

Walsey happy representing tribes

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Tilda Walsey was feeling mixed emotions when she became the 2003 Miss Warm Springs.

"I was very happy at first, but then I felt some regret at not having done this last year," said Walsey, 22.

It was her grandfather Richard Walsey's dream that Tilda some day represent the Confederated Tribes as Miss Warm Springs.

Mr. Walsey passed away last Christmas, and never got to see his granddaughter accept the Miss Warm Springs crown.

Still, Tilda is excited to be serving as Miss Warm Springs. She will be traveling a great deal, and taking part in many events, the first one being the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow this weekend.

She is already well acquainted with the powwow culture, as she has traveled with her family to many powwows across the U.S.

Walsey lives in Seattle. Her parents are Ronnie and Edith (Johnson) Walsey. Tilda is of Warm Springs, Wasco, Paiute and Yakama heritage.

She is planning on attending medical school in order to become a medical assistant.

The Miss Warm Springs Pageant was held last month at the Agency Longhouse. The competition was between Walsey and Tashina Smith.

Both of the contestants were very talented, and the decision was a hard one for



Tilda Walsey, Miss Warm Springs 2003

the judges. Congratulations to both Tashina and Tilda.

After the pageant, Walsey met with the Miss Warm Springs Committee. The group reviewed the schedule of events that Miss Warm Springs will participate in. The events include:

The Gathering of Nations in April, Pi-Ume-Sha in June, and the Madras Fair and Parade.

Also, the Redmond Fair and Parade, Prineville Fair and Parade, and the Annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conference in Pendleton.

Other events are also planned, such as the Unity Conference, and the Annual National Indian Education Association Conference.

Report details 2002 fire and safety calls

Warm Springs Fire and Safety has compiled the emergency call statistics for the year 2002. The report indicates a 12 percent overall increase in calls, said Dan Martinez, Chief of Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

There were a total of 2,366 calls last year, up from 2,110 the year before, he said. The breakdown is as follows:

There were 812 ambulance transports last. Emergency crews also responded to 1,281 calls that did not require transport.

Warm Springs emergency crews responded to 137 motor vehicle collisions last year.

There were 44 grass fires, 34 structure fires, 31 false alarms, four search and rescue efforts, and 23 vehicle fires.

There was one fatal passenger vehicle accident on the reservation on Highway 26 during the year 2002. There was also a fatal passenger vehicle accident on Highway 3.

There was one fatal pickup-truck accident on Highway 26; and two fatal motorcycle accidents on the highway.

Birth announcements

Waldon Gage Pat Winishut

Edna Winishut of Warm Springs is proud to announce the birth of her son Waldon Gage Pat Winishut, born Feb. Waldon joins his brother Aaron, age 3. Grandmother is Jewel Winishut of Warm Springs.

Glenn Harvey Ray Bruneo

Glenn Bruneo and Lorene Wainanwit, of Warm Springs, are proud to announce the birth of their son Glenn Harvey Ray Bruneo, born Jan. 25.

Glenn joins his sister Samantha, age two and a half years. Father's parents are Sandra Bruneo of Warm Springs, and Harvey George, of Canada.

Mother's parents are Ina M. Anderson and Luther "J" Danzuka, of Warm Springs.

Kah-Nee-Ta seeks art

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is pleased to announce the creation of an art exhibition gallery space.

Kah-Nee-Ta is seeking fine arts and crafts created by Warm Springs tribal artists for direct purchase and/or public exhibition.

This artistic endeavor offers artists an opportunity to enhance the resort's interior and promote cultural aesthetics.

The theme for the 2003 exhibition show is entitled "Live in Beauty."

Artwork will be selected on the merit of high artistic excel-

lence and fine craftsmanship. The call for entry requires a submission of slides or photographs of artwork for gallery consideration.

This will also help establish an art bank and web-site for prospective buyers.

The deadline for submissions to "Live in Beauty" is March 3.

For additional information and application forms please contact Kah-Nee-Ta's art curator: Apolonia S. Santos, P.O. Box 104, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Phone, 553-0465.

Telephone hours are 9-5 weekdays.

This contest is for real hands: Rodeo Photographs of the 1930s.

March 29 - May 4 at
The Museum at
Warm Springs



Warm Springs community members are invited to submit rodeo and cattle drive related items to the museum. Items for display can include: "lucky boots," belt buckles, cowboy hats, branding material, beadwork depicting rodeo life, pictures and stories. Deadline to submit, March 14, 5 p.m.



This exhibit will feature black and white photos as seen inside the arena by photographer Otho Hartley (1895-1964). His images capture the drama and skill of the old time rodeo, complete with bucking bronzes, wild steers, calf roping and trick riders of the 1930s.

OSU Engineering recruits minorities

CORVALLIS - The college of Engineering at Oregon State University received a three year grant for \$1.1 million from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The grant supports development of new ways to recruit, retain, and educate minority and women engineering students.

The grant is one of nine from the foundation designed to promote engineering programs. The grants are part of the foundation's Engineering

Schools of the West initiative, an effort to improve undergraduate engineering education and increase the number of graduates.

"This grant will enable OSU to energize and inspire first and second year engineering students by developing coursework that is more hands-on, interesting, and fun," said Toni Doolen, OSU assistant professor in Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering.

"Receiving this level of fund-

ing for curriculum enhancement is exceptional," he added.

With the funds OSU will provide personal digital assistants to students in wireless lecture halls; allow students touch and tear apart objects in the classroom that illustrate engineering theory; and expand outreach programs to high school students.

Doolen hopes the initiative will aid OSU in some of its key goals, such as attracting top students and developing work-ready engineers.

Trust reform sees BIA fund increase

WASHINGTON D.C.- President Bush proposed a \$2.31 billion Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget for the 2004 fiscal year.

The \$62 million increase is intended to improve the Interior Department's management of individual Indian and tribal trust assets; to operate new tribally operated detention centers; and develop tribal economies.

The request maintains Bush's commitment to eliminating the school maintenance backlog and providing tribes with greater opportunities to directly operate BIA schools. Payments for Indian water and land claim settlements will continue.

"With this budget request, the President makes clear his firm commitment to improving the lives of Indian people through trust reform, education and economic development," said acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Aurene M. Martin.

"The Bureau will be prepared to meet these goals with Congress' support," she added.

The 2004 budget request provides new funding to support the Department's plan to reform management of its fiduciary obligations to Federally recognized tribes and individual In-

dians.

The request includes increases of \$32 million to modernize information technology systems and security to support trust and non-trust programs; 13 million to expand a pilot program to reduce the fractionalization of individual Indian land ownership interests into a nationwide effort; and \$7.6 million to enhance resource management programs related to trust assets.

The BIA oversees 185 schools, comprised of elementary and secondary day and boarding schools. The system serves almost 48 thousand students.

The fiscal year 2004 budget request for school construction and repair is \$292.6 million, including \$131.4 million to replace at least seven BIA funded schools. The schools include Enemy Swim Day School, Waubay, S.D.; Isleta Elementary School, Isleta, N.M.; Mesclero Apache School, Mesclero, N.M.; Navajo Preparatory School, Farmington, N.M.; Pueblo Pintado Community School, Cuba, N.M.; Turtle Mountain High School, Belcourt, N.D.; and Wingate High School, Fort Wingate, N.M.

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