

The Sierra Service Project to help 20 homeowners

As summer approached, the Community Wellness Center was abuzz with kids of all ages coming and going to the Recreation Program and/or the Boys and Girls Club. But there seemed to be more new faces every week exiting the building, sixty kids ages thirteen to eighteen years of age plus seven staff members that belong to the Sierra Service Project. This project started in 1975 as a branch off the Appalachian Service Project. They help residents with up grading their home if it needs to be "fixed up". This project can help the homeowner by doing the work free of charge and will supply the labor.

The Sierra Service project began working with one reservation in Big Pine, California and has grown to four reservations per summer. The goal is set for five reservations next year. According to On-site Director Cathy Harris they are given six weeks to work at the site with sixty different kids coming in each week, a total of 350 kids per site. The grand total of campers and staff is around 1,400 who work all summer. There is also a program for young adults ages 18-30 years, which is one week and they will work here in two weeks. The kids come from youth groups of all denominations from the surrounding states Methodist churches sponsor most. The young



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Youth workers get ready to paint Faye Waheneka's house.

people raise their own money to become a part of this project, approximately \$300 each. This helps purchase the items needed to fix the homes. They also receive grants from Bank of America, Enterprise is a large grant used to rent the trucks for travel and help defray the cost.

The Oregon-Idaho Methodist conference meeting held in 2001 raised questions regarding why this project wasn't applied in Oregon since a lot of the young people are from Oregon. This prompted the executive directors to contact Willie Fuentes. Along with Willie, Rudy Clements and Chet VanPelt helped determine what homes were on the top priority list. As far as Ms. Harris knew they had approximately 20 homes that would be worked on. Harris says the kids are amazing with their



Two workers hard at painting.

work. Some are days ahead of schedule. She also states that the campers are taught they are here to serve but with some of the homeowners it is an eye opener because of the openness and welcome they receive. Ms. Harris said they hope to return next year to continue helping the homeowners.



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Casper and his band was a hit Thursday night, kicking off the events for the Pi-Ume-Sha weekend.



James Greeley plays the flute at the opening of the Casper concert.

Story to follow in the next issue.

Wasco Language seeks community help

The Wasco Language is asking for any assistance for dancers, singers and demonstrations of the dances.

There are many names given as resource people but haven't come to share. The program is asking this plea so the children can be taught of the old songs and dances. This has been proven that it raises the kid's self-esteem, makes them feel learning the language is important, and that they are part of a great confederate nation regardless of their family genealogy.

If you have any tapes, foot-

age of dances or know from memory any of the above, please contact Valerie Switzer or Deannie Johnson at (541) 553-3575

Elders picnic set for July 18 at Celilo Park

The Twelfth Annual Tribal Elders Celilo Picnic is on Thursday, July 18, at Celilo Park. The event begins with services at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

Seating is limited, so those who attend should consider bringing lawn chairs.

The Elders Celilo Picnic will be a great time to see old friends, and to remember old times at the old Celilo Falls site.

This year the event will be a chance to mark the fiftieth year of the flooding and loss of Celilo Falls and other culturally significant sites by The Dalles dam.

The picnic will include members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and also the Yakama and Umatilla nations.

People who attend the Tribal Elders Celilo Picnic receive free admittance to the museum west of The Dalles.

For information, contact the Warm Springs Senior Program at 553-3313.

Mobile home for sale

To Tribal Members Only, 1980 Hillcrest Mobile Home. This will be sold to the highest bidder. Minimum bid is \$2,500. Bids can be turned in until Friday, July 26th 2002. For more information call the Tribal Property department at (541) 553-3295.

Gopher traps

Gopher traps, new and used. For more information contact Lori Smith at 475-3216.

Free info on PMS

Menopause/PMS symptoms driving you crazy? Call 1-888-743-4335 for free information.

Fire burns in Metolius Canyon area

A fire broke out Wednesday, July 10, in the Metolius Canyon area of the reservation.

The blaze had burned across

a few hundred acres by Thursday morning, July 11, press time for this newspaper.

Local agencies, and others

from throughout the region, were fighting the fire Thursday.

Cause of the blaze is thought to be a lightning strike.

Whooping cough diagnosed in county

In the past month, two young infants have been hospitalized from Madras with the diagnosis of pertussis, which is also known as whooping cough.

This is a vaccine preventable disease. To protect your child, make sure that children receive all their shots at one time. Children should receive four doses of DtaP vaccine by 15 months of age, and one more dose before they start school.

Health officials are concerned because there is a low level of protection among the very young children in Jefferson County. According to a 2001 Oregon Department of health review, only 68% of two year olds in Jefferson County are adequately immunized for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertus-

sis.

Whooping cough can be a very serious disease, especially for infants less than one year of age. Since it is contagious, the disease can easily spread from a sick person during talking, sneezing, or coughing. The illness starts with symptoms similar to the common cold. Children suffering from whooping cough often develop coughing fits, especially at night, giving a high pitched "whoop" sound. The "whoop" is a sign that the person is struggling to breathe between coughs. The disease can be severe, and although deaths are rare, they do occur, especially in infants less than a year of age.

Parents are urged to check their children's shot records to

be sure they have received all their shots. If they are not sure their children are completely immunized, they should contact their family doctor or the Jefferson County Department of Health and Human Services to bring their children's immunizations up to date as soon as possible.

Adults and children 7 years and older usually develop a much milder form of pertussis. Anyone who is suspected of having whooping cough or who is exposed to a person with the disease should be seen by their medical provider.

For more information, call Diane Seyl at the Jefferson County Department of Health and Human Services, (541) 475-4456

Spino wins Annual Endurance Race

The Twenty Second Annual Endurance Race had 14 entries this year, seven in the Senior Division and seven in the Junior Division. Evans Spino, Sr. came in first for the Senior Division with a time of 47.5. The Junior Division has two first place winners due to a misunderstanding of the age limit. Because the time was so close, one second apart, they awarded Delvis Heath, Jr. 8:17, and David LeClaire, Jr. 8:18, first place. This year the race was held in memory of Henry Palmer, Edith Danzuka, Verbeen Greene, Nathan "8-ball" Jim, and Gene Greene.

The following are the other winners of each Division: Sr. Division 1st-Evans Spino, Sr.-47.5; 2nd-Melvin Stahi-54.35; 3rd-Joey Casady-1.47; 4th-Tricia Estrada-1.48; 5th-Stewart Estrada-1.50; 6th-Richard Beard-1.9.34 and no time for Wamblee Wallulatum. The Jr. Division 1st-Delvis Heath, Jr.-8.17; David LeClaire, Jr.-8.18; 2nd-Clinton Tohet-9.11; 3rd-Raymond Torres-10.46; 4th-Paleen Spino-10.57 and Stewart Estrada, Jr. and Simon Jim with no time.

This year there were three



Evans Spino, Sr. won the Sr. Division with a time of 47.5

course isn't as hard but it begins at the Shaker church also, up Shitike Creek Road, crosses the creek over and back then down the home stretch. This is usually a 5-7 mile course.

As each year goes by there are a few that are constant in entering this grueling race, while others come and go. Names such as Spino, Heath, Suppah, Scott, Smith, Torres, Wewa, Gilbert and Gunshows have entered throughout the years. Most riders are from Warm Springs but others have come from Wilsonville and Pendleton, Oregon and Nevada. This race gets better as the years go by and is almost as famous as the Suicide Race in Omak, Washington.



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Jr. Division rider crossing the finish line.

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