net and set-net fishermen. A strong run of spring chinook salmon is expected this year, so an unrestricted harvest of hatchery chinook (fin-clipped) and a cap of 525 adult wild chinook has been established.

When the cap on wild salmon has been reached, the season on hatchery fish will continue until the June 15 closure, but wild salmon will have to be released unharmed back into the river.

Hook and line regulations on the Deschutes River restrict each angler to the use of one rod. Single-hook rigs are required, and treble hooks are prohibited. All snagged fish must be released unharmed back into the river.

Hatchery steelhead caught during the spring fishery may be kept, but all wild steelhead must be released unharmed back into the river. The sale of any fish taken during the ongoing Deschutes fishery is illegal.

The Warm Springs River and all of its tributaries are closed to protect salmon and steelhead originating from that system.



Dipnet fishing.



Samantha Pennington beading at Museum.

Spilyay Tymoo photos by Martha Lawrence



Samantha's beading a basketball.

# Fishermen target Columbia Chinook

Warm Springs ceremonial fishermen laid their gillnets in the Columbia River last week in anticipation of what may be the largest spring chinook salmon run on record.

Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) member tribes were allocated 1,700 chinook each, the same harvest level that was granted for the 2000 season.

The spring 2001 season, which opened March 25, is expected to last for approximately three weeks. The long season echoes the optimism of

biologists who believe this year's migration could set a new standard for spring chinook. The upriver run is expected to reach 365,000, the highest number since Bonneville Dam was constructed in 1938.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have five head fishermen, each with their own boat and crew, on the Columbia River. Each boat is allocated 340 salmon. The head fishermen, who all have registered fishing sites on the Columbia, are selected by the tribes and longhouses for their experience and

expertise. Branch of Natural Resources employees from the enforcement division, and from the Fish and Wildlife Department, are also on the river monitoring fishermen to ensure their safety. The staff will transport fish back to Warm Springs for storage in tribal coolers.

The salmon that are being caught in the Columbia this spring will be used for ceremonial purposes such as the salmon feast, huckleberry feast, root feast and funerals.

# On Patrol

## Communications Officer introduction



Hi! I am a Warm Springs! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Terri Carnes. I am a 20-year-old from Phoenix Arizona. I am an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe from San Carlos, Arizona as well as half Choctaw from Atoka, Oklahoma. I resided in Phoenix for 13 years until I came here to live with the father of my children, Libbulowl Suppah who many of you know. Our children are Elijah Ray Suppah-aka-Te-Yush-Y age 2, and Sequoia Lyn Suppah age 1. I have been living in the area for 3 years now and come in contact with a lot of very

nice and caring people who I now love very dearly. They have become my family in a sense.

I come from the desert so living in the state of Oregon I had a lot of adjusting to do, but have come a long ways and even graduated from Madras High School, Class of 2000. After having two children and having to take care of them, you tend to fall behind in life. It's hard to catch up but it's something I did because I want to succeed in life.

That brings me to my goals. Ever since I was in Jr. High School, I started off studying law and order to go into prosecution some day. Plans changed and I went on to high school and then into vocational school to become an officer of the law. I spent two years learning how the system works, making arrests and doing a lot of physical fitness.

When I first came to Warm Springs, my first job was at the front desk at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, where I worked for a year and a-half, then

took time off to be with my children. My second job was at ECE where I worked for a short time and later took a position with the Warm Springs Police Department where I established a number of goals. Some of the goals include staying with this job and learning from training and the knowledge this position has to offer. Another goal is to be able to help our community to the best of my ability and knowledge, to dispatch emergency resources or police officers as promptly as possible where they are needed. I've seen many things occur since I've started working for the police department in February and feel that every call from community members is important and crucial, especially emergency calls.

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank the Warm Springs Police Department staff for making things easy for me during those hard and busy days. Thank you for those kind words of wisdom, encourage-

ment, and advice. I would also like to extend my special thanks to Su-Yenn who helped me get here. Last but not least, to all the friends that I do have for their support and ears when I needed them the most. They know who they are, thanks a lot you guys, there are no words to express the gratitude I feel inside.

Community Police Division, Kids First Program

The Kids First Program began on March 28 in Warm Springs. It has occurred twice in Jefferson County. The program is set up to get police and nurses working in conjunction with other agencies and doing house calls to check on children and families.

The original program, which came to be known as Kid's Korner, was started in Reno, Nevada in 1996, by a police officer and a nurse. Our local program is patterned after the Nevada program and involves people from the Warm Springs community, Jefferson County, city of Madras, Jefferson County District Court, Crook County, city of Prineville and others.

The goal is to gain the support and involvement of other depart-

ments within the community as Kid's First grows in status. The first days' activities took place in the Kalish and Autjui streets housing units.

