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WW II veteran honored on Seniors Day

Harrison Davis is a veteran of World War II. He served in Germany during the war.

He stayed in the military, and then served in Korea in the 1950s.

Mr. Davis now lives with his friend and care-giver Ruby Reed. They were at Honor Seniors Day last week, when Harrison was named the Senior of the Year.

This was in recognition of Harrison as one of the eldest veterans among the tribes. The honor also recognizes the good example he sets for living a good life.

Harrison is 86 years old. He exercises at least one hour a day every day. "I know so many people who retired, and then didn't do anything," he says, "and they didn't live long."

Harrison lifts weights at the community center, walks, and visits the Senior Program, where he exercises with the group every day.

Mr. Davis was raised on the reservation by his grandparents, who spoke only their Native language.

He went to boarding school at age 6. The practice at that time was to forbid the speaking of the Indian language. This was a difficult adjustment for a child who had grown up speaking only his Native language.

The boarding schools used to punish students for speaking the



Ruby Reed and Harrison Davis enjoyed Honor Seniors Day last Friday at the Agency Longhouse.

Indian language, Harrison points out; and now teachers in the same building are teaching the Native language to young students, trying to preserve the language for future generations.

As a teenager, Harrison joined the military after high school. After World War II and Korea he came back to the reservation, where he was uniquely skilled in the operation of heavy machinery.

He worked for several years with the BIA at various jobs, often involving operation of a Cat or other heavy machinery.

Harrison has thirteen children, seven boys and six girls. He has 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Eliza Jim heads the group who choose the Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day Senior of the Year.

Another highlight

Honor Seniors Day this year featured for the first time the Jefferson County Middle School Marching Band.

"That was a highlight of the day for me," said Honor Seniors Day MC Wilson Wewa, of the Senior Program. "They were awesome."

— Dave McMechan

Referendum next week

Tribal members on Tuesday, May 21, will decide whether the tribes should continue to pursue the motorsports proposal.

There are approximately 3,170 tribal member voters; a valid referendum will need to see a turnout of at least one-third that number.

The polling place in Warm Springs will be open at the Community Center aerobics room from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m., May 21.

New voting method

The referendum vote will employ the use of a mechanical vote counting machine. This will be the first time the Confederated Tribes uses this method for tallying votes.

A third party company, Automated Election Service, based in Albuquerque, is assisting with the motorsports park referendum. The tribes contacted the company following the spring Tribal Council election.

Council members felt that hiring a neutral third party to conduct the election would help eliminate the debate about the method of vote counting. Absentee voters should have already noticed a change with bar coded stickers on the ballot envelopes sent to them in the mail.

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Drummers perform at Honor Seniors Day. The day was well-attended as the event marked its Twenty-Third Anniversary.

Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

New Council in office

The Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council met for the first time last week, and made some significant changes in tribal management.

The Council named a new Secretary-Treasurer and a new Chief Operations Officer. The new Council named Councilman Eugene Austin Green Jr. as Chairman. He takes over the chairmanship from Buck Smith, who did not run for Council reelection this year.

The vice-chair of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council is Councilwoman Evaline Patt, whose previous employment was as office manager at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The new Council made these appointments shortly after the swearing-in on Monday morning, May 6. They then moved on to the positions of tribal Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer.

The Council chose Jake Suppah as the new Secretary-



Swearing-in of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council, May 6.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Treasurer. Suppah, originally from Warm Springs, has been working in the Finance Department at the Radisson Fort McDowell Casino in Arizona.

He was nominated for the position of S-T by Councilman Orvie Danzuka, and seconded by Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath. Suppah is taking over the position from Jody Calica, who was S-T for the past nine years, serving under three Tribal Councils.

The new Chief Operations Officer will be J.P. Olney Patt Jr., former Councilman and former director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Chief Heath nominated Patt for the COO position, with the second by Wasco Chief Alfred Smith Jr.

Patt is taking over the COO position from Urbana Ross, who was appointed to the position in 2010, having previously worked in the Governmental Affairs Branch,

at Natural Resources and at Kah-Nee-Ta.

At the May 6 Council meeting, Councilman Raymond Tsumpti suggested that the S-T and COO positions be open for two weeks, in order to field possible candidates.

Other Council members disagreed with the idea, and the proposal was put to a vote, ending in a 5-5 tie.

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School construction schedule

A construction start-date of June 24 is proposed for Warm Springs k-8 school. The date is still not certain yet, though, as the tribes are waiting for word from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The tribes have applied for a \$6.5 million loan through the USDA.

Final approval from the agency may not come until August, but preliminary site work could begin in June if the USDA indicates that approval is pending, said Jeff Deswert, of Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company, the Warm Springs k-8 project manager.

Beginning the site work in June would keep the project on track for a fall 2014 opening, said Deswert.

The Kirby Nagelhout group updated the school district board on the Warm Springs school project at the Monday board meeting.

They also discussed the tribal member hiring program that applies to the k-8 project. The preference plan, applying to the subcontractors, is as strong as legally possible, Deswert said.

School board members said a main priority for all district construction projects is the hiring of local workers.



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