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Offensive word removed from 16 local places

(AP) — Squaw Flat Canyon: It's now Carcass Canyon, as it's been known for decades in Central Oregon.

Squaw Creek: Call it Whychus Creek as it flows from the Cascade Range to the Deschutes River. The new name, pronounced "why-choose," means "the place we cross the water."

And Squaw Ridge: Henceforth, Hoonaa Ridge, from a Paiute word for badger.

The federal board in charge of place names gave its blessing last week to the changes, part of state and federal initiatives to eliminate a word widely considered offensive among American Indians.

In all, 16 places in Central Oregon using the word "squaw" were changed. That is the largest number from Oregon to be approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, a committee of federal officials that dates to 1890 and the administration of Benjamin Harrison.

Approval was expected. Two large landowners, the Forest Service and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, had worked on the changes for several years, and a state board had given its OK. Five years ago, at the suggestion of the Confederated Tribes, the Legislature decreed that all Oregon place names using the word "squaw" would be changed.

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Date set for popular Honor Seniors Day

By Brian Mortensen
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Well, it's one for the money and two for the show. Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day will soon be a go.

The annual celebration of elders, both tribal and non-tribal, is scheduled for Fri., May 12, and carries the Rock'n'roll Era theme of "Rock n' Rollin' to those Oldies but Goodies."

"We're targeting a new generation of seniors that come from their 50s and 60s," Wilson Wewa, who, as Warm Springs Senior Director, is part of the committee that organizes the event, running for the sixteenth time this year, and serves as Master of Ceremonies.

"We've noticed we're starting to get a younger crowd, younger than what we were catering to before," he said. "But they do come and enjoy themselves, and that's the main thing."

Somewhere between 1,000 and 1,200 senior citizens will converge upon the Agency Longhouse, the headquarters for the day of fun and reacquainting. Seniors come in vans and buses from all over Central Oregon, as well as from tribal groups in Oregon and Washington. Wewa said some may come from Nevada this year.

"We send out an invitation — in fact, we just sent out our 'Save-the-date' flyer — and it just goes from there," Wewa said. "People copy it and send it along, and then people just show up because it's an enjoyable day."

Since the first Honor Seniors Day in 1991, when 300 attended, Wewa figures the attendance has built up each year since. "The first year we started at 300, then we started getting better at publicity," he said. "We don't want to get inundated, but we never turn anybody away."

There's a schedule to Honor Seniors Day, but there's always room for improvisation during the course of the day.

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Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Powwow Senior Court candidate Laurissa Elsie Bellanger

Lincoln's powwow Feb. 10-12

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is next Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

The Grand Entry on Friday, Feb. 10 is at 7 p.m. Grand Entries on Saturday are at 1 and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

This Saturday, Feb. 4, the Lincoln's Powwow Committee extends an invitation to community members take part in memorials and to open the Simnasho Long House in preparation for the powwow. Memorial services begin at 9 a.m.

The following is a statement of Senior Court candidate Laurissa Elsie Bellanger, who is selling raffle tickets for the powwow:

Hello, my name is Walloway. My given name is Laurissa Elsie

Bellanger. I am 15 years old. I was born in Bend. I have resided here in Warm Springs all my life. I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon.

A attend Madras High School as a freshman. My parents are Joseph Bellanger of Red Lake, Minn., and Lavina Colwash of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I have two sisters and two brothers, Farrallyn (my twin), Angela, Bryson and Rupert. My grandparents are Phyllis Jourdain of Minneapolis, Minn., and Amelia Colwash of Warm Springs.

I am vying for the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Senior Court. If you would like to purchase tickets, you can call me and I will make them available to you. My phone number is 553-1816.

Wireless high-speed Internet available soon

Eagle Tech providing service in Warm Springs

By Brian Mortensen
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Wireless high-speed Internet will be available to Warm Springs residents as soon as next month, the manager of the reservation's information technology provider said last week.

"We're in the process of testing two locations to test the signal," said Lloyd Phillips, chief executive officer of Eagle-Tech Systems. "So far, everything looks good."

Phillips said Eagle-Tech is working with a company that would be in charge of installing the home antenna units necessary to pick up the wireless signal.

Once those details are worked out, homes in several neighborhoods close to downtown Warm Springs would be able to receive wireless Internet access.

"It's all wireless, so if you can see tower on Miller Flats or are near Warm Springs Agency, you can probably get it," Phillips said.

According to alltribal.com, a Website created by Eagle-Tech to explain the wireless Internet program, wireless Internet would be available in Miller Flats, Greeley Heights, the Tenino Apartments, West Hills, the trailer court area in southwest Warm Springs, near The Museum at Warm Springs and any area with a direct line of sight to the tower on Miller Heights.

