

Artist's *Good Cents* commemorates bottle bill

Most everyone in Oregon returns bottles and cans, because of the 10-cent refund per bottle or can. The state passed the law in 1971, the first such legislation in the United States. The law has greatly reduced roadside litter and landfill space: People return more than 90 percent of the containers that are covered by the law.

The Oregon Environmental Council works to protect the water, air and land of the state. The Council recently celebrated the Oregon Bottle Bill with the unveiling of a new sculpture—called *Good Cents*—at the state capital.

Renowned artist Lillian Pitt created the sculpture with Mikkel and Saralyn Hilde. Ms. Pitt commented:

“Most Native American people feel as if they are stewards of the earth. I myself was taught about my ancestors and our commitment to the earth from the time that I was a small child.”

She added: “We hope that when people see this sculpture, they will think about the issues we face. And we hope that people can develop a greater understanding between the need to protect our en-



Lillian Pitt at work on *Good Cents* public sculpture in Salem.



Good Cents sculpture in Salem.

vironment and survival.”

Good Cents is located in a park near the intersection of Church and Trade streets in downtown Salem. The work is the second of four public art installations in

the Oregon Environmental Council *Art of Loving Oregon* series, celebrating the state's legacy of environmental protection.

At the dedication ceremony of *Good Cents*, Council board mem-

ber Doris Penwell noted that the Bottle Bill was one of the group's first accomplishments.

“We were living in a throw-away society at the time,” Ms. Penwell said. “Passing the bill represented

the first of many steps in our journey to sustainability.”

The City of Salem is to be thanked for partnering in the placement and dedication of the sculpture.

— Dave McMechan

Housing: tribal residents went uncompensated

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Some of the provisions in the resolution creating the river housing entity:

The board membership of N'Chi Wana Housing will include, at a minimum, representation from those with ancestral ties to the Columbia River that lost housing as a result of construction and operation of the federal hydro-power system in the area now known as Zone 6 on the Columbia River.

The Tribal Council shall have the option of holding one seat on the N'Chi Wana Housing Board of Directors with the authority to delegate such participation to the Warm Springs Housing Authority or other Columbia River tribal representative.

N'Chi Wana Housing can accept funds from federal agencies, state agencies, private foundations and

other sources, when not in conflict with funding efforts of the Columbia River tribes. N'Chi Wana Housing will not rely solely on financial resources from any other tribal housing authorities' Indian Housing Block Grant, or other types of tribal funds.

N'Chi Wana Housing will adopt a comprehensive housing plan based on a community needs assessment that also supports the Warm Springs Housing Authority. N'Chi Wana Housing will provide a broad range of housing services, including affordable housing, improvements for health and safety concerns, immediate emergency housing needs of families living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions, new home ownership, down payment assistance, economic and community development, etc.

The resolution also contains provisions explaining the circum-

stances that have led to the present housing plan:

The federal government constructed dams on the Columbia River that had a disastrous effect on the anadromous fish, their habitat and water quality, and resulted in the loss of villages, homes and sacred fishing grounds that were vital to maintaining important traditional and spiritual values.

Numerous non-tribal communities along the river received replacement housing, village infrastructure, and relocation assistance as a result of the construction of Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day dams.

Warm Springs tribal members continued to reside on the Columbia despite losing their houses and villages, and continue to reside on the river today, often in deplorable conditions.

COCC Warm Springs classes start next week

Central Oregon Community College's winter term adult basic skills classes in Warm Springs begin the week of January 7. Go to a class January 7 or 9

to register for Communications. Attend January 8 or 10 to register for Math. This orientation is required to enroll in the classes. The orientations are at 1 p.m.

at the Education Building. There are also classes in Madras. Orientations are on the same days at 5:45 p.m. in room 117 at the Madras Campus.

Higher Ed reminder regarding scholarships

Warm Springs Higher Education reminds students who plan to apply for the tribal scholarship that you should apply for FAFSA, the State Need Grant and Oregon Opportunity Grant before March 1 to be eligible for more funding.

The tribal scholarship early bird deadline is May 1.

Students who turn in application packets by this date will be eligible for certain school supplies. The regular deadline is July 1. Talk to Carroll at the Higher Ed office for more information, 541-553-3311.

On February 22 there will be FAFSA workshop at Madras COCC, Room 120 from 2-3 p.m.

This is your opportunity to get some assistance to help you complete your FAFSA online or Oregon Student Aid.

Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation offers assistance to people with disabilities. You can learn about options by calling 553-4952. Vocational Rehabilitation is located in the old boys dorm.

January

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