

Youth on spring break seek inspiration

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The Fourth Annual Youth Conference, held March 16-17, gave youth a chance to gain some useful experiences over spring break.

This conference was for students from middle school to high school, with the goal of teaching them something during the time off from school.

"We put on the conference every year so kids will have something to do for spring break," said Verleen Kalama, Workforce Development Department.

On March 16 keynote speaker Evon Peter, an inspirational lecturer, found his place on the floor, as students sat and listened to his words of encouragement.

Peter is 28-years-old with a graduate degree in Native American Studies and he is now attending the University of Alaska for his masters.

After he is through with that degree he plans on going to law school so that he may have legal knowledge to help his people.

Peter has seen success in his younger years, being the chief of the Alaskan Natives. He has gained years of leadership experience. Peter spoke for the first half of the morning and workshops started in the afternoon.

After the keynote speaker was finished, workshops began and students chose to go to any of the following:

Youth Leadership Trend, presented by C.H.E.T.; Prepare for College, OSU; Youth entrepre-



Evon Peter speaks to youth at the conference.

neur, small business; Chilkat, business; Red Relations, James Greeley; Legal Aid, Mark Matthews; and art, by Pat Courtney Gold

On March 17 the programs began in the morning. Most of the youth went to the workshops of their choice, choosing from:

How to Complete Scholarships, presented by Az Carmen; Native American Nursing Program, Robbi Paul; Sports Nutrition, Sarah Thompson; Summer Youth Employment, Verleen Kalama; Culture In the Work Place, Culture and Heri-

tage; Work Ethics, Community Action Team presented by Shawnele Shaw.

March 18 is a Fun Day, when the kids who were signed up go to Kah-Nee-Ta to swim, play golf and entertain themselves with other activities.

The program is held every year, hopefully instilling in kids that they can attain their goals.

"I want them to get something out of the speakers, because they encourage kids to do whatever they want," stated Kalama.

Fundraiser for Special Olympics

A fundraiser for the Special Olympics will be held at the Deschutes Crossing Restaurant this Saturday, March 20.

The fundraiser will be from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

This is an event of the Central Oregon Law Enforcement Tip-A-Cop program.

The proceeds go to the Oregon Special Olympics.

Partners for this event are the Warm Springs Police Department, Jason and Snuffy Smith and Deschutes Crossing.

Register for Little League

Registration is continuing through Thursday, March 25, in the recreation office of the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. March 25 will be the final day for registration for this year's program.

Baseball and softball fundamentals will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22-24, beginning at 4:30 p.m. daily. The boys try-outs are scheduled on Thursday, March 25, and the girls on Friday, March 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Many youth are still encouraged to register, as this is pertinent to the number of teams in each age division and playing level. Scholarships are available on youth applications and registration. All participants wishing to participate in the program, ranging from t-ball to junior

league, must be between the ages of 5 to 14, with the cut-off date of August 1 to determine age bracket.

Each team will carry a maximum of 14 players on each team, and no more. All coaches must be certified in standard first-aid and CPR. Classes will be announced with the Jefferson County Little League, for interested coaches.

Umpires for local home games are needed immediately. A clinic for all interested umpires will be announced by the Little League board, and are also encouraged to attend the first-aid course. Registration and coaches' applications are located at the recreation office. For more information, contact Andy Leonard, Roy Spino or Austin Greene at 553-3243.

Twenty-five years ago this week

From the March 16, 1979, edition of Spilyay Tymoo (the "Third Anniversary Edition.")

Tribes, state await fishing rights decision

It could be as long as two months before the U.S. Supreme Court hands down its opinion concerning the validity of Judge George Boldt's landmark U.S. vs. Washington fishing rights decision.

The controversial 1974 ruling established the well-known 50-50 sharing concept between Indian and non-Indian fishermen in Washington state, a model that was echoed in the Columbia River comprehensive plan a year later.

The object of repeated challenges and violations by non-Indian commercial and sports fishermen, the Boldt decision has been hailed by Northwest Indian tribes as a confirmation of rights preserved in their 19th century treaties with the U.S. government.

Last September Solicitor General Griffin Bell reluctantly requested Supreme Court review of the Boldt decision based on "rampant violation" of the district court decree.

Postcards capture beauty of reservation

Those who have lived in this area for years too often take for granted the natural beauty of the Warm Springs Reservation. And tourists passing through leave with only vague memories of the rimrock that overlooks the valleys, the peaceful streams and rivers that channel across the reservation, and the people.

But now, that serenity and beauty has been captured on colorful and frameable 5-by-7 inch postcards that are being sold exclusively at Kah-Nee-Ta and at the Information Center gift shop.

Possible fire sub-station sites identified

Possible sites for future fire department sub-stations were toured and evaluated, in preparation for presentation at an upcoming public hearing set for March 20.

Visited and currently under consideration by the task force were four sites - Simnasho, the Simnasho-Highway 26 Junction, Kah-Nee-Ta, and an open area near West Island Road.

Making way for the future...

It looked like spring cleaning on the reservation when the final phases of two clearance projects neared their finale.

Both the old Hollywood district and the Greenville area have undergone a major transition in the past few years - an upheaval resulting from the acquisition of the old houses, the relocation of former occupants, and then the actual clearance of the homes.

Last week, the remaining evidence of those two communities was bulldozed away, scraped into tidy piles and burned.

Student wins at science fair

"I guess it was good enough after all," said Sheilyn Calica about the science project that earned her the highest honor at the annual junior high school science fair.

"I wasn't going to enter it but at the last minute I decided to. I figured I would get a red ribbon at least." The judges thought her display on the Warm Springs sewer system deserved much more than that.



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Feast, powwow at Celilo

The Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast and Powwow is set for Friday through Sunday, April 9-11.

There will be contests, with specials to be announced, plus

arts and crafts. The powwow is seeking royalty candidates, senior and junior queen and lil' brave are welcome to apply. Contact (541) 296-8031.

Spring season is clean-up time

April 2004 is community trash pick-up time. Together we can make a difference.

Enter to win prizes at the Housing Department BBQ on April 30.

For more information call the Housing Department at 553-3250.

Remember, April is spring clean-up and environmental month.

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