Miller Heights is located between Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, and Simnasho.

Eagle-Tech has a number of price packages for residential and business use, as well as for use by business enterprises.

Installation for home use carries a one-time fee of \$499 and monthly rates as low as \$19.95 and up to \$79.95, depending on what speed the customer wants his Internet, from 128 kilobytes to 2 megabytes.

The installation charge for businesses is \$899. This configuration supports networks of often more than one computer terminal, and speeds of 512 kilobyte to more than 3 megabyte, for both download and

uploading materials, starting at \$149.95 a month.

The business and enterprise packages include priority service, with possible Voice-over IP, the routing of voice conversations over the Internet, and video applications as well as a fixed web address.

The enterprise package is as low as \$390 a month for 1 megabyte and almost \$1,400 for 4 megabytes and includes all the features the business package includes.

The installation includes placing an antenna on roof of the business or home, similar to that of a satellite television dish, running a cable inside the home or business and hooking it up to the computer or computers.

The antenna system is a Motorola canopy system that uses Voice-over IP and is more expensive than other offered models.

But the Motorola system performs soundly, is durable and requires less maintenance than other models, said Phillips.

He said the installation price Eagle-Tech is offering Warm Springs consumers isn't even the full cost of the installation.

The high speed Internet project is being developed in phases around the reservation. Phillips said Kah-Nee-Ta and surrounding areas would be next.

He said extending the signal into Simnasho, using KWSO's radio tower, is possible, but only with infrastructure that doesn't exist yet.

This would include a small tower, "with some location to look back at the KWSO tower," a source of power, and structure to keep the tower secure.

"It could be two or three towers, or it could be one tower," Phillips said.

He said the structure needed to transmit the signal into Simnasho would need to be built with tribal funds that haven't yet been made available.

Wireless Internet service is one of many components of an overall plan to improve telecommunications on the reservation. Another component is the development of a telecommunications center.

Flute player sees dream come true

By Dave McMechan
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James Greeley has produced a CD and DVD of his flute music, a project five years in the making.

"The idea is finally a reality," he said.

The CD-DVD combination pack is called, *Honoring the Supernatural*.

There are songs on the compilation such as "Ancestral Blessings," "The Flute Teller," "Two-Dollar Flute," and "Kokopellie's Flute Child."

The songs are improvised, lasting anywhere in length from two and a half minutes to over 20 minutes. After improvising a song, Greeley would reflect on the sound in order to come up with the title.

He recorded the CD at a studio in Portland. He made the DVD at various locations around the reservation. There is a segment on the DVD, for instance, of Greeley playing flute at the base of Mt. Jefferson, another segment of him playing at a location in the Simnasho



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Greeley with flutes at Mt. Jefferson.

area, among other places.

Greeley has been playing Native American flute for 10 years. Five years ago he first had the idea of creating a recording of his music. It was through a program at Warm Springs Voc Re-

hab that he was able to secure funding to produce the CD-DVD combination packs. In the liner notes of the CD Greeley mentions people and programs that helped with the project.

The people who helped include Cecil L. Ballou, Libby Chase, Bruce Engle, Jack Quinn, and Lonnie James. Programs include Vocational Rehabilitation, Tribal Credit, Accounts Payable, and the IDA program.

Before beginning the actual recording, Greeley developed a business plan that has guided the project. He produced 1,000 of CD-DVD packs. Cost per packet is \$20.

Greeley is known around Indian Country for his business of making high-quality video recordings of powwows, and then making the recordings available for purchase. Examples of Greeley's recordings will be at his vendor's booth at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow at Simnasho, Feb. 10-12.

Creating the Native American flute CD and DVD, though, has been a long-



term dream that he's been pursuing for years.

Greeley, 36, is of Wasco, Warm Springs and Hopi heritage. The name Kokopellie that is mentioned in some titles to his songs refers to the flute-playing god worshipped by Native American tribes of the Southwest. The image of Kokopellie (left) can be seen in rock art of the region.

"His Native flute melodies brought priceless fortunes of rain to non-irrigated gardens planted in the deserts of Arizona," fertility to the Hopi people and other Anasazi descendants," Greeley explains.

Kokopellie is an inspiring force behind his flute music, he said.

Anyone interested in purchasing the *Honoring the Supernatural* CD-DVD should contact Greeley at (541) 325-1882.

There is also information available on the Internet at www.warmsprings.com/flutist; or at horvillahopi@hotmail.com.