

Tribes challenge county zoning laws

Concerns are for wildlife and archeological sites

By Bill Rhoades
Spilyay Tymoo

The Confederated Tribes has filed an appeal to the State Land Use Board of Appeals, challenging five new Jefferson County zoning ordinances.

The appeal, which temporarily shelves the new ordinances, forces the county to compile a record of proceeding that led up to the zoning changes.

Those records will be reviewed by the appeals board and a decision to uphold or

rescind the ordinances will be reached in the coming months.

Jefferson County's new ordinances would loosen the reigns on rural development and potentially affect resources the tribes view as extremely valuable.

"We're not opposed to development, but we do want responsible development," said Robert Brunoe, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch.

Under the new ordinances landowners would be allowed to build houses on 15,000 square feet of A1 land zoned for exclusive farm use or 20 acres of rangeland that has been in the family since 1985.



Concern for deer and other wildlife is why the tribes have appealed the county proposal.

Some local farmers and conservationists support the tribes in their appeal.

Friends of the Metolius and members of the farm community have joined the suit as interveners.

All of the property affected by the zoning ordinances falls within the ceded lands of the Confederated Tribes.

Cultural sites and wildlife habitat are of chief concern.

"One of the main reasons we've filed the appeal is to protect wintering deer," said Brunoe. "Deer are migratory and some of the deer ranging onto the reservation will spend a part of the year in Jefferson County. We're also concerned about archeological and cultural sites and how they might be affected by development."

New plan will focus on special forest products

The Natural Resources and Forestry branches are in the process of creating a project assessment for special forest products.

The document will establish guidelines for the harvest of numerous plants and fungi, or portions of plants including beargrass, tree boughs, mushrooms and cones, to name a few.

Collection of firewood would also be subject to the guidelines.

It will be several months before the plan is implemented, so harvest of special forest products will continue

as in the past for the time being.

At the present time, members of the special forest products team are collecting comments from tribal committees.

Public scoping meetings were held in conjunction with those for the annual allowable cut.

When the draft document is completed it will be sent out for tribal member review.

Notice of the review period will be posted in the Spilyay Tymoo and on KWSO radio.

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It has been better than six months since Federal Court Judge Belloni requested that parties to the U.S. vs. Oregon litigation attempt to come up with a management plan for the Columbia River fishery.

Elsewhere: The National Indian Timber Symposium, believed to be the first of its kind organized by Indian people, drew an estimated 200 registrants to Seattle February 23 through 25.

And in other news: The Lions Club will hold their regular meeting Tuesday at 7 a.m., March 8, at Alices Restaurant.

And this: At the Mill's annual meeting March 1, Chairman of the Board Paul Sanders gave recognition to former board member Elmer Quinn with a huge plaque. Sanders is flanked by Tribal Council Chairman Zane Jackson, WSPFI Manager Persh Andrews, Administrative Assistant Bob Macy. Chief

Amos Simustus and Logging Manager Hank Palmer.

The Adoption Referendum held Thursday, February 24, resulted in the addition of seventeen new members to the rolls of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. They are:

Merle Anne Kirk, Dorian R. Soliz, Rebecca J. Soliz, Ramona Rosetta Smith, Henry Demus Martinez, Daniel Martinez, Carl Martinez, Will Sitting-Horse Kirk, Natalie Giniene Kirk, Dale Dupree Casey, Jr., Robert Wayne Macy, Jr., Lonny Dean Macy, Brigitte Dee Macy, Roy Jackson, Victor Ray Barney, Kevin Anthony Blueback, Lawrence Barret Macy, Uilani Smith, Laura Smith, Deborah Still.

There will be a meeting scheduled for March 11 at Celilo in the longhouse if weather permits. However, if the weather is not agreeable it will be at the home of Maggie Jim.

Miller enjoying new job at Voc Rehab

By Selena Boise
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The Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation Program has been changing in staff and availability of assistance to those with disabilities.

Included in that change is the new intake coordinator and statistician, Fritz Miller, of Warm Springs.

Miller started her job as intake coordinator on January 10, and is attending training to further benefit her work performance.

The majority of her training is on-the-job, and she likes the new direction in her job.



Fritz Miller

Miller attended the University of Oregon majoring in sociology.

She lacked seven credits for

her bachelor's degree.

All new clients of the Voc Rehab Program meet with Miller in the orientation process to find out if the clients meet the needs of the program based on its guidelines.

A client who meets those guidelines will then be assigned a counselor.

Before transferring to the Voc Rehab Department Miller was an environment education coordinator for 14 years. She educated youth of Warm Springs in the natural resources field.

"My heart was with natural resources and teaching the youth outdoors, with the wa-

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Fritz Miller

ter," states Miller.

Limitations in her health and ability to continue that duty caused her transfer to another department and she is now training to become a counselor of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

"I know how hard it is to gain employment with a disability," said Miller. She currently has two children with disabilities.

Students celebrate reading

By Selena Boise
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The students at Warm Springs Elementary celebrated the joy of reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday March 1.

The celebration was part of the Read Across America project.

