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Miss Warm Springs '78

Pert and ambitious Jackie Estimo is looking forward to representing the Confederated Tribes. She was recently selected Miss Warm Springs. Edith Johnson was chosen as alternate. Steno pool scheduled three separate pageants, but unfortunately had no applications.

The girls were selected by the Tribal Council on their personality, beauty, scholarship and general knowledge of the reservation. Verbena Greene will be coaching Jackie on culture and language.

Presently, Jackie is an art-teachers aide at Warm Springs grade school through the high school's work-study program. Drawing and painting are Jackie's favorite and she plans to attend California College of Arts and Crafts sometime after graduation.

The new Miss Warm Springs will be attending many functions in the coming year. The Rose Parade, Calgary Stampede and various parades and fairs are just a few she will be attending. Her mother, Della, plans to accompany Jackie to most of these events.

Congratulations, Jackie, in being selected as the Confederated Tribes' representative throughout the country. Have fun!



Jackie Estimo

Building Lines Of Power And Communication

BPA And Tribes Agree On Right-Of-Way

A unique agreement between the Confederated Tribes and the Bonneville Power Administration marks not only the impending construction of additional power lines through the reservation but also the opening of new lines of communication between the two groups.

At a general council meeting February 14, about twenty tribal members were informed of the nearly finalized plan by which the BPA would pay the Tribes

\$4.5 million for expanded right-of-way through the northern corner of the reservation. Tribal and BPA officials and consultants described the plan, which involves immediate cash payment as well as ongoing compensation for lost timber, as unprecedented and favorable to all parties.

A proposal made last fall by then-BPA administrator Donald Hodel was supported by Tribal Council resolution in January.

Hodel's proposal, a "distinct departure" from the BPA's usual method of land acquisition, followed more than a year of negotiations between the BPA and the Tribes after the BPA's original offer was rejected by the Council in May 1976.

As former administrative staff assistant Wyman Babbey noted, "We didn't approach the Tribes as just another private landowner. We approached them on a government to government

basis."

The result of these negotiations which will be officially ended with the formal signing of the agreement within the next six weeks, is a plan to expand the BPA's northern corridor, giving the Tribes the option to ask that their southern corridor be vacated by the year 2010.

The tentative agreement is summarized as follows:

- 1) BPA will pay the Tribes \$4.5 million in the form of cash and-or services for the right to expand the north corridor by 224 additional acres.
- 2) At five-year intervals the Tribes will be compensated for the changing value of lost timber.
- 3) At the Tribes' request, BPA will remove its facilities from the south corridor by December 31, 2010 and further expand the north corridor if necessary. This additional acreage and timber would also be compensated by BPA.

The existing north corridor, or John Day-Marcola Line, (see map) is 15.8 miles long and uses 315.4 acres of timbered land. As soon as the agreement is finalized, the right-of-way would be widened from 150 feet to 267.5

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Second Simnasho Meeting Planned

The second in a series of Simnasho community planning meetings has been scheduled for March 7 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Ideas and concerns presented at the last meeting have been studied by the Land Use Planning Committee and planning staff, and further discussion and input from area citizens is desired.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow.

Simtustus In Critical Condition

Roger Simtustus, 18, is in critical condition in Portland Adventist Medical Center after being hit by a car while crossing a street in Portland Sunday evening, February 12. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Simtustus, Sr.

Presently being treated in the Intensive Care Unit, Simtustus has a broken neck and is paralyzed from the neck down. He is on a respirator because he

is unable to breathe on his own due to a collapsed windpipe.

Although the doctors have determined that there is no apparent brain damage, they do not expect him to ever recover from the paralysis, according to his sister Evaline Patt.

He has been in a semi-coma state since the accident, but he is now able to look around the room with his eyes and can move his mouth.

Yesterday (Thursday) he underwent surgery where a team of doctors took part of his hip bone and used it to fuse and stabilize the neck. Following the surgery, his condition was reported to be stable although, as of press time, he had not come out of the anesthesia completely.

Since the accident, his parents have been staying in an apartment in the old hospital area to be near their son.