

News in brief

GED tests to get tougher

Counting down to December 31, 2001 (this year). On January 1st, 2002 (next January) the test battery (package) that must be mastered before a person is awarded a GED (General Education Diploma) will change.

It will get more difficult and bigger. The Math test in the package of 5 tests that is being used at the present time provides a perfect illusion of what can be expected come next January.

Right now, students testing to earn their GED are challenged by only 1 Math exam. It must be done using only pencil and paper. The January 2 Math test version will demand success on 2 exams (told you the package is getting bigger). One of these tests will be pencil and paper only and the other requires a calculator (you're right, calculator necessary has to be harder).

Nationally established standards dictate what GED certification test will look like. A decision has been made to make GED achievements benchmarks closer to performance expectations typical of today's high schools.

So what, you ask, if I have been working on getting my GED for a while and have passed one or two of the tests that make up the package of 5-will they still count toward my GED certificate? YES, - that's the good news.

Here's the rest of it. They count only if: you take your remaining tests before the stopwatch runs out December 31, 2001 AND any tests taken and passed longer than 3 years ago will not be credited to your GED certificate account.

How do I get it gear now before the stopwatch expires? Sign up (in

person) with the Warm Springs instructor-Janice Alexander (she is the only one who can do it. WHEN: Tuesday or Thursday morning 9 a.m. to noon; Where: Tribal Education Center (old boy's dorm) top floor. Questions?? Need additional assistance?? Call 553-1428.

Kah-Nee-Ta seeks cooks, dancers

Kah-Nee-Ta convention service department is compiling a list for salmon bake cooks and tribal dancers for the 2001 season.

Any interested parties are more than welcome to call Cindy Schmidt at 553-4970. Public salmon bakes with Indian dancing will be held every Saturday from Memorial Day to Labor Day and public Indian Dancing every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Also frequent private bakes and dancing begin from April 14th through October 15th. It calls for plenty of participants to keep up with the demand for these services. Again, any interested parties are welcome to call and contact Cindy Schmidt for more information.

Time to honor seniors closing in

Gran Ol' Opre 11th Annual Honor Seniors Day May 11, 2001 "Central Oregon's Barrel of Laughs"

Feature entertainer is National Fiddle Champion & Karaoke Singer Meda Miller

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. ECE Children's Powwow

11:30 a.m. Flag Ceremony, Welcome, and Sack Lunch



Spring flowers give cause to stop and enjoy the view from up close.

1:30 p.m. Entertainment and games galore! (a really fun filled afternoon)

5:00 p.m. Honor Banquet Dinner (free to seniors)

Dinner Contributions: Young adults (-60) \$2.00, Kids (-12) \$0.50

For more information call the Senior Citizen Program (541) 553-3313. You may also write them at P.O. Box C, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761, or FAX at (541) 553-2240.

Fishing hotline

The latest information on regional fishing is now available through the Warm Springs Fishing Hotline. The hotline, reached by dialing 553-2000, was established last year to handle calls coming into the Fish and Wildlife Department on the subject of fishing.

Updated weekly, the hotline recording offers timely reports on the Deschutes and Columbia rivers, usual and accustomed sites, and

ceded fishing areas. The opening and closing dates for specific seasons, special regulations, and the hottest places to fish are typically covered on the hotline.

The line is open 24 hours, seven days per week. During the work-week callers can reach an operator by pressing 0 at any time.

Museum winners

The Museum At Warm Springs announces the winners of the Easter raffle drawing. Winners are:

- Large Easter Rabbit (tan), Sal Sahme
- Large Easter Rabbit (green), Annette Polk
- Large Chocolate Rabbit, Margo Schnider
- Kids Easter Rabbit, Kip Morris
- Huckleberry Easter Basket, Gene Harvey
- Easter Wapus Basket, Jeanni Rathborn
- Rabbit purse/flowers, Tofell



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From the Spilyay Tymoo, April 16, 1976

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Of course the climax of the weekend's festivities was the feast itself, which took place Sunday afternoon. However, the long hours of preparation and worshiping went unnoticed by many whose attention was focused on boxing, the rodeo and other simultaneous activities.

Ever since the roots were dug earlier in the week, much effort was devoted to peeling them in time for the feast. Many people came to the Longhouse to offer their help; any many people left with sore fingers but a sense of appreciation and respect for the meaning of the roots.

... Long hours of dancing followed and a festive atmosphere reigned, providing a happy but fatiguing end to the weekend - a time of joy and thanksgiving for the coming of spring and new life.

