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## IIM computerized

Warm Springs superintendent Bernie Topash announced earlier this week that the Individual Indian Monies (IIM) department will be completely computerized as of February 4. Checks will no longer be written by the Warm Springs office.

The procedure to receive a check from IIM accounts has changed somewhat. A request is made to the BIA social services office and all requests made during the day are then transmitted by telephone to the Portland Area Office on a daily basis. "Checks should be written that evening and the next day, all checks (from the previous day) are mailed back to Warm Springs," said Topash. Mail time from Portland is usually two days.

The new method is slower said Topash, as now it's one day service. If an individual makes a request in the morning, the check is usually distributed that afternoon. This new method will

"force people to plan in advance. In some cases, it might cause a hardship, but that's an exception to the rule," Topash stated.

Topash stated that other reservations have already switched IIM over to computers and that no serious problems have arisen. "It's been the BIA experience at other locations that there have been no problems once they get used to it."

The interest is computed on the funds on hand during the six month period from October through March and April through September. Those monies gain interest through an investment pool in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Most tribes, said Topash, leave the monies in control of the investment officer there. Daily investing is done on a competitive basis, with the highest rate gained.

The length of time monies are invested is entirely up to the individual tribes. The tribes ad-

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Queens chosen

*Li'l Miss Warm Springs 1985 finalists—The final selections for the 1985 Li'l Miss Warm Springs pageant lined up after receiving their crowns and shawls. The girls are (pictured left to right) 1984 Queen Christina Johnson; advisor Lucinda Green; 1984 Queen Vanessa*

*Walker; 1985 Queen Saigigi Histake; Princess Starla Green; 1985 Queen Angela Polk; 1985 Queen Arlissa Rhoan; Princess Josephine Johnson; Princess Betty Spino; Queen Crystal Scott; and Princess Marcy Moody. (See story on page 2).*

## Annual Lincoln's Birthday scheduled for Feb. 8, 9 and 10

The annual Lincoln's Birthday powwow held at the Simnasho Longhouse is set for February 8, 9 and 10. Four young ladies will be in the community selling tickets to the powwow's raffle. For the first time ever, the girls will be seeking the queen's crown for the celebration this year. In past years, the powwow featured hostesses but for the first time there will be a queen and court.

The four girls seeking the title and crown are Mona Meanus, Kristina Sampson, Serina Winishut and Josephine Wyman.

Fourteen-year-old Kristina Sampson is the daughter of Rosalind Sampson and Gerald Sampson. Sr. Kristina is an eighth grader at Madras Junior High. She is the granddaughter of Donny and Edith Sampson and Margaret Charley and

late Russell Charley. She is of Warm Springs/Yakima/Colville/Umatilla descent. Kristina is a member of the Junior High Culture Club, the basketball team and the gymnastics team. She enjoys downhill skiing, bowling and going to powwows.

Looking forward to meeting people during the powwow, Serina Winishut, 12, is also seeking the queen's title. She is

the daughter of Donnie Winishut and Margie Tuckta and the granddaughter of Gene and Norene Greene and Pauline Howtopat. Serina is in the seventh grade at Madras Junior High where she played on the volleyball team. She lists her special interest as Indian dancing. Serina is of Warm Springs descent.

Josephine Wyman, 13, attends Madras Junior High where she is active in basketball and other sports. Josephine's parents are Geraldine and Freddie Blodgett. She is of Warm Springs and Yakima descent. Josephine is a member of the 4-H Culture Club and enjoys swimming. She is looking forward to participating in the Lincoln's powwow.

All of the girls will be in the community selling raffle tickets (one for \$1). The girl chosen for the queen's title will be selected on the ticket sales.

Some items to be raffled are: his/her beaded watch bands; clock/radio/cassette recorder; clock/radio/telephone; a number of Pendleton blankets; a shawl; star quilt; beaded bag; wrist watch; shell dress; beaded belt; wing dress; three \$100 cash prizes; three \$50 cash prizes; \$25 cash prize and \$20 cash prize. You need not be present to win.

