

Lincoln's Birthday Powwow

Johnson, Leonard are candidates for Junior Court

The 2003 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is fast approaching, and the powwow court candidates are busy selling raffle tickets.

The senior court candidate is Marie Olney, who is living in Yakama.

The junior court candidates are Sadie Johnson and Alexa Leonard, both of Warm Springs.

Johnson, 11, is in the sixth grade. In the past she has participated in Miss Pi-Ume-Sha. Leonard, 8, is in the third grade.

She is taking part in the Lincoln's Powwow Court "be-



Sadie Johnson

cause it's a fun thing to do," she said.

Anyone interested in purchasing raffle tickets from either or both of the girls can call



Alexa Leonard

the following:

For Alexa, 553-5303. For Sadie, call either 553-7667 or 553-3242.

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wow is set for Feb. 6-9, at the Simnasho Longhouse.

This year the powwow will feature a \$6,000 Memorial Drumming Contest. There will also be a hand-drum contest.

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The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is one of the most popular events on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Championship dancers and championship drummers travel from far and wide to participate in this celebrated event.

Around the Rez

Wreck on the highway



This truck struck a vehicle head-on Monday morning. Highway 26 was icy, and the weather was foggy. Four people were injured, and transported and treated at the hospital.

Museum offering internship

The Museum At Warm Springs is offering the Education Summer Internship to Native American college students.

It is especially for students interested in exploring careers in anthropology, art, culture and heritage, education, museums or public program development. The museum's education summer internship will pay a stipend of \$250 per week for 10 weeks.

The internship program is designed for the intern to work specifically with youth through the museum's "Art'n the Teepee Program." The museum will have an outdoor program set up during the Summer 2003 on the museum's grounds. It will be used for youth art and craft education for ten weeks.

To apply for this internship send a letter of application to the following address: The Museum At Warm Springs, P.O. Box 753, Warm Springs, OR 97761. For more information contact Rosalind Sampson, Education Coordinator, at 553-3331.

Interested applicants should have proof of Native American Heritage (tribal ID card, or enrollment document), proof of enrollment of higher education institution, a letter of interest explaining why you wish to be an intern, and three letters of recommendation. Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2003. The Museum's intern is responsible for his/her housing during the internship.

Youth needed for resource work

There currently are four natural-resource internships available to Native American youth of the region. This internship project - sponsored by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, and Earth Conservation Salmon Corp - is designed to promote tribal leadership in environmental justice, treaty rights and salmon restoration.

The internships are available either with the Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, or with one of Columbia River treaty tribes. These include the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, Yakama Nation, or the Nez Perce Tribe. The goal of this project is to select one internship for each tribe. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15. To apply, please contact Shannon Leonard at (503) 249-0820.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission also has an internship available in the Portland area. The person who fills this position must be able to commit to part-time employment in the Portland area through the school year and the summer.

The deadline to apply for this position is Feb. 3. The position pays \$10 per hour. To apply, provide a cover letter and resume to Janelle Anderson at CRITFC, 729 NE Oregon, suite 200, Portland, OR 97232.

Department seeks construction bids

The John Day Basin Office of the Confederated Tribes Natural Resources Department is soliciting interest from tribal contractors for construction activities. The construction is to be done to the Forrest Ranch Headquarters House, a two-story structure with basement built in the early 1900s.

The building is located in Grant County, approximately five miles east of Prairie City on Highway 26.

The construction activities to be performed will be the installation of new electrical, telephone and data wiring. This would include light fixtures and switches, power receptacles, and a panel with breakers. Additionally, insulation and sheetrock will be installed to the first floor walls.

Electrical and general contractors interested in performing work to the Forrest Ranch house should contact Natural Resources by Jan. 30 with necessary information. Phone (541) 575-4212.

Write: John Day Basin Office, P.O. Box 480, 139 Canyon Blvd., Canyon City, OR 97820.

New director hopes for long partnership

By Shannon Keaveny
Spilyay Tymoo

Cody Yeager is no stranger to Warm Springs.

The new Warm Springs Central Oregon Community College branch director has taught all levels of writing in Warm Springs for about the last four years. She has also taught at the main campus.

In addition, Yeager has coordinated COCC events, prepared budgets and supervised staff. She is a computer literate person who has experience with file management, email, Internet, and most computer programs.

"I've been eyeing this job for a while," she says of her recent hiring.

In those four years of teaching, Yeager has also made a point to participate in the Warm Springs community.

"You'll see me at powwows, first kill ceremonies, and other community events," she says.

"I plan to continue to be out and about in the community. People will be seeing me. I want to have a very, very open-door policy so I can hear what people have to say," Yeager shares excitedly.

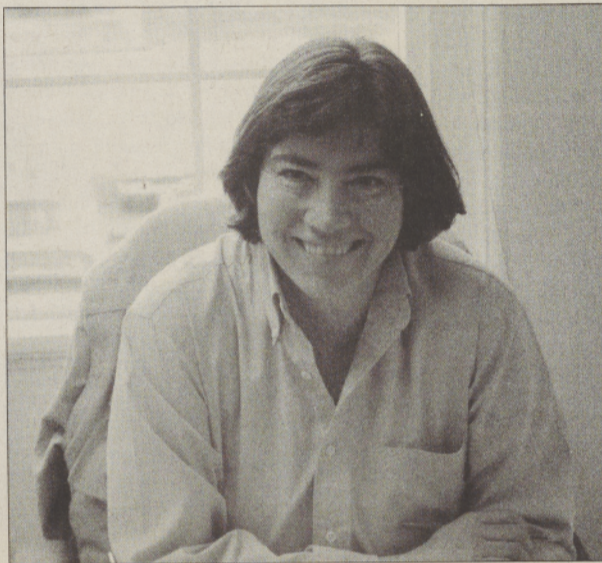
Yeager replaces John Hicks, recently retired, as Warm Springs COCC branch director.

