

Mail survey with cash prizes coming soon

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Warm Springs Ventures

Questionnaires and a chance to win up to \$1,000 will be arriving soon in the mail boxes of tribal members. Forty-eight members who complete and return the questionnaires by June 15 will win cash prizes for their efforts. The prizes range in amount from \$50 to \$1,000 and will be awarded in a random drawing of names of survey respondents. All together, \$5,000 will be given away.

The surveys are part of an extensive opinion research project undertaken jointly by Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs Ventures. With shared goals of increasing the tribes' annual income and creating more on-reservation jobs, the two organizations are seeking to learn members' views about various aspects of reservation life.

They anticipate using the results in building long-range economic development plans for the community. The survey consists of five sections:

Values and Vision, Economic Situation, Internal Environment, Resources, and Demographics. Each section could yield vital pieces of information to Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta.

"First of all, we need to

know in general terms how people feel about the reservation and what they would like to see it become," said Clyde Hamstreet, Ventures chief executive officer. "Then we want to find out what they think about present economic conditions. Those topics are covered by the first two parts of the survey."

The Internal Environment section, which includes questions on tribal government, culture, and politics, is the longest and most detailed of the five parts. "It's important to our efforts that we understand what the membership expects of public officials and administration in regards to the local economy," says Hamstreet. "We also need to know how people value the Tribal culture and what kinds of economic activity they believe are in harmony with it."

Parts four and five of the questionnaire go on to ask about the nature and use of tribal resources, followed by basic demographic information about the person providing the answers.

The survey is a key element in the larger opinion research project currently underway. Having launched the project in April, researchers have so far conducted about 15 one-hour

interviews with leading tribal figures. Twenty similar interviews remain to be done, along with a pair of focus group studies, in which representative clusters of tribal members will meet with researchers to discuss political, economic, and cultural issues.

The mail survey is especially important, because it is the only means of reaching everyone in the Confederated Tribes and soliciting their views.

"Ideally, we will hear from every single Tribal member over the age of 18," says Sandra Danzuka, Warm Springs Ventures' Administrative Officer. "We certainly want to hear from them, their ideas and opinions are important to this survey's success."

In fact, obtaining a high response rate is so essential that Hamstreet recently okayed the idea of offering \$5,000 worth of cash prizes as incentives for people to complete their surveys and return them by June 15. "The more responses we get," says Danzuka, "the more valid our information and the more confident we can be moving forward with our planning. All people have to do is take the time to fill out the questionnaire, put it into the postage-paid, pre-addressed envelope, and drop it into the mail. We've tried to

make the process both easy and inviting, and we hope everyone will participate fully. We're very excited to see the results and put them to use in our planning."

Once the surveys are in, there will be a drawing for the cash prizes: thirty people will win \$50, fifteen will win \$100, two will win \$500, and one will walk away with \$1,000. To enter the drawing while preserving anonymity on the survey, those who respond must be sure to include a separate piece of paper with their name on it, in the return envelope, along with the survey. The research firm will open the envelopes, verify that the survey has been filled out, and then put the papers with the names on them into a separate container for the drawing. Winners will be selected and notified during the week of June 19.

Warm Springs Ventures and Kah-Nee-Ta have engaged the Portland research firm of Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall, Inc., to conduct the opinion project.

As a neutral party to the process, the Davis firm is responsible for administering the survey along with other phases of the research, which should be complete sometime this August.

Howlak Tichum

Scott Anthony Courtney

Scott Anthony Courtney passed away May 10, 2006. He was 44.

Mr. Courtney was born August 2, 1961 at Redmond to parents Terry Courtney and Jeneil Nightpipe.

Scott Anthony Courtney was a longtime resident of Warm Springs, though he did live for a time in South Dakota.

He drove a truck for Chilkat Construction. Mr. Courtney enjoyed the simple life and being with nature.

He is survived by his son Anthony Courtney of St. Frances, South Dakota; his father Terry Courtney of Warm Springs; mother Jeneil Nightpipe; brothers David Courtney of Junction City, John Brunoe of Milwaukie, Ore., and Steve Burnette of Mission, South Dakota; sisters Teri Jons of Oregon City, and Cher Burnette of Mission.

Howlak Tichum

Dwight Lee "Bub" Souers

Dwight Lee "Bub" Souers of Eugene, a Lakota elder, retired teacher, coach, avid environmentalist and civic leader, died Wednesday, May 3 of complications from multiple myeloma. He was 68.

A rosary will be held at the St. Mary Catholic Church in Eugene at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006, followed by a memorial Mass and Celebration of Life on Friday, June 9 at St. Mary's. A luncheon will follow.

Dwight was born June 15, 1937 in Dupree, South Dakota to Dwight and Marcella Souers. He married Twila Night Pipe in Chiloquin on June 29, 1956. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Mr. Souers graduated from Chiloquin High School in 1955, and received his B.S. from the University of Oregon in 1962. He later continued his education at the University of Nevada Reno and the University of California at Berkeley, and he had teaching endorsements in biology, chemistry, general science, health and physical education.

