

Powwow: event includes various specials

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The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is sponsored by the Simnasho Elders, and the Lincoln's Powwow Committee. The Master of Ceremonies is Charles Tailfeathers.

The Grand Entries of the powwow are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Contest categories are Fancy and Traditional Dancers, 16 years and under Boys and Girls, 17 to 49 years Men and Women.

Specials include three-hand drum contest sponsored by the Jameson Mitchell Family and the Bruce Jim Family.

Also: Special Senior Men's, sponsored by Charles Tailfeathers.

Round Bustle/Chicken Dance Contest sponsored by Mackie Begay and Lincoln's Powwow Committee.



The Quartz Creek Drum group. Seated at front right of drum is Nettie Shawaway.

Men's Grass Dance Contest sponsored by the Veterans Powwow Committee.

Special Junior Boys Contest sponsored by Kelsey

Haywahe.

Other specials will be announced.

For information on the powwow, call Anna Clements

at 553-3290, or Trudee Queahpama-Clements, 553-3274. For vendor concession information, call Sandra Greene, 553-3246.

Daleena Frank is previous powwow queen

Daleena M. Frank is the outgoing queen for the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow 1999-2000.

As a student at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, Calif., she elected to remain at school. From school she writes:

"I apologize for not participating in the 2002 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. I would have liked to attend, but as a senior I'm working hard to better my 3.5 GPA. I'm right on track to graduate in June 2002. Congratulations go out to all those girls who worked so hard at selling the raffle tickets for the 2002 powwow. That is work in itself.

Congratulations to the winners, and may you have a great year."

Daleena is the daughter of Sandra Greene and Jeffrey Frank. Daleena joined the powwow circle in the Simnasho Longhouse when she was 2 years old.

Since that time, she has



Daleena Frank

danced in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada, Montana, North Dakota, Florida and Canada.

One of her most memorable experiences was being able to participate with the youth group, "Dancers of the Seven Feathers," when they traveled to Florida for a month to share their native dances.

She has danced all categories for women, but like most young girls favors the Fancy Dance. Daleena has the love of animals, cats, dogs and her favorite, horses.

She enjoys riding horses, reading, beadworking, cooking and fishing with her "other dad" Jerry Sampson.

In photo at left, the crown worn by the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Queen.



Olympics: show will feature 500 traditional dancers

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Corey, his aunt and uncle will be among 500 Native American dancers that are part of the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The coordinators of the Olympic Games initially intended to have a total of 500 traditional dancers from five Native American tribes of the

state of Utah, the tribes being the Ute, Goshute, Navahoe, Shashone and Paiute.

The Olympic organizers were having a hard time finding 100 Native American dancers in Utah to represent the Paiute tribe.

So they began recruiting Paiute Native dancers from among neighboring states, in-

The opening ceremonies start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

cluding Oregon.

Among the people who were recruited to perform were Julie and David Johnson of Burns. Julie is Burns Paiute,

and David, Fort McDermitt Paiute. Julie and David then recruited their nephew Corey.

In December of last year Corey and family members traveled to Salt Lake City for preliminary rehearsal of the opening ceremonies. The rehearsal was to continue this week, leading up to the ceremonies on Friday, Feb. 8.

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Casino: brochure looks at pros and cons of 2 options

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And a casino at the Gorge would generate anywhere from four to seven times more income than a casino on the reservation. And for this reason, a casino at the Gorge would create many more jobs for tribal members.

On the positive side regarding the HeHe Junction site, the brochure states:

A reservation casino would not need new approval of the governor. And jobs created by a casino on the reservation would be easier for tribal members to get to.

Also, tribal members could more easily travel to an on-reservation casino for recreation.

However, on the negative side:

A casino at HeHe would be much less profitable than a Gorge casino.

The best and most recent estimates regarding income from potential new casinos are as follows:

A Hood River casino would generate a net profit to the tribes of between \$13.3 million and \$15.5 million.

A casino at HeHe would generate a net profit to the tribes of between \$4.3 million and \$4.5 million.

For comparison, Indian Head generates a profit for the tribes of about \$ million.

The community discussion

of gaming will also involve the tribal radio station KWSO, and the Spilyay Tymoo.

On pages four and five of this edition of the Spilyay, for instance, is a summary of the issues facing tribal members in determining where to build a new casino.

The two-page summary, which appears as an advertisement, makes clear the importance of the issue facing tribal members.

"We are at a critical moment in our reservation history," the summary begins.

"After a long period of prosperity, we are facing an economic downturn that threatens to change our way of life.

No longer can we depend on our beautiful forests for the revenues they once generated."

Timber harvesting on the reservation is down by 60 percent from previous years. The mill one year ago laid off 47 workers, half of them tribal members.

The tribes face a budget shortfall of between \$4 million and \$6 million, or 15 percent of the tribal budget.

The threat of substantial cuts in tribal programs and services is a primary reason why tribal leaders are exploring the options regarding gaming expansion.

Council discussion

The information from the Tribal Council is intended to an objective evaluation of the pros and cons of the gaming options. An open and informed discussion among tribal members will bring the best result in the gaming referendum, said Clements.

Councilwoman Carol Wewa said. "We have to use every available means of providing information to the people," said Wewa.

Also at Tribal Council last week, Tom Henderson, chief executive officer of the Warm Springs Economic Development Corp., gave his opinion regarding the casino options.

Henderson did this at the request of Council Chairman Olney Patt Jr. Henderson has an extensive and successful background in business development, which is why he was hired by the tribes to direct the Economic Development Corp.

Henderson said that in his opinion the best gaming expansion option for the tribes is the Gorge. If you build on the reservation, you create local casino jobs for tribal members, said Henderson.

On the other hand, if you build at the Gorge, and make up to \$15 million per year, then the tribes have the ability to diversify the local economy with modern businesses.

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