What the future holds

Yeager has plans for the COCC Warm Springs branch, which has grown rapidly in the last 10 years. First of all she hopes to keep in line with former director Hicks' goals.

And she wants to become more aligned with tribal goals, especially with work force development.

Yeager envisions providing classes and programs according to reservation workforce needs. For instance, if an enterprise wants to come to Warm Springs or the surrounding area, Yeager would work with the company



Shannon Keaveny/Spilyay

Cody Yeager at her desk at the Warm Springs COCC branch.

to develop the necessary tribal workforce. One successful attempt to develop a workforce according to local economy needs can be seen in Redmond at the Manufacturing and Applied Technology Center. Yeager hopes to emulate this successful model.

Her immediate project is to develop community education classes for the spring. Two classes she plans to offer are a web design class and business writing class that would include an introduction to grant writing. Community education classes are non-credit, personal enrichment courses that often aid people in their jobs.

"As tuition rises, there will be more of a market for community education classes at the Warm Springs COCC branch," Yeager said.

A tuition raise has been proposed for COCC credit courses this year.

Warm Springs COCC has remained relatively unaffected by recent budget cuts at the college. This is true because of the unique relationship between COCC and the Confederated Tribes.

The tribes pay COCC, which then pays Yeager. The tribes also provide the facilities in which the classes take place. For this reason, unlike other COCC branches such as Madras, which likely will be closed this year due to budget constraints, Warm Springs has faced minimal cuts.

"It's a good deal for both parties involved. The tribes get the services, without the need of driving to Bend. Driving to Bend can be a setup for failure," explains Yeager.

Cuts have had some affect on in-person delivery of classes. The school picked up distance satellite learning to compensate. By the end of June, all satellite classes will be replaced by Internet courses.

"COCC has a long standing history of being here and we want to stay," assures Yeager.

A brief bio

Yeager was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Of Italian heritage, she grew up in a multicultural neighborhood.

"You could walk down the street and hear four different languages being spoken," she

remembers.

It was in her childhood when she acquired her deep appreciation of and fascination with other cultures. Because of that experience she has an affinity for languages, and is learning Sahaptin, native language of the Warm Springs tribe.

Yeager has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in German. She also has three Masters, in English, German and Comparative Literature. Taking a special interest in comparative literature, she received a Ph.D. and AbD in that field from the University of Oregon.

Since 1999, Yeager has been a technical sergeant for the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

She reports twice a month. In the early 1980s, Yeager served in Grenada with General Schwarzkopf, known to many as "Stormin' Norman." She has a Certificate of Mastery in marksmanship.

Yeager's comparative literature degrees influenced her interest in Native American cultures, although she focused on French, African and German literature.

"Studying and teaching literature opened me up to the world of literature as a global thing," she says.

On her own time Yeager has become somewhat of an aficionado of tribal culture. She spends her spare-time speaking at conferences about issues facing tribes. Yeager's next conference is titled "The Jeffersonian Vision for the West versus the Native American Vision." It will be presented at the Confluence of Cultures Conference in Missoula, Montana in May.

"I'm really happy to be here. I have a lot to learn. I'm taking it slowly and I want it to be a part of a long partnership," expresses Yeager. She says she felt at home in Warm Springs right away.

Kah-Nee-Ta jobs and other positions

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is accepting applications for the following positions:

Cage cashier, and financial controller. Kah-Nee-Ta is also offering free blackjack dealer school beginning Feb. 17. It is scheduled Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Blackjack dealer certification requires a minimum of 96 hours of training and successfully passing an audition.

For more information contact Lisa at 553-1112 ext 3401.

The Oregon State Employment office of Madras has these jobs available in Warm Springs:

Resource technician, vocational rehabilitation counselor, teacher aide, announcer/producer, news director, finance controller, substance abuse specialist, and more.

For information call the Employment Department in Madras at 475-2382.

In the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

Rainbow Market, Roxane McInturff, petitioner, vs. George Spino, respondent. Case No. CV283-01.

To George Spino:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for **11 a.m. on February 10**, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your arguments or

the other side will automatically win.

The petitioner, Rainbow Market/Roxane McInturff, may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Civil Complaint.

The petitioner will be present at the hearing. If you desire to personally argue your side of the case, you may have a legal aide, spokesperson or attorney appear on your behalf at your expense. If you have any questions, you should seek legal advice immediately. Dated at Warm Springs on December 26. Judge Wilma Ann Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

The 2003 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow

February 6-9

Round Dance Thursday evening
Dinner at 7 p.m.

Simnasho Longhouse

A \$6,000 Memorial Drumming Contest, will be sponsored by the Greene family. More information, (541) 553-1953.

Hand Drum Contest, sponsored by Calvin Queahpama and Bruce Jim family. More information, 553-0422.

Chicken Dance/Round Bustle Special, sponsored by Mackie Begay. More information, 553-9230.

Dance categories: Men's and Women's Golden Age, Women's Traditional, Fancy and

Jingle. Men's Traditional, Fancy and Grass.

Teen categories. Junior categories. Tiny tots.

For more information, Mackie Begay, general. E. Austin Greene, general. Jodi Orr, Queen candidates, 553-9230. Ina LaLiberte, Queen candidates, 553-0422. Sandra Greene-Sampson, 553-6619. Vendors/concession. No collect calls.

All specials will be approved by the Powwow Committee prior to the scheduled powwow.