

## Holiday events brighten community

Christmas is a favorite time of the year in Warm Springs.

And as is customary, many community activities will help brighten the holiday season.

The Warm Springs Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4. This event happens at the Community Center Social Hall.

Next, the Eleventh Annual Simnasho Christmas Powwow is set for December 13-14, a Friday and Saturday.

The event will take place at the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. both evenings. Grand Entries will be at 7 p.m. on both evenings.

There will be a three-man hand drum contest. The theme of this powwow is, "Honoring Veterans and Promoting Sobriety."

For further information, contact Gene Sampson, 553-9232; Guy Wallulatum, 553-3205 (daytime); or Dallas Winishut, 553-

2201 (daytime.)

The 27th Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Recreation Department is now accepting vendor registration forms. Pre-registration deadline will be at 5 p.m. on Dec. 11. Contact person: Carol Allison, 553-3243/3244.

The hours of the bazaar are from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Are you seeking that special collector's item, gift or tasteful

food? Come to The Museum at Warm Springs' First Annual Holiday Bazaar.

This event is set for Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Warm Springs community members will have artistic handmade items on display.

The museum's lobby, hallways and education room will be filled with the fanfare of holiday community and Native American arts and craft items, food and beverages.

## Linda David is Exerciser of Month

Walking, bowling, lifting weights, working on the treadmill and carrying and stacking wood are some of the health activities that Linda David has been enjoying.

Recently, the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center named Linda David the Exerciser of the Month for November.

David, who works at Indian Individual Money Department, has been exercising on a regular basis for the past two months. Physical ailments and a feeling of lack of energy are what prompted David to begin her exercise schedule.

She now exercises at least five days per week, and for a minimum of five hours per week.

Some of the benefits she has seen are lower blood sugars, stronger muscles, and an overall better and healthier feeling.

Asked what some of the stumbling blocks are to keeping a regular exercise routine, David



Linda David

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said, "When I want to walk on weekends, my walking partners are not there."

Also, she said, sometimes she

has to drive to Simnasho to walk, because there are too many stray dogs around Warm Springs.

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Linda David

Asked about any funny experiences that have happened while exercising, David said, "My friend who was walking with me outside of Simnasho just after dark on the highway kind of gave a little scream. I asked what was wrong and she said the ground was moving for a second. Our guess was that she had stepped on a snake."

Asked what advice she might give others, David said, "Don't wait until you have to exercise. Just do it a little at a time each day." If you can't find someone to walk with, go anyway, she said.

If she had no limitations on what type of exercise she might enjoy, David said she would most like to go horseback riding.

## Head Start training Dec. 10

New Head Start Parent Policy Council members, parents, staff and Tribal Council are invited to a training session on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The training is Head Start Program Governance and Shared Decision Making.

The presenter will be Will

Curley of Windowrock, Ariz.

This event begins at 5:30 p.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by Dec. 2, to Denys White, at 553-3241.

Sorry, but no childcare can be provided.

## Local BIA office has job available

The Warm Springs Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a staff support position available.

Deadline to submit an application is Dec. 5.

The Indian preference hir-

ing policy is applicable in filling this position.

The position is under the general supervision of the BIA Administrative Officer. For more information please call the local BIA office at 553-2411.

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## Smith hired as postal clerk

By Selena Boise  
Spilyay Tymoo

"I will never complain about getting my mail late again," states the newest employee at the Warm Springs Post Office, Andrea Smith.

After six weeks of sorting mail and distributing into 1,600 mailboxes, she found out that it is hard work.

Smith starts her day at 6 a.m. Her goal is to get the mail in the boxes by 10 a.m.

Smith's friend informed her of this job, and she decided to give it a try and applied. After an extensive background check of her life for the past 15 years, she was hired as a temporary part-time postal clerk.

She then attended training at the Postal Employee Development Center in Vancouver, Wash. for two weeks. She spent one week after that at another training center in Sisters.

Smith will be working at the Warm Springs Post Office until June of 2003.

She had hoped to become a permanent employee, but there are other postal clerks with se-



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Andrea Smith sorts the forwarded mail and packages for return.

riority over her and will be placed before her. "I would really like to pursue this job further," says Smith.

The postal job has been a new experience for Smith, as she spent the last six years working at the Bureau of Land Management in Prineville.