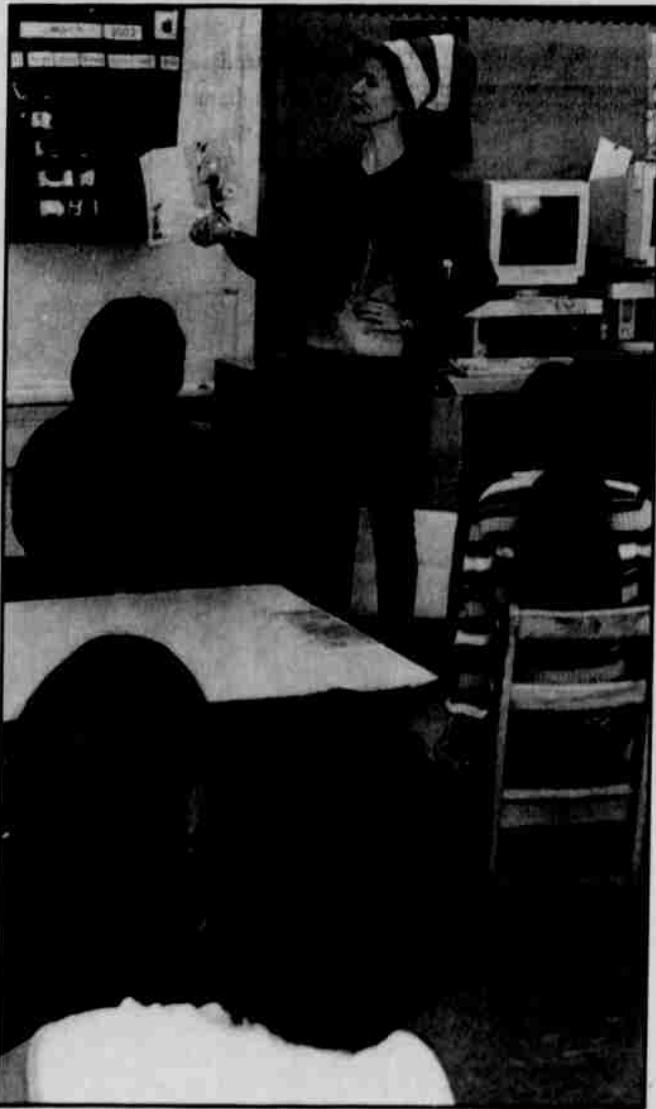
Read Across America, this year marking its fifth anniversary, is a project of the National Education Association.

The celebration is held on Dr. Seuss's birthday each year, which is March 2.

Since that day is on Saturday, the school this year celebrated on Friday.

A total of 17 teachers of the Warm Springs Elementary School read books to classrooms throughout the school.

The teachers rotated to other rooms every 15 minutes from 8:45 a.m. until 10 a.m.



Selena Boise/Spilyay

Teacher reads at Warm Springs Elementary.

Read Across America is celebrated in all fifty states and some foreign countries. Last

year 35 million children and adults celebrated this special day.

Museum celebrating springtime

Spring celebrations were announced at The Museum At Warm Springs for the month of March.

Carol Leone, museum executive director, stated the spring celebration starts with free admission for the whole month for all students 18 years and under.

Students are free with the paid admission of an adult. Plus college students only pay \$2.50 for admission to The Museum At Warm Springs.

All books are 10 percent off during March too.

Leone added that the Miyanihima (Youth) Art Exhibit will be on display in the Changing Exhibit Gallery until March 10.

The public is invited to attend the free opening reception for "Tribal Tapestry" (Beaded Bags) Exhibit on Sunday, March 17 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Leone said that beading classes will be given on March 21-22-23 from 1 to 4 p.m., during spring break.

The Easter Bunny will hop into The Museum At Warm Springs on Saturday, March 30 for a special Easter Treasure Hunt.

This event is free for all children who want to hop along with the museum's Easter Bunny from 10 a.m. until noon and hunt for Easter treasures.

For more information call 553-3331.

The Museum At Warm Springs is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and is located at 2189 Hwy 26.

Contact person is Dora G. Smith, Museum Development Officer.

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Heart Smart Dinner set for March 13

The Heart Smart Dinner was rescheduled to Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at the Agency Longhouse, starting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in this celebration of life promoting a heart healthy life. Bring your friends and family to enjoy free door prizes, Indian tacos, skits by Edison Yazzie and the Sr. Wellness Group (something you can't miss - 2 mystery Dr's will demonstrate their fine acting abilities), nutrition/diabetes education and lots of fun. Keep your radio turned to the station on the reservation -

KWSO to hear Kirstie and Mikayla doing the "Heart Smart Set". The Heart Smart dinner is brought to you by the Warm Springs Health and

Wellness Center, the Diabetes Program and the Warm Springs Senior Center. If you have any questions call 553-2478.

Old greeting cards to become art

The Senior Program at High Lookee Lodge is looking for old greeting cards for use in their arts and crafts projects.

Arts and crafts day are scheduled Tuesday beginning at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join. "Give a weeks notice, so that we can assure enough supplies," says Shirley Smith,

coordinator of arts and crafts.

These old greeting cards will be cut and used in projects, so if you are thinking of throwing away old cards, consider donating them first to the Warm Springs Senior Program.

To join call Shirley Smith at 553-1182.