Contact was made with 19 homes, five of these revealed that no one was home and four others indicated no children were residing. Overall the visits were well accepted by those who were home.

I.H.S. Health Nurse Shawn Gaddy, Fire and Safety Officer Karla Tias, COPS officers Bob Medina and Chris Elliott, and Lt. Stoney Miller were in the group during the first day. For further information contact the COPS office at 553-2274 or 553-2283.

Elder Abuse

There is a need for our people to take a serious look at what some are doing out there in the community. We are speaking of those who for one reason or another are engaged in the acts of intimidating or coercing our elders into buying things they have no need for or cannot afford. This is an ongoing problem for some of our elders. In some cases they are approached and asked to buy things, like dried meat, other

food stuff, or other items. Other times these ones want to pawn or hock something for money, and the origin of or condition of the item is questionable. Others just come around simply wanting money. And when the elder says that they can't use it or don't have the money, they are threatened with physical abuse, or statements are made which create worry, fear, and anguish, this is in reality, nothing other than mental abuse.

Our elders don't deserve or need this kind of treatment. They don't have the means physically to get into confrontations, and they shouldn't have to. But there are those out there who prey on our elders who know nothing else but, physical force, cruelty, threats, intimidation, coercion, meanness, these are the ways these ones know and use when dealing with our elders.

If you see this sort of thing going on, or know of an incident that may have occurred be good enough in your heart to step forward and help stop it from happening. To make a report you can call the Crime Stopper Line at 553-2202 or contact the Senior Center at 553-3313.

# Firebuster Program educates

Students at Warm Springs Elementary, with assistance from the Fire and Safety Branch, have been doing their part to prepare for the upcoming fire season.

The students have been learning safety tips through the Firebusters Program sponsored by Fire and Safety and some have earned prizes for their efforts.

Laurissa Bellanger, a fourth grader in Mr. Nelson's class, won a brand new bicycle during an awards ceremony held at the school last week. Other prizes went to Arnold Stwyer a kindergartener in Mrs. Grahams' class and Mauren Saludo-Sanchez a fourth grader in Mrs. Kincaid's class.

Fire and Safety has been encouraging residents to get themselves ready for the fire season by creating a defensible space around their homes. A green lawn and well-pruned trees are helpful in slowing down wildfire, which could make the difference in saving a home.

Projects that help save homes include removing all dead plants, trees

and shrubs from around the house. Reducing excess leaves and low hanging branches, and replacing dense flammable plants with fire-resistant plants are also helpful.

Debris should be burned before extreme fire danger occurs and in

accordance with instructions on the burn permit.

The staff at Fire and Safety is currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to lend a hand for community fire prevention projects. They can be reached at 553-1634.



Awards assembly held to present monthly awards, including firebusters awards.

# Below average snow pack points to drought

Mild weather patterns and a below average snow pack have put resource managers on alert for an impending drought. The relatively low moisture levels are not cause for immediate alarm on the Warm Springs Reservation, but without relief some resources could experience hardships this summer and fall.

"We're going to be in a drought situation," said Tribal Environmental Office Director Dee Sehgal. "Our snow pack is below average and what little we have is above 5,000 feet."

Reports from Tribal Environmental Office personnel indicate this year's snow pack is only about 60 percent of average. That means the spring snow melt and subsequent runoff will also be well below normal.

When the snow pack is below average, stream flows, especially in the summer and fall, are expected to drop significantly. Rivers such as the Deschutes, with flows augmented by

springs and numerous tributaries, will not be affected as much as smaller streams that rely on surface moisture for most of their volume.

The lack of deep moisture in the soil means young trees planted through the reforestation program will have a difficult time surviving this summer. It also means the light fuels, primarily annual grasses, will dry out early and increase fire danger across the reservation, particularly on the rangelands.

"People should be extremely careful with fire this summer and try to keep a green lawn around their homes," said Sehgal.

The drought conditions facing central Oregon are not as severe as those experienced during 1977, but residents who remember the prolonged drought of the early 1980s will probably find the current situation very similar. Drinking and irrigation water on the reservation will not be heavily impacted, but

flow levels on many streams will be the lowest they've been in several years.

A variety of fish species, including chinook salmon and steelhead, could be impacted by the ongoing drought. Under low flow conditions they may be subjected to an increased incidence of disease, passage barriers, pre-spawning mortality, a reduction in available habitat and other related difficulties.

However, representatives of the Fish and Wildlife staff say it's too early to tell how fish will be impacted. The ultimate affects will be determined on a stream by stream basis, and by the severity and duration of the drought.

"We're keeping an eye on it, but we're not panicking," said Fish Program Manager Patty O'Toole. "It's a natural event that these fish have evolved with over thousands of years. We'll continue to monitor the situation and hope for rain."