

## Hot Shot crew offered encouragement, appreciation



Warm Springs Inter-agency Hot Shot fire fighting crew members top row from left to right Tony Holliday, Luther Clements, John Hicks, David Johnson, Tracy Sam, Glenn Smith and Edmond Francis. Bottom row from left to right Lawrence Heath, Mark Stacona, David LeClair, Jo-Jo Smith, Aldwin Keo, Ben Holtby and Frank Brunoe.

The Warm Springs Interagency Hot Shot fire crew held a luncheon at the Community Center Wednesday, November, 12 to recognize and honor the crew members and their families

and to celebrate the end of the 1997 fire season. According to 13-year crew member and crew superintendent Luther Clements, "The 1997 fire season was very slow this year."

"We had a total of 11 off-reservation fire dispatches and were gone 29 days," says Clements. "During the luncheon, we had a special guest speaker by the name of Dr. Ralph

Holtby and his wife of Redmond," says Clements.

"Dr. Holtby and his wife are the parents of Bonnie Holtby, a Prineville Hot shot crew member who lost her life during the 1994 Storm King Mountain Fire in Colorado. The Holtbys are also parents of 19-year-old Warm Springs crew member Ben Holtby. Dr. Holtby expressed his concern and gave his support to all crew members and told them that it took a specially strong minded person to fight fire. Dr. Holtby also presented Luther Clements with a photo of the Prineville Hot Shot Monument.

"The duties and the danger of fighting fire are similar to that of fighting a war," said Jody Calica, General Manager for tribal Natural Resources. "When this young twenty person fire fighting crew travel outside the reservation to fight fire, they represent Warm Springs. They need support not only from their families, but from the community as well," says Calica.

Long time crew members include Luther Clements, 13 years; Glenn Smith, 12 years; Emerson Culpus, 10 years; Alwin Keo, nine years; David LeClair, eight years; Tony Wells, seven years; and Tony Holliday, six years. Other crew members include John Hicks, David Johnson, Tracy Sam, Edmond Francis, Lawrence Heath, Mark Stacona, Jo-Jo Smith, Ben Holtby

## Annual Thanksgiving Powwow held

Early Childhood Education Center held their annual Thanksgiving powwow and bake sale.

Baked pies and cakes were donated to ECE and were sold by staff during the powwow.

Children are taught social dances and contest dancing by local dancers and elders. These dances are performed for parents and relatives during the powwow



This owl dancing is not hard for this pair.



Even the smallest can dance.

## Braids & Boots moving to Madras

Braids & Boots Hair Saloon is moving to Madras. Operator, Diane Green, says, "Hopefully, we will be set to open by December 5."

Everything will be the same, except the location and phone number. The new phone number is 475-5720. If you dial the previous number it will direct you to the new number. The new address will be 123 SW S Street, Madras, Oregon 97741, the old fire station. The building behind the Taco Time called the New Energy Fitness Center.

## It's everybody's business

"If I want to drink...it's nobody's business, but mine!"

-If you call in "sick" more than once a month, it becomes your bosses' business.

-If your co-workers cover for you when you call in "sick", it's their business.

-If you work at half-speed because of a hangover, it's your bosses' business.

-If your children missed school because you "partied all night", it's their business.

-If your hangover makes you short tempered with your kids, it's their business.

-If you spend the rent money, it's your landlord's business.

-If you drink and drive, it's

everybody's business.

-If your family gets scared when you don't come home, it's their business.

-If your family get scared when you come home drunk, it's their business.

-If your spouse avoids you when you're drinking, it's her/his business too.

etc., etc., etc...

MADP Staff

**Readers needed at Warm Springs Elementary:**  
Tuesdays or Thursdays  
1/2 hour  
Read to a Kindergarten through 2nd grade student  
Make a special friend  
Questions or sign-up call  
553-1128.

## Kah-Nee-Ta Holiday Feature

Roast turkey with giblet gravy, home stuffing, buttermilk mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, corn bread, pumpkin pie - \$10.95

Honey glazed ham, candied yams, buttermilk mashed potatoes, acorn squash, corn bread, apple pie -

These selections will not be on our menus. This is being offered to Warm Springs residents and associates only. Make your reservation and ask for our Warm Springs appreciation selection by name.

## Warm Springs Rodeo Association

presents the 1997

### Christmas Stocking Raffle

Over \$200 worth of miscellaneous items

\$1.00 each (need not be present to win)

Drawing to be held on December 25th

(listen to KWSO for winner)

Tickets can be purchased from the

following people:

Ginger Smith, Vesta Miller, Shawna Jackson, C.R. Begay, Val Squiemphen, Monica Leonard, Gladys Squiemphen, Rita Squiemphen and other Warm Springs Rodeo Assoc. members.



## Brunoe lands role as Apache woman in "Buffalo Soldiers"



On December 7, beginning at 5 p.m., Turner Network Television (TNT) will air the made-for-television movie "Buffalo Soldiers." Well known actors Danny Glover and Mykelti T. Williamson will be immediately recognizable to regular movie goers. However, the actress playing the role of a fierce Apache woman will not be familiar to most. She is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Jeri Brunoe-Samson, the only woman in Buffalo Soldiers, left the Warm Springs Indian Reservation almost 10 years ago when she moved to Oklahoma. When she arrived in Oklahoma she knew one person and had \$200 in her pocket. She was following her dream of being a motivational speaker and trainer for Native American youth.

In the last 10 years, Jeri has carved out a career that would be the envy of most. In 1990, living in Oklahoma City, she was working as a trainer for youth conferences and also doing some modeling. "My agent asked me to audition for some commercials," Jeri remembers. "I got the part for Oklahoma Tourism...it was the first time I had ever auditioned for a part. My agent got me more involved, and I started taking acting classes."

