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Students help to honor seniors during annual event

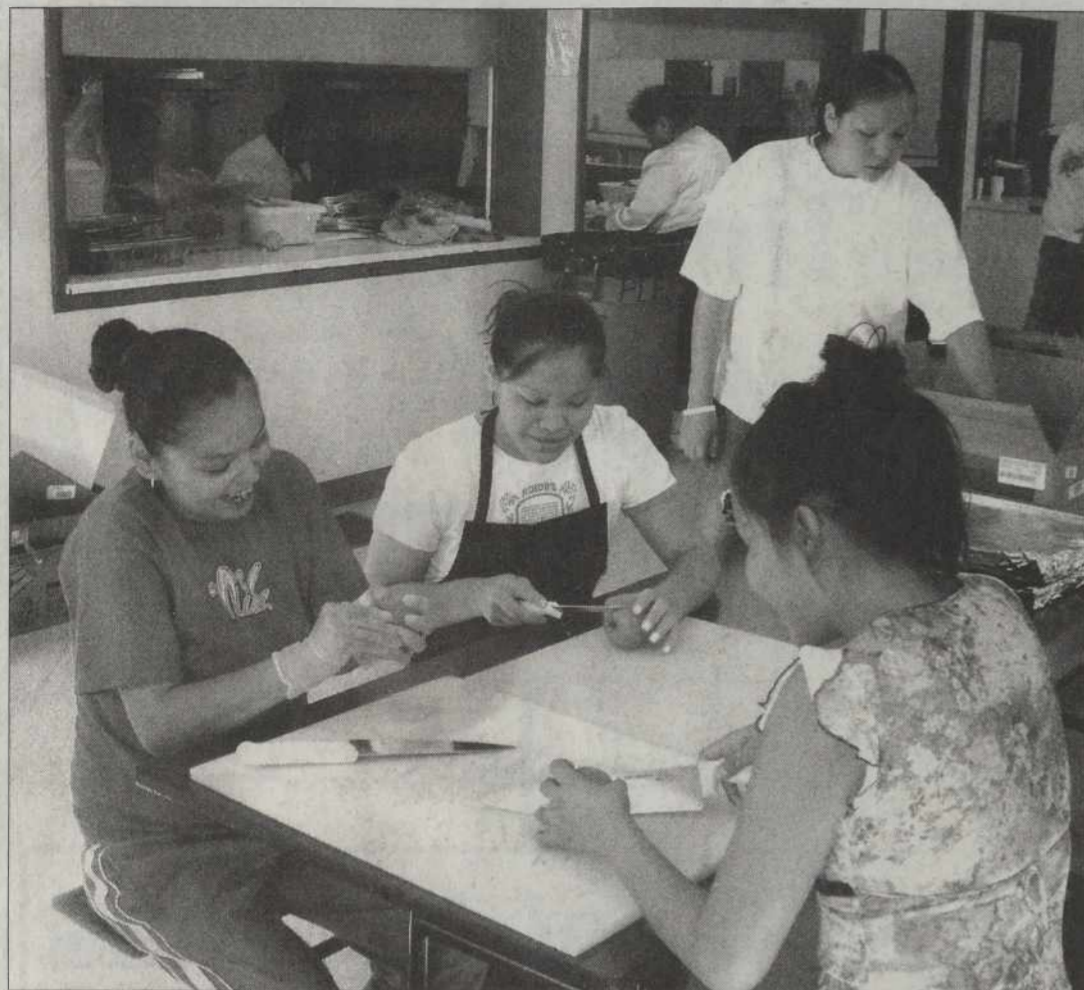


Photo courtesy of the Tribal Youth Program.

Students help prepare for Honor Seniors Day at the Agency Longhouse.

By Foster Kalama
School liaison

Twenty-five students from Madras High School and Jefferson County Middle School helped with this year's Honor Seniors Day event earlier this month.

High school student Kevin Ball shared his thoughts about his participation in the daylong event. Kevin said he was very happy to have participated with the elders.

