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Rheianna Wolfe and Maricella Rodriguez, both 7 and former first-graders at Warm Springs Elementary, try to keep their hula hoops up and spinning during a contest at the Kids Powwow, hosted by the Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club. The powwow was held after school on June 10, the last day of school. The powwow included contests, food and traditional dancing.

Popular culture camp in July

The 4-H Culture Enrichment summer camp at Peter's Pasture begins July 17.

The last day to register a child for the camp is Friday, July 1.

The 4-H Cultural Enrichment Camp is open to girls and boys grades four through seven.

This is an overnight residential camp focusing on tribal culture and customs.

The camp begins at noon on Sunday July 17, and lasts till Saturday, July 23. Cost is \$50 per camper.

Registration and detailed information are available at the

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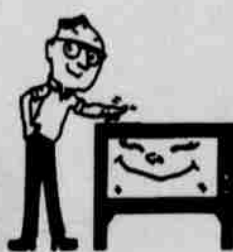


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Arrest follows vandalism incident

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Revenge over a judgment of elder conservatorship was thought to be the motive for vandalism at the Warm Springs Senior Center the evening of Friday, June 3. Two rocks about the size of softballs were thrown through the windows of two front offices at the center, located on High Lookee Road.

Warm Springs Police arrested Randy Yahtin, Jr., 22, at about 9:30 p.m., after he was discovered in a patch of high grass below the Agency Longhouse.

An alarm system at the senior center alerted police, and the police called Lucille Schuster, supervisor of senior citizen representatives at about 9:15 p.m.

When she arrived at the center, she found the broken windows but no further damage. Nothing was taken from the center, but Senior Center Director Elton Greeley said he esti-

mated about \$5,000 in damage from the vandalism.

According to Warm Springs Police, Yahtin was spotted running down the hill from the Senior Center toward Elliott Heights. He was chased on foot to Hollywood Street and across Kot Num Road. He then jumped into a creek bed by the longhouse.

Police Sgt. Sam Williams and patrol officer Adelita Zacharias found Yahtin hiding in the high grass and arrested him. According to a police report, Yahtin was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the arrest.

The Senior Center has been a target of break-ins in the past, when different electronic items, such as videocassette recorders, have been taken. Wilson Wewa, a senior citizens representative, said the center's big-screen television was taken once. The culprits packed it off to a residence in the West Hills neighborhood before it was recovered.

Wewa said a court judgment

involving elder abuse, and resulting in conservatorship from the previous Tuesday, may have led to the vandalism.

"It may have been in retaliation," Wewa said. "The person may have gotten worked up and angry. We were just doing our job."

By the Monday morning following the vandalism, the broken glass had been cleaned up, and the windows covered with plywood. About one-third of the 310 tribal members age 60 and over participate in activities at the Warm Springs Senior Center.

Students post great scores

There was good news recently from the Warm Springs Elementary School.

The third-grade class at the school had the best-ever overall showing on the state benchmark tests.

The state tests show how the students are doing in math and reading.

At Warm Springs Elementary School this year, 84

percent of the third-graders met or exceeded the math test standard.

In reading, 80 percent of the students met or exceeded the state standard.

"More students met the state benchmarks this year than ever before," said elementary school principal Dawn Smith.

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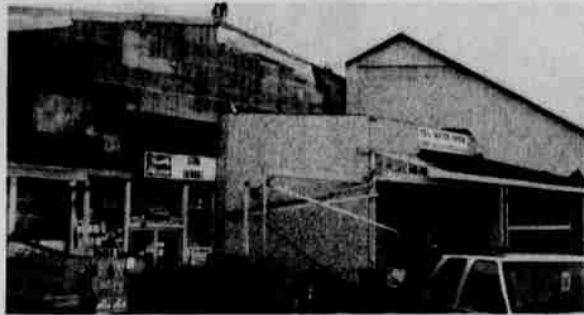
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