

Fatal accident



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A Terrebonne man was killed last week on Highway 26 north of Warm Springs. Rodney Falk, 45, died at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Falk, suffering a serious head injury, was flown by Air Life from the scene of the wreck to the hospital, where he passed away. The accident happened early in the morning, when the roads were icy. Warm Springs Police and Fire and Safety responded. The truck was hauling empty recyclable bottles.

Grave site at Columbia River looted

A tribal burial site at the Columbia River was looted recently.

The incident occurred sometime before Feb. 7, on the Washington side of the river, in an area east of The Dalles Dam.

Law enforcement agencies are asking the public for help in identifying suspects.

A reward of up to \$1,000 is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

The reward is being offered by the Bonneville Power Administration Crime Witness Program, in cooperation with the group Wana Pa Koot Koot ("Those who work together on the river").

The investigation into the case is presently focusing on individuals in the Wishram area, according to a report from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement branch, along with the Klickitat County Sheriff's Department and Klickitat County Prosecutor's Office, are participating in the investigation.

The looting came to the attention of law enforcement agencies when Cultural Resource Protection Officer Lori Watlamet, of Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement, responded to a report of two individuals digging near Wishram.

Upon investigating, Watlamet confirmed that a burial site had been desecrated.

"Those responsible had begun grinding remains into a powder for an unknown purpose," according to the report from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The enforcement branch of

the Inter-Tribal Fish Commission can be reached at 1-800-487-3474.

Anyone with information regarding any suspicious activity regarding a cultural site at the Columbia should call that number.

Federal, tribal and state laws protect the cultural resources of the Columbia River, violations of which often involve felony criminal charges. Examples of illegal acts are:

Defacing a pictograph or petroglyph.

Using a tool to remove an artifact from the ground.

Digging for or possessing human remains.

Digging for bottles.

Removing any artifact.

Digging or probing the ground for historic or prehistoric material.

Vandalizing old buildings.

Eagle Watch 2002 celebrated this weekend

Eagle Watch 2002 will celebrate Lake Billy Chinook's population of bald eagles and other raptors this weekend, Feb. 23-24.

As in past years, Eagle Watch 2002 will feature traditional dancing and story telling. The Quartz Creek Drum and Dance group will perform Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Live bird of prey presentations are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. on Sunday.

"Eagle Watch serves as a way for all people to better understand the majesty of the eagle," said Rudy Clements, director of tribal relations. "It's a time for all of us to celebrate the beauty and sacredness of this noble creature."

The Confederated Tribes are again helping sponsor Eagle Watch. The other co-sponsors are the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department,

and Portland General Electric.

"Eagle Watch has become a tremendously popular late-winter gathering for people of all ages and interest levels," said Paul Patton, of Oregon Parks and Recreation. "It has grown into one of the most highly-anticipated family-oriented wildlife events in Central Oregon." The events and activities of Eagle Watch begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and last through Sunday afternoon.

The gathering place is the Round Butte Overlook Park.

Others helping make Eagle Watch 2002 happen include: The Oregon Eagle Foundation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon State University. Also: The U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Culver Community Improvement Group, the Audubon Society, and Earth2O.

Who wants to learn about tribal government?

Students try game-show style teaching format

How many Oregon counties are part of the Warm Springs Reservation?

In the Confederated Tribes' long-term planning, what is the difference between a "goal" and a "benchmark"?

Who are the people in some of the key leadership positions of the Confederated Tribes?

These and other issues regarding tribal government can be challenging to teach to young tribal members.

One of the best approaches would be to make the information fun to learn. But how do you do that?

Jolene Atencio, tribal Comprehensive Planner, recently tried a new approach in teaching tribal government to students.

She used the format of the popular TV game show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," and the students were very receptive to the approach.

Atencio taught the information over a two-day period in Madras High School teacher Matt Henry's history class.

Atencio had made presentations on the tribal Comprehensive Plan to the history class during the previous two

years.

This year, by using the "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" game-show format, the students had a better time while learning the information, said Atencio.

This year's presentation, she said, "was by far the one they enjoyed the most, and the one from which they retained the most information," said Atencio.

The students, she said, "were attentive, and wanted to remember and learn what we were talking about."