The powwow will start Friday, February 8 with the six and under girls and boys wardance, the fancy wardance for 7-12 years of age boys and girls; and the fancy wardance for the 13-17 boys and girls. On Saturday, February 9 the girls circle dance for 12 and under; the boys traditional for 12 and under; girls circle for 13-17; the boys traditional for 13-17; the Senior honor for men and women will be featured. Sunday, February 10 will feature ladies fancy wardrobe (shawl cloth); mens fancy wardance; womens circle; and mens circle. Blanket dances will be held each night. Prize monies totaling over \$6,000 will be given in the competitions. Special dances and giveaways will be held during the three-day powwow.

On Sunday, February 10 Washut Services will be held at the Longhouse in the morning.

## Board to consider proposal

At a regular school board meeting last Monday night, a proposal was presented for their consideration. The object of the proposal could mean the consolidation of sixth grade students of both Madras and Warm Springs.

By busing the students to Madras the sixth grade students would have a better opportunity to become acquainted before entering the seventh grade at the Junior High School in

Madras. Also, the utilization of the much needed space in both schools would be facilitated said Superintendent Darrel Wright. The transition would involve about 67 sixth grade students from Warm Springs.

The Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Support Service Building, 1355 Buff Street, February 18, for discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

## Prevention tour planned

Prevention resources are available in the Warm Springs and Madras communities, but just what are these resources?

To answer that question and others, the Warm Springs Prevention Team and other interested community members will be touring prevention resources February 22 and March 1.

The group will learn what services are offered through the Warm Springs tribal health branch, the Madras Alcohol Center and Mental Health Center along with programs and counseling available in the schools.

Knowledge of these services is necessary, according to Warm Springs prevention coordinator Caroline Cruz, to avoid duplication of services. This knowledge will also enable the devel-

opment of resources lacking in the communities. Concentration can be focused on what isn't being done.

The State of Oregon has offered assistance in the development of prevention programs needed locally, says Cruz. It is necessary to know what is available, first.

Even though the prevention program in Warm Springs is geared specifically to this community, services not available in Warm Springs may be found in Madras. Community members do not need to go far for assistance.

For more information regarding the tour, the prevention committee or prevention resources, contact Caroline Cruz at 553-1161, ext. 205

## Scholarship program continues

The Indian Health Service announced recently that they are continuing the P.L. 94-437 scholarship program. There is enough funding for approximately 160 scholarships in three programs.

The scholarships are available in various health-related fields including pre-nursing, pre-medicine, dentistry, medical re-

ords, optometry, pharmacy and numerous other programs. These funds are for Indian students only.

For more information contact Darlene B. Marcellay, Scholarship Coordinator, Portland Area Indian Health Service, 1220 SW 3rd Room 476, Portland, Oregon 97204 or phone (503) 221-2019.

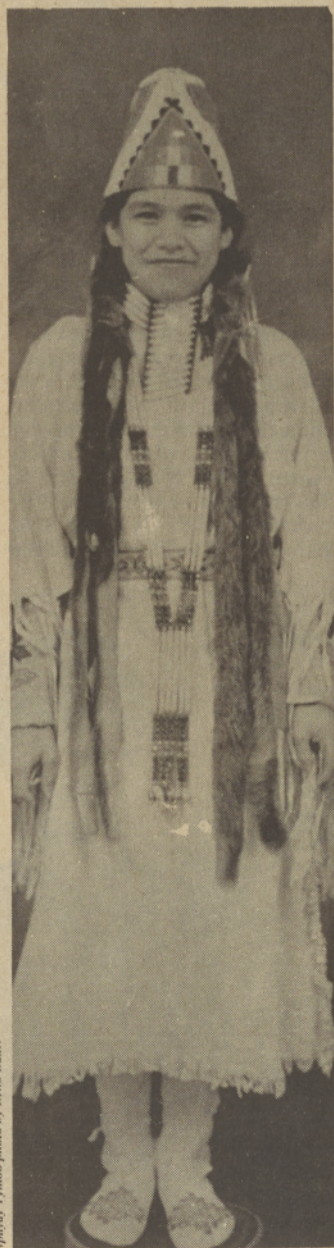
## Notice to livestockmen

Please come in and register or re-register your brand (s). We are required to have your original brand registration on file because of implementation

of the new Range Management Plan. If you previously registered your brand, come in and confirm your brand registration on file. Thank you for your cooperation.



Kristina Sampson



Josephine Wyman



Serina Winishut