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Lenora Starr crowned Miss Indian N.W.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

For the second consecutive year a Warm Springs girl has won the title of Miss Indian Northwest. Lenora Starr accepted the crown from 1982 Miss Indian Northwest Trudee Clements at the 13th Annual Miss Indian Northwest pageant held May 13 and 14 in Portland, Oregon.

During the pageant Miss Warm Springs, Lenora Starr, displayed knowledge of her culture and an ability to relate her knowledge to a panel of judges. She gained the greatest number of points against the three girls in the competition.

Rebecca David from Salem, a Kootenai, was chosen runner-up in the contest. She was recently named Miss Chemawa 1983. As runner-up Rebecca will reign should Lenora at a future time win another title or if she should give up her title for some reason.

Other contestants included Misty Shantell Arcand, Salem, a member of the Blackfeet tribe and Selean Shucy, Eugene, a Klamath/Modoc.

Each Miss Indian Northwest contestant had to follow certain rules and regulations for entry. The applicant had to be between the ages of 16 and 25 years of age, have at least

one-fourth degree Indian blood and wear her tribal traditional Indian costume.

Each was judged on a traditional talent, personality, poise and dancing ability.

Judges for the pageant were: Fern Alexander, Otoe tribe, Oklahoma; Penny Montes de Oca, Klamath tribe; and Ken Edwards, Colville.

Committee members organizing the pageant include coordinator Barbara Farmer, June Poitras, Laverne Woods, Fern Alexander, Mokey Kennedy and Anna Clements.

John Talley of Portland acted as Master of Ceremonies for the May 14 pageant while Rudy Clements of Warm Springs served as master of ceremonies during the May 13 banquet and fashion show.

In speaking of the Miss Indian Northwest pageant Rudy Clements commented, "It is a beautiful experience to watch our Indian women working to bring out our Indian culture." This is difficult, "as they strive to live in two worlds at once."

In submitting her application for the Miss Indian Northwest Pageant, Lenora gave her reasons for wanting to be Miss Indian Northwest. She wrote:

"I would like to be Miss Indian Northwest because I believe that the Miss Indian Northwest title is a symbol, a symbol of great pride in a heritage that is centuries old: Our Native American heritage. A heritage that was once rich in culture is becoming weaker because of the non-Indian society that we live in today. A society which places much emphasis in materialistic things such as: cars, stereos, computer machines and money. I honestly believe that the young woman who receives the honorable reign for Miss Indian Northwest tribes will research and explore her Indian heritage through her elders, tribal leaders and other's around her.

"When she learns of her heritage, she can in turn, pass on this information with others as she travels throughout different social events. In this way she will be guaranteeing the Indian traditions for generations to come.

"When the time comes for her to relinquish her reign, she'll be able to look back with a smile and a tear or two on her many memories and also with much pride knowing what she has done is good. This is why I would like to be Miss Indian Northwest 1983."

Changes in intersection alter traffic flow, speed

As the population of Warm Springs has grown, so has the traffic problem. It is this growth that has led to a drastic change at the intersection of Warm Springs, Wasco Street and North Hollywood near Macy's store.

Earlier this month the BIA roads department installed stop signs, removed another stop sign and painted stop lines on the pavement thus altering the flow of traffic. According to roads supervisor Don Schmith, "It's just makes practical horse sense to change the situation... from observing the traffic we were able to see the impact and need to alter the old system and improve the flow of traffic."

Before, the traffic from the new administration building at five o'clock on weekdays faced a slow, stop and go situation. So the traffic pattern was studied and some changes were made. As with all new ideas, it

will take a while but after people adjust to the changes it should make traffic flow faster and easier.

All northbound traffic into the intersection travels without stopping, if they turn east they have the right-of-way and continue; all eastbound traffic on Warm Springs street will stop giving right-of-way to the northbound traffic, if they continue east toward highway #26 they must yield to traffic coming off of Hollywood; traffic that is southbound coming off Wasco street will still have a new stop sign to observe; and traffic westbound will have new a stop sign to observe.

For the first several days, the Warm Springs Police allowed motorists a time to adjust but now they are issuing citations to violators. If you are uncertain the best advice is to travel with a great deal of care.



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