

Survey studies community health

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Community Health Education Team is conducting an important research study about health behavior, attitudes and knowledge.

This study called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey is funded by the Native American Research Center for Health.

The Community Health Education Team (CHET) department will randomly select tribal participants to take part in this survey and will contact you by mail. To schedule your survey date, time and location, please call or visit the CHET office. You may complete the survey in private and answering the

questions will take about 35 minutes. In appreciation for your time, please join us for a meal served at the longhouse.

Multiple meal times have been scheduled for your convenience.

Surveying will be at the Agency Longhouse on Wednesday, May 24. If this option doesn't fit your schedule, we will also survey at the Simnasho Longhouse Tuesday, May 30 and Wednesday, June 7.

Survey participants have the option of joining us for a lunch or dinner meal at 12 and 6 p.m., respectively, and completing their survey. In addition, those who complete the survey will receive a prize.

Refusing to take part or withdrawing from the survey will not affect your health care services or the benefits you receive from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and/or the Health and Wellness Center. Your participation in the survey will help the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs better assess health needs and plan for our future.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming survey, please contact the Community Health Education Team at 553-3462 or visit our office at the Family Resource Center at 1144 Warm Springs Street (the old clinic building).

Twenty-five years ago

From the May 1, 1981 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.

In what was termed a most positive atmosphere, Kenneth L. Smith of Warm Springs told members of the Senate Select Indian Affairs Committee his "beliefs and philosophy" on Indian matters at his confirmation hearing.

Smith, who has been General Manager here since 1971, was nominated earlier this year by Pres. Reagan to be the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. In other news:

When a farmer near the Prineville area was plowing up his field earlier this month he uncovered a human skull. After investigating, he discovered several burial sites and immediately contacted anthropologist Suzanne Crowley. She then notified the Warm Springs Tribal Council of the finding and they authorized her to work at the site.

So far, two undisturbed grave sites have been discovered and the remains of four individuals have already been uncovered. Crowley said all appear

to be young males and she estimates their time of death to have been the early 1800s.

Nelson Wallulatum, who went to the site with Viola Kalama and Felix Wallulatum, said there are some confusing aspects about this burial site and the circumstances surrounding the deaths.

The individuals may have been Paiutes who were root digging in the area, but Wallulatum said some of the personal items appear to have come from around The Dalles. And in other news:

Chrome-plated shovels glistened in the sunlight as the groundbreaking ceremony for the Confederated Tribes' hydroelectric project began Wednesday, April 22. The event drew a KATU (channel 2) news crew, reporters from several newspapers, officials, tribal members and associates.

Seated on the patriotically wrapped platform at the Reregulating Dam site were chiefs Nelson Wallulatum, Amos Simtustus and Nick Kalama, all dressed in full regalia.

Diabetes graduation celebration

The Warm Springs Special Diabetes Program for Indians cordially invites you to attend our graduation celebration for the 2006 inaugural class. The graduation celebration will feature a catered dinner, recognition of graduates as well as an overview of the Warm Springs Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Program staff will also provide diabetes screening and diabetes prevention education.

The 2006 graduation celebration will be at Kah-Nee-Ta starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Darryl Tonemah. Please call Mary Brewer to reserve a place, 553-1196, ext. 4121.

Warm Springs COCC students planning graduation celebration

The Native American students of Central Oregon Community College would like to invite all tribal members to help in planning the school year-end celebration.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 in the COCC gymnasium.

The students need help in shaping the event into a celebration honoring the accomplishments of the Native American students at the community college.

Drummers, dancers and artists are needed. The vendor booths are free. For information please contact the COCC multi-cultural center at 318-3787.

Notice: Warm Springs Legal Aid has moved to the old Business and Economic Development trailer. For information about Legal Aid services, call 553-3269.

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