For the first part of the class, Atencio would teach the students about the elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

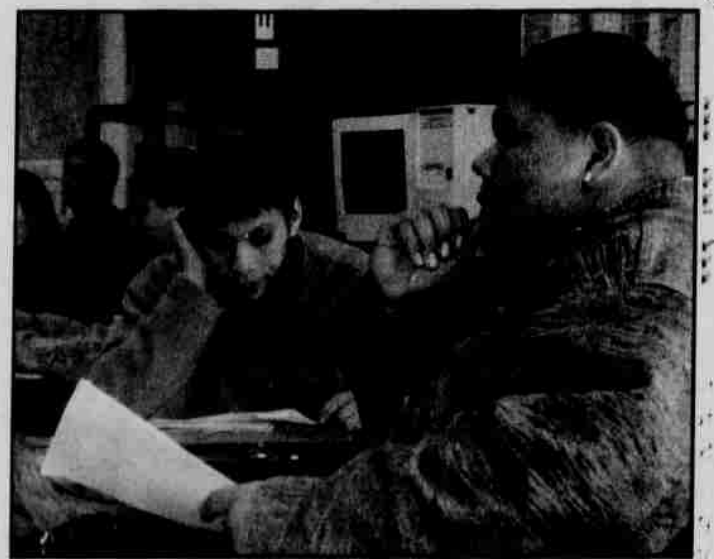
Later, the game-show format was used to test the students on the information.

"It is a great learning tool," she said of this approach.

History teacher Matt Henry agreed, saying that the students responded well to Atencio's lesson on tribal government.

Atencio got the idea for using the game-show teaching format from her husband A.J., who works in the tribes' Office of Information Systems.

Elsewhere, the rear portion of Russell Charley's house near Kah-Nee-Ta was destroyed in a fire.



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Above, students listen, preparing for testing later in the period.

A.J. Atencio had attended a computer seminar in Portland. Part of the seminar involved use of the game-show type teaching approach.

"He thought it was very effective," said Jolene.

For the tribal government class, A.J. developed a computer program that is based on the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" show.

The voice of Regis Filburn is even in the program. The questions on the program, though, are related to tribal government.

Like on the TV show, a student trying answer a question can rely on help from the audience.

Jolene used electronic polling equipment for this part of the program.

By answering more than 80 percent of the answers cor-

rectly, the students received prizes, contributed by the Warm Springs Education Committee.

The teaching method, teacher Matt Henry said, proved very effective.

Atencio added, "This teaching tool is proven to increase student retention by 35 percent."

"The group process," she said, "works very well."

Another part of her teaching program involved having the students break into smaller groups, one group representing tribal Vital Statistics, another representing tribal Government Affairs, and so forth.

Each of the groups then presented to the rest of the class the benchmarks of the Comprehensive Plan that apply to their particular department of tribal government.

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From the Spilyay archives

Twenty-five years ago: From the Feb. 18, 1977 edition of the Spilyay.

For two weekends in a row, the Simnasho Longhouse was the gathering place for scores of locals and visitors.

Activities ranging from a memorial dinner to a three-day powwow attracted crowds and generated massive amounts of food and good feelings.

A memorial for Wilson Wewa Sr., Ursula Little and Marion Biss.

Saturday, March 9.
The Agency Longhouse.

Memorial parade will start at 9 a.m. at the Old Administration Building, and will proceed to the Longhouse.

Bring out horse outfits.

Washaat Service, 10 a.m.
Dinner, 12 noon.
Giveaway to follow.



Student of the Month



Jose Alvarez Jr. is a seventh grader in Luann Foltz's class at Madras Middle School. His favorite subject is art, because he likes to draw and paint. He also likes to play tight end on the football team and wing for the basketball team. "I like the contact of football," says Jose. Another one of his favorite activities is Smile Club. Jose was selected as student of the month for February, because of his excellent grades and his good attitude. In the future he would like to attend college and right now he's leaning towards the University of Washington, which happens to have a great tradition in football and an exceptional art department. Jose will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Dairy Queen and a \$5 gift certificate to Hollywood Stars

Each month an outstanding student is selected by 509-J tribal liasons to appear in