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Shopping center study completed

An intensive economic feasibility study has been completed for the proposed Warm Springs Shopping Center and the location has been narrowed to three alternative sites. The study shows that a shopping center will be successful if specific conditions are met, reducing an estimated \$3,000,000 yearly that now goes mostly to Madras merchants.

The economic feasibility study and survey was conducted by economist Dave Leland of Portland. He was hired by the Confederated Tribes to find out if a shopping center in Warm Springs would work.

According to Leland, "We did the questionnaire to find out where people spend their money today, preferences in shopping, what people would like to see developed here, and how frequently they would use it. We needed solid numbers to work with -- not just ideas or desires."

Trade Fair succeeds as pilot project

A most valuable resource was uncovered by the Trade Fair held at Kah-Nee-Ta on Labor Day weekend. Behind the wealth of buckskin, beadwork and basketry the efforts and enthusiasm of people were exhibited. People created the fair ... and people stole the show.

"Some priceless exhibits were displayed but also some priceless contributions of time and hard work were made," said Harry Paget, director of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society, which sponsored the Trade Fair. The real meaning of the Historical Society's commitment to "preserve the living tradition" was reflected in the spontaneity and spirit of the fair.

Preparations for the Trade Fair began months ago but a flurry of activity accompanied the raising of the longhouse on Wednesday and continued throughout the three-day weekend. First-time affairs are full of unexpected details and people were on hand at all hours to offer assistance.

The visible result was a varied collection of exhibits and demonstrations housed in the longhouse and tepees clustered along the banks of the Warm Springs River. The longhouse proved to be a very versatile center of activity as it contained displays in the daytime, stick games at night and ceremonial services in the morning.

Tribes receive grants

An announcement was received from Congressman Al Ullman's office in Washington, D.C., that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will receive a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$118,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

The \$200,000 HUD grant will be used for housing clearance programs on the reservation for acquisition of unsafe homes, relocation benefits and clearance costs.

Specifically, the money will be used for the Greenville housing located within the shitike Creek floodplain, and for the old trailer court relocation in the Hollywood area.

The \$118,000 HEW grant will be used for the Headstart program and for handicapped children.

Warm Springs 2nd in tourney

In rainy Labor Day action in Tulalip, Washington, the Warm Springs Men's Baseball team wound up its season with a second place in the eight-team tournament. Tulalip's primary team took the championship in a 9-3 win over Warm Springs.

Coach Sal Sahme reported the results of their last tournament. Warm Springs beat Nisqually 18-2, and proceeded to beat Tulalip II 8-3. On Sunday rain cut short the game with Tulalip I and after five innings the Tulalip team won 5-2. The next day Warm Springs inched past Tulalip in an exciting 12-11 game.

Officials investigate waste

Help sought in deer case

Natural Resources officials are asking for help in addressing a recent case of wanton waste of tribal deer.

On Sept. 15, five deer carcasses were found in the small valley below the Sunnyside housing complex, on the dirt road to sewage lagoons.

The person who first found the carcasses notified the tribal council. Natural Resources was also notified of the incident.

The deer heads were removed from the body and left with carcasses.

Some of the heads had their antlers removed.

No deer parts were removed, none of the carcasses were skinned out. The carcasses were eviscerated somewhere else.

This location is merely a dumpsite for the carcasses. Any assistance or information is strictly confidential.

Please contact the Warm



Springs Police Department, 553-1171, or 553-3272; or the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Enforcement, 553-2021.

Billy Chinook cleanup, fest this Saturday

Lake Billy Chinook Day is this Saturday, Sept. 22. Part of this annual event includes a volunteer cleanup around the lake, including the reservation side.

Anyone interested in helping with this part of Lake Billy Chinook Day should show up at the first boat launch at the Cove between 9 and 10 a.m. Saturday. A boat will be available to take people to cleanup areas along the reservation shoreline, said Nat Shaw, public relations officer for the tribes.

Hot dogs are served to everyone who participates.

Lake Billy Chinook Day, this year marking its Eighth Anniversary, is co-sponsored mainly by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Portland General Electric and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Along with the cleanup and hot-dog lunch, the event includes a variety of recreational activities and entertainment.

Visitors who cannot make the cleanup are welcome to come and enjoy these other activities, including:

A free guided sea-kayak tour (kayaks provided); a free boat tour of the lake; live birds-of-prey presentation by the High Desert Museum; a performance by the Quartz Creek Dance and Drummers of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; a performance by folk guitarist Shannon Ames; youth games and activities.

The Annual Lake Billy Chinook Day Friendship Round Dance will happen at 3:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m. The kayak sprint race is slated from 1 to 3 p.m.

The barbecue is from noon to 1:30. The birds-of-prey demonstration is from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

School board considers Simnasho pupil transfer

The 509-J School District Board of Directors on Monday, Sept. 24, will consider a request by parents in the Simnasho area to allow their children to attend school in Maupin.

As the parents live within the 509-J district boundary, they need the school board to approve their request to attend Maupin.

Allowing the dozen students to transfer to the Maupin district would involve a transfer of approximately \$4,600 per student from 509-J to Maupin.

The Maupin district would be willing to accept the Simnasho students, if 509-J agrees to the transfer in funds, the parents have said.

The parents have mentioned various reasons why they want their students to attend school in Maupin rather than in Madras.

One big reason is distance: the students live a good deal closer -- half an hour or more closer by school bus -- to Maupin than they do to Madras.

Also, the class sizes are smaller at Maupin, offering students more educational opportunities, said Simnasho resident Fay Hurtado, whose son is in seventh grade.

Simnasho parents Nancy Culp, Millie Smith, Chesley Yahtin Sr., Minnie Yahtin and Dorothy Yahtin spoke at a recent 509-J board meeting in favor of allowing the transfer to Maupin.

Tribal Education Committee Chairwoman Colleen Johnson and co-chair Urbana Ross also spoke in favor of the proposal.

Three students from the family of Raymond "Captain" Moody last year transferred from 509-J to Maupin, and other Simnasho area parents are hoping to receive the same transfer.

Phil Riley, 509-J superintendent, said the issue of student transfer from one district to another can at times be a difficult one.

District 509-J and Culver on a regular basis allow students from one district to attend school in the other district.

However, the number between Madras and Culver is kept in balance, with an equal number of students from each attending the other district's schools, said Riley.

The 509-J board was to consider the issue, and perhaps make a decision, at its meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., Monday Sept. 24.

Anthropologist to speak on Fort Rock Basin

In conjunction with Lake Billy Chinook Day, University of Oregon Anthropologist Dr. Dennis L. Jenkins will present "The Archaeology of the Fort Rock Basin (including the southern edge of the Columbia Plateau)" on Friday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m.

The presentation, free to the public, will be held at the Madras Campus of Central Oregon Community College, 281 SW Third St.

Deadlines

The next issue publishes October 4, with a September 28 deadline for all letter, story and advertising submissions.

The October 18 issue has an October 12 deadline.

The November 1 edition has an October 26 deadline.

The November 15 edition has a November 9 deadline.

Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events of interest to the Warm Springs community. The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org -- this saves staff members from having to re-type something you've already printed up, thus allowing us additional time for reporting, photography and other tasks.

You also may drop announcements in printed and/or computer disk format at the Spilyay offices, 1100 Wasco St. on the Warm Springs campus, or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Our fax number is 553-3539.

Please feel free to call if you have story or photo ideas, questions or comments. Our phone number is 553-3274.

Finally, please heed our deadlines -- Friday the week before publication for all submitted materials. Thank you.

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