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The Portland Rose Festival princesses visited Warm Springs last week and were greeted by many from our community. See pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

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Timber monies scrutinized by BIA

SECRETARY WATT APPOINTS TASK FORCE TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR TIMBER FEES PROBLEMS:

Interior Secretary James Watt has asked Deputy Assistant Secretary Roy Sampsel to chair a task force that will develop permanent and long-term solutions to the problems raised by a recent Solicitor's opinion on the use of administrative fees from the sale of Indian-owned timber.

The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Ken Smith, asked not to be named to the task force because of his former close association with the Warm Springs tribal timber industry.

The opinion issued by Solicitor William H. Coldiron May 5 stated in effect that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has for more than 60 years been incorrectly implementing a 1920 law authorizing the collection of administrative fees in connection with the sales of Indian timber. For the most part, the fees have been restored to the tribes as incentives for tribal involvement in the forestry programs or repayment of tribal expenditures for the programs.

The Solicitor's opinion concludes: "Accordingly, the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall immediately cease distribution to Indian tribes of fees collected from sales of Indian timber and shall promptly cover such monies into the U.S. Treasury. Additionally, the bureau shall immediately implement procedures to assure that hereafter such fee collections

are sufficient to reimburse the government's appropriated fund expenditures for Indian timber administration.

In response to BIA News Release) Warm Springs Secretary-Treasury, Ralph Minnick, indicated that the Council is fully informed and deeply concerned with the problem surrounding the timber fees. He said that legal, legislative and administrative remedies are all being considered and vigorously pursued by Council. The total impact on Tribal funds, as a result of any Secretarial action, is not fully understood but is being carefully researched and that the Council is being updated as rapidly as any current information is available. Right now fee situation doesn't look good and total effort on the Tribe's part is going to have to be undertaken to stop this action.

Just recently, Chief Nelson Wallulatum, councilman Zane Jackson and Rudy Clements traveled to Washington D.C. to discuss the 10% monies as well as other matters of importance.

Tewee body recovered from Deschutes River

Following an extensive 23-day search, the body of an enrolled Warm Springs member was recovered from the Deschutes River on Saturday, May 22. The body of Dale Tewee 25, was discovered by a group of rafters just below White Horse Rapids nearly 23 miles north of the area where Tewee went into the river.

On April 30, Tewee was reported to have attempted to swim the Deschutes River at the Old Hiram Smith house located across from the Orchard Park. It was reported to the police that Tewee dove into the river and surfaced face-

up and companions realized something was wrong. They attempted to rescue him but the currents were too swift and Tewee was swept down river. A search commenced that afternoon and continued until the recovery of the body on Saturday.

Volunteers and police had continued the search daily of a 33 mile stretch of the Deschutes River from the Highway 26 bridge to an area near Maupin.

The police received a call from the rafters on Saturday at 10:48 a.m. and a police search group recovered the body from the river shortly after.

Turnout high for primary

Voters turned out in high numbers to mark their ballots, approving or disapproving ballot measures and tax levies and voting for their favorite candidates. Jefferson county had a 55% voter turnout.

On local issues, voters approved the North Unit Rural Fire Protection District's new tax base of \$187,781. Voters disapproved both the 509-J and Jefferson county proposed tax bases. However, voters favored the Jefferson county transient occupant tax (motel tax).

Incumbent Jefferson county judge Herschal Read, who was unopposed in the primary, will run against Helmer Wallan for the judge seat in November. Wallan, a democrat, led two other opponents for the nomination.

Democrat Kenneth Bicart was nominated for county commissioner and will vie for the position against republican Gordon Shown in November. Elaine Henderson and Cecil Zemke were both unopposed.

Republican Bill Bellamy and democrat Bill Olsen will vie for the district 55 representative seat in November. For the congressional nomination in the second district, democrat Larryann Willis was nominated and will face republican Bob Smith.

In the gubernatorial race, incumbent Victor Atiyeh won the nomination and will face

democrat Ted Kulongoski in November.

Across the state, voters approved using state bond proceeds to finance municipal water projects in communities with a population of fewer than 30,000. Voters also approved ballot measure #2 which makes money available to elderly people for housing.

Ballot measures which failed were #3 (appropriating \$60 million to construct or improve state, regional, county or city jails); #4 (increasing taxes on commercial and motor vehicle fuels); and #5 (giving the governor the power to appoint the chief justice of the Oregon supreme court). COCC's A ballot levy was also voted down.

Incumbent Verne Duncan received majority vote in the non-partisan race for state superintendent of instruction. Mary Roberts received the democratic nomination for bureau of labor commissioner. She will vie against republican Mike Wooton for the position in November.

For position 4 on the state supreme court, Bob Campbell received more votes than opponent Vern Cook. For position 5 on the Oregon court of appeals, Johnathan Newman out distanced Stephen Walker. Sam Stewart received more votes than opponent Carl Byers in the race for judge on the Oregon tax court.

Weather

MAY	HI	LOW
15	77	42
16	79	47
17	61	48
18	62	34
19	70	34
20	79	40
21	82	56
22	76	54
23	79	42