

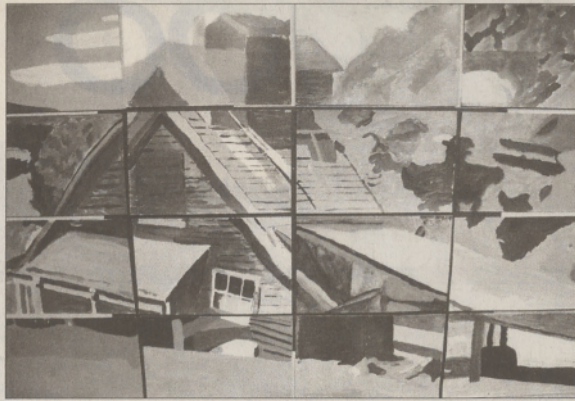
Young at Art



Ceiling tile art.



Baby board, Warm Springs youth.



Block art (above) and ceiling tile art (right), Madras High School students.



Beaded item by Sharena Warner, 17, Madras High School eleventh-grader.

Winter Nights Round Dance on Thursday

The 2014 Winter Nights Round Dance is this Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse.

The Round Dance starts at 7 p.m., midnight meal. Master of Ceremonies will be Captain Moody. Stickman will be Colin Chief Ministikwan; drum keeper, Lyle Sangrey.

Invited singers are Edmund Bull, Irvin Waskewich, and Clayton Chief.

A Wellbriety Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Round Dance to promote sobriety and wellness in the community, and for visiting friends and relatives.

Bring your dancing shoes and good feelings, come share an evening of Round Dancing. For information contact Carlos Calica at 541-460-0772.

This event is sponsored by Warm Springs Community Counseling.

Power & Water: dividend has dropped substantially

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The acquisition of ownership by the tribes would happen in stages: The tribes currently own a one-third interest in the entire Pelton Round Butte facility. The tribes will have the option in 2021 to increase its ownership interest to 49.99 percent.

Tribal Council members, meeting with Manion last week, asked what is the estimated cost of acquiring additional ownership in the dams, up to the 50-percent plus mark.

Manion said the total estimate is \$35 million. However he went on to say that the tribes must first pay off the initial borrowing in 2019, that is \$25 million. He said Power and Water Enterprises is currently setting aside funds in order to make these next payment obligations, both the initial financing and the partial acquisition in 2021, as recommended by the Power and Water board.

Council members asked what would be the benefit to the tribes of acquiring the ad-

ditional ownership interest.

Manion said the revenue to the tribes, through increased ownership, would be substantial in coming years. The additional purchases would in time be well worth the investment, according to the best current projections, he said.

A specific estimate as to future annual revenue beyond three years, including the dividend to the tribes, is difficult to forecast, because of the difficulty in predicting future market conditions. "But if the market conditions continue to improve, as we are seeing, and the project continues to operate efficiently, we should be in good financial position to increase dividends to the tribe," Manion said.

Council Chairman Greene mentioned present hardship facing the members, with the loss of jobs and the loss of most of the per capita. Not too many years ago, the Chairman said, the dividend from Power and Water was the major part of the tribal gen-

eral fund budget.

For 2011 the Power and Water dividend was \$8.5 million; the year before, \$7.5 million; and in 2009 the Power and Water dividend was \$14.5 million.

The dividend has dropped substantially since 2011, to a low of zero dividend for the 2013 budget. For 2014 the Power and Water dividend is \$1 million. Manion said this should increase by \$500,000 next year.

The tribes had to make budget cuts of more than \$10 million from 2013 to 2014. And additional cuts are required during the current year.

Councilman Scott Moses said he hopes Power and Water can come up soon with a better forecast of future revenue, in light of the current budget situation.

Councilman Orvie Danzuka said a difficulty for the Council is explaining how an enterprise is saving money while members are being laid off from their jobs. "You say that in eight years things will

be better, but people need to feed their families now," he said.

Councilman Carlos Smith said he hears from constituents who question whether the tribes should have purchased the one-third interest in the first place, let alone future purchases of the dams. "They want to know what is the benefit," he said.

Manion agreed that the contributions are critical for the tribe's general funding needs. "We had a perfect storm in the past few years," he said. "We saw a struggling economy, which decreases energy use in the region, and we had large capital funding requirements from the project, both environmental funding and plant improvements."

"We have generated value for the tribe," Manion said, "with over \$100 million dollars in dividends over the last 10 years. We are on track to expanding that contribution in the near future."

- Dave McMechan

Sweetheart Sale on Friday

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Sweetheart Sale this Friday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop for your sweetheart, and get a special and unique gift. The Sweetheart Sale will be at the Community Center Social Hall.

The first 20 vendors to sign up will get a table (one table per person). Sign-ups have already started, so if interested, please act soon.

For more information contact the Community Center office at 541-553-3243.



Donations accepted for memorials

Donations for the Richard Payne and Clara Kennedy memorials are being accepted at the Warm Springs Shaker Church.

The Memorials will be held March 8 and every little bit helps. For more information call Josie 541-615-0703.

Community Counseling is putting on a Teen Craft Night this evening, Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5:30-6:30 in the prevention room at the counseling center.

Energy assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income households with home energy bills.

For more information about assistance in Warm Springs, contact Cheryl Tom at the Social Services/Voc Rehab office in the Industrial Park.

Her phone number is 541-553-4952.

Heart screenings for local youth

Central Oregon high school students have the opportunity to receive a free heart screening for life-threatening heart defects on Wednesday, Feb 12.

To register or for more information, call 541-706-2787.

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is open 3-5:30 after school and on no school days from 10-5.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Feb. 14. Thank you!

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