One of the first roles Jeri landed was a part on Unsolved Mysteries. "After that, I went to Dallas, Texas," Brunoe-Samson said. "I was in the

premiere movie for 'Walker, Texas Ranger'."

Jeri eventually started her own business as a trainer and consultant. This allowed her to continue as a motivational speaker at youth seminars and conferences. As her business flourished, her focus on acting diminished.

A few years later, Jeri moved to Arizona. Living in Scottsdale brought her closer to the film capital of the world, Hollywood. She decided to attend the Native American Film Awards show in Los Angeles. She renewed old acquaintances, and met new people in the business. Jeri said, "I visited with Renee Haynes, a casting lady I had read for years ago." Haynes said she had been trying to find Jeri. She said she was coming to Arizona and she would like Jeri to read for a part in a movie, Buffalo Soldiers.

Jeri remembers Haynes telling her, "There's this Apache woman, she's mean, she's tough, she fights a lot and she speaks Apache. During this whole movie you're going to have to speak Apache." Jeri made it through the first audition, but on the second audition she had to read it in Spanish. "I had to learn it in Spanish. Then Renee asked me if I could do it in Apache, and I said no...but I had some friends that I could get some help from."

"What really got the part for me aside from being able to pick up these languages, was my growing up in Warm Springs, being able to handle a gun and ride horses," Jeri said. "They said they needed an excellent horse person and I said 'Well, I grew up riding horses so I can handle that...that's no problem.' They said, 'Well, can you shoot a gun?' and I said 'Yea, I can do that, too.'" Being raised with two brothers, Jeri had plenty of experience with fire arms. According to Jeri, being in good shape also helped her because she had to do some of her own stunts in the movie.

Buffalo Soldiers was filmed in Benson, Arizona, slightly southeast of Tucson. Some of the filming was actually done in the Coochise Stronghold and Rattlesnake Springs. Coochise is buried somewhere in the Coochise Stronghold; however, no one knows exactly where. "When we

were out there you could just feel the presence. Everyone felt something...they didn't know how to explain it or what it was, but it was awesome," Jeri stated. The young actress said she learned a lot about the Apache people and what they had to endure.

The Wasco from Warm Springs plays the part of a Chief's daughter. In real life she is the daughter of Bruce "Mickey" Brunoe, a tribal councilman and self-employed logger on the reservation. "I did a couple of my own stunts. I got pulled down off a horse and dragged for 30 or 40 years," Jeri explains. "They throw me down on this log and have a gun to my head. When he is dragging me, it looks like he is pulling me by my hair but he really had hold of my vest with some hair."

Before Buffalo Soldiers, Jeri had some near misses. She credits her family in Warm Springs for providing support. "They have always encouraged me to do what I love to do. Don't let anything hold me back," Jeri says. The family Jeri mentions is her father, Mickey, mother Frances, grandmother Madeline McInturff and two brothers, Bobby and Bruce, Jr. Her husband Edward Samson, an Economic Development Analyst for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Reservation in Arizona, has also provided encouragement. "Edward has been very supportive. He's the one who says, 'You need to go' because I don't like going to L.A. very much. He says, 'This is your dream.' He encourages me...he's great support."

"Over the years I had read for quite a few parts. I read for Pocohontas, Lakota Woman and couple of others. And every time, I would miss a call-back." Jeri mentions Irene Badard, who did the voice of Pocohontas. She also played in Lakota Woman and Geronimo. "I would find myself in that kind of company...she's a really great actress, and when I find myself in that realm, I think...ah, that's great."

Jeri worked with some outstanding people on the set of Buffalo Soldiers including Charlie Haid, of Hill Street Blues fame, who was the director. Brunoe-Samson developed the utmost respect for Danny Glover. "I do a lot of national training for youth.

There's a large conference that I do the lead training for called the United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference," Brunoe-Samson said. "The organization is based in Oklahoma City, but it's held in a different state every year. I told Mr. Glover there were going to be 1,300 native youth attending the conference in Phoenix. I said, 'I know your schedule is tight but could you come to our United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference?' Mr. Glover checked his schedule, then called me and said, 'I'd love to be there.' He flew in on his own and those youth went nuts."

Brunoe-Samson said the movie is a great story about the struggle of two minority people. The cast is also comprised of great people who care about each other. "I've been told by people connected with this movie that a lot of agents are asking 'Who is the girl that got this part?' I've been told by Danny Glover and also Carolyn McDonald, another producer, to be prepared for when this movie comes out," Jeri commented. "Carolyn said this is a great break for me. She said that very few people get this kind of an opportunity. She said there is a window of opportunity, and it takes a lot to step through that and see what you can do with it."

Jeri feels that she has been blessed to be in this movie. "I'm honored. A lot of times people say, 'What does it take...is it luck?' I just feel that if you work very hard and don't give up your dream...I didn't give up the dream...I worked very hard at it, and I worked hard spiritually," she explains. When asked if her training and motivational speaking played a part in her getting this role, she responded by saying, "Acting is my own personal challenge, as well as being another avenue, another tool, to help our youth today. This is a way to give back and to provide a positive role model."

For the thousands of young Native Americans who have attended youth seminars and conferences where Jeri Brunoe-Samson was a featured motivational speaker, it will come as no surprise that this talented lady has elevated her game to another level, so to speak. After all, by being a positive role model...she is just walking her talk.

## Warm Springs Community Center December activities

- 4th- Tree lighting, 6:00 p.m. Pie feed and hot chocolate following.
- 9th- Family Jamboree Night, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and games
- 13th- Christmas Bazaar, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., vendor set-up from 8-10.

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