

Transportation project is moving forward

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Spilyay Tymoo

The goal is an ambitious one: To have a shuttle service running between Madras and Warm Springs five times a day, five days a week. This goal is part of the Jefferson County and Warm Springs Reservation Transportation Project.

Many people, government agencies and private organizations have worked toward making the goal a reality. The plan and wide-ranging support are now in place - the first big steps toward making the shuttle service happen.

The people who have been working on the transportation coordination project gathered at the Museum at Warm Springs recently to celebrate the progress. The gathering was a large one, showing how many different groups are part of the project.

The Central Oregon Partnership, funded by the Northwest Area Foundation, is a key player. The work of the Partnership is carried out by community action teams in the region, including the Warm Springs Community Action Team, and the Madras Community Action Team. These two teams are represented by Shawnel Surplus and Angie Madden.

They were among the speak-



Shawnel Surplus of the Warm Springs Community Action Team speaks to the people involved in the transportation project. The event was held at the Museum at Warm Springs.

ers at the recent gathering at the museum. Fireman Bob Sjolund, Madras City Councilman, was the master of ceremonies. Greg Wolf was on hand representing Gov. Kulongoski.

The governor has recognized the Jefferson County and Warm Springs Reservation Transportation Coordination Project as an Oregon Solutions project. The designation means that

more funding sources become available.

Projects that qualify as Oregon Solutions are those that bring people together in a community or region to develop creative solutions to particular problems.

For Warm Springs and Jefferson County, transportation is in need of improvement, which has led to the Jefferson

County and Warm Springs Reservation Transportation Coordination Project.

Those involved in the project defined the problem as follows:

There is a lack of mobility options for residents to participate in the needs of daily living (such as jobs, education, healthcare, services, etc.). Resources that do exist are not coordinated, inequitable and

focused toward traditional solutions.

The group also arrived at the following long-term goal for the project:

Create a sustainable system of transportation options for Warm Springs Reservation and the Jefferson County highways 97 and 26 corridors that is responsive to the community.

The shuttle between Madras and Warm Springs is a part of that.

The benefits for Warm Springs residents of more transportation options could be substantial.

For instance, Warm Springs has very high unemployment. Meanwhile, large employers in the county - Bright Wood Corp., Keith Manufacturing, Mountain View Hospital, grocery stores, and most of the school district - are in Madras. Most of the 147 potential employers in the county are in Madras.

At the museum gathering Greg Wolf of the governor's office said that the Jefferson County and Warm Springs Reservation Transportation Coordination Project is one of the best Oregon Solutions projects that he has seen.

"You've engaged so many people from different sectors. This is an example of what can be done to solve problems."

Greyhound cutting service in Warm Springs

(AP) - Greyhound's plan to cut bus service to 34 Oregon towns, including Warm Springs, is drawing concern from transportation advocates.

Besides Warm Springs, planned Oregon cuts include stops in Madras, Redmond, Klamath Falls, Government Camp, among the other towns.

"For people who have cars, have jobs, have good insurance, it's not a big deal," said Sharon Schreiber, director of the Interfaith Care Community of Ashland and Medford. "But everything is a huge cliff when you're dangling off the edge."

A spokeswoman for Greyhound Lines Inc. said that the company carefully researched profitability before deciding to close 260 stops between Chicago and Seattle in a cost-cutting measure.

Greyhound previously raised fares on longer trips, canceled an order for 200 buses and cut about 20 percent of management and supervisory employees. The changes will result in about 150 layoffs and elimination of about 100 buses from the firm's fleet.

Camp Sap-Si-Kwat in July

The Tenth Annual Camp Sap-Si-Kwat (to teach and learn) is July 19-23.

The camp will be from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. at Elmer Quinn Park. There will be tribal arts and

crafts, family activities, fun and games. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch provided. No registration fee.

For more information call Char Hershman at 553-3205.

Language Immersion Camp is July 27-29

The Second Annual Language Immersion Camp will be held July 27-29.

For registration and details call the Language Program at

Culture and Heritage, 553-3575, and ask for Deannie.

Or call 553-3290 and ask for Anna.

25 years ago this week

From the July 9, 1979 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo:

The temperature climbed into the 90's as tribal religious leaders opened the dedication ceremonies at the new tribal administration building on Tuesday, June 28.

