

Lillian Pitt Gallery changes owners

Jim and Teresa Jackson assumed ownership of the Lillian Pitt Gallery/Studio in Portland in October.

Pitt will continue to exhibit her art at the gallery and plans on working closely with the new owners. In Pitt's letter to the *Spilyay* she cited a need to focus on her art and a need to nurture herself as the reasons for her decision to sell. She encouraged her friends, patrons, and art lovers to support the new ownership of the gallery.

Jim Jackson bronze and clay sculpture will be a prominent addition in the gallery, as well as several other Native artists from the northwest and around the country.

Pitt is a Warm Springs Indian Reservation native.

Pitt's work can also be found at: Antique Gallery, Anchorage, AK; Four Winds Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA; The Images of the North Gallery, San Francisco, CA; Jeffrey Moose gallery, Seattle, WA; Pendleton Home Store, Portland, OR; and the Museum of Warm Springs. Private showings of her work are possible. To make an appointment call (503) 528-1155. Also Pitt's work can be found on her web-site www.lillianpitt.com.

The grand re-opening of the Lillian Pitt Gallery/Studio will occur on October 25, 5-9 p.m. at 1468 NE Alberta, Portland, OR. It will feature Jackson's bronzes and Pitt's newest work.

Satellite classes benefit Warm Springs students

Three of the six classes at the Tribal Education Center are delivered to the classroom via satellite and are known as open-campus classes or distance campus classes.

Students view the class on television and ask questions by pushing a button on a microphone. The teacher answers on the television. All students at COCC branches are able to hear the response.

Open-campus classes are part of a solution for rural community students. Warm Springs COCC initiated distance campus classes about four years ago. The purpose is to enable students to get degrees without a commute.

"It's really nice because students can leave work, come to class, and then return to work," explained Marilyn Hart, secretary at the Tribal Education Center.

Student Alfred Estimo agreed it's nice to not have to drive to Bend on Thursdays to attend his Health & Fitness class. The remaining days of the week, Estimo drives to Bend and attends upper division classes. He feels the satellite classes are just as effective as being in the classroom with the teacher and doesn't feel hindered to ask questions with the microphone. The only problem, he said, is sometimes there are minor technological difficulties but overall it is very successful.

Pending budget cuts threaten the continuation of the distance-learning program but Warm Springs students are happy to have this convenient and effective way of receiving a college education.

"Students say all the time, 'Please don't let these classes go away,'" said Hart.

Library receives funding for first employee

The WSCAT funded project steadily progresses towards its long-term goals

By Shannon Keaveny
Spilyay Tymoo

The Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT) recently awarded the Warm Springs Library a grant of \$8,000. The funds are intended for library staffing.

An additional \$5,000 from Oregon State University was also donated in efforts to match the WSCAT grant.

The total of \$13,000 will be used to hire a library aid and create regular library hours.

"Our goal for now," said Shawnele Shaw, WSCAT community advocate, "is to create regular after school hours that go into the evenings."

Currently the library holds irregular hours due to a lack of staff. The new employee will be

the first official employee for the library.

The funds will finance one employee but the library hopes to write more grant proposals and hire additional staff.

"Ideally we would like to have two certified librarians, three-four library aids, a youth librarian, and a person for outreach," said Shaw.

The library is also creating a consortium with access to the OSU databases.

OSU has agreed to shuttle books to Warm Springs. COCC and Jefferson County are also anticipated to participate in the consortium.

Another long-term goal of the library is to have a book mobile. The mobile would deliver books to more remote areas of the reservation.

WSCAT is part of the Central Oregon Partnership, a regional non-profit organization that seeks to eliminate poverty in Central Oregon. Warm Springs is the location for one of WSCAT's seven regional teams.



Picture of the butchered elk found at Log Springs. The elk was killed in September, two months prior to the legal elk hunting season on the reservation. If caught, the poachers face a fine of \$500 and loss of their tribal hunting privileges.

Poachers abuse treaty rights

Reservation officials investigate out of season wasteful hunting methods that are illegal.

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Recently at Log Springs tribal conservation law enforcement agents found a dead elk.

The freshly killed elk was missing its front shoulders, two rear hindquarters, back straps, ivory teeth, and its antlers.

Elk season doesn't start until November. The hunters, said Conservation Law Enforcer Oliver Kirk, were poachers. Worse yet, they were tribal members.

Currently under investigation, if caught, the tribal members face a limited fine of up to \$500 but also risk losing their future hunting privileges.

"The removal of their hunt-

ing privileges is the real kicker," said Kirk.

Incidents like the one described are not uncommon on Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

In the state of Oregon, there are poaching reports of salmon. Poachers create wire weirs and capture salmon moving upstream.

On the reservation, Kirk is disturbed by wasted garbage bags of salmon left on the side of road.

Nationwide black bear poachers are known for running bears up trees with hounds.

Poachers often remove the pink gallbladder of the bears to fetch a \$400 price in port cities like Portland. The paw is cut off to prevent fraud.

Gallbladders are shipped to Asian countries where they are dried and used as medicine for hangovers and to treat burns, fevers, sprains and swelling.

Kirk has found black bears on the reservation with heads and paws missing and orphaned cubs mulling around.

Although poaching for gall-

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bladders is not a problem on the reservation yet, he fears it could be.

"The potential is there," said Kirk.

Elk and deer, on the reservation and off, are often found shot only for their rack.

Several of the animals mentioned have endured threatened populations in Oregon. Many are on the federal Endangered Species list.

Statistics have revealed that poaching decreases animal populations.

A frustrated Kirk explained, "Poaching takes away from le-

gal hunters and lessens the potential for animals to be available in the legal hunting season."

Kirk finds butchered animals in dumps and in the wild throughout the year. Often they aren't gutted and a quick hack job is performed for valuable body parts.

"They are just after the antlers and quick meat," said Kirk about elk poachers.

"They (the poachers) aren't using all the animal like they are supposed to be. It's discouraging to see these animals wasted," said Kirk about wasted animals he finds strewn in the woods or thrown in a dump.

Kirk describes the reservation's unique responsibility towards hunting and conservation of resources.

"The animals here belong to the tribes and the tribes' have treaty hunting rights'. Each tribal member has these privileges and they shouldn't be abusing them."

Kirk hopes publicity about this issue will deter tribal members from abusing their treaty hunting rights'.

"We did not inherit this land from our fathers; we are borrowing it from our children."

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Telecommunications meeting Oct. 28

A community meeting on telecommunications needs on the reservation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 at the Family Resource Center. For local residents, planning efforts are under way to address local telecommunications needs. These include emergency communications, television and radio services, internet access, telephone services and related needs. The tribes have the potential to receive a federal grant that would fund high speed internet access, with 20 computer available for use by tribal members. Call Sal Sahme, 553-3468, or Ray Rangila, 553-3270, for further information.

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Costco representative Jennefer Evans will be hosting a membership booth on Thursday, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tribal Administration Office foyer.