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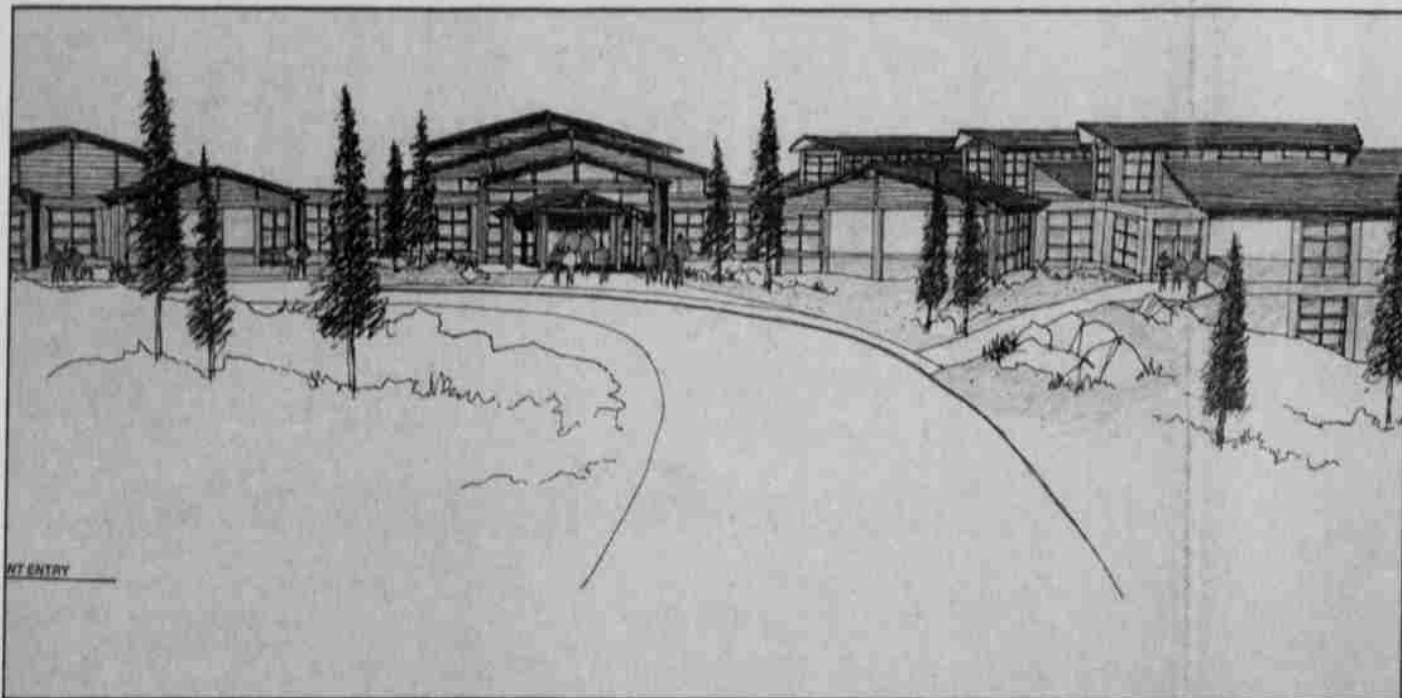
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Artist's rendering shows school that is planned for hill above the ECE center and the Wellness Center.

School referendum June 21

For the second time in just more than a month, tribal members will vote June 21 on a referendum asking whether 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 for 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?"

Several informational meetings have been held, and a General Council meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Agency Longhouse for questions about the proposal

to be answered by tribal officials. Dinner will be at 6 p.m.

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 up to \$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.

The quick turnaround with a new election was in part because of construction deadlines, with officials hoping to have a school open by 2003.

Julie Quaid, Early Childhood Education director and one of those whose efforts have been central to the proposal, says campaign efforts are focusing on voter turnout.

"We're just trying to leave no stone unturned," Quaid said.

"I think people have to understand we can afford this project," Quaid added, "and every family has to get together and say, 'we

really have to vote.'"

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.

In April 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.

Pi-Ume-Sha promises festivities for all

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, June 22-24, promise a bit of something for everyone.

The Traditional Dress Parade, as usual, will be held Saturday, with dozens of other events including boxing, a fun run, rodeo and endurance race.

The powwow will be held on Pi-Ume-Sha Field, behind the Community Center, with approximately \$18,000 paid out in prize and daily money.

For more information, contact Isaac Mitchell or John Katchia, co-chairmen, at 553-8826.

For vendor and powwow information, contact Cassie Katchia at 553-7015 (home), or 553-2128 (work).

Several of the sporting events are listed on Page 3 of this edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.



Photo by Selena Boise

Madras marker honors Jefferson County veterans who died in wars.

Memorial stone honors sacrifice of veterans

For the past year Jordy Brown has concentrated on a dedication to veterans who never came home. A memorial stone was set for those veterans on June 3 at the Friendship Park in Madras.

At this ceremony Brown thanked all individuals and organizations for their contribution to this monument. On the sidewalk in front of the monument is a list of names of those individuals and organizations that contributed. A brick is etched with those names of individuals and organizations and set in cement.

Known history of those from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are:

Benjamin Dick was listed as killed in action on October 4, 1945. He died in action on the island of Okinawa.

Roscoe Dick was listed as killed in action on October 19, 1944. He died in action in the Philippines.

Elliott Palmer was listed as killed in action on November 7, 1943. He was in the Tank Corps and died in action in Africa. As he was the first member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that died, the Warm Springs VFW Post was named after him.

Gilbert Yahtin was listed as killed in action on January 14, 1945. He was a paratrooper in Germany and died during a combat drop. He was reported to have died, still in his parachute, before he reached the ground.

Others listed were George Campbell, Virgil Degner, Ben O. Gedney, William L. (Bill) Kinkade, Ralph Frederick Klann, Howard K. Read, Daniel J. Tabbaboo, Phillip C. Symons.

All names were read in a moment of silence to honor and remember these veterans.



Photos by Mike Van Meter

What happens when osprey nest in a man-made object (left)? You build another man-made object (top left and above). The birds' mass of sticks and baling twine threatened to blow out power to the Warm Springs domestic water treatment plant up Dry Creek. Gary Clowers of Madras (wearing bush hat and sunglasses, above) built a platform out of fire-hardened juniper that was placed by crews from Pacific Power between the water treatment plant and the water. Platforms such as this are homes to several pairs of birds on the Lower Deschutes River.