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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Snowfall coats the reservation in layers of white



It's a beginning to a lot like Christmas

Meetings scheduled to discuss timber harvest outside commercial base

The Branch of Forestry will host three meetings in January to discuss a Tribal Council directive authorizing the harvest of 4 million board feet of timber above the annual allowable cut in 2001.

A downswing in the timber industry has created a financial crisis and forced Warm Springs Forest Products Industry to lay-off 65 workers, effective Feb. 2, 2001. The 4 million board feet of timber will be used to keep a swing shift working at the mill through January.

The decision to harvest timber above the annual allowable cut is based on a recommendation from tribal and BIA representatives. The so called "Gang of Four," selected to research short-term and long-term solutions to the industry downswing, recommended taking timber outside

the commercial forest base in restricted areas such as riparian buffers, visual corridors and conditional use areas.

Employees with the Forestry and Natural Resources branches have located several areas that contain the type of trees needed to keep the swing shift operating. Some of the stands would be considered a high priority for harvest if they were located in the commercial forest base, meaning they are considered to be overstocked or diseased.

The staff will present maps where the harvest could take place and discuss potential methods for obtaining the 4 million board feet at the January meetings.

Times and dates of the meetings will be announced through the Forestry Branch and the media.

Shooting incident claims life

Wednesday afternoon at 5:16, November 29, 2000, Warm Springs Police responded to a call of a shooting incident at a residence in the Seekseequa area. On arrival, police officers found a 13 year-old female victim not breathing and unconscious.

It was determined that there had been a family altercation prior to the incident. The incident involved the victim and her 12-year-old brother. The brother attempted to scare the victim with a rifle when the weapon discharged.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. A physician from Indian Health Service, Warm Springs Fire & Safety, and representative from Crisis Intervention all responded to the scene.

The body was transported to Bel Air Funeral Home in Madras.

The Warm Springs Police and the FBI are conducting an investigation into the shooting. Further information will be released, as it is available.

Deadline for the next issue is Friday, January 5, 2001

**Three Warriors Market
in Simnasho
Open Christmas Day
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday the 31st,
New Years Eve
Regular Store Hours
Phone: 553-2242**

Pitt receives fellowship from First People's Fund

Community Spirit-Five American Indian artists have been awarded \$5,000 fellowships from the First People's Fund. Community Spirit is an expression that speaks of the unselfish generosity and reciprocated love these artists have for their Indian community. Community Spirit also describes the teaching of gifts that promote and sustain indigenous cultures.

The 2000 recipients were nominated by members of their communities and were found to exemplify the Community Spirit by an independent panel of American Indian reviewers. The recipients are: Murial Antoine, (Sicangu Lakota), Rosebud, S.D.; Anna Brown Ehlers, (Tlingit) Juneau, AK; Nora Naranjo Morse (Santa Clara Pueblo), Espanola, N.M.; Lillian Pitt (Warm Springs/Yakama/Wasco), Portland, OR and Diane Schenandoah (Oneida), Oneida, N.Y. Juanita Espinosa, Director of Native Arts Circle in Minneapolis

Minnesota and a member of the selection committee said, "finally a way to acknowledge our community artists who operate with a set of native values that allows them to reach out to their communities artistically to ensure cultural continuance." She further added, "too often artists awards recognize artists for their individuality which forces them to self-promote."

First People's Fund is an organization committed to sustaining the creative work of American Indian artists. Community Spirit honorees have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to core values of First People's Fund. Those values are deeply rooted and maintain direct ties to an Indian community, a history of actions dedicated to building the strength of native communities and an artistic practice that passes on the traditions and the life ways of the people.

Recipients of the Community

Spirit Award were honored November 2, 2000 at a formal ceremony and opening exhibit at the Denver Art Museum entitled, "Deep Roots... Indian Artists, Community Heroes." Photographer and 1999 Community Spirit awardee Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie traveled to her fellow awardees' communities and photographed each artist in their own environment. Her images will be displayed alongside the artist's art medium. The exhibit celebrates the memory of Clyde Estey, a respected elder and recipient of the 1999 award, who passed on to spirit world this past Spring.

The ceremony and exhibit was sponsored by First People's Fund, the Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO and Western American Indian Chamber, Denver, CO. For more information contact Lori Pourier, FPF at 605-393-1053. FPF website www.firstpeoplesfund.org.

International group visits Warm Springs

An international group representing 13 foreign countries were in Warm Springs December 11 to gain insight on local community and its culture.

The group, participating in the International Visitor Program, was touring the United States to learn how local communities preserve their cultural heritage. The trip to Warm Springs focused on tribal culture and how it is passed from generation to generation.

Presentations were made at the Tribal Relations office, Warm Springs Elementary School and the Museum at Warm Springs. The group wanted to examine the extent to

which local institutions and individuals were involved in research, preservation, conservation and education of American cultural heritage.

The visitors learned about tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, trust responsibility, language classes, outreach programs, and tribal traditions.

Most of the visitors were museum directors or curators in their country of origin. They came as representatives of Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Canada, Guatemala, Israel, Kuwait, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia and Zambia.

The International Visitor Program is sponsored by the World Affairs Council. Each year approxi-

mately 4,500 foreign visitors, identified by U.S. embassies as future leaders in their countries, participate in study tours to the United States. The visitors typically represent over 100 countries and a wide range of professional interests.

Each visitor spend approximately 30 days in the United States and visits 4-5 different states. Nearly 500 visitors come to Oregon each year.

The World Affairs Council of Oregon arranges personalized tours for each visitor. The program build international friendships and promotes international understanding.

COIC asks for additional funds to assist millworkers

In response to recent widespread layoffs in the timber products industry, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) has asked the Department of Labor for \$500,000 in additional federal funds to help dislocated timber workers. The latest request is double the amount of the last grant COIC received to help dislocated workers find new employment.

Several local companies, including Bend Millworks, Ochoco Lumber, Crown Pacific, American Pine Products, and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, have announced layoffs recently in Bend, La Pine, Prineville, and Warm Springs. About 265 workers have been affected, and industry officials expect the layoffs

to continue. COIC is ready to help workers find new jobs.

"COIC offers dislocated workers three viable options," Rik Mackay, COIC Executive Director, said. "If a worker has skills that can be marketed in Central Oregon, we'll help them find a job here. If they want to use their current skills elsewhere, we'll help them relocate. If their current skills can't be applied to another type of job, we'll help them develop new skills so they can find work. This new funding request allows us to continue doing that and to do it for more people."

"COIC wants to provide a rapid response to changing conditions in the local workforce, and this is one example of how we try to do that. Our

staff is knowledgeable and experienced in helping people in just this kind of situation," Mackay said.

COIC's request for additional money is part of a larger request made by The Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance to serve dislocated workers in 23 rural counties in Oregon affected by a recent wave of layoffs in the timber industry.

For more information on COIC services for dislocated timber workers, please call one of the following COIC offices: Bend, 389-9661; LaPine, 536-5380; Madras, 475-7118; Prineville, 447-3119; or Redmond, 504-2955. Or visit COIC's website at www.coic.org.



Dignitaries listen during classroom lessons at Warm Springs Elementary during their visit.

Drive safe and have a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

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