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Adoption election delayed

Because of tight timelines and changes to the candidate list, the adoption election scheduled for June 12 has been called off.

Madeline Queahpama-Spino, director of Vital Statistics, will recommend that the Tribal Council reschedule the election for sometime in the fall. The Spilyay's special adoption section scheduled to run in this edition will be published closer to that election.

Changes to the list recently trimmed the number of candidates in half, from more than 120 to just more than 60. That change came to late to get ballots printed, mailed and still give people sufficient time to make their choices.

The severe narrowing of the field was due to enforcement of tribal Constitution requirements that adoption candidates must have resided on the reservation for three years prior to the date of application. According to Queahpama-Spino, that rule was not strictly followed by Tribal Council in 1996, contributing to confusion this time around.

"My apologies go out to all of the people who were originally approved," she wrote in a letter to parents and adoption applicants. "... I can honestly say that I shed tears over this incident."

Applications pulled from the original list will be kept on file.



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Taking in the color

Spectators at the annual Collage of Culture in Madras took in one of the many performances held throughout the day on May 19. The festival is held at Friendship Park and included Native American Dancers, Japanese drummers and salsa music. For more photos, turn to Page 3.

School re-vote June 21

Another referendum to build a new elementary school in Warm Springs will be held June 21.

General Council meetings regarding the referendum will be held June 11 at Agency Longhouse and June 12 at Simnasho Longhouse.

The May 16 referendum fell 45 votes short of being a valid election. Of 2,129 eligible voters, 667 turned in ballots; 712 would have been needed to meet the one-third turnout requirement for a valid election.

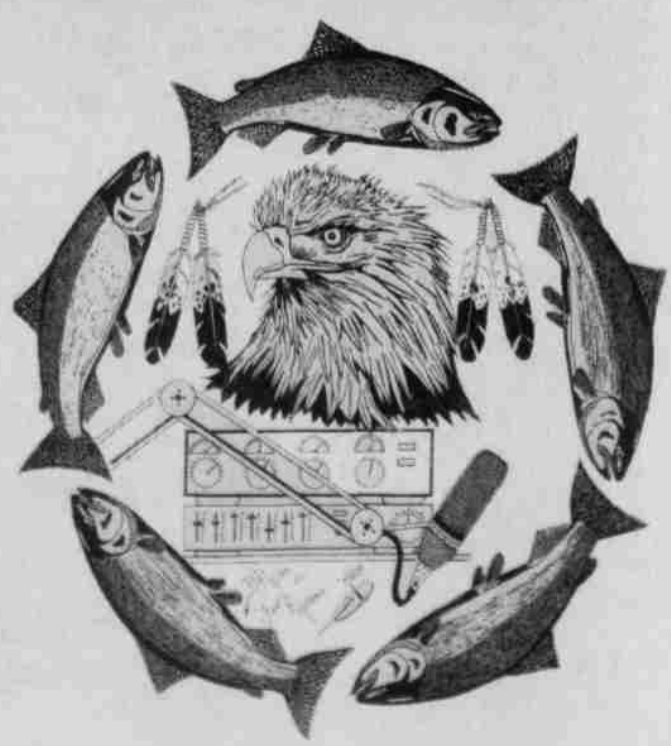
Of those who made it to the polls or turned in absentee ballots, voters were overwhelmingly in favor of spending \$8 million for designing and building a 600-student school up the road from the Early Childhood Education Center. There were 541 yes votes to 123 no votes.

More information on the education referendum will appear in the June 14 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.

Anyone who wishes to host additional informational meetins is encouraged to call Julie Quaid at 553-3241.



KWSO station manager Mary Sando-Emhoolah (standing, above) and operations manager Elizabeth Wolfe look over plans for the First Inter-Tribal Native Radio Summit to be held beginning this weekend. Wayne Gilbert, PSA director and announcer/producer (left) looks over an announcement with folks from the police department. Foster Kalama produced the logo for the summit (bottom left).



Tribes, KWSO host summit

KWSO, also known as "Your Station on the Reservation," will be host station for the First Inter-Tribal Native Radio Summit running Saturday, June 2, through Wednesday, June 6.

The summit, hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Mary Sando-Emhoolah, station manager, said the radio summit is about discussing "the next level of Native radio."

Some 100 participants are expected.

Most of the conference is open only to summit participants, but at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, a Powwow and closing ceremony will be held at Agency Longhouse. The festivities will include a Warm Springs VFW Flags Grand Entry, a Grand Entry of Native Nations and special dance performances.

KWSO broadcasts 18 hours per day, 7 days per week, at 91.9 on the FM radio dial. Programming includes educational programs, news and music. It has grown into an educational station from beginnings with commercial licenses formerly owned by the Tribes.