



Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club Director June Smith accepts a check from Housing Commission Chair Priscilla Frank. There are 99 members of the club, of which 34-35 are served daily. There are five staff members, one is half time, plus 2 youth workers for the summer months.

Book explains migration timing

A new book sheds light on the timing of fish and wildlife migration, and other important events in the lives of the animals. In researching his book *Biological Time*, author Bernie Taylor, of Newberg, relied in part on information from Native American fishermen and hunters. Harold Blackwolf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was one of the people that Taylor interviewed.

In beginning his book Taylor at first was interested mainly in the timing of the migration of salmon. The tribal aspect of the book came about as he sought sources to confirm his hypothesis. Taylor learned that the timing of fish and wildlife migra-

tion - as well other important events such as hatching of birds and insects - is tied to the phases of the moon.

You often hear, Taylor said, that a particular migration - a run of salmon, for instance - is either late or early during one year compared to another. Actually, the fish always travel on time, but are going by the phases of the moon, which can be significantly different from one year to the next.

"Juvenile and adult salmon migrate to and from the ocean under the darker nights of the lunar cycle and they group before they spawn around the full moon," said Taylor.

Taylor doesn't claim this as a

discovery, but rather as a re-discovery, because Native peoples have this knowledge. Taylor has come to put the greatest emphasis on the need to preserve traditional fishing and hunting practices, as these traditions contain scientific knowledge: "If the tribes stop fishing in the traditional ways, then we lose the science," he said.

Taylor's book is available at the Museum at Warm Springs. He said he would gladly come to Warm Springs for discussion; any group or committee interested in inviting Taylor to visit can write P.O. Box 1193, Newberg, OR 97132. A phone number is (503) 554-0524. Website is biologicaltime.com.

Legal team says Indians lacking in estate planning

(AP) - American Indians need estate planning to prevent Indian Country from disintegrating into a patchwork of different interests that can tie up their land, a team of legal experts said.

Because many Indians have not written wills for personal or cultural reasons, trust land has gone to multiple owners over the years, said Dennis Carder of Dakota Plains Legal Services in Mission, South Dakota.

With each generation, the splintering worsens, he said.

"We are seeing 40 acres split up among 900 people," he said. "One tree could be owned by

1,000 people. The land is practically useless because you have so many owners. You can't even cut a tree unless you get permission from the majority of owners."

Carder, Janet Routzen and Theresa Glinski of Dakota Plains offered a seminar Tuesday on how to protect a family's Indian trust land.

The Indian Land Consolidation Act, created by Congress in 1983, governs who inherits trust property. Under the law, the majority interest can force others to sell land to the tribe or even lease the property without the consent of all the owners.

Additionally, heirs can "swap" their shares among themselves to create larger shares with the approval of a Bureau of Indian Affairs probate judge.

Individuals are not the only ones struggling, said Routzen.

"The Rosebud (reservation) has more than 800 probates pending.

The Yankton (Sioux) have at least 100," she said. "If you have 100 people for each probate, you do your best to find all of them."

The land plays an important role in Indian Country and in native culture, which is why it's so important to prevent further

fractionation, said Glinski.

"You can do something about the land situation. It's about economic binding of you, your tribe and your community," she told the audience. "You can choose to keep land in trust. The land is your economic base, it's what ties you together, and losing it could diminish your sovereignty."

Fractionation remains a huge issue on the Santee Sioux reservation, said Mike Crosley, the tribe's economic planner.

"We may have anywhere from 50 to 900 people owning a piece of land," he said.

Expect delays on highway north of Warm Springs

Drivers can expect delays of up to 20 minutes when traveling through the Badger Creek-Sidwalter area north of Warm Springs.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is working on a passing lane construction project in this area.

Construction work will take place Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., through October.

The new 2-mile section of passing lane is under con-

struction between the Warm Springs River and Mill Creek Bridge, mileposts 87-90. Motorists should use caution, reduce speeds and be aware of the workers when traveling through the work zone.

ODOT reminds motorists that traffic fines double in work zones. The posted construction speed limit for this work zone is 45-miles-per-hour.

This project is expected to be completed by October 15.

Grant helps Community Center with lunches

The Board of Directors of the Warm Springs Community Development Corporation has granted \$1,000 to the Community Center to assist in the purchase of food for the Summer Lunch Program.

The Summer Lunch Program teaches children how to make their own lunch as well as learning traditions such as choosh and proper table man-

ners.

The Community Development Corporation (CDC) has partnered with Bend's KTVZ to run public service announcements all summer to encourage tax deductible donations to the CDC earmarked for the Community Center's Lunch Program.

"The CDC is getting the word out that with poverty skyrocketing in Central Oregon, the

community of Warm Springs wants to do something about it," said CDC Board President Evaline Patt.

The CDC is filing grants to private foundations to raise money to continue the lunch program into an after school meal program for the kids that attend the Community Center. The CDC hopes to have good news at the end of the summer

for the center.

"Lunch during the school year may be the only meal the youth of Warm Springs get, and we're looking to bridge the gap and get them at least a snack for after school starting this fall," said Stan Nowakowski, executive director of the CDC.

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Tribal casino revenues top \$16.7 billion

(AP) - Tribal casinos pulled in more than \$16.7 billion in 2003 as Indian gambling continued to grow across the country, according to a National Indian Gaming Commission report released last week.

An incomplete survey showed an increase of more than \$2 billion in gambling revenues, or 13.7 percent, over the 2002 total. Eighteen tribal casinos have not yet reported earnings.

Almost half the increase came from the 54 casinos in California and northern Nevada, where three new facilities were added in 2003. Revenues there totaled nearly \$4.7 billion, an increase of more than \$1 billion over 2002.

The second largest growth was in the eastern region, seven states stretching from Connecticut to Florida.

"This growth has allowed tribes to create jobs, develop economically, build infrastructure within their communities and provide services for tribal members," said commission chairman Phil Hogan.

The eastern region includes Connecticut's two Indian casinos - Foxwoods and the Mohegan Sun - which are among the most profitable gambling facilities in the world. The 24 casinos in the seven eastern states brought in \$4.3 billion in gross revenues.

Hogan told tribal leaders at a meeting Tuesday that the revenues grew faster than anticipated, and he expects them to continue to increase for the next five or six years.

Tribal leaders were in Washington meeting with members of Congress to talk about the casinos and other issues.

"We're excited to see the growth. Obviously the number means it's a good day for a number of different people," said Charles Bunnell, chief of staff

for the Mohegan tribe. "Hopefully it's a sign that the economy is improving in the region."

The Mohegan Sun employs about 10,000 people; Foxwoods, operated by the Mashantucket Pequot tribe, employs about 13,000. Both are in eastern Connecticut, not far from Rhode Island.

Daniel J. Little, legislative affairs manager for the Pequots, said the increase could be attributed in part to a growing acceptance by the public of tribal casinos.

"They're becoming more of the norm," he said.

In 2002, 348 casinos reported revenues to the commission. Tuesday's report included information from 330 casinos.

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Jamboree Day

There will be a Jamboree Day at the Warm Springs Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 4. The activities begin at 1:30 p.m. The day will include a soapbox derby, plus games for young people.

The Community Center will be hosting classes in the afternoon for young people who want to learn how to put together a soapbox derby car.

For information call the Community Center at 553-3243.

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