

Administration building tested for air quality

The Confederated Tribes Administration Building was closed for half a workday last week.

There had been some concern of a possible health issue regarding mold from under the building.

Extensive testing was scheduled for this week, said Dan Martinez, chief of Warm

Springs Fire and Safety.

Initial testing of air quality from the administration building indicated that no potential problem existed from mold, said Martinez.

This initial testing, of air samples taken at the administration building, was conducted at a lab in Medford.

To ensure that no problem

exists, air samples were being further studied at a laboratory located in Seattle, said Martinez.

Several weeks ago, the tribes' print shop facility was closed due to a report of potential health hazard from mold.

The Education Building of

fices, above the print shop, were evacuated for a short time.

Following an extensive cleansing process, the print shop may again be open for business in the near future, said Danny Martinez.

Basement areas adjacent to the print shop may remain closed, he said.

Jr. Miss Warm Springs Pageant set for Feb. 2

The Junior Miss Warm Springs Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The pageant, held at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center, will include a full day of family events. The event, for girls 3 through 17 years old, begins at 9 a.m.

with breakfast.

Grand Entry is at 10:30. Judging will begin at 11:30.

Events include traditional exhibitions, Intertribal Dance with everyone welcome, and photo taking of the contestants. The day will conclude with a meal.

GIS: office has potential to make profit

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The employees generate information - in the form of computerized maps, including 3-D interactive mapping systems - that is useful in many ways.

For instance, people in all areas of natural resources - from wild land fire fighters to big-game biologists - rely on GIS services.

As an example: The GIS office, using data beamed from a satellite, can instantly pinpoint the location of a fire caused by a lightning strike.

The usefulness of this information was proven last year, when the GIS office directed a Warm Springs Fire Management crew to lightning strike fires that were part of the Olallie Butte Fire complex.

The crew was able to douse some the lightning-strike blazes, helping contain the spread of the fire.

Another example: Some of the bighorn sheep that were released recently into the Mutton Mountains have radio collars.

The GIS system is helping track the whereabouts of the wild sheep. In time this will create a long-term view of the animals' seasonal movements.

GIS technology can be usefully applied to almost any field, from natural resources to the health industry, from economics to transportation, said Jim Crocker, director of the Confederated Tribes' GIS program.

Besides generating fascinating and useful maps, the GIS system provides a way to present information in a spatial format.

This can make complex subjects accessible to everyone, and can lead to recognition of long-term trends, to name just two uses.

"There is a real need for GIS



At the GIS office, Jim Crocker demonstrates technology that he hopes will prove to be profitable for the tribes.

analysis. People are just now getting a feel for what we can do," said Crocker.

Because of its potential to fill a growing market demand, the GIS office of the Confederated Tribes will likely see some changes in the near future.

The change will involve expansion, requiring new employees, and the generation of new revenue for the tribes.

"I think there is real potential here, and I think this will be good for the tribes," said Crocker.

The change at GIS will involve operating the office for profit, similar to the existing tribal enterprises. GIS would generate revenue through con-

tracts with government agencies, businesses and individuals.

The tribes' GIS office is the best in all of Indian country, and one of the best in the nation, said Crocker. "And I think we're ready to grow," he said, "because of the competency of the staff."

In changing to a for-profit enterprise, GIS is working with the Warm Springs Economic Development Corp., formed last year by the Tribal Council.

Tom Henderson, chief executive officer of the corporation, feels optimistic that the GIS office can become a successful venture for the tribes. "Demand for geo-spatial

technology services is growing world-wide at an unprecedented rate," said Henderson.

"We currently maintain one of the finest GIS departments in the country. Our goal now is to further develop this enterprise, and offer these services to other governmental agencies and the private sec-

tor." In the future, as GIS expands, some interesting new jobs will become available for tribal members.

"There is always something new to learn," said Marissa Stradley, who has worked at GIS since 1985. "The computer hardware and software never stay the same."

Burglary: youth injured

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After being taken into custody, the youth was transported to the hospital, where was treated for the head wound, which required several stitches.

The youth was charged with several crimes, including juvenile in possession of in-

toxicants by consumption; breaking and entering (of a vehicle); theft, assault, trespass, and juvenile in need of supervision, according to police. The incident happened at approximately 2 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, on the 2500 block of Looksh Road at the Greely Heights.

Museum: director hired after year-long search

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In February of last year, the previous museum director resigned. Manion at that time assumed the role of acting director.

"This has been interesting and very rewarding," Manion said of his time as acting museum director.

The Museum at Warm Springs Board of Directors employed a New York firm, Opportunity Resources, in the search for a new permanent director.

Opportunity Resources specializes in hiring searches for professional management positions such as library directors and museum directors, said Manion.

The hiring firm screened the initial candidates, and narrowed the field to four.

The museum board of directors then considered these final four before making a final choice.

Last month the board decided to offer the job to Leone, who has accepted, said Manion.

New burn permits available

If you plan to do any burning this year don't forget to come in to Fire Management to the Dispatch Office and get your new burn permit. Your 2001 permit has expired.

Fire Management is open from 8am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The staff at Fire Management wishes you a safe and Happy New Year.

Parent Advisory Committee to meet

The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.

There will be an election of officers for the new year and Dr. Steve Nelson, third party

evaluator, will be here to give his mid-year report.

Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month, except

for this month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

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They must also have some regular source of earned income and must be residents of Warm Springs.

In addition, all program participants take part in a 12-part personal finance and money management workshop series designed to help IDA find the money for regular savings deposits and prepare for asset ownership.

This personal finance workshop series is presented with assistance from Economic Literacy Partner.

Information about IDA

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Student of the Month

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Katherine Quaid is a fourth grader in John Nelson's class at Warm Springs Elementary School. Her favorite subjects are math, reading and geography. She also likes to play basketball, softball and volleyball. Another one of her favorite activities is Smile Club and judging by her photograph she is an active participant within the group. Katherine was selected as student of the month for January, because of her accelerated reading points, which indicates she's been doing a lot of reading. In the future Katherine would like to attend the University of Oregon and travel to Japan. As a final note she adds, "I want to grow old with my friends." Katherine will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Dairy Queen and a \$5 gift certificate to Hollywood Video courtesy of Warm Springs Power Enterprises.

Each month an outstanding student is selected by 509-J tribal liaisons to appear in this ad. Students are selected on the basis of outstanding performance at school.