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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Photo by Tina Agullar

New Miss Warm Springs

Cece Herrera was crowned Miss Warm Springs 2002 during the pageant held last weekend. For the next year the young woman, pictured with grandparents Marvin and Maryann Meanus, will represent Warm Springs in powwows and other events. More photos, Page 10

School votes top local news stories

2001 saw many milestones

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Staff

It was the year when a 200-pound airplane fueling device fell thousands of feet through the sky and landed on the roof of a residence on Elk Loop.

Meanwhile, a Portland man won more than \$200,000 playing a slot machine at Indian Head.

Tribal members in 2001 approved the building of a new elementary school. They also helped pass a bond to improve the Madras High School.

On a more disheartening note, 65 people lost their jobs at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill.

The year 2001 saw the passing of the much-respected tribal elder Delbert Frank Sr. And the late Paiute Chief Vernon Henry was killed in a motor vehicle accident.

Like other years, 2001 saw its share of good news along with the bad.

On the positive side, Warm Springs Composite Industries had its best year ever.

The tribally-owned venture, employing 29 people, has become a leader internationally in the fire door industry.

But local residents, like other people all across the nation, remember 2001 mostly for the terrible events back east on September 11.

Following the terrorist attacks, several young tribal members enlisted or were called back into military service.

It is a tradition for newspapers at the beginning of a new year to attempt to rank the main news events of the past year. For the world, the terrorism of September 11 was by far the biggest event.

The purpose of this article is to rank the local news events. The ranking that we at the Spilyay came up with - the top

three local stories of the year - is as follows:

1. Good news for students
In the long run, the passage in 2001 of the two school-related construction proposals will make a big difference for students.

In June of last year, by a ratio of more than four-to-one, tribal members approved a referendum that will result in a new elementary school, being built in Warm Springs.

The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003. The vote authorized expenditure of up to \$8 million to build a 600-student school on a hill overlooking the tribal Health and Wellness Center, and the Early Childhood Education Center.

Meanwhile, tribal officials have indicated they may want to pursue opening a charter school in the buildings that currently house the elementary school.

In November of last year, Warm Springs residents by a large majority cast their ballots in support of a \$15.8 million school district bond.

The measure also passed district-wide, meaning that \$15.8 million has been made available for school building improvements and expansion, mainly at Madras High School. A third of the MHS students are from the Warm Springs Reservation.

2. WSPFI mill layoff

This story could have been included in the 2000 year in review, because the cutbacks at the mill had been announced late that year.

However, it was not until February of 2001 that the 65 positions were actually cut, and the people had to secure other work.

The lay-off was the result of cutting the mill from two shifts to one.

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Bighorns returning to area

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Staff

The steep and wild terrain of the Mutton Mountains will again be home to California bighorn sheep.

A small herd of the bighorns - approximately 20 animals - are set for release in the Muttons as early as this week.

The Confederated Tribes' Natural Resources Department coordinated the bighorn re-introduction program.

The tribes acquired the wild sheep through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The Tribal Council finalized the agreement last month.

The sheep were to be captured on Wednesday of this week in the upper John Day area.

The animals were then to be transported by trailer to the Mutton Mountains for release perhaps on Thursday.

This schedule was tentative though, as weather conditions - particularly wind and fog - were a factor in the timing of the capture, transport and release of the animals.

A helicopter is used in capturing the sheep. Fog could delay use of the helicopter, which would delay the re-introduction by a day or maybe more.

The Mutton Mountains are in the northeastern area of the

reservation. California bighorns used to live in the Muttons years ago, but the wild sheep died off. Disease carried by domestic sheep was the cause of the extinction of the native species.

The town of Shaniko is located fairly close to the Mutton Mountains. Shaniko in the Nineteenth Century was the world's largest exporter of wool, and thousands of domestic sheep were in the immediate area.

The bighorns died through contact with the domestic herds.

There are two accounts of how the Mutton Mountains got their name. The "mutton" refers either to the bighorns that used to live there, or to the domestic sheep that were later introduced.

These days in the Mutton Mountains area the grazing of domestic sheep has given way largely to the grazing of cattle. With the elimination of domestic sheep, the bighorns again can live in the Muttons.

