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Young ball players participate in the basketball camp sponsored last week by the Warm Springs Children's Protective Services (CPS) program, with help from the Community Health Education Team (CHET).

The camp was held in the gymnasium at the Community Center, as part of the Child Abuse Prevention Month activities. Other activities this month include:

Saturday, April 14 at 11 a.m.: Parade, family activities and lunch. The parade starts at CPS on the campus and ends at the Community Center.

Also on Saturday: Skateboard exhibition from noon to 1 p.m., skateboard camp from 1 to 3 p.m., and skateboard competition from 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 20: Family shindig 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

Monday, April 30: Walk, balloon release and luncheon.

For more information call CPS at 553-3209.

Election Results

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Agency District:

Stanley "Buck" Smith, 228 votes.
Eugene Austin Greene Jr., 225.
Bernice Mitchell, 160.
Lonnie James, 154.
Rita Squiemphen, 152.
Alfred Smith Jr., 143.
Mike Clements, 139.
Jeff Sanders Sr., 130.

Mary Sando-Emhoolah, 122.
Terry Courtney Sr., 111.
Cassie Katchia, 96.
Randy Smith, 85.
Alex Smith, 67.
Daisy Ike, 66.
Gene Smith, 30.

Simnasho District:

Ronald Suppah Sr., 178 votes.
Aurolyn Stwyer, 108.
Rafael Queahpama, 105.
Raymond Tsumpti Sr., 102.

Frank Charley, 94.
Evaline Patt, 94.
Vincent Guy Wallulatum, 89.
Emerson Squiemphen, 86.
Calvin Queahpama, 65.
Earland Suppah, 61.
Ellison David, 54.
Earl Squiemphen, 49.
Harold Blackwolf Sr., 36.
Gerald Danzuka, 30.

Languages

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In addition, their program utilizes the master-apprentice model as well. "The elders are the heart," Quampts said, and said focus should be put on listening to elders and learning from them.

The Grand Ronde language program also utilizes the master-apprentice model, and all students leave the pre-school level with a knowledge of the language.

They also hope to eventually educate all of their students in their community in order to retain fluency in their native language.

Bud Lane from the Siletz language program said their program is relatively new—they were developed in 2003.

Before developing classes, they had to develop a method of teaching the Athabaskan language. Because it utilizes several different dialects, those with the Siletz language program first had to standardize the alphabet.

Now they are teaching classes and working to revitalize the language in the Siletz community, Lane said.

They also connect their language with cultural activities, and spoke of trips with students to gather mussels as well as classes regarding basket and regalia making.

The local high school features

a student body with 60 percent of students comprised by tribal members, Lane said.

"It's an ideal setting for our language and culture program," he added.

Lane's fellow language instructor Joe Scott spoke of the importance of a culture and place based language program.

"You cannot separate this language from the place it is spoken," he said.

The conference was sponsored by the Native Language Preservation and Instruction Partnership, Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes and the Oregon Department of Education.

Dams

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However, the tribes and PGE will restore passage with an innovative system expected to be operating by the end of 2009.

Currently, juvenile salmon and steelhead can't find their way downstream because of turns in the current of the upper reservoir.

The solution to this problem will be a 273-foot high underwater tower that will take in most of the surface water, drawing the fish to a collection system that will send them below the dams. Ninety percent of the downstream migrating fish

that arrive at the passage facility will safely transit into the lower Deschutes.

Species to be reintroduced above the dams include summer steelhead (a federally listed threatened species), and spring Chinook salmon. Resident kokanee should naturally convert to sockeye salmon as they head downstream.

The new system will reopen 226 miles of streams above the dams to fish migration while allowing continued production of low-cost, renewable hydroelectric power. Pelton Round Butte generates enough electricity to supply a city about the size of the Salem, population 143,000.

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