Prior to that she was em-

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Andrea Smith

ployed at Forest Engineering in Warm Springs for 15 years.

Smith is standing on her feet most of the day to sort mail, both first class and third class. She says that is "a lot of mail," and then she starts distributing into the 1,600 mailboxes.

She works six days a week including Saturday. "On Saturday I have to count packages and sort mail by myself," Smith says.

Smith handles the mail forwarding, and is memorizing patron's post office box numbers to their names. Though she knows these names to numbers she is still required to forward mail that is returned with the wrong box numbers on them.

She is also required to return mail that has a physical address rather than a post office box number.

Smith has two daughters Samantha and Stephanie, who are enjoying her new job because it is in Warm Springs.

## Museum plans winter improvements

The Museum at Warm Springs has announced its new winter schedule for the months of December, January and February.

During these months, the museum will be open to the public from Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

However, the museum will also be going into semi-hibernation this winter, and will be

closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning in December, and lasting through February.

The closure will allow for the following projects:

Cultural artifacts and objects will be changed in and out of the exhibits.

Inventory and inspection of cultural artifacts and objects on display.

Cleaning and conservation of the objects and areas of display.

Much needed maintenance and cleaning to the permanent and changing exhibit galleries, and other heavily used public areas.

This special care will result in more enjoyment by the museum guests of the exhibits and facilities.

## Calendar

The following classes are open to all Warm Springs tribal members. They are also required classes for participants in the Warm Springs Individual Development Account (IDA) program.

Dec. 3, "Building a healthy economy." Dec. 10, "Developing a spending plan." Dec. 17, "Working with checking and savings accounts."

Christmas and New Year's Break until Jan. 7.

Jan. 7 class: "Understanding credit and your credit report." Jan. 14, "Accessing credit, part 1." Jan. 21, "Accessing credit, part 2."

A seventh class will be on learning how to read your credit, and what to do when you have damaged your credit. An eighth class will be on estate planning/living will/estate wills. The IDA staff and participants may decide to add more classes of special interest to members. To register, contact Jack Quinn, 553-2542.

## Thanksgiving powwow set for this weekend

The 2003 Thanksgiving Mini-Powwow is set for this Friday and Saturday evening, Nov. 29-30.

The event will be at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Grand Entries will be at 7 p.m.

There will be contests for all age groups.

Drummers are asked to bring their own chairs.

Saturday night will feature the youth dance contest, plus a clown dance with prize money.

The mini-powwow is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

For more information, contact Captain at 553-7014 (home), 553-2249 (work), or Carlos at 553-3324.

Vendors are welcome at the Thanksgiving Mini-Powwow.

## Pageant candidates sought

The 2003 Miss Warm Springs Pageant is seeking young women pageant candidates.

The pageant candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 24.

All candidates will receive gifts in appreciation of their participation.

Most importantly, this will be a fun and memorable experience.

Any young woman eligible to participate can pick up an application at the Tribal Council Office.

Deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20.

For more information, call 553-3274.

The 2003 Miss Warm Springs Pageant has been set for Friday, Dec. 27 at the Agency Longhouse.

The pageant begins at 6 p.m.

The community is encouraged to come and support the candidates.

There will be a number of drawings throughout the evening.

## Quilt shop hosting raffle.

Quilts & More is currently sponsoring a Christmas Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each, or available with every purchase at the shop. Tickets are available now through Dec. 22, day of the drawing.

Objects in the raffle include a Christmas quilt, pillowcase set, Christmas Seminole patchwork towel set, gift bags (large, medium, small), potholders and hummingbird key chain.

All items are handcrafted. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. For more information, call 553-1560.

## Slot tourney set for Dec. 12

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino will be hosting a \$5,000 guarantee slot tournament championship on Thursday, Dec. 12. The tournament will be open to the first 64 people who register.

Registration opens at 5 p.m., and the tournament begins at 7 p.m. There is a \$50 per person registration fee.

The prize money will be awarded to the top 10 slot players. The tournament will involve two 10-minute rounds on the slot machines. People with the most accumulated points are the winners.

## Clarification

The article in the previous Spilyay regarding the abandoned vehicle clean-up project should have stated that Tribal Sanitation contributed the funding. We regret the oversight.