The loss of bighorn sheep happened not only in the Mutton Mountains, but all across Oregon and other parts of the country.

In the mid-1800s, bighorn sheep were one of the most populous big game species in North America.

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Photo by Craig Bihrie

This photograph of bighorn sheep was taken in Badlands of North Dakota, and is included in the book *Return of Royalty*,



This photograph, courtesy of The Museum at Warm Springs, is of petroglyphs near The Dalles. Among the animals in the scene are several Bighorn sheep. (The large, winged images are owls.)

Accidents claim life, injure officer

By Selena Boise
Spilyay Staff

Three serious motor vehicle accidents occurred recently on the reservation.

One of the wrecks was fatal, one seriously injured a Warm Springs police officer, and the third resulted in three tribal members being hospitalized. In the most serious wreck, last Thursday, Jan. 3 on

Highway 26, Craig Kinne, 47 of Sisters, died. Ice on the roadway caused this accident.

On Jan. 1, Warm Springs Police Officer David Endicott was severely injured.

Warm Springs police along with emergency medical services responded to a reported two vehicle crash about 21 miles north of Warm Springs.

According to a witness on

scene, a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Eric Nufer of Beaverton, Oregon was attempting to pass several vehicles when he lost control and struck Endicott head-on.

Officer Endicott, who had to be extricated from the wreckage, was transported to Mt. View Hospital and later to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, where he underwent

three hours of surgery.

Endicott had his two knees repaired with further surgery on Saturday, Jan. 5. He went through surgery again Monday, Jan. 7 to repair his pelvic bone. There is some bruising to the brain, but undetermined as to how much due to the sedation and life support that is currently required.

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Young dancer to sponsor contest

(During the Lincoln's Birthday powwow in February at Simnasho, Kelsey Haywahe will be sponsoring a Junior Boys Division Special, with prize money and jackets to be awarded.)

By Charles Tailfeathers Sr.

Kelsey is a 10-year-old youth. He is in the fifth grade, and attends the Jefferson County Middle School.

Kelsey is also with the Smile Program, TAG, and in the band. He is a good student, excelling in his school studies.

He likes to hunt, listen to all number one Indian singing groups, and someday he wants to become just about everything that a kid dreams of and wants to be. For today, a musician and a computer wizard. As they dream, we want to dream along with our kids so that we can support and help them with their dreams come true.

Kelsey was born at the Madras Mountain View Hospital, and is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. His affiliation is



Kelsey Haywahe

Assiniboine, Paiute and Wasco.

His Indian name is "Thunder Walks Buffalo," which he received at birth by his grandfather.

His dancing ability comes from his mother Danell S. Tailfeathers "Sky Woman," who also attended school here in Jefferson County.

Kelsey's mother was a part of the American Indian Dance

Theater for 10 years. His father is Kevin Haywahe "Powerful Walking Wolf," who is of the Assiniboine tribe of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Both of the parents are lifetime powwow dancers from the time they could walk.

Indian names are very important to all tribes, the names are pre-selected before birth, usually at the time of fetal stage of the mother carrying the child, and the names will carry for life and protect the person.

Kelsey travels to powwows with his grandparents throughout the summer months after school lets out. He's traveled as far as the Schemitzen celebration in Connecticut, Indio, Calif., Edmonton, Alberta, and many others in between.

He has gained a lot of friends through his travels, and has seen other tribes, values and traditions as he visited different parts of Indian Country.

Kelsey has won many prizes during his travels throughout the powwow trail. During the Lincoln celebration in Febru-

ary, he is going to sponsor a Junior Division Contest in return and respecting other children coming to the annual Simnasho celebration and powwow.

He is inviting all the people to come and celebrate on Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Your presence is required to come and watch the youth and enjoy our festivities where we honor all tribes of people, gathering the united way as the first nation of America. We love our freedom, as it rings for joy.

Other specials include a three hand-drum contest, sponsored by Jameson Mitchell and family, and the Bruce Jim family; a Round Bustle contest, sponsored by Mackie Begay and the 2002 Simnasho Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee. Also, a Men's Grass Dance Special, sponsored by the Veterans Powwow Committee; a Senior Men's Special, sponsored by Charles Tailfeathers Sr.

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