

Event celebrates return of eagles

Tribal dancers, drummers part of Eagle Watch

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The presence of eagles along Lake Billy Chinook brought admirers together for a week-end of celebration.

At the Round Butte Overlook the gathering began Saturday, February 23 and continued until Sunday, February 24, 2002.

Many binoculars and special scopes were present to view the once endangered eagles that have continued to return to Lake Billy Chinook each year.

One of the bald eagles flew over the gathering sight, which excited the viewers, as much as the match between the eagle and the hawk.

As in the past years High Desert Museum presented "Live Birds of Prey," for children of all ages held on both days.

On Sunday the Quartz Creek drum and dance group performed Native American dancing.

They began with the grand



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Eagle Watch included a social dance. In the photograph, tribal member Larritta Greene dances with a person from the audience.

entry, sang the flag song immediately after and then performed various forms of dance.

Social dances were held so that members of the audience could participate.

Eagle Watch was sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon Parks and Recreation, and Portland General Electric.

The eagle dance performed by Joe Tuckta and his son Keno Tuckta, both men's traditional dance, was a complimentary tribute to the Eagle Watch gathering.

The performance ended with the round dance, which is a social dance to gather a circle of friends.

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Others who helped make this event possible were: Oregon Eagle Foundation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State University, U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, Culver Community Improvement Group, Audubon Society, and Earth 20.

Ceremony welcomes postmaster

Tribal members are invited to a swearing-in ceremony for the new Warm Springs Postmaster, Joyce Lent.

The ceremony will be at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, at the post office.

Cake and coffee will be served.

Gifts still available for grads

All parents, aunts, uncles and other guardians are reminded the Community Health Education Team has a few remaining embroidered duffle bags for the Native graduating class of 2001.

If you know of a tribal member who graduated last June, please advise them to stop by or call the department to receive their gift.

Call 553-3510 or visit the Family Resource Center in the Old Clinic on the campus.

Kiksht language being taught

To anyone interested in learning the Kiksht language, classes are on Monday afternoons from 3:30 till 5, at the Language Trailer.

Teachers are Madeline McInturff, Gladys Thompson, Valerie Switzler and Deanie Johnson

If you have any questions please call 553-3575.

First-aid, CPR course offered

The Fire and Safety Department will offer CPR and First Aid classes.

CPR will be on Tuesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person.

First Aid classes will be on Wednesday, March 29th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person.

If interested please call Fire and Safety to sign up at 541-553-1634.

Reunion to revive memories

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is planning a "Remember When Reunion."

The event will be for all you "kids" who were playing in the Warm Springs Community Center during the years of 1982, 1983 and 1984.

If you remember something you enjoyed doing, call Carol Allison at 553-3243 or 553-3244.

Clyde Wright honored at Eagle Watch 2002

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Tribal Relations

Each year at Eagle Watch there are a number of presentations for the avid eagle aficionado.

Two of the showstoppers this year were the Birds of Prey presentation by the High Desert Museum in Bend and The Quartz Creek Drum and Dance Group. The drum featured Austin Greene, Mackie Begay and Uren Leonard. Joe Tuckta led the dancers that included members of his family. Joe's wife Margie Tuckta was master of ceremonies and shared some timely bird legends.

Portland General Electric, the Oregon State Parks and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs made a special presentation to an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to helping people. The award was a glass plaque with the logo of all three entities, and the inscription, "This award is presented to Clyde Wright in recognition and appreciation of his significant and unselfish contribution to the natural, cultural and civic well being of Central Oregon." Wright, president of the Telephone Pioneers, moved to Culver several years ago when he retired from the telephone company in California. He immediately picked up where he left off in California. He contacted Paul Patton at the Cove State Park and told him what he was going to do as a volunteer. Patton remembers thinking, "Yea,



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right." It didn't take long for Clyde to win skeptics over to his side. He has been a steady workhorse for a number of causes since arriving in Central Oregon.

Wright has taken a particular interest in projects for the Confederated Tribes. He has completed many projects on the Tribes' Chinook Island. Wright and other volunteers, including his wife, Elizabeth, built the boardwalk from the boat dock to the restroom on the island. Clyde solicited lumber for the project, so it didn't cost the Tribe any money and the Telephone Pioneers provided the labor. The walkway allows the island's vegetation to go undisturbed. Each year during Lake Billy Chinook Day cleanup, Clyde sees to it that the Tribes' island is cleaned. He was instrumental in starting the annual project where the Salmon Corp comes to the Cove and cuts alder wood for ceremonial use at Warm Springs. The project includes a cookout for all those volunteering.

