

Starlight Exhibit open

December 11 was the opening day of the Starlight Exhibit in the Changing Exhibits Gallery of the Museum At Warm Springs. This exhibit features crafts made by tribal member artists to inspire the holiday spirit in Warm Springs. There also are pieces from the museum collection.

This will be the final year for the Starlight Exhibit, because next year a new exhibit will be displayed for the community and guests of the museum.

Stop by the museum to see the handmade crafts with the spirit of Christmas in mind.



Economic Development Strategic plan moves forward

The Business and Economic Development Department is ready to move forward with the Warm Springs Economic Development Strategic Plan 2000-2020. In doing so the Tribal Council has agreed to support the development of a focus group made up of tribal members and local stakeholders interested in serving.

The purpose of this plan will be to assist the BEDD and produce the outcomes identified in a strategic plan as specified in the People's Plan and Tribal Council Priorities.

Anyone interested is invited to attend information meetings, which will be scheduled for early

2003. The meetings will be brief and individuals will be identified along with several alternates to serve on focus groups.

The tribe is at a crossroad and it is important to continue to make progress. It is believed that the strategic plan, which has been developed by staff for total community development and includes an Economic Revitalization Initiative, is a good starting point. BEDD looks forward to working with the people and the community to make positive strides.

Two major areas of interests are the tourism and downtown Warm Springs as they would be defined and developed.

Twenty-five years ago today

Warm Springs Tribal Council joins national effort

In a statement made at the winter conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians December 8, the Warm Springs Tribal Council took a leading role in a growing nationwide effort to counteract current anti-Indian attitudes in Congress.

Stressing the need for communication and cooperation with non-Indian citizens as well as effective lobbying against legislation such as that proposed by Representatives Cunningham and Meeds, Chairman Eugene Greene said, "We will do whatever is necessary to protect our treaty rights for future generations."

Shitike and Warm Springs on rampage

Weird weather continues to play havoc here on the reservation. Record amounts of rainfall coupled with rapid snowmelt have created what some believe to be the highest water situation since the flood of '64.

The swollen debris-filled Shitike Creek and Warm Springs River have been on the rampage since last Tuesday, posing some serious threats and creating a fair bit of damage.

Mill crews were alerted Wednesday when Josie and Julia Wolfe's vacated house in Greenville slid completely into Shitike Creek. The worry was that the house would break loose and wipe out the Mill Bridge.

Parents to be focus of truancy effort

As long as there have been public schools, there has been the problem of keeping students in them. Warm Springs is spearheading a new attack on absenteeism, which, according to officials, has increased dramatically among Warm Springs students in the last two years.

"We're going to get serious about getting our kids into school," said Tribal Education Director Charles Calica, "and once they're there, look into making the curriculum more relevant and meaningful to the Indian student."

Discussion in recent months among school and tribal officials has focused on the first step: improving the head count at Warm Springs Elementary and the junior and senior high schools in Madras.

Quilts & More to hold raffle

Quilts & More at the Warm Springs Plaza is having a Christmas raffle December 22. Tickets are on sale for \$1 each or any purchase.

Raffle items are: Christmas quilt, Christmas gift bags (3), Seminole towel set, Christmas pillowcase set, hummingbird key chain, Christmas potholders, Christmas stocking filled, and more.

"Come in and browse through the shop," says Eraina Palmer, owner. For more information call 553-1460.

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. 17 class, "Working with checking and savings accounts." Jan. 7: "Understanding credit and your credit report." Jan. 14, "Accessing credit, part 1." Jan. 21, "Accessing credit, part 2."

The IDA staff and participants may decide to add more classes of special interest to members. For information, contact Jack Quinn, 553-2542.

In honor of John Hicks and Marilyn Hart, who will be retiring at the end of this month, the Higher Education Department would like to invite the Warm Springs community to an open house. The event will be held in the training room of the Education Building, Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Mitchell plans for future

By Selena Boise
Spilyay Tymoo

Madras High School senior Arthur Mitchell has plans after high school to become a health educator. He is an athlete who likes to play football and "rez" ball, and he enjoys lifting weights.

Mitchell is the son of Robinson "Gorky" Mitchell and Lori Mitchell of Warm Springs. His grandparents are Ed and Betty Case, and Bernice Mitchell and the late Arthur Mitchell. He has a brother named Rodney and sister named Cyrille.

Although he won't miss anything about high school he will be remembered for his academic accomplishments in English and Graphic Arts, for which he received awards.

After high school he would like to attend Haskell Indian Nations University to study towards his goal of becoming a health educator.

He leaves this advice for remaining classmen, "Stay on top of your studies and don't be afraid to take a chance."

Last spring Mitchell entered a speech contest at the Oregon Indian Education Association Youth Conference in Corvallis,

and was chosen to represent Oregon at a national level. His speech on sovereignty was given also to a group of people in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He did research for his speech at school and talked with his grandmother Bernice Mitchell about sovereignty of the Warm Springs Tribes. He knew about the sovereignty of the Warm Springs tribes and has taken a special interest.

He received some assistance to put together this speech by Teddy Tanewasha, of the Warm Springs Higher Education Department. He practiced by reading his speech aloud and played with the words to attract the attention of his listeners.

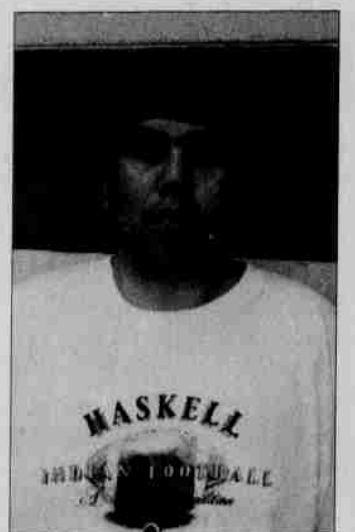
Though some youth find it hard to speak in front of large crowds Mitchell didn't find it difficult. "This skill will be a major part of my future plans as a tribal health educator," states Mitchell.

As a tribal health educator he will assist community members to become healthy, and stay healthy. He looks forward to receiving his scholarship through the Indian Health Services to assist him in reaching this goal.

He is proud to be a good ex-

ample to his younger brother and sister. "They look up to me," Mitchell states.

So ten years from now, or maybe sooner, Mitchell sees himself as tribal health educator.



Arthur Mitchell

Favorite teacher: "Mr. Jones, because you learn and get to have fun."

Favorite class: "Mythology, because you learn a lot of interesting and useful information."

Favorite actress and actor: "Jenna Jameson, and Jet Li."

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October Student of the Month

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Jaycelene Frank was chosen as the October Student of the Month because her attendance is awesome and her grades are excellent. Not only that, all her teachers enjoy working with her.

Jaycelene is in the eighth grade and her favorite teacher is Mr. Cox. Her favorite subject is Physical Education.

She participates in cross country running, basketball, track, rodeo and powwows.

Her future plans include college to become a veterinarian, and to play basketball.

Congratulations, Jaycelene!



November Student

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Francis Kentura is a Junior at Madras High School.

He is the son of Margie and Sam Kentura of Warm Springs.

Francis was chosen November Student of the Month because of academic strength. He is focused on his studies and is a good student.

Congratulations, Francis!