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Secretary-treasurer Charles Jody Calica is saved from splashing into the dunk tank – for the time being anyway – as the tennis ball just barely misses the target.

Calica was among the volunteers who helped at the recent back-to-school barbecue and school supplies distribution.

There were many young people and parents on hand for the event, held on the campus by Community Counseling Center.

## Voter registration deadline approaching

As of earlier this month the county reported that there are 597 registered voters on the Warm Springs Reservation. Yet there are about 2,200 tribal members on the reservation who are eligible to vote in the general election.

Of the 597 registered voters of the reservation, there are 262 registered Democrats; 218 are non-affiliated with a political party (Independents); and 88 are registered Republicans. Also, there are three or four Libertarians; three Pacific Green Party members; and one voter is registered as a member of the Constitutional Party.

If you want to register as a voter for the Nov. 2 election, your registration form must be postmarked no later than Oct. 12; or you can take your voter

registration form to the Jefferson County Clerk's office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday up to Oct. 12.

Locally, you can get registration forms at the post office, Three Warriors Market, or the tribal administration building. There is also an Oregon voter registration form in the blue pages of the Qwest Dex telephone books.

If you want help voting, or more information about voting or registering to vote, you can contact one of the Get Out the Indian Vote volunteers: Fritz Miller, Tedi Tanewasha, Laurain Hintsala, Arlita Rhoan, Martha Winishut, Charlotte Herkshan or Teaney Miller.

Or you can call the Jefferson County Clerk's office at 475-

4451. Members of the Confederated Tribes can have a bigger influence in county, state and federal elections if some of the 1,600 or so non-registered adults would register and vote.

Also, the Nov. 2 general election ballot has eight referendums or initiative measures, including whether Oregon should recognize gay marriage, whether the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act should be amended, balancing timber production, and whether a patient filing a lawsuit claiming medical malpractice should have a limit on the "pain and suffering" compensation.

*(This article was submitted by Mark Matthews, tribal employee.)*

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## Tribes try new legal attack to prevent study of ancient skeleton

(AP) - Northwest Indian tribes have gone to federal court to try to find another way to block study of the ancient skeleton known as Kennewick Man after scientists won an eight-year legal battle over the 9,300-year-old bones.

"This is a wholly different phase of litigation," said Rob Roy Smith, an attorney for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation.

The scientists and the government have yet to agree on a plan outlining the series of tests that would be conducted on the skeleton after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the claim by tribes that the remains were protected under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs did not join the other tribes in trying to block scientists from studying the remains.

The appeals court said that the tribes who opposed research of the remains could not establish a direct connection to remains that old.

But the tribes now argue their "oral traditions and beliefs" are enough to show a cultural link to the skeleton.

Alan Schneider, an attorney for the scientists, said the tribes are simply using other legal means to achieve their original goal of preventing any scientific testing.

"We're eight years down the road here," Schneider said. "If they felt they needed to be parties to the case, they should have joined eight years ago."

The tribes participated in the original lawsuit as "friends of the court" but not as a full party. Smith said the tribes hope to prevent certain specific study activities that would destroy the bones.

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