Kevin and the other students participating were asked to interview an elder. Kevin interviewed a senior from the Yakama Indian Reservation.

He said he was shocked to hear the elder share with him that he had no family left, that they had all passed on.

Kevin's interview did not last long. After the elder shared his answer, he said to Kevin that he wanted to go into prayer and became quite.

The interview left Kevin with a deep impact. And he felt happy because he

was honoring the elders by making them coffee, serving snacks and water, and helping clean up.

Kevin was one of the six "die-hards" who was there until the end of Honor Seniors Day.

Student Jose Medina interviewed an elder from Washington by the name of Ann. Jose said that Ann was a very nice lady who had a lot to talk about.

One of the impressions she left with Jose is that education is very important to youth today. She compared schools today with those of her youth. "She said schools are so much more advanced than they were during her days in school," said Jose.

The elder told Jose to take advantage of his education while he has the chance to. Jose enjoyed his time at the Honor Senior Day. He said it was very hard work throughout the day, handing out food and water, and cleaning up. Jose said he enjoyed laughing while the elders danced. Jose said he teamed

up with Troy Sam-Smith most of the time throughout the day, and it made it easier that way.

High school senior Della Squimphen said she especially enjoyed the elders' laughter and smiles throughout the day. Della shared a laugh and said it was nice to see our elder Maxine Switzler. The Senior Queen of the Honor Seniors Day was honored with a song sung by an Elvis Presley impersonator.

Della laughs again when she remembers the elderly ladies chasing Elvis down the longhouse floor.

Della had a lot of fun working throughout the day, helping in the kitchen and serving the elders.

Student Jaycelene Frank interviewed Ms. Yazzie from Arizona. In her interview Jaycelene found it easy to talk with Ms. Yazzie. She asked Ms. Yazzie about the youth of today, and Ms. Yazzie's response was that today's youth are not disciplined enough.

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Pi-ume-sha celebration returns to community with variety of events

The Confederated Tribes are preparing for the Thirty-Seventh Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Celebration.

The powwow happens on the last weekend in June. This year the dates are Friday through Sunday, June 23-25.

There are many aspects of Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. For one, the powwow each year honors veterans.

The first Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow happened in 1969, during the Vietnam War, when many tribal members were serving tours of duty. The powwow in recent years has been a time to express appreciation to the tribal members today who are serving in the armed forces during a time of war.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee meets throughout the year in plan-

ning for the event, and many people in the community help make the powwow happen. The help comes from 50 or more volunteers, and various tribal departments including Utilities, Police, and Fire and Safety. Through the volunteer work, Pi-Ume-Sha remains a free event for visitors, with no charge for admission.

The Pi-Ume-Sha powwow grounds are located just east of the Health and Wellness Center. This celebration this year will feature the 37th annual individual and team dance competitions, as well.

A special Shell Dress contest is scheduled this year in honor of Verbena "Beans" Greene, Geneva Charley, Tonya Mitchell and Nadine Wesley. A round bustle contest is scheduled and other specials will be posted.

For information regarding the powwow contact Cassie Katchia (541) 553-

1293 (home) or 553-2128 (work); or Louise Katchia 553-2416.

For information about other events see the following phone numbers and contact names:

- Parade, Mona Greene-Baez 553-2406.

- Endurance Horse Race, Doris Miller 553-3258.

- Rodeo, Sammi Bruisedhead & Ladonna Squimphen 553-1041.

- All Indian Fry Bread Golf Tournament, Janell Smith 553-7827; or Butch David 553-0112.

- Fun Run, Warm Springs Community Center 553-3243.

- Softball Tournament, Sandra Greene, Jerry Sampson 553-6619 (home) or pubutil@wstribes.org

- Skate Park Competition, Yvonne Iverson 553-3225.

- Museum Special Exhibit, Evaline Patt 553-3331.