Letter from the editor: The third edition is being devoted mostly to the activities that took place here at the Longhouse honoring our senior citizens.

I believe we owe them some attention and credit, for they have labored hard and sacrificed much to keep the Indian tradition alive here on the reservation. By these means the younger generations are being taught, with wishes of the senior citizens, that Indian customs will remain intact and never die.

Credit is due to the wise thinking of the older generations for the protection of the reservation: there was long-range planning to protect all the natural resources; the hunting and fishing rights, on and off the reservation as stipulated in the treaties with the government. The wise counseling handed down through the generations, right up to the present, shows the senior citizens are thinking ahead for fear that something might happen that would harm the reservation and the Indian rights.

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Perhaps we needed to be reminded that there are powers greater than the written word, although the paper went to press despite the forces of nature.

The quake registered at between 4.3 and 5.1 on the Richter Scale and occurred at 4:48 p.m. It began about 35 miles southeast of The Dalles and was felt as far west as Portland and as far south as Bend.

Reportedly the editor didn't feel the earthquake at all. Apparently he was still shaking from his rodeo accident on Saturday, when he and his camera were trampled by an angry horse.

Rights lawyer to speak

Morris Dees, civil right lawyer, will be in Central Oregon as a 2001 Chandler Visiting Scholar. The lecture, "Hope and Tolerance for the New Millennium," begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 30, in the Bend High School Auditorium. The program is free, and the public is invited.

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Tectonics ...

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In their research, Turner and Rodda realized that magnesium-phosphates are effective in the neutralization and immobilization of a wide range of hazardous materials, particularly heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, and zinc nickel.

Tectonics International contacted Bechtel, a sub-contractor at Hanford, in 1997 about Tectonite TM as a way to address nuclear waste. TI provided a successful demonstration to Bechtel, however it didn't lead to anything. A year later, TI convinced the primary contractor, Fluor Daniel, Hanford, Inc. and two of its sub-contractors that TI's approach was viable. Still more frustration, and finally in April of 1999, TI received a \$27,000 grant from the Department of Energy to conduct bench scale tests of Tectonite TM on three difficult waste-streams. Two of these were solid powders and one

was a liquid. In September 1999, the bench-scale tests were conducted and were extremely successful. In an email sent in October 1999 to Tectonics International, Fluor Daniel spokesperson Norman J. Olson wrote: "I believe Tectonite is ready for a real demonstration at ETF, which could lead directly to deployment."

Unfortunately a number of things occurred shortly after that memo was written. There were some crucial personnel changes including Olson, who was transferred to another position. Another major change was CH-2 M Hill replacing Fluor Daniel Hanford, Inc. as the primary contractor.

All of these changes slowed progress for TI.

Things are now beginning to move forward again. Tectonics International personnel, as well as Hanford personnel who were personally involved in this project, feel strongly that Tectonite TM Cement is a bona-fide candidate for further testing and refinement at Hanford.

Terry Turner said, "Our biggest challenge at this point is to find the right vehicles to help us get this project on a fast track." Phil Rodda commented, "It can be really frustrating dealing with such a bureaucratic system as the one at Hanford. However we are making progress and the fact that the Department of Energy has given us three grants to continue research on this project is encouraging."

Tectonics International recently received the results of their latest test.

The analysis was completed on March 6th and looks extremely promising.

Testing will continue and TI will continue to improve its product in trying to provide a way to clean up

the terrible nuclear waste problem facing not only Hanford but also all other nuclear sites. Terry Turner may have touched on one key when he remarked, "There are over 7,000 employees involved in cleaning up the Hanford site. With that many employees, the hierarchy is cumbersome and things don't get done as quickly as we'd might expect." If recent history has shown us anything it is that Tectonics International will work hard and put in thousands of hours if need be, to improve and refine their product. Tectonite TM fast-setting, high early strength magnesium-phosphate cement could very well prove to be a boon to making the use of nuclear power plants in the United States more viable, and at the same time prove to be a powerful benefit to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as we look for ways to diversify our economy.

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The May 17 issue has a May 4 deadline.

The May 31 issue has a May 25 deadline.

The June 14 issue has a June 8 deadline.

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That award recently bore fruit for the human rights movement when the compound was sold to a man who plans to turn it into a museum and human rights education center.

Dees is the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Alabama. Since 1971 the SPLC has been a civil rights advocate of equality and tolerance in courtrooms and classrooms around the country. The SPLC's projects include Klanwatch, which monitors white supremacist and hate crime activity throughout the United States; and the Militia Task Force, which tracks militia activity and any white supremacist activity within militias.