

Elder Council preparing for national conference



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Several members of the elder council fundraising committee are meeting regularly to raise money for 40 elders to attend the National Indian Council on Aging Conference this fall.

By Leslie Mitts
Spilyay Tymoo

Members of the local Elder Council fundraising committee are raising money to attend the National Indian Council on Aging Conference this fall.

Chairperson Eliza Jim said they hope to raise enough money for 40 elders to travel to the conference in Tacoma.

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) holds the annual conference throughout the country, she said. "This is the first time its in our area," Jim added.

So far the group is planning to hold a breakfast on Saturday during Pi-Ume-Sha and is also holding individual flea markets

and completing various luncheons and sewing projects.

"We're going gung-ho," Jim said.

Currently several members of the elder council fundraising committee are meeting weekly to discuss fund-raising options and plan upcoming events.

Because the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is a member of the hosting tribal region, Jim added, the tribes also donated 10 elk.

Elder Council Secretary Lucinda Green said she feels it is important for elders to attend the conference because it gives them a chance to listen to issues and concerns of tribal seniors from all areas of the country.

In addition, she added, they receive important health care information relating to seniors. Because of that, Green said, she is hoping they will be able to bring useful information back to seniors that didn't attend the conference.

Each year the NICOA conference is attended by elders, tribal leaders, health directors, social workers, health care providers, senior service providers and many other participants involved with senior issues.

The non-profit organization was founded in 1976 in order to advocate for improved health and social services to American Indian and Alaska Native elders.

Spilyay Tymoo receives 2 awards

Spilyay Tymoo recently won two Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association awards.

Leslie Mitts, Spilyay Tymoo reporter, won in the writing category.

The newspaper overall won in the category for best target audience.

Judging in the writing category is based on craftsmanship, creativity and level of interest.

The stories that earned Mitts her award were: "Baez brings unique talent to radio show"; "Steelhead again in Wychus Creek"; and "A story of recovery from addiction."

Judging in the target audience category is based on level of interest, relevance, creativity and commitment to target audience.

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Round Robin in July

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