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Adoptee list deadlines announced

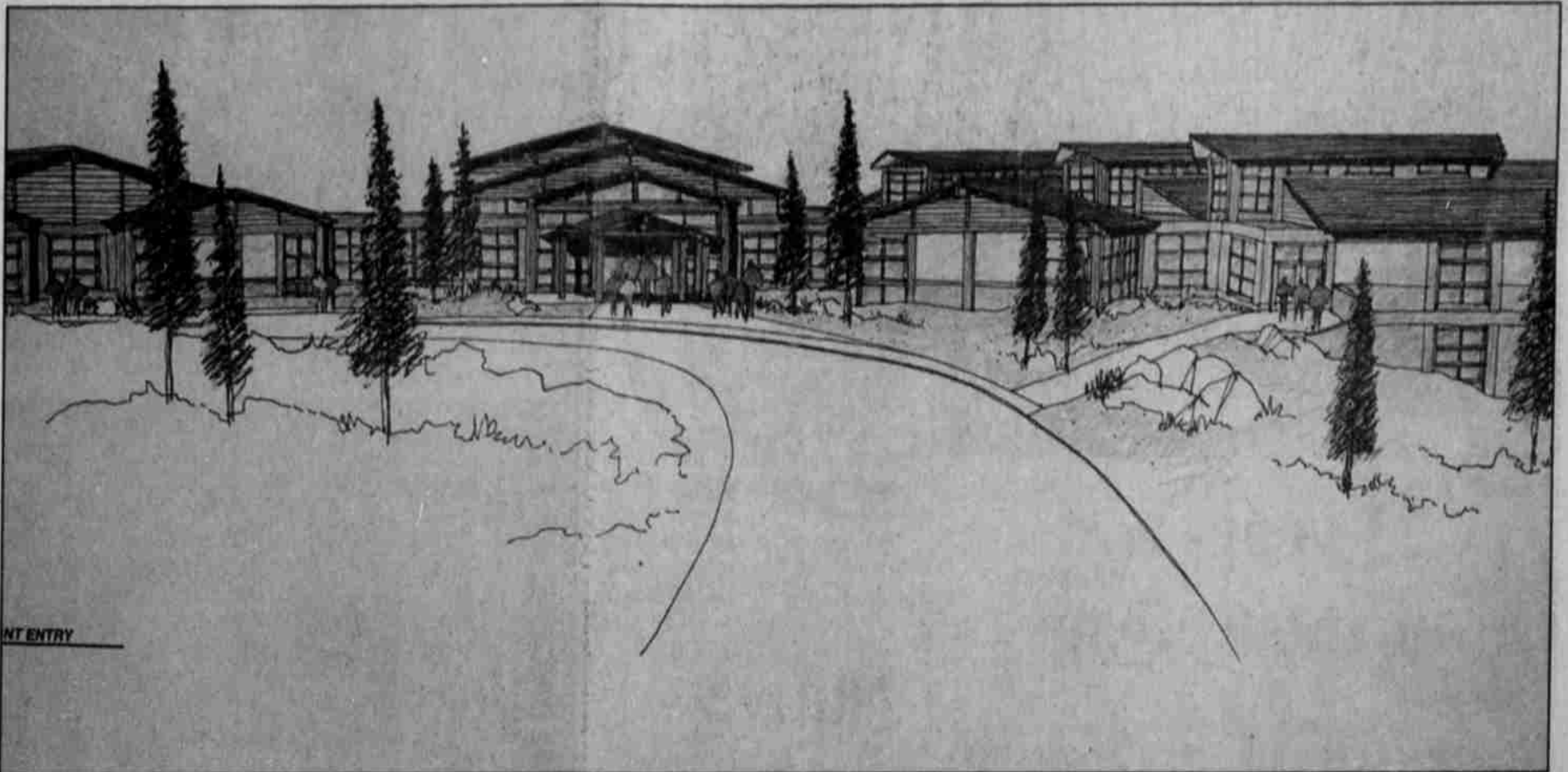
Names of potential adoptees can be found in this edition of Spilyay Tymoo on page 9. The information was obtained from Vital Statistics and all potential adoptees have been treated equally.

Additional information, including statements from families and photographs of potential adoptees, will appear in a future edition of the newspaper. The special section dealing with the adoptees will be published prior to the election.

Those who have not yet provided the Spilyay with statements or photographs should do so as soon as possible. Statements regarding individuals may be submitted to the newspaper office as letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 250 words in length.

The election for adoptees into the tribes is currently scheduled for May 22. Tribal Council is expected to meet on May 7 to consider a proposal that would move the election to June 12.

The 22nd Tribal Council will also take the oath of office on May 7. Officers will be selected shortly thereafter.



Artist's conception of new school, above, would be place on site shown in photo below and aerial rendering of the area.

School referendum on ballot May 16

Tribes would build school, with 509-J paying lease

A Tribal Referendum is to be held May 16 on whether or not to build a new elementary school on the reservation for kindergartners through fifth-graders.

The school is to be located south of the Early Childhood Education Center on a hill that overlooks the center.

The question to be submitted to voters reads:

"Shall there be appropriated from available funds including the Revenue Reserve Fund of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Tribe) and shall the Tribe be authorized to borrow all or any portion of such funds by issuing tribal bonds or by any other means, up to \$8 million for the purposes of designing and constructing a kindergarten through fifth grad public elementary school, with Jefferson County School District 509-J reimbursing the Tribe over a 20 year period, for one half of the total cost of Financing and constructing the school?"

A General Council meeting has tentatively been planned for May 9 for questions about the proposal to be answered by tribal officials.

The new elementary school, which has been in planning stages for several years, would be designed to accommodate up to 600 students.

The current school was built in stages and holds only kindergarten through fourth grades. Fifth-graders from Warm Springs now attend Jefferson County Middle School in Madras. Beginning in fall 2001, Warm Springs students will be the only fifth-graders in the district not at their own elementary school.

The size of the proposed school would allow for several years of growth, and would create a building that could be used for community events.

Last month the Tribal Council and the 509-J School Board met at Kah-Nee-Ta and signed a memorandum of understanding to make construction and funding of the school possible.

The agreement calls for the school to be built on lands designated by the Tribe and to be owned by the Tribe. The school district then would make lease payments on the school for 20 years, after which time the agreement could be reviewed. The school district also would pay all costs of upkeep and maintenance.

The old school eventually may be renovated for other uses.



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Housing grants available

The Housing Department and Credit Department have initiated the 2000 Demo/Buy Down Project that will assist 10 qualified tribal member families in purchasing a home.

The project will provide a \$10,000 grant that will be used as a down payment and the Credit Department will provide financing for the balance of the purchase price.

Applications for the project are available through the Credit Department. Questions can be answered by calling 553-3250 or 553-3201.

Applicants must meet a number of requirements to be eligible project funding.

Among the requirements are an ability to make loan payments and pay premiums for fire insurance.

The \$100,000 being used to fund 10 down payments was secured when the Housing Department submitted an Indian Housing Plan that was approved the HUD.

Day set aside to fete seniors with 'Opree'

11th Annual WS Honor Seniors Day to be held Friday May 11, at the Agency Longhouse. This year's theme "Grand Ole Opree."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and children's Pow-Wow to begin at 10 a.m. Free sack lunches served at 11:30 a.m.

The Awards and Games will proceed at 1 p.m. The Honor Banquet, free, starts at 5 p.m. Snacks and beverages served though out the day.

Every one welcome to come see friends and to laugh, laugh and laugh!!!