

Jack Cagey from the Lummi Indian Reservation near Bellingham, Wash., sings during the Honor Seniors Day Celebration at the Agency Longhouse May 13. Senior citizens, both Native and non-Native, from all over the region attended the gathering that included games and honoring of honored seniors, including Elvis King, who is now 100 years old. Wilson Wewa, holding the microphone for Cagey, was master of ceremonies at the event.

#### Training seminar for caregivers

By Brian Mortensen Spilyay Tymoo

With nearly 300 tribal members over 60 years old, many need or may need personal care.

And through a series of four workshops on the reservation over the next 10 months, including one June 1, perhaps more than the 16 people currently qualified as caretakers can be trained.

The first of the four progressive training seminars is scheduled at the HeHe Longhouse, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Others are scheduled for September and November of this year, with a summit meeting planned for next March that may involve caretakers from other Indian

"Caretaker programs are not really up and running, and it's a need," said Charles Tailfeathers, senior citizen and disabled citizens advocate for the Warm Springs Victims of Crime Unit. "There are not enough caretakers to go around."

The program on June 1 will consist of six classes. The first includes state staff care workers describing how they come up with and develop a care plan

for seniors and disabled citizens. Kathleen Ronning, the director of the Alzheimers Association of Central Oregon, will then address how to detect symptoms of Alzheimers Disease.

Tailfeathers will then speak on elder abuse and safety.

The Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department will talk about providing caring for elders with respect to tribal customs and tradition. This includes what Myra Johnson, director of the Culture and Heritage Department, called "the spirituality of foods involved," including how important it is to gather certain foods and cook them, as well as traditional medicinal plants to use for bathing to help heal skin ailments.

Cindy McDaniel, a nurse, will then speak on the basics of caregiving and adult foster care, including personal care of patients, basic safety in homes and sensitivity toward tribal tradition.

The final topic is creating certified homes for elders and the possibility of opening a adult foster home on the reservation.

"Now we have home caregivers, who are usually relatives and friends, and we have High Lookee Lodge, but nothing in between," said Vicki Fields, manager of the Tri-County Center for Senior Citizens and Citizens with Disabilities. She added that communities outside of the reservation have several options for care of

"We want to straighten this out," Tailfeathers said as the reason for holding a training seminar, adding that there is no such training in all of Oregon for inhome care givers. "So we may have the rest of the state here,"

The training seminar has been tentatively set for the He-He Longhouse. If there is enough interest in the seminar, it could be moved to Simnasho. Tailfeathers said it has been set away from Warm Springs to allow seniors and caregivers from outlying areas to attend.

Applications for the seminar are available at the Victims of Crime Unit.

Tailfeathers said he has visited 75 homes of tribal members ages 60 and over to assess their cleanliness and livability and how they are cared for.

"Out of the 75, there are five we don't need to worry about," he said.

# Banquets for grads

The Tribal Education Committee hosts two graduation banquet celebrations. The high school and GED graduates celebration is at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, at the Warm Springs Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

The college and vocationaleducation graduates celebration is at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 17, at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. Graduates and two guests each are invited.

Volunteers are needed to decorate tables and room, serve food and clean up after the event. Cash donations are gladly accepted to assist with the cost of gifts, decorations and food. The deadline for finalizing the 2005 graduate list is June 1. If you know of any non-resident tribal member who completed a course of education since last school year, and who was not already recognized, please provide the name, address, completion date and course of study to: Emma Smith, 553-3414; Thea Barney, 325-1360; or Julie Quaid, 553-3438.



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# Beamer memorial run is July 4

The ninth annual Todd Beamer Independence Day Run is set for Monday, July 4, beginning at Sahalee Park in Madras.

The event includes a 10-kilometer run, a two-mile fun run/walk dog-and-me, a six-mile walk, and a 10.5-mile ride and tie (alternating mountain biking and running).

The six-mile walk begins at 7 a.m. at Sahalee Park. Participants in the 10K and the rideand-tie teams meet at the park T-shirt and \$5 without at T-shirt.

at 7:15 a.m., and they are bused to the races' starting point at

7:30 a.m. for an 8 a.m. start time. The two-mile fun run/walk dog-and-me begins at 9 a.m.

Participants to all races can pick up entry forms at the Madras Pioneer office at 241 S.E. Sixth Street in Madras, and The Footzone, at 845 Wall Street in Bend. Participants can also register the morning of the event.

The entry fee is \$15 with a

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded.

The event honors the late Todd Evans Beamer, a Madras scholar-athlete who drowned with his four dogs in 1997, and it funds a spirit scholarship the popular coach and teacher.

A breakfast at Sahalee Park follows the run as does the 4th of July Parade, which begins around 11 a.m. For more information, contact Race Director Bud Beamer at 475-6736.

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# Museum hopes to enhance collection

The Museum at Warm Springs wishes to enhance the permanent collect at the museum by accepting artifacts for consideration during an appraisal process.

The process will take place on Monday, June 6. The museum will accept objects starting on Friday, May 26, and the deadline will be Thursday, June 2 at 5 p.m.

All objects must be accompanied by an object history form available at the musem.

Objects can also be submitted for appraisal only. Donations are always welcome. Museum policy is one

The museum is dedicated to the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, whose vision, generosity and wisdom created a legacy for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, said the museum's Natalie Kirk.

"Please help us preserve this legacy by providing detailed information about the pieces you submit for consideration," said Kirk.

If you have questions, you can reach her at 553-3331, ext. 412, during regular business hours.

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