Company pays \$585,000 to settle pollution case

A Bend company will pay \$585,000 as a result of a 1999 motor vehicle accident on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The accident spilled more than 5,000 gallons of gasoline into a creek, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA said a tanker truck and trailer rolled over, and the spill killed hundreds of juvenile chinook salmon and steelhead listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The contamination kept tribal members from gathering food along a two-mile stretch of Beaver Creek and caused violations of tribal water standards for two years, the agency said.

The EPA said a contractor for American Energy Inc. completed a

cleanup in 2002, and the \$585,000 payment was part of a March settlement made final this month.

The settlement money is to be used for fish habitat restoration work, mainly on Beaver Creek.

The tribes are carrying out the restoration plan in conjunction with officials from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The accident that resulted in the spill into Beaver Creek happened in the winter of 1999. A truck driver who was new on the job lost control of his tanker truck, due to icy conditions on Highway 26. The vehicle overturned, spilling 5,000 gallons of fuel into Beaver Creek, which runs by the highway northwest of the reservation. A lawsuit seeking damages ensued, and was concluded just this month.



Bill Rhoades/Spilyay

Nina Hatfield, deputy assistant secretary for Business Management and Wildland Fire in the Interior Department, and Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath discuss forest management practices during a recent meeting of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council in Warm Springs. Hatfield was among a number of high-level officials from the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture who were in Warm Springs the week of May 8 to discuss wildland fire issues and to tour tribal biomass projects. Additional photos and story Page 7.

Rodeo out of the chute

The annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days All-Indian Rodeo is set for June 24-25 at the Warm Springs Agency Rodeo Arena, beginning at 1 p.m. daily. Warm Springs Indian Rodeo Association sanctions the event and the stock contractor will be Tygh Ridge Rodeo Co.

The events include Saddle Bronc with a \$1,000 purse, \$75 entry fee; Bareback with \$1,000 purse and \$75 entry fee; Calf Roping with \$1,000 purse, and \$75 entry fee; Steer Wrestling with a \$1,000 purse and \$75 entry fee; Ladies Barrel Race with \$1,000 purse and \$75 entry fee; Ladies Break Away with \$1,000 purse and \$75 entry fee.

The Team Roping will have a \$1,000 purse and \$75 per man entry fee; Century Team Roping (partners must equal 100 years) has a \$500 purse and \$50 per man entry fee.

In Wild Cow Milking there is a \$500 purse and \$50 entry fee and 20 entry limit; and Junior Barrel Race (12 & under) \$100 purse and \$25 entry fee.

Rodney Smith Logging sponsors the Wild Horse Race this year and it has a \$1,000 purse and \$300 team entry fee.

There will be kids Wild Colt Race with a \$100 purse and \$30 a team entry fee, and it is limited to the first 8 entries.

There are awards to winners of each event. Information for WSIRA Central show entries opening Monday, June

12, and closing Tuesday, June 13 with call backs Thursday, June 15. Office hours are 6-9 p.m. and CE phone number is 360-253-4849.

Local entries open Monday, June 12, and close Tuesday, June 13. Callbacks are Thursday, June 15. Office hours are 6-9 p.m. and Local entry phone number is 541-553-1041.

Cash or money order payment only and must be made to LaDonna by Wednesday, June 21 or you will not compete.

On Saturday night there will be a dance at Kah-Nee-Ta hosted by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association with music to please everyone (Western, Rock & Roll, Hip Hop!).

The "Bo Ortiz" dance contest will be held with \$500 prize money and \$100 prize money in the Men's Tight Jeans contest and these are both sponsored by his many friends.

Seating capacity is limited to 300 so buy your tickets now because they are sure to sell fast. For tickets to attend the dance call Ladonna or Marcie 553-1041; Sammy 541-410-1545; Ada 553-3027; or Darylenn 541-325-1834.

The Warm Springs Rodeo Association reserves the right to refuse any entry. They are not responsible for accidents, injury, theft, or damage, to any persons or property; this includes divorce.