His first teaching job was at Tahoe-Truckee Unified High School in Truckee, Calif., where he taught and coached football, basketball and baseball. He brought his family back to Eugene in 1968 and began teaching and coaching at Willamette High School.

He coached football and basketball at Willamette and was the head football coach from 1975-1980. He was deeply involved in establishing the health sciences CAM strand at Willamette and later encountered many former students as he was being treated for health issues.

His dedication to the teaching profession brought him numerous accolades. The recycling program he established at Willamette drew statewide acclaim. During the 1985-86 school year, he was selected Oregon Indian Educator of the Year, Oregon Science Teachers Association Secondary Science Teacher of the Year, and Oregon Biology Teacher of the Year.

In 1991 Mr. Souers was one of six Oregon teachers chosen to receive the Milken Family Foundation "Outstanding Educator Award."

Following his retirement from teaching at Willamette High School, Mr. Souers remained active in the Native American community as an elder, mentor and traditional dancer. He was selected to the city of Eugene Human Rights Commission in 2001, and served as a commissioner until April of 2005.

His work on the commission earned him a leadership award in 2005 for his advocacy for people with disabilities. He was also a co-recipient of the city of Eugene Human Rights Council's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award in 2006 for "further the vision of Dr. King." Mr. Souers deeply enjoyed working with people of all ages, and was considered a dear friend to all and a "grandpa" to many.

Mr. Souers is survived by his wife Twila; sons Jerome and Charles; daughters Marie Schmieding and Norita Souers; son-in-law Jim Schieding, daughters-in-law Paula Souers, Judith Souers, and Lisa Dame; grandchildren Kirsten, Jana, Brian, Cameron, Ethan, Anna and Alaina, sisters Norma Eshleman, and brothers Richard and Arlond Souers; and Sarah and Hallie Night Pipe.

Everyone is invited to a spring powwow at Central Oregon Community College in Bend on Saturday, May 27. Doors are open from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. at Mazama Gym, located at 2600 College Way in Bend. Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Host drum is Quartz Creek and the MC this year is Mackie Begay. There will be Native flute performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All visiting drums will be compensated, and all dancers will receive sweatshirts and giveaway prizes. There will be a salmon feed at 5 p.m. Call 318-3787.

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Fuel hazard refers to its continuity across the ground (horizontal) and from the ground up into the vegetation crown (vertical). Fuels with a high degree of both vertical and horizontal continuity are the most hazardous particularly when they occur on slopes. Also remember, heavier fuels (brush and trees)

are more hazardous than light fuels such as grass.

The actual design and development of your defensible space depends on several factors: size and shape of buildings, materials used in their construction, the slope of the ground on which the structures are built, surrounding topography, and the types and sizes of vegetation on your property. All these areas will affect the design of your defensible space. For more information on defensible space please contact Fire Management at 553-1146.

Run results

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Grade School challenge 1-mile: Morgan Frank, Mr Gallagher 9:53; Lana Shike, Mrs Montgomery 10:34; Cyril Frank, Jr., Mrs Moore 11:48; Austin Raushenburg, Mrs Culpus 11:56; Jake Frank, Mrs Rodine 12:00; Gavin Begay, Mrs Comingore 14:43; Delvina

Heath, Mr Gallagher 16:31; Annalise Whipple 16:31; Shirleen Kills First, Mrs David 16:44; Rosebud Whipple, Mrs Culpus 17:05; Arrita Sampson, Mrs Howe 19:22; William Shike, Mrs Rodine 19:53.

Grade School challenge 3-mile: Rodney Mitchell, Mr Nelson 16:17.

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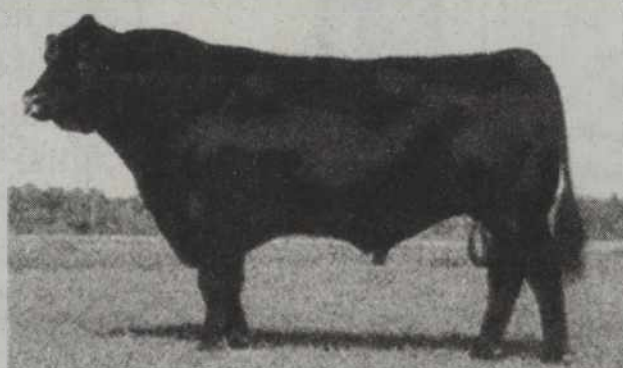
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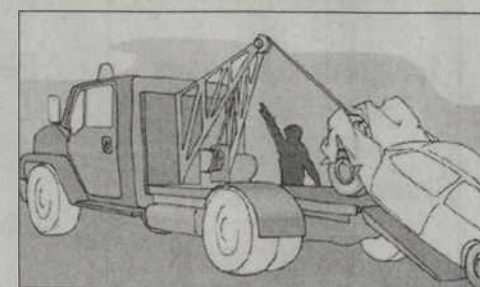
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