The formal blessing of the center included a symbolic circling of the building by tribal elders who sang and prayed that all work done inside the building would be of benefit to the people.

Though a brisk westerly wind played havoc with hair-do's, speakers' notes and flag stands, most agreed that without it the heat would have made the outdoor ceremony almost unbearable.

And most of the approximately 400 who attended the dedication said they were glad the ceremonies were performed with tradition in mind rather than in the usual modern manner.

The Tribal Council has called for a referendum vote, tentatively set for August 9, to determine if the tribes want to spend \$360,000 for a Simnasho-Schoolie Flat domestic water system.

A smoky haze blanketed Warm Springs and a crimson glow could be observed for miles as the Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Department and mill crews battled a three-hour blaze at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries on June 28. The alarm was sounded at

8:03 p.m. after sparks from a burn pile reportedly ignited bundled scrap-wood material near the dry shed causing an estimated \$3,000 damage.

A trend in powwow dancing is sweeping through Indian Country these days, and the recent Pi-Ume-Sha celebration reflected the movement.

More and more dancers are returning to the traditional or "straight" war dance and leaving their fancy gyrations behind.

For the first time in the eight year history of their powwow, the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee held a traditional war dance contest for men and women. And the crowd - bigger than ever - loved it.

To further confirm the trend, a trio of traditional dancers came away with a first place in the men's team dance contest, which had previously been dominated by fancy dancers. But, as ever, the crowd at the powwow savored the climactic last event - men's fancy war dance. It was of little surprise to anyone that Warm Springs' Jim Macy won that popular contest.

A dawn fire on July 6 destroyed the duplex at 37 Poosh Street in West Hills, leaving no one injured but several people homeless.

The duplex was a HUD unit and was fully insured. However, families lost most of their belongings and have had to find other lodging.

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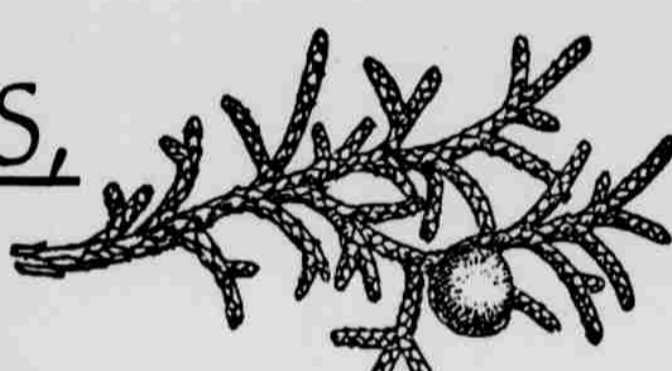
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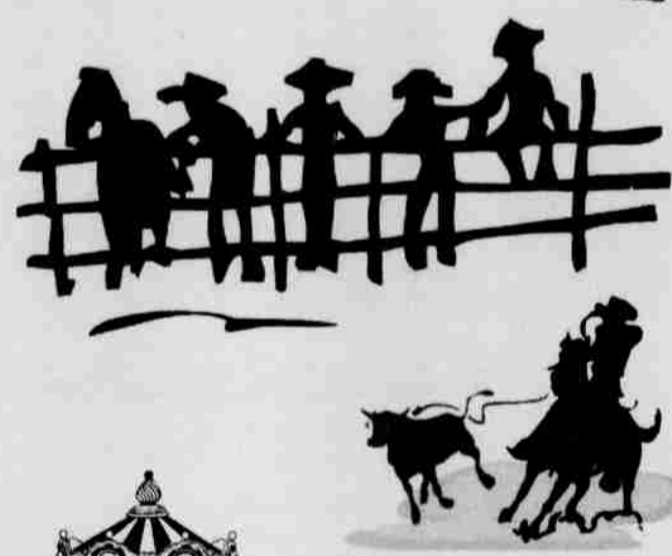





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9-10:30 p.m. Teen Dance

THURSDAY, July 22
6 p.m. Cow-Horse Contest (Corwin Arena)

FRIDAY, July 23
8 p.m. NPRA Rodeo (Corwin Arena)
9 p.m. Valley Boys (Les Schwab Stage)
Classic Rock & Roll

SATURDAY, July 24
8 p.m. NPRA Rodeo (Corwin Arena)
9 p.m. Coltrain (Pavillion) Western Dance