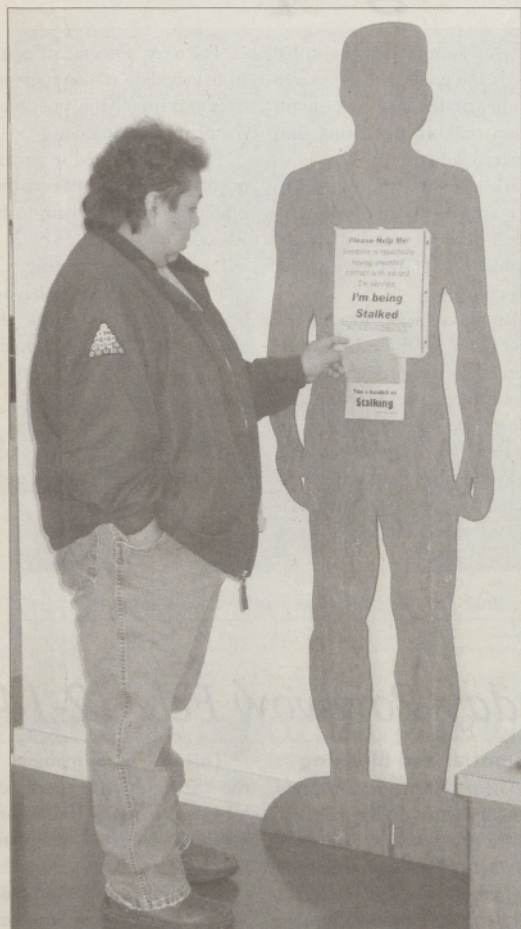


Stalking awareness



Terri Harber/Spilyay

Reva Johnson looks at a display promoting awareness about the dangers of stalking. The silhouettes can be seen around the reservation and are in various sizes and shapes. January has been Stalking Awareness Month. Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services has been trying to spread awareness about the problem so people being targeted can get information and help. The silhouettes hold leaflets with information on various crime issues. Call 553-2291 for details.

Tribes emphasizing need for more grants

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Tymoo

Management of the Confederated Tribes has put more emphasis on the need for departments to seek grant funding. Toward that goal, chief operations officer Gerald Smith developed the grant writing coordinator position.

As grant writing coordinator, Jolene Atencio works with a team of individuals from various department and enterprises of the tribes. The team is examining the essential information of successful grant applications.

Some of the team members

have experience with the grant process. Tribal Utilities manager Don Courtney, for instance, has years of such experience, as police chief and now as Utilities manager.

The law enforcement grants can be quite large, in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, Courtney said.

When dealing with the large grants, he said, it is important to spend the allocated funding within the allotted time. Otherwise, the funding is returned to the granting entity, which creates a poor reflection on the party receiving the grant.

More recently, Utilities received a grant to study how to

make tribal buildings more energy efficient, while the media center received grant funding to install solar energy panels. The total grant allocation for these projects was \$130,000.

Myra Johnson Orange, director of Culture and Heritage, works on language-preservation grants, which can be funded through the National Parks Service.

Corey Clements, director of the Workforce Education and Development Department, has worked on adult and youth employment and education grants. These are through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Kah-Nee-Ta recently completed an energy efficiency lighting project through a program of the Bonneville Power Administration (see story on 6). And there are numerous other examples.

The goal of the grant writing team is pursue these types of programs more fully, helping to improve the finances of the tribes and the services to the tribal membership.

The next meeting of the grant writing team is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Family Resource Center. The grant writing coordinator can be reached at:

jolene.estimo@wstribes.org

Interested in a health science career?

People interested in a possible career in health science can learn more by attending a workshop at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 in the 1st floor training room in the Warm Springs Education Building.

The health sciences include such disciplines as medicine, dentistry, optometry, technical and emergency services.

For details, call Higher Education at 553-3311.

2010 Hood to Coast Raffle

March 31, 2010 - Need not be present to win
Tickets are \$1 ea or 6 for \$5

Items to be raffled: Wii game system, log furniture, P/U load of wood, four gift cards, Afghan earrings, Lottery Scratch-Off tickets, Gloria's gift certificate, beaded cell phone cover, 1 photo sitting: choice of child/couples/family (\$50 value, includes 1 hr session, location of choice) 5 - 1 lb bags of Nett Lake Wild Rice (Band of Chippewa), other donated items.

