

## Roots program sees good student turnout

Twenty-seven students have signed up for the Warm Springs Roots program.

That is more than twice as many students who participated in Warm Springs alternative education program last year.

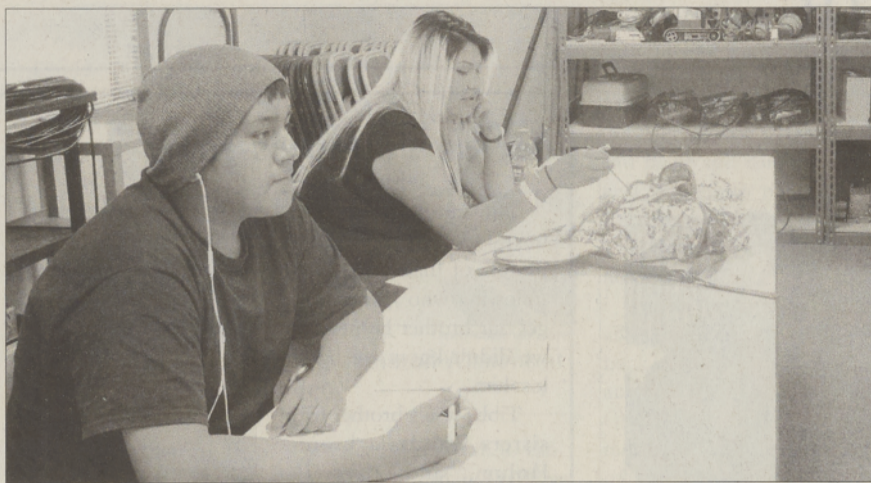
Teachers Dawn Smith and Earl Simmons spent the summer gathering information on the tribal natural and cultural resources.

The material is the basis for the class, focusing on the career paths available in natural resources.

"We've also been making contacts in the natural resource field," Dawn said, "We've found lots of great people who are ready and willing to help out. We are very grateful."

The first class was a hands-on introduction to agriculture, focusing on the Oregon state agriculture standards for soils, plants, mechanics and power, with a little construction thrown in.

Simmons will teach the agriculture class twice each day for the first quarter, in



Nicholas Kelly and Thayliah Suppah attend Roots class on Friday.

between the students' online work to regain credits.

There are plans for guest speakers on a variety of subjects, and field trips.

Planning and preparing for the Roots program was a major challenge, Dawn said. "I've gained a whole new appreciation for the level of expertise and dedication of the people and programs of the Confederated Tribes," she said.

"As an elementary staff person all these years, I was so focused on the kids in my charge, I didn't get the chance to look around and see the wonderful and hopeful things that were happening around us all."

In her research, she found the tribes have a history of extensive collaborative efforts stretching across the country.

"I've found extensive reports, letters, publications,

interviews and presentations by individuals and tribal departments that must have significantly influenced everyone they touched," Smith said.

"Every search uncovered something new I had to add, and I know I'm far from finished."

If you would like more information on the Roots program, stop by trailer no. 27 at the old elementary school campus.

## Community Counseling brings Washat to Youth Villages

Warm Springs Community Counseling facilitated the first traditional Washat service for a Native youth program at Lake Oswego.

Guy Wallulatum, Greg Arquette, Gene Sampson and Alice Jean held Washat at the Cedar Bough Native American Program on Youth Villages Oregon's Christie Campus in Lake Oswego.

Youth Villages Oregon is a private nonprofit organiza-

tion helping children with emotional and behavioral problems. Youth Villages helps the youth and their families live successfully by providing residential treatment and Intercept intensive in-home services.

The Cedar Bough Program offers culturally responsive residential treatment for Native American youth and others who can benefit from strong cultural influences.

## Arts Commission, Cultural Trust meet in Warm Springs

The Oregon Cultural Trust and the Oregon Arts Commission visited Warm Springs last week.

They held a joint meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, following a reception at the Museum at Warm Springs.

