

## Lumber graders recognized for outstanding year

Two lumber graders at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill recently were honored for their skill in their profession.

Lumber graders Mike Graham and Al Simmons were recognized for their work by the Western Wood Products Association (WWPA).

The WWPA gave Graham and Simmons the Hi-Q Award, meaning they achieved at least 95 percent on-grade rating for the year.

To put this in perspective: in the eleven Western states, plus Alaska, there are 800 certified lumber graders. Of the 800, only 162 were given the Hi-Q award this year.

Of the 162, two graders – Graham and Simmons – work at WSFPI. Both men also received the award last year as well.



Al Simmons (left) and Mike Graham (middle) receive award jackets from Ralph Minnick.

Mike Graham began work at the mill as a grader trainee 21 years ago. Simmons came to work at the mill two years ago. WSFPI and the community offer congratulations to both men for their outstanding work.

The WWPA is an association that WSFPI belongs to that provides certification for lumber graders.

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## Study will look at local retail potential

What new retail services might the Warm Springs Reservation best accommodate? And where would the best sites be for the new services?

These questions will be answered in a study commissioned recently by Warm Springs Ventures, a tribal business corporation.

"The reservation is currently under-served in providing its residents with the most basic of retail outlets and conveniences," said Tom Henderson, corporation chief executive officer.

"The time has come for the tribes to begin to explore potential new and viable retail operations and locations here in Warm Springs."

Warm Springs Ventures has commissioned the Wilsonville-based Retail Research Group to conduct the analysis of retail services and sites on the reservation.

The Retail Research Group conducts market analysis surveys and trade area potential mainly in the retail area.

The group's survey work includes demographic profiles, disposable income spending patterns, competition, types of retail store mixes and convenience operations best suited for the market place.

The organization has successfully completed these analyses for thousands of locations throughout the U.S.

## Horse rider wins second trophy saddle

### Auto shop owner also is member of horse-riding club

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Her old trophy saddle was wearing out, so it was time to win a new one.

That is what Marita Johnson did in the Jack Benny competition category of the Madras Saddle and Gaming Club.

As you might guess by the name, the Jack Benny competition is open to people 39 years and older.

Marita Johnson is a long-time member of the Saddle and Gaming Club. She is co-owner with her husband Delford of DMJ Automotive Services in Warm Springs. The Johnsons also have 12 or 13 horses.

Marita Johnson is president of the Madras Saddle and Gaming Club, members of which gather once a month at the Madras Fairgrounds for friendly horse-riding competition.

The club gives awards to the people who have accumulated the most points over the course of the year's competition.

The Madras Saddle and Gaming Club has about 20 to 25 members, from young children to elderly



Marita Johnson with trophy saddle

people, including one member in her mid 80s.

The group is especially active in the winter time, when the rodeos are not going on.

Several club members participate

in rodeos. The younger members compete in junior and peewee rodeos.

The Madras Saddle and Gaming Club has been around since the mid 1960s. It was once more like a 4-H group. Now the club is a way for local residents to participate in friendly horse-riding competitions.

The year 2001 was the first time that the Saddle and Gaming Club put up saddles as the trophies for the an-

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The idea to put up the trophy saddles was that of the late Gene White, who was president of the club until he passed away.

Last year, Mr. White was diagnosed with cancer, and he wanted the club to have a special and memorable year. He bought the saddles for the 2001 Saddle and Gaming Club competition. He passed away last September.

During the course of the year, at the club's monthly play-day competitions, Marita Johnson earned the most points in the Jack Benny category.

Her main competition came from Eloise Berry, an excellent rider who happens to be in her mid 80s.

Berry probably would have won the most points, but during the year she sold her horse and could no longer compete, said Marita Johnson. So in the end, Johnson came away with the Jack Benny trophy saddle.

This is the second trophy saddle that Johnson has won.

She won her first one in 1978, in Indian Rodeo Association competition.

"The old saddle was wearing out, so it was time to win a new one," Johnson said.

## Voc Rehab, library presenting works by disabled artists

Central Oregon's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in partnership with the Bend Public Library presents Disabled Oregon Artists in Action. Categories will include painting, sculpture, photography, electronic, carving, and mixed media.

Age groups are Youth, ages 10 to 17; Adults, ages 18 to 55; and Elders age 56 and up. A reception will be held on May 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bend Public Library.

Accepted submissions will be exhibited at the Central Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Bend Public Library through the end of July.

Any Oregonian with a disability, aged 10 and up may enter. All submissions must be received by April 15. If you have questions, please contact the Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation Program and ask for Corina Brunoe or Francelia Miller at 553-4952. If assistance is required to transport your artwork to the Bend office you can make arrangements with the WSVR Program.

## Public Notice

### 401 Water Quality Certificate Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation announces the availability of the Draft 401 Water Quality Certificate for the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2030, located on the Deschutes River in Jefferson County.

This certificate confirms that the project will meet tribal water quality standards in the Deschutes River. The conditions and requirements in the certificate will be incorporated into the new FERC license. The public is invited to request (in writing) copies of the following items in support of the overall 401 Certificate for review and comment:

1. The 401 Evaluation & Findings Document.
2. The 401 Water Quality Certificate.
3. The 401 Monitoring and Management Plan; and 4. The 401 Implementation Agreement

These documents are available on CD, and as full paper copies. Your request must specify which documents you are requesting, the format you desire, and must include your mailing address. There is a cost for paper copies equal to the costs of reproduction (not to exceed \$25). Mail request to: Tribal Environmental Office, P.O. Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97741. Hard copies and CDs of these documents are available for review at the following county libraries: Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes, Wasco.

There will be a public hearing on this draft to solicit further comments from the public on April 18, at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse. The public will be provided two time periods for this hearing. The first will start at 10 a.m., the second will start at 6 p.m. These sessions will conclude when no additional testimony is offered. The public comment period is 60 days starting March 13.

## SalmonCorps deputy director job open

Position is responsible for the management, oversight of environment/youth program. Travel required. Duties: Supervise operation of program; work with public, private groups, supervise field staff.

Minimal three years experience in management, salmon restoration, natural resources, and or youth development or equivalent. Please visit web site [www.salmoncorps.org](http://www.salmoncorps.org) for job and application details.

## Vehicle sale

For sale to the general public by bid process are the following vehicles, to be sold to the highest bidder.

1989 Ford Crown Victoria, \$800

1995 Ford Crown Victoria, \$800

1997 Ford Crown Victoria, \$1,000

These vehicles are located at the vehicle pool in the Industrial Park.

See staff for more information, or call 553-3288.

Bid forms are available at the vehicle pool.

Bids must be turned in no later than April 4.

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