

Tribes address truancy problem

By Ashley Aguilar
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Don't let your child get caught on the street away from school. There have been major problems with truancy in the 509-J school district and there are facts that the community needs to know.

For some time Tribal Council has noticed the apparent lack of enforcement of children attending school. They've decided to make this a priority.

Truancy has been on the law books since 1972. But only recently has this law been put into effect.

The parents are also responsible for their child's attendance. According to attendance rules, children who miss 10 consecutive days must answer to the juvenile coordinator, and may receive punishment for their actions.

The juvenile who is not present at school could sit in jail, do community service, or be put on probation. Clearly, the

Warm Springs area is taking this matter seriously.

There is also a penalty for the parents who do not take the extra initiative to get their children off to school. According to law, the parent could be cited into court for child neglect, if a child continuously and without excuse misses school. A jail sentence can be imposed on the parent, and a fine levied up to \$5,000.

Parents are also responsible for more than just making sure their children make it to school: parents should also make sure that the children have their homework finished and turned in.

Juvenile coordinators Daisy Ike and Flossy Wolfe are waiting for approval of a truancy officer position.

The officer would keep a close watch on those who miss more than an average number of days.

Ike is not looking for someone to just fill the position, if it

The hope of the juvenile coordinator is to find a truancy officer who cares about the community...

is funded.

Instead, she is more interested in finding someone who cares for the community, and who is willing to investigate into why the parents job isn't getting done.

The 509-J school district is using the Power School Program, which allows authorized personnel to overlook attendance of each student. The Power School Program will identify the kid who is struggling with absenteeism.

Attending school is believed to lower the rate of status offenders. Those who skip school are the more likely to run away or violate curfews.

Education is an obligatory responsibility that the students and parents need to take very seriously.

School attendance is essential to education.

COCC offering new classes

The Warm Springs Central Oregon Community College office is offering four classes for the fall term: one credit class and three non-credit, community education class.

All four are new classes offered in Warm Springs. The credit class requires a completion of Writing 121, and the non-credit classes are open to anyone.

Writing 122 is the credit class offered in Warm Springs. The class begins Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. This is an argumentative writing class that will focus on defending opinions on paper, providing adequate support for your claims and producing high-quality essays. There will be standard writing text, but count on the instructor to include more culturally relevant materials.

The cost for this three-credit class is \$225, which includes the textbook.

Financial Planning is a non-credit class specially designed for the Warm Springs community. Topics include long-range financial goals, how to get more from your paycheck, personal budget plans, and common sav-

ing errors.

Financial Planning is taught by Terry Rahmsdorf, who has more than 30 years experience in banking, taxation, and collections, and served as director of Consumer Credit Counseling for seven years.

This class will meet on four Tuesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. in the second floor training room of the Education Building.

The next class designed just for Warm Springs is Math Brush Up, taught by John Shilling. This class is designed to bring folks up to college math levels. This is a "nuts and bolts" course for people who feel they lack math skills. John will focus on particular student needs, and the course will also cover things like real numbers, exponents, decimals, ratios, estimation and percentage.

If there are enough students who complete this class, then COCC will offer Math 20 in the winter term, followed by Math 65 in the spring.

Math Brush Up will be held Wednesdays at 6 p.m., in the second floor training room of the Education Center as well.

These two community education classes cost \$28.

Finally, COCC will introduce a new series called Lunch N' Learn, focusing on "Tribes, Treaties and Truths." The first speaker will discuss treaties: why they originated, what they mean, and how they impact individuals' rights, and what the future holds for treaties. Other topics include a discussion on sovereignty and its importance, tribal council and what they do, and finally, Native Truths, held since time immemorial. If you have suggestions for particular speakers you would like to hear, please contact the COCC Warm Springs office.

This class will move around, attracting wider audience, so anyone interested should watch for postings on the first class location. First class will be scheduled for Sept. 25, and is held one Thursday each month. To register for these classes you may stop by the COCC office, or register online at www.cocc.edu. Please don't wait until the night of the class to register, because some classes are held depending on total enrollment. Call 553-1428.



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New Vice Principal Ken Clark (left) and new Principal Gary Carlton of Madras High School.

Mountain Sun wants your ideas

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For those people who have ideas about products or commodities, and who want to talk about them, Mountain Sun wants to listen.

Ron Wherry, president, and assistant Ethel Marquez want to reach out to more Native Americans to create a window of opportunity for business, and exposure worldwide.

Wherry has accomplished many business projects, achieving nation-wide publicity.

HR Mountain Sun Inc. specializes in New Product Development, in fields such as Plan-

ning and product development, financial assistance, graphic design, plant design, construction and utilization, equipment selection, human resource management, energy evaluation, sales and marketing, and networking.

The program is working closely with the local Small Business Center in hopes of finding Native Americans with dreams and business ideas.

