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Coyote News in brief

Girls compete

Three girls are vying for the title of Miss Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. Shawna Jackson, Stephanie Mesteth and Norma Kim Switzler will be selling raffle tickets for various items.

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Crew stays busy

Warm Springs Construction is hiring more tribal members to work on the many projects in Warm Springs including improvement of lookout towers, remodeling of existing building and construction of buildings and houses.

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Read your lease

Leases are binding agreements. Be sure to read leases carefully and ask about penalties, renewals and termination of the contract.

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Awards presented

An awards dessert held January 26 at Madras Jr. High provided the opportunity for coaches to recognize athletes. The Jr. High once again received the Central Oregon good sportsmanship trophy.

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Seniors featured

Gabby Sohappy and Dana Smith are featured on the school page. Both seniors have enjoyed school and will miss friends upon graduation.

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Charles transferring

A farewell luncheon was held in honor of Stella Charles, BIA social services worker, on January 26. Charles is transferring to her home area of Lapwai, Idaho.

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Weather

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Warm Springs Head Start teacher Nola Queahpama puts emphasis on words students are trying to learn. Head Start program has 141, three- and four-year-olds enrolled.

Lincoln's powwow held in conjunction with Anniversary

The twelfth annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse February 12, 13 and 14, 1988. The annual event is sponsored by the Simnasho Longhouse elders and committee. Each year the powwow has grown in participants and spectators. Prize monies, over \$16,000, will be offered at the powwow.

This year the powwow will be held in conjunction with the Warm Springs 50th Anniversary celebration of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws and tribal self-government. The powwow committee has made some changes in their annual event so there will not be a conflict between the two celebrations.

The powwow will begin on Friday, February 12 with a traditional meal celebrating self-government. Following the dinner and featured speakers a ceremony for new joiners will be held. The grand entry for the evening will be held at 7:30 p.m. followed with the introduction of the drums. The powwow royalty, Shawna Jackson, Stephanie Mesteth and Norma Kim Switzler, will be introduced along with royalty from other celebrations.

Championship dancing eliminations will start at 9 p.m. with categories in girls fancy, 7 to 12 years; boy fancy 7 to 12; girls traditional 7 to 12; boys traditional 7 to 12; girls fancy 13 to 17; boys fancy 13 to 17; girls traditional 13 to 17; boys traditional 13 to 17; open grass dance all ages; womens fancy 18 to 49; mens fancy 18 to 49; womens traditional 18 to 49; mens traditional 18 to 49 and open team dance.

On Saturday afternoon the normal activities will be postponed because of the events to be held at the Agency Longhouse. The powwow program on Saturday will resume at 7:30 p.m. with the grand entry. The only major change in Saturday's schedule will be the crowning ceremony of the powwow queen, which will be at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday, February 14, a 12 noon ceremony will be held for the signing of the constitution and by-laws with a feast held at the Simnasho Longhouse. Powwow events will begin at 1:30 p.m. Event following will be the introduction of the drums and royalty and the

afternoon session of the championship eliminations for all events.

The championship session will begin with the grand entry at 7 p.m. with the all-category championships. The raffle and dance awards will be presented following the judging.

For more information contact Pierson Mitchell, chairman of the powwow committee at (503) 553-1406; Charlie Tailfeathers, master of ceremonies at (503) 553-1277 or Kate Jackson for concession space at (503) 553-1161, ext. 270.

Meeting with Wasco, Jefferson counties productive

"We're here asking for help," was one comment heard during a meeting January 26 between Tribal Council, tribal administrators and representatives of Wasco and Jefferson counties. The first meeting involving representatives from the three adjoining areas showed favorable results and points towards continued sessions aimed at an exchange of ideas.

Although tribal representatives have met previously with Jefferson County officials, such meetings have not included Wasco County. Jim Comini, county commissioner from Wasco County, says, "It makes me feel good that we've finally accomplished it."

Wasco County judge Bill Hulse asked for assistance from the Tribe in pursuing a grant for the Columbia River Scenic Gorge interpretive center. A portion of the history of the Gorge related to the history of the Indian, he pointed out. A presentation to the Gorge Commission scheduled for May 1 would have more strength with the support of the Warm Springs Tribe. The committee for the interpretive center is also seeking a tribal representative to help in the basic planning of the center. We would like something "that is world class," adds Hulse.

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath spoke positively about an interpretive center located at The Dalles, citing the fact that "this is our area...The Dalles is part of our history." He continued, "People don't know we have traveled this area

and still travel to The Dalles."

Tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp feels the interpretive center "could be a natural complement to the MOIHS museum at Warm Springs,"

which is in its planning stage. Larry Calica added, "Whatever we can do to tie the Mid-Columbia to Central Oregon will be beneficial for all of us." The growth of tourism

will be overwhelming in the future, he emphasized.

A major concern by all representatives was the issue of drug and

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Task Force study completed....

Recommendations suggest changes

by Donna Behrend

The task force study, initiated in November, 1987 by Tribal Council and conducted by two attorneys from the Pendleton area, was completed as scheduled in mid-December. The study carries with it many far-reaching recommendations relating to the tribal court, juvenile services and police department. Though not all recommendations have been made public, a major decision came January 6 when Tribal Council followed the study's recommendation that there be a change in leadership in the chief judge position and that Richard Frederick be replaced.

Frederick began working for the Confederated Tribes as chief judge in January, 1985. He came to Warm Springs after completing a six-month course of study in criminal justice in Bismarck, North Dakota. He also served as chief judge for his home reservation in North Dakota for 12 years and worked as chief

judge for the Mescalero Apache in New Mexico for nearly two years.

The review of the court and police department came after Tribal Council expressed concern about services and department function. According to tribal attorney Jim Noteboom, it is the general con-

ensus that the system is "structurally sound...but that is needs fine-tuning." Many of the areas addressed in the study will not be too difficult to resolve, he added. Upcoming changes "should make a major improvement on how the court functions." He added that "we're already proceeding with steps to implement those recommendations." However, the implementation of other recommendations will require Tribal Council action.

Conducting the study were Doug Nash, an attorney in Pendleton and former Umatilla tribal legal counsel, and Bill Johnson, also an attorney and current chief judge and court administrator for the Umatilla tribe. They were familiar with the tribal court system, said Noteboom. "Nash participated in a similar study in 1980." Both men have experience in tribal courts and are well-respected, added Noteboom.

Details of the study will be released at a later date and will appear in Spilyay Tymoo.



Richard Frederick

No cuts due in facilities management

Bureau of Indian Affairs facility management personnel breathed a sigh of relief after word was received January 15 that "adequate funding is available in the current fiscal year to continue" that department's operations.

Reports earlier this month indicated a "sizeable reduction in funding which would have resulted in the temporary furloughing of five facility management employees," said Warm Springs superintendent Bernard Topash. "Further impacts of such a reduction in funding would have affected BIA repair and maintenance operations in Warm Springs and the provision of utility service to the Celilo Indian Village," said Topash.

Concluding, Topash stated, "there are no anticipated shortages in funding at this time."

Space available for love messages

We goofed. Believe it or not, we made a mistake, sort of. In our last issue, we said we would have an outlet for those wishing to express their love. We are, of course, dedicating a page, but the avenue won't be titled "Heart-to-heart." Instead, it will be called "Page for the Passionate." The name change comes after reading in The Oregonian that their special messages will appear under "Heart-to-heart." Well, we couldn't duplicate that, so we changed our name to a better one.

Remember, entries are due Friday, February 5. The earlier the better since space will be limited. Of course, there is no charge for this service.

Put pen to paper and demonstrate your talent and love on our Page for the Passionate.