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Andy Leonard of the Recreation Department places lights on the tree outside the Community Center.

## Pageant this month

The Miss Warm Springs Committee is seeking candidates to compete for the 2004 Miss Warm Springs title. A pageant to select the 2004 Miss Warm Springs will be held on Monday, Dec. 29 at the Warm Springs Longhouse.

A scholarship will be provided for 2004 Miss Warm Springs and the runner up. All candidates will receive gifts.

An official application packet is available at the Tribal Council office. Applications must be turned in to Doris Miller or Myrtle Adams at the Tribal Council office by Friday, Dec. 26, no later than 5 p.m. For more information, call 553-3257.

Basic application requirements: applicants must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes; age 18-24 years at time of crowning; high school graduate; unmarried and no dependents.

Contestants will be judged on knowledge of the Confederated Tribes, knowledge of tradition, and knowledge of state and national government. Contestants will also be judged on congeniality, speaking ability and appearance.

The person winning the Miss Warm Springs title must retain residency on the Warm Springs Reservation for at least one year after winning the title, and must make a commitment to participate in events both local and outside the area.

## Tie a ribbon for safety

The Health Promotion Team of the Health and Wellness will be putting red ribbons on cars this week.

Be prepared for Holiday Celebrations. If you drink, don't drive. Designate a sober driver. Or stay the night wherever you choose to celebrate. Plan time with family and friends that is alcohol free.

About 250,000 people are hurt, nearly 18,000 killed and about 1.5 million arrested each

year nationally. Yet only one arrest is made for every 772 occurrences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix.

This holiday, please celebrate responsibly and don't take a chance. This is a message of the Seat Belt Coalition.

## Look who was caught...



## Wearing her seat belt

Safety belt use can decrease fatalities and injuries between 40 and 55 percent. Ejection from a vehicle occurs ten times more often to passenger vehicle occupants who are unprotected and unrestrained. This is a message from the Seat Belt Coalition.

## Buffalo return to range in eastern Oregon

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (AP) — Buffalo are again roaming the wilderness in eastern Oregon.

The shaggy beasts are native to the state but are now classified as domestic livestock, not wildlife, under animal and health statutes that govern their importation into Oregon. But that hasn't kept them confined to fenced pastures.

Ranchers are raising an estimated 2,000 of the naturally migratory animals, and several herds have escaped.

Their presence is a headache for private landowners and pub-

lic land managers — and a hairy surprise for some hikers — across eastern Oregon. Yet some ranchers advocate setting more bison free as a natural solution to thinning underbrush in fire-prone forests.

On a mountain ridge at the north end of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, a herd of runaway bison spent part of last summer and this fall munching grass and startling visitors.

The bison escaped from Water Canyon Ranch along Oregon 82, between Elgin and Wallowa, said Kendall Clark, the U.S. For-

est Service district ranger in Enterprise. They staked out territory at about 6,000 feet elevation and obstinately resisted efforts to corral them, Clark said.

One bull reportedly lowered its head and shook its horns at visitors to the Bear Wallow Trailhead at the wilderness boundary, where hunters and campers often gather, she said.

Forest Service employees worried that the bison might wander into the heart of the 560-square-mile wilderness, popular among backpackers, horseback riders and hunters.

## 4-H retreat in January

The 4-H High Desert Leadership Retreat is scheduled for Jan. 16-19 at Eagle Crest Resort. The retreat is for youth in grades 7-12. Cost is: early registration, by Dec. 12, \$100. Late registration, Dec. 13-22, \$125. Late-late registration, \$150. To hold your place, \$50. This retreat is a chance for youth to learn about conflict resolution, mentoring, college presentations, healthy lifestyles, and much more. Call the OSU Extension Office in the Education, and talk to Arlene or Minnie, 553-3238.

## Census program provides interesting information

The following are questions to the recent Tribal Census question of the day program on KWSO:

**Question of the day:** According to the 2000 U.S. Census, what is the median income for the Warm Springs Reservation?

**Answer:** \$31,405  
The median income for all Americans is \$43,195. For all Oregonians is \$40,916. All American Indians is \$32,133.

**Question of the day:** According to the 2000 U.S. Census, what percentage of Warm Springs Reservation population reported being self-employed?

**Answer:** Two percent (22 people).

14.6 percent of all Americans reported being self-employed. 6.2 percent of Oregonians reported being self-employed.

**Question of the day:** What percentage of the Warm Springs Reservation population reported being government workers?

**Answer:** Sixty-three percent. 15 percent of workers in Oregon reported being government workers.

**Question of the day:** What percentage of Warm Springs residents, age 25 and over reported having a Bachelors Degree?

**Answer:** 3.9 percent (62 people). 24.4 percent of US Citizens age 25 and over have a Bachelors Degree.

**Question of the day:** What percentage of the Warm Springs community grandpar-

ents reported being responsible for their grandchildren?

**Answer:** 68.9 percent. 42 percent of grandparents in the US report being responsible for grandchildren. 43.2 percent of Oregonians. 42 percent are American Indians.

**Question of the day:** What percentage of the Warm Springs population reported speaking a language other than English at home?

**Answer:** 16.4 percent. The percentage of residents who reported speaking a language other than English at home are 17.9 percent of all US residents,

12 percent of Oregonians, 17.9 percent of all American Indians.

Another statistic is that 82.1 percent are U.S. residents and 82.1 percent of all American Indians reported, speak only En-

glish at home. 87.9 percent of Oregonians, 83.6 percent of Warm Springs residents reported speaking only English at home.

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## Flag contest seeking entries

Warm Springs Early Head Start and Head Start are sponsoring a flag contest, and everyone is encouraged to enter with their meaningful flag design.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and honorable mentions.

Deadline for entries is January 2 at 4 p.m.

All entries will become property of Early Head Start and Head Start.

If you have questions, please call 553-3242 at Head Start and ask for Leah Henry, Carol Stevens or Jori Hunter.

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