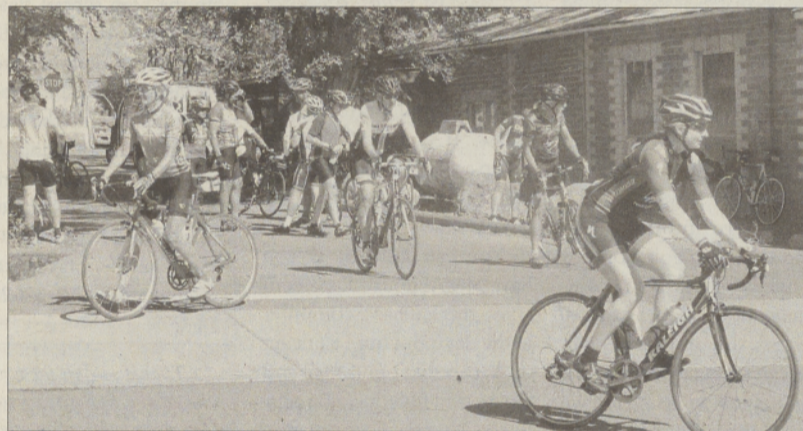
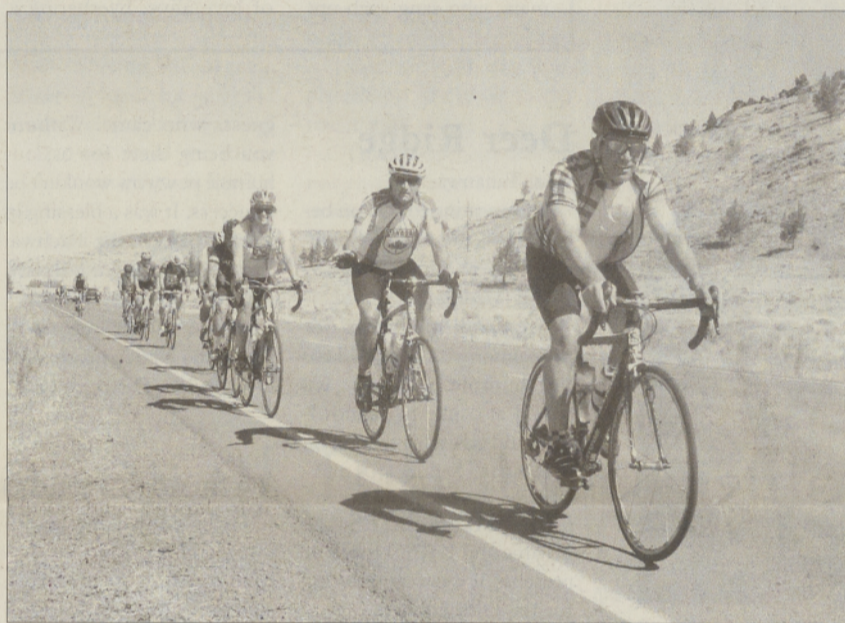
About 30 people attended the event, where they met some of the members of the Warm Springs Cultural Trust committee. Warm Springs tribal member Alyssa Macy was also there, as an Oregon Arts commissioner.

## Cycle Oregon visits the Rez

More than 2,000 cyclists passed through the reservation last week. The tour was part of the annual week-long Cycle Oregon ride.

In Central Oregon the riders went from The Dalles, to Dufur and the Tygh Valley.

On the reservation they passed through Simnasho and had lunch at Kah-Nee-Ta. They then rode Highway 3 to the Warm Springs Fire Station, which was one of the pit stops.



Cycle Oregon takes a different route around the state each year for its seven-day ride. The Cycle Oregon fund supports projects in communities where they ride, and bicycle advocacy projects in the state.

## Soaring Butterflies, Warrior Spirit hosting after-school classes

Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirit will present after-school classes at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

The Monday classes are for third- through fifth-grades; and Tuesday classes are for sixth- through eighth-grade students. Classes each day are 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Classes include culturally based teachings, crafts and learning activities. The goal of Soaring Butterflies and Warrior

Spirit is to share the unique tribal culture as a form of prevention. As the motto says, "Culture is Prevention."

There will be language lessons and social dance, and discussion topics such as "Where we come from and who we are," and "cultural identity."

Join the classes for fun and learning. For more information call Deanie at 541-553-3442. Or Sarah at 553-3205.

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## Seeking vendors for September Ski Bowl event

Ski Bowl and the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage are seeking vendors for an event on September 27 at Ski Bowl.

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