See the following to get your tickets: Kaipo Akaka, Jeff Anspach, Rich Lohman, Gary Sampson III, Jason Smartlowit, Lex Anguiano, Leslie Davis, Monica Sampson, Yvette Leecy, Ina Schuster, Karlen Yallup, Lisa Hewlett-Dubisar, Saphronia Katchia and Val Squiemphen.

Proceeds to help Hood to Coast team with travel expenses.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Family Resources Center in Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Family of Jimmy Wesley Sr.

Anniversary of death February 9, 2009

Families, let's share memories, stories & pictures (if you have some to share). Potluck dinner at the Hee Hee Longhouse, 6 p.m. main dish - vegetables - fruit - bread - drinks. Let us know what you have.

Neda Wesley - 541-553-1538

Harvey & Eliza Jim - 553-9003

E&H beef and paper plates - cups - napkins.

See you there - let this be a healing for all of us - Bring your drums, bells, candles and yourself.

Starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010
at the Hee Hee Longhouse

FAFSA workshop slated

Students planning on attending college in the fall can attend a workshop focusing on obtaining financial aid.

This Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, workshop will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 29, in the Warm Springs Education Building, top floor, GED Room.

Parents of high school students also are invited to come

to this event, where free applications for student aid will be made available. Personnel will be there to help people fill out the documents too.

Bring 2009 tax returns, W2 forms and other financial records to complete the necessary paperwork.

This is also a tribal scholarship requirement workshop. Call 553-3311 for details.



You are invited to our first annual fundraiser at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino
Saturday - May 1, 2010.
For more information please
e-mail June.Smith@wstribes.org



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Leadership Corner

Madras Elementary Principal
Kathy Bishop



It is certainly a privilege to return to Madras Elementary. One of my first teaching assignments in this district was here as a fourth grade, then a third grade teacher. It is wonderful to be a part of this excellent staff. This is the last year of our Reading First Grant. The grant provided us with professional development, coaching and materials to improve our reading program. Through our training, we gained knowledge that we apply to our analysis of data related to student achievement, teaching and leadership so we can continue to refine our reading program. We are applying the knowledge from our Reading First Grant and other professional development to our new math program. This is the first year of our new mathematics adoption and we are excited to see improvement in our students' understanding of math skills and concepts. I look forward to a great year of academic growth and achievement for our students.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I want to thank you for the honor of teaching your children. My door is always open if you want to stop by or call (541-475-3520). I look forward to visiting with you.

Campus News

Math Facts in a Flash

First and second grade students have been working on mastering their basic addition and subtraction facts. Using a computer-based program called Math Facts in a Flash, students practice their math facts and then take a test. Students start out at level 0,1 where they need to correctly answer 40 problems adding 0 or 1 in two minutes. After mastering that level, they move on to the next. Students work their way up to adding 10 to a number before moving on to subtraction.

Students are excited about their progress and think using the computer to learn is fun. "I like Math Facts in a Flash because I am timed and it makes me want to know my math facts even faster so I can go to the next level," said second grader Kelsey Olivera. Shane Derowitsch said, "I like using the computer because it tells me right away if the answer is wrong, then I know for the next time."



"Reading class is fun!"

Justin Smith, Second Grade

Madras Elementary has been fortunate to have several different teaching materials for reading instruction. Teachers have all been through rigorous training for each program. Students are assessed on a regular basis and teachers use that information to find the tool that best suits each specific student's academic needs. Teachers meet monthly to talk about student progress and new strategies to help each student be a successful reader. Each student and reading class follows a pacing plan. Teachers are well aware of what standards their students need to master at each grade level. It is our goal to have each student reading at the appropriate level and enjoying it!

"I am happy I am learning to read!"

Reece White, Kindergarten



Important Dates

January

- 28 Last day of 2nd quarter
- 29 No School— Teachers work on report cards

February

- 15 No School— Presidents' Day

MHS Drama Club presents: "Snow Child"

- February 6 7:00 p.m.
- February 7 2:00 p.m.
- February 13 7:00 p.m.
- February 14 2:00 p.m.