



Spilyay Tymoo

Coyote News, est. 1976

May 2, 2002 Vol. 27, No. 9

P.O. Box 870
Warm Springs, OR 97761

SERIALS DEPT.
KNIGHT LIBRARY
1299 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
EUGENE, OR 97403

U.S. Postage
Bulk Rate Permit No. 2
Warm Springs, OR 97761

35 cents

Seniors honored next week

One of the most popular annual events in Warm Springs - Honor Seniors Day - will be happening next Friday, May 10.

Throughout the day, Warm Springs can expect to see hundreds of people visiting and taking part in Honor Seniors Day.

The event also is, of course, a favorite time for the local elders of the reservation.

This year, Honor Seniors Day is celebrating its twelfth anniversary. The theme for the day will be, "Our Flags Fly Together."

This patriotic theme was inspired by the tragic events last year on September 11.

In all, between 900 and 1,200 people are expected to attend Honor Seniors Day in Warm Springs, said Elton Greeley, director of the Seniors Department.

A delegation from South Dakota is expected to attend.

The event happens throughout the day on May 10 at the Agency Longhouse.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with registration.

At 10 a.m. is the Early Childhood Education Powwow, followed at 11:30 by the posting of colors, invocation and welcoming.

Sack lunches in the afternoon are provided for free.

Special recognition, awards, fun-time seniors' games and unique entertainment are set to begin at 1 p.m.

The Honor Banquet is at 5 p.m.

Senior citizens will have priority seating. From 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., there will be a shuttle service to The Museum at Warm Springs.

Senior guests will have free admission at the Museum.

For information on Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day, contact the Seniors Department.

The phone number is 553-3313.

Education powwow is Friday

A powwow sponsored by education groups is set for this Friday, May 3, at the Agency Longhouse.

This event, promoting respect for culture and enhancement of education, is being sponsored by the Warm Springs Education Committee, the Higher Education Department, Title IX, Johnson O'Malley Committee, and the Alcohol Prevention Program.

Supper will be at 6 p.m., and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. There will be exhibition dances and door prizes.

For information, contact 553-3311.

Gaming vote set for May 21

Voting members of the Confederated Tribes later this month will decide the future of the tribes' gaming enterprise.

The Tribal Council this week set the date of May 21 for a referendum on gaming expansion.

Most tribal members are eager to vote on this issue, and to move forward, said Rudy Clements, gaming spokesman.

The Confederated Tribes over the past few years have been facing substantial budget reductions.

The reductions will continue until some new source of revenue is in place, the tribal leadership agrees.

Without a new source of revenue, essential tribal government services will have to be cut. Maintaining and expanding these services - including

education and job training, police and fire protection, and community infrastructure - are primary reasons why tribal officials have proposed an expansion of the gaming enterprise.

A main reason why the tribal leadership is looking toward the Gorge for expansion is the potential to make a considerable profit for the tribes.

See VOTE on page 3

Tribal events planned at Columbia River Gorge

The coming weeks will see three district meetings and one general council meeting on the gaming referendum. These meetings will be in addition to upcoming home-base meetings on gaming expansion.

With tribal members hearing a great deal about their properties at the Gorge, the tribes are organizing an opportunity for the membership to learn more about these properties first-hand.