Mountain Sun provides assistance in testing your idea. They are willing to help the small business owner with grant money and other such resources to help get started.

Marquez' interests are pro-

viding guidance and developing support for people who are struggling in getting the business out on the market.

Both Wherry and Marquez are members of the Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council, Columbia Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and affiliate partner of NASA Food Technology Commercial Space Center.

HR Mountain Sun is aware of the financial and economic difficulties that the tribe faces. Their efforts in researching projects go as far as the grants they receive; and when the money runs low, the new business owner takes on some expense.

The Mission at HR Mountain Sun is "to create a family network between communities, capitalizing on their respective strengths in different facets of product production, and supporting them in their efforts to grow and diversify their business operations."

The company is looking to expand through out Native American lands so that their ideas are out there in the open. This program brings a stepping-stone, and helps make fantasy into a reality.

Call the Small Business Center for more information.

The phone number is 553-3592.

Why does the United States celebrate Labor Day?

Labor day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement, and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to strength, prosperity and well being of our country.

The Challenge of Champions set for Sept. 27

By Sammy Bruised Head
For the Spilyay

This wild horse race is dedicated to the memory of past Tribal Councilman Jazzy Wewa. Jazzy himself was the great wild horse racer of his time, well-known throughout the United States and Canada.

One time, a few years ago the BruisedHeads were at a rodeo in Arizona waiting at the office for payouts. The eight-time PRCA World Champion Bull Rider Don Gay was there as well. Gay asked BruisedHead where she was from, and BruisedHead said she was from Warm Springs, Oregon. Gay gave a little chuckle and asked, "do you know Jazzy Wewa?" BruisedHead proudly replied "That's my grandpa".

Needless to say they sat there for the next half an hour while Gay told some crazy cowboy stories about himself and Jazzy. "It seems like often times when we meet new people while rodeoing and we tell them where we're from, they ask us if we know Jazzy Wewa. It makes me feel good to know that grandpa has made such a memorable impression on so many people throughout the country."

Like all great cowboys, Wewa had his trademark. When it came to mugging there was none better. He was known best for getting to the horse, mugging it down, and holding it in place by biting its ear.

It has been said that Wewa and his team were the original inventors of what is now called the quick cinch.

Evidently, Wewa and his team



Jazzy Wewa (center) mugs for his Wild Horse Race Team member to cinch the saddle.

were always trying to improve their winning tactics. In those days the rules were vague and almost anything went.

With that in mind, Wewa went over to his station wagon, stretched out the safety seat belt and cut it off. His teammate Charlie Scott then rigged it up to the saddle in place of the latigo cinch. This outrageous but innovative and off the wall idea allowed the Wewa team to saddle their horse faster than anyone else, and also unsaddle their horse faster by tripping the release with one touch, allowing them to run the saddle to the judge for a qualified time.

Wewa thought the idea of the quick cinch might not be as challenging to the sport or as entertaining to the audience as the old way. A lot of rules have changed since then, but the spirit and the love of the sport continue. Entries for the wild horse race challenge open on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 15, 16, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. The entry phone number is 553-1856. Call Alfredine Smith at 553-0442 if you'd like more information.

Added attractions are the youth wild colt race and mut-ton bustin, sponsored by McDonalds. The Women's calf

scramble for cash sponsored by Clinton Bruised Head. The war hoop contest sponsored by Wilson Wewa Jr. As well as the tots stick horse race sponsored by Ada Billy and kids. Other sponsors contributing to this event are: WSFPI, Composite Products, Cellular One, Bi-Mart, Karnopp & Peterson, and others are still coming in.

Relatives of Jazzy Wewa, invite you to come to the Extreme Wild Horse Race Challenge of Champions dedicated in memory of their loved one, and your friend Jazzy Wewa. We have received many calls from Nevada, Washington, California, Pendleton, Chiloquin just to name a few. The Challenge of Champions in Warm Springs will definitely be the place to be on Saturday, September 27.

The family will be selling raffle tickets this month for \$1 each. There are approximately 40-50 items to win. A fundraising event will be held this weekend (Sept 6) at 6615 Wolfpoint. During the annual Webster Flat/Wolfpoint community yard sale. Items have been donated, from men, women, and children's clothing to household appliances, new tires, tools, horse tack and equipment, linens, a girls 7-piece bedroom set and much more.

Prosecutor announces classes to resume

The Tribal Prosecution office has announced that the alcohol and drug education classes will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at tribal courtroom No. 1 in Warm Springs. Those who have been court ordered

specifically to attend the Sept. 9 class are required to attend to receive proper credit.

Those with remaining classes to complete prior to the summer break in June of this year are required to attend Sept. 9 and there-

after, until four consecutive have been completed. Classes will be held twice a month only, every other Tuesday beginning Sept. 9. The schedule will be posted locally. For questions call 553-3300.

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