

Local boxing event draws 22 competitors

By Austin Smith
Boxing coach

The class of 2004 did a fine job of getting things ready for the boxing matches on Saturday night. All 22 boxers showed up for weigh-in's, and they all were within the 5-pound weight limit. (That means, they needed to be within five pounds of each other. Unless you were over 160 pounds, and then you had to be within 10 pounds of your opponent.)

Yeah, we had 11 boxing matches, but first Dr. Beamer gave each competitor the make-sure examination to make sure they're physically and mentally fit to compete. It's the safest thing to do and USA Boxing won't allow a boxer to compete without an exam. Dr. Beamer is always good to us and I'd like to say once again, thank you Dr. Beamer.

The show: 8 year olds and 60 lbs., Carlos Muniz of Central Oregon decided Kevin Santos of Salem Boxing Club.

At 85 lbs. Brandon Teeman of Burns decided Erik Martinez of Westside PAL Boxing Club from Beaverton.

At 60 lbs. Ruben Figueroa, Salem Boxing Club, decided Marshal Solis of

Westside PAL. The 70 lb. bout between Oscar Herrera, Westside PAL, and Josh Nurre of the Burns All American Boxing Club, was stopped in the second round and the winner was Oscar Herrera.

At 125 lbs. Roberto Rodriguez, Salem Boxing Club, got the decision over hometown Jasper Smith of Warm Springs. At 65 lbs., rematch between Efraim Estrada, Westside PAL, and Central Oregon's Miguel Vasques: revenge win by decision went to Vasques.

Hometown Rodney Kenyon lost a close decision to Westside PAL's Oscar Jimenez.

Hometown 125 pound Wesley Graybael won by decision over Cory Carrill of Central Oregon Boxing Club. Antonio Villiniwiva won his first comeback match against 120 pound Christian Carmona of Westside PAL.

At 154 lbs. hometown Trevor Tweee scored frequently and decided Justin Evans of Central Oregon's Boxing Club.

The last bout of the night was between light heavy weights: Daniel Sosa vs. Ali Al-Rebdi. Ali of Hard Knox Boxing Club defeated Sosa of the Central Oregon Boxing Club. It was a close match and both fought hard.

To all boxers, coaches, boxing officials and 2004 graduates, thank you. Next up: Pi-Ume-Sha



Treaty Days at home. Pasco, Wash. May 15th Regional Jr. Olympics.

In the photo above Trevor Tweee boxes an opponent; at right, Coach Austin Smith speaks with one of his boxers. Photos by Ashley Aguilar/Spilyay.



New federal program aims to improve Indian education

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Tribal leaders from across Indian Country were at the White House last month to watch President Bush sign an executive order aimed at improving the education of all American Indian and Alaska native children.

The executive order creates a federal working group, co-chaired by Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Education Secretary Rod Paige, that is charged with helping American Indian and Alaska native children meet the standards set by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Bush quoted the late Sam Ahkeah, former chairman of the Navajo Nation Council, who once said: "We must encourage our young people to go into education. We need thousands of young lawyers and doctors and dentists and accountants and nurses and secretaries."

The commission will consult with tribal leaders and meet with members of a National Advisory Council on Indian Education. They were sworn in by Paige, who, under the order, is to develop recommendations to improve the teaching of reading.

"Our kids have got to learn to read," Bush said. "We want to improve preparation for college and the work force. We want there to be high high school graduation rates."

"In other words, we're going to raise the standards. That's what this commission is going to do. It's going to work with the (tribal) leadership to say, 'How can we work together to raise the standards and expect the best?'"

In the Senate, Democratic leader Tom Daschle praised the order but said it has to be followed up with money. Many Indians live in South Dakota, Daschle's home state.

"Words don't pay teachers' salaries or replace crumbling school buildings," Daschle said in a statement. "We need to make sure the new law is funded adequately and implemented wisely" to teach Indian children the skills necessary to prosper while sustaining their ethnic heritage.

Under the order, Norton and Paige will organize a national conference to discuss ways to meet these goals, while maintaining a tradition of cultural learning, he said.

Conference on fetal alcohol syndrome

Everyone is welcome to attend a conference on fetal alcohol syndrome.

The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. at the Social Hall of the Community Wellness Center.

The presenter will be Suzie Kuerschner.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

For purposes of food preparation for the conference, if you plan to attend, please call the Community Counseling Center at 553-3205, or Sonya Heath at 553-4952 to sign up.

Community Development focuses on youth

By Shannon Hoffman
Community Development Corp.

A lot of people around Warm Springs have been asking, "What is the Community Development Corporation?" They hear our public service announcement on KWSO and read our meeting announcements at the Post Office or the store.

The inspiration behind the Warm Springs Community Development Corporation (WSCDC) came in 1999, with discussions held between the Secretary/Treasurer and the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes, on the possibility of establishing a non-profit organization.

The primary function of the organization is to provide special projects, programs and other activities for members of Warm Springs communities that would otherwise not be available.

In August of 2001, Tribal Council incorporated the Warm Springs Indian Reservation Community Development Corporation.

Our board of directors includes representatives from three districts on the reservation, plus two at-large members who were appointed to represent the general interest of the community. The Chief Operations Officer and Secretary/Treasurer also serve on the board. Marcia Williams was hired as the temporary executive director and filed for the IRS exemption for our 501(c)(3) status, making the

WSCDC a non-profit organization that could apply for grants and solicit donation from Central Oregon citizens.

In August 2003, the board of directors hired Stan Nowakowski as executive director to begin the initial research on what programs community organizations and residents felt they needed. Meetings were organized around our goals of (1) developing programs outside the traditional tribal programs funded with governmental dollars; (2) seeking funds for programs that would not otherwise be considered for funding due to tribal priorities and budgets; (3) developing programs that are time limited and project specific; (4) projects that carry no personnel responsibilities, and (5) developing and implementing programs that will enhance the leadership capabilities of the community.

The first task was to interview organization such as the Museum at Warm Springs, Higher Education, Small Business Development, Oregon State Extension, Central Oregon Community College and Boys and Girls Club, to name a few.

Stakeholders were asked to list resources in their respective areas and ways to bridge gaps. The organizations suggested WSCDC start with the future of Warm Springs, the youth, as a top priority. Some of their ideas included stop the "brain drain" of skilled individuals leaving the community, hold focus groups with youth on what they want,

develop youth/community celebrations, recognize youth for their achievements, start a teen club and find work for young people.

The second task was to hold a community meeting asking for residents' input. In February of this year a meeting was held in the Agency Longhouse. Some of the ideas included a teen center for youth, a swimming pool, upgrades to the community center, a children's longhouse, more distance learning opportunities and public transportation.

The board of directors and Nowakowski hired Shannon Hoffman in March as the development officer to begin writing grants, developing fundraisers and identifying donors as well as raise awareness about WSCDC.

On April 27 we held a meeting with the Simnasho commu-

nity at their longhouse to gather input on what they felt youth needed. They would like to expand the Culture Club program in which elders teach arts and crafts to the youth and improve the facilities and pathways in the community. Simnasho residents would like their own community center with health facilities, exercise equipment, tutors and childcare so they don't have to drive the long distance into Warm Springs. Since some residents attend school in Maupin, they would like a shuttle service since parents are driving their children to school each day. With summer approaching, they would like a summer recreation program that serves lunch to latch-key kids.

These are ideas WSCDC wants to hear. Feel free to call us at 553-4922 or stop by the office at the Jackson House.

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