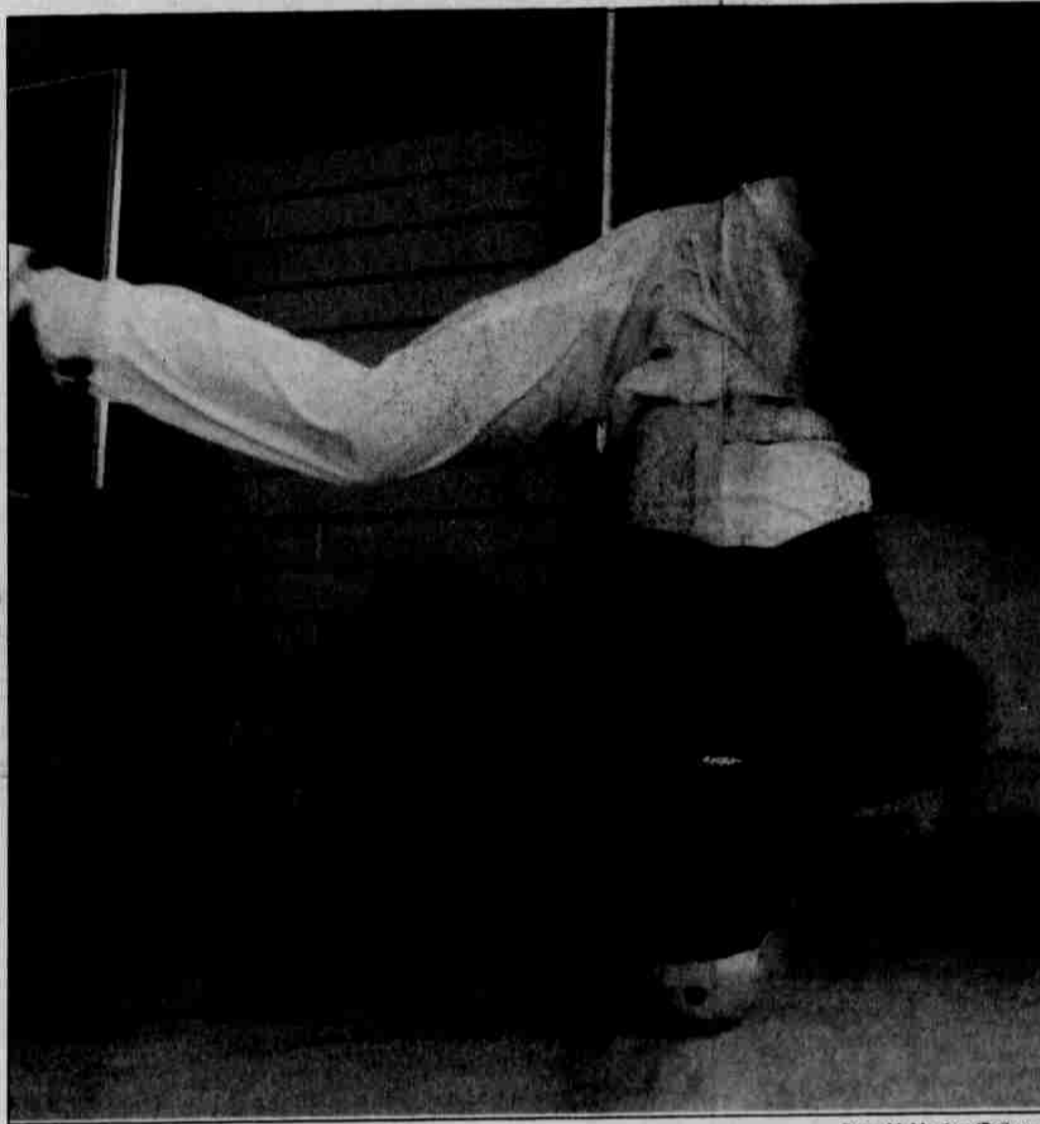
The date for the Gorge

gathering has been set tentatively for May 18. The location will possibly be in Hood River, along the waterfront. Confirmation of the time and place will happen in the near future.

The Gorge event will include a tour of the tribal properties both at Hood River and at Cascade Locks. There will be a salmon feast, blessing of the tribal properties, and an ancestral memorial ceremony.

See EVENTS on page 3

Break-dance talent



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Michael Bobb of N8ive Styles demonstrates a break-dance move. See story on page 2.

No easy fix for housing

The housing shortage on the reservation is a complicated problem dating back many years.

And there is no easy solution to a problem of this magnitude, said Willy Fuentes, Chief Operations Officer of the Confederated Tribes.

"We're taking a comprehensive approach to the issue," said Fuentes. "These problems began developing decades ago, and they have never been addressed."

The reservation needs new

residences, including homes and possibly multi-family structures, said Fuentes.

At the same time the tribes need a system that provides for better maintenance of dwellings once they are built, he said.

Construction of new dwellings would not only provide much-needed new living space for tribal members, but would also help in developing a local economy on the reservation, said Fuentes.

The need for great improve-

ment of the tribal economy is one reason why Fuentes is making housing a priority. An overall goal, he said, is to keep tribal money on the reservation.

See HOUSING on 3

Museum to host art fair

The Museum at Warm Springs next week will host the Third Annual Native American Art Fair. The fair will include artists selling their works, food booths, door prizes, a teepee village, and a Native American art competition.

An Aztec dance group will perform, as will the Quartz Creek Dance Group.

Warm Springs artist Lillian Pitt will be among the renowned artists on hand for the art fair. Tribal Art Exhibit award-winner Merle Kirk will demonstrate her art during

both days of the fair. The event will also include a Mothers Day Poker Fun Run-Walk.

The art fair will happen from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. Admission is by donation.

The Aztec dancers are scheduled to perform at 11 a.m. on both days of the fair. The Quartz Creek Dance Group will perform at 2 p.m. on both days.

The Museum at Warm Springs invites everyone for a weekend of entertainment, fun, food, games and prizes.

Police seek information on Senior Center break-in

Three youths, two of them still not located, are suspected of breaking into the Warm Springs Senior Center, vandalizing property and stealing several items from the building.

Police are asking for assistance in locating the two suspects who have not yet been found. These individuals may be living off the reservation.

The three suspects gained entry into the Senior Center by breaking in through a side window.

They scattered papers around the office, painted graffiti on a door and damaged other doors. The suspects stole a computer and a printer that had been donated to the Senior Center.

They stole a small television set and VCR, a police scanner, a public announcement system, plus other items.

The incident happened the night of April 16 or early in the morning on April 17.

Senior Center staff members discovered the vandalism and theft upon their arrival for work in the morning on April 17.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the

The youths suspected of the crime are associated with a gang.

suspects is encouraged to call Warm Springs Police Dispatch at 553-1171 or 553-1172. The information may be reported anonymously.

Elton Greeley, director of the Warm Springs Seniors Department, and Police Chief Don Courtney discussed the recent break-in with tribal elders at a seniors meal last week at the center. Greeley said that the youths suspected of the crime are associated with a gang. Courtney said he would like to involve seniors in the effort to prevent gang activity on the reservation. For instance, young people accused of crimes may be brought before an Elders Court.

Elders serving on the court would consider how best to address particular cases of juvenile crime and delinquency, said Courtney.

Also, he said, parents need to know that disciplining a child for wrong behavior is not against the law. Discipline of a child is not the same as child abuse, he said.

If a parent is unwilling or unable to discipline the child, then they can contact a whipman, said Courtney.

Simnasho rodeo May 18

Rodeo fans on the reservation will be happy to hear that another rodeo event is coming up.

The Simnasho community will be hosting a rodeo next Saturday, May 18.

This rodeo will happen at the newly built arena, located by the school area in Simnasho.

The community members worked together to develop the new rodeo grounds. The Range and Agriculture Department supplied some equipment for this project. Because the grounds are new, the rodeo on May 18 will include a blessing ceremony.



Sunny weather over the weekend was greatly appreciated by participants and spectators of the Root Feast Rodeo. More rodeo pictures on page 6.