Other activities that Clyde Wright has engaged in include organizing the annual fishing day at Pelton Park for handicapped kids, organizing the kids Christmas basket drive in Culver, helping make and donate huggie-bears to police departments around Central Oregon including the Warm Springs Police Department. This is done under the auspices of the Telephone Pioneers.

Paul Patton, the organizer of Eagle Watch, says, "Clyde is the common bond between all of us. Everybody likes him and he does projects and that leads to other things." Patton mentioned that Wright comes out once a week and picks up all the litter along the Crooked

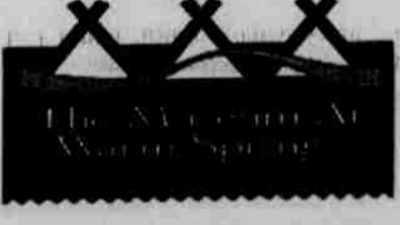
River Rim at the Cove State Park.

Amy Cunningham, Administrative Assistant to Tony Dentel, Manager of Park Operations for PGE, Paul Patton, of the Oregon Parks Service and Nat Shaw, from the Tribes' Public Relations Office, all presented the award. Cunningham was filling in for Dentel who was on a business trip and Shaw was pinch hitting for Rudy Clements who was ill. Commenting on Wright, Patton said, "The list of things Clyde did in California is pretty phenomenal. Now he is making his mark in Oregon. Clyde is currently working with the Fort Rock Museum on refurbishing and acquiring old homesteads. He works in conjunction with the museum to acquire them, hauls them to Fort Rock and puts them on display."

Contacted at his Portland PGE office, Tony Dentel said, "I sincerely thank Clyde for all the help he has given us with our events. He is always there when you need him and the only thing he ever asks for is more opportunities to help others. The world would be a much better place if we were all a little more like Clyde Wright." Doug Calvin, wildlife biologist for the Tribe, has worked with the 76 year-old Wright on a number of projects and is a strong advocate of this remarkable man. Calvin said, "Just think of all the wonderful accomplishments we could achieve as a community if the rest of us had half of Clyde's willingness to contribute. I can't help but wonder what this unique man was like forty years ago; he is nearly twice my age, and I can't imagine trying to keep pace with him during his prime. Clyde is truly a gentleman of all ages and ethnic origin and we appreciate his efforts tremendously."

Another successful Eagle Watch came to a close as the sun set in the western sky on Sunday. Perhaps more importantly, as the sun set, a man who helps so many by unselfishly giving of his time and talent had received a small token of appreciation from the Confederated Tribes of Warm

Springs, Portland General Electric and the Oregon State Parks Service. These three entities have benefited greatly from this very uncommon man, Clyde Wright.




SPIRIT OF SPRING MARCH ACTIVITIES

"Tribal Tapestry"

Beaded Bags from the Permanent Collection
March 17 - April 28, 2002

Everyone is invited to attend the opening reception.
Sunday March 17, 2002 3-5 p.m. in the Changing Exhibits Gallery
Sponsored By Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.



Free Admission!
18 years and under with a paid family member through the month of March. College students pay just \$2.50 with student I.D.

Save 10% on All Books
A store-wide sale is currently under way on books in the museum gift shop. Come in and check out our great selection.

Spring Break Education Activities
Beading, March 20-22, Ages 7-12, 1-4 p.m.- small fee
Tribal Member Beading Demonstration, March 17-24, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

"Easter Bunny's Treasure Hunt"
Bring your kids to the museum Saturday, March 30, 2002 10a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tribal Member Art Exhibit
Warm Springs Tribal Member Artists, Deadline to submit items to The 9th Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit is April 17, 2002 5 p.m.

Save These Important Dates

April 2	Jane Kirkpatrick Book Signing
May 9	The 9th Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit
May 11 & 12	Native American Art Fair +

The Museum is Located at 2189 Hwy 26 Warm Springs Oregon
Open 9 - 5 Daily Phone (541) 53-3331 / 3338 Fax



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Tribal member Kenneth Tuckta performs at Eagle Watch 2002, which saw a near record turnout of 350 people.