

# Lincoln's Powwow results

The following are the results of the 2004 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow:

Junior girls fancy/jingle: first, Symone Paskemin of Gallivan, Somoxo; second, Angela Ballenger, Warm Springs; third, Tennile Wahtomy, Toppenish, Wash.

Junior girls traditional: first, Kelly Heemsah, The Dalles; second, Kristi Olney, Warm Springs; Mileena Edwards, Marysville, Wash.

Junior boys fancy/grass: first, Kelsey Hawywahe, Simnasho; second Creighton Scabbyrobe, White Swan; third, Manny Totus, Toppenish.

Junior boys traditional: first, Tamon Paskemin, Gallivan;

Cory Williams, White Swan; third, Mitchell Heemsah, Toppenish.

Teen girls fancy: first Crystalana Pacheco, Sacramento; Anna Jane Onepennee, Toppenish; third, Katrina Reis, Woodburn.

Teen girls jingle: first, Jovelle Pacheco, Sacramento; second, Raquel Good Sky, Portland; third, Sadie Heemsah, Harrah, Wash.

Teen girls traditional: first, Chauntai Heemsah, The Dalles; Edwina Morning Owl, Pilot Rock; third, Temia Meninick, Lapwai.

Teen boys fancy: first, Randy Stewart, Toppenish; second Dillion Begay, Satus, Wash.;

third, Cory Johnson, Tacoma.

Teen boys grass: first, Lee Eaglespeaker, Yelm, Wash.; second Terry Heemsah, Toppenish; third Deswood Whiteman, Tacoma.

Teen boys traditional: first, Sparrowhawk Walsey, Toppenish; second Deshawn Little Eagle, Lacy, Wash.; third, Andrew George, Granger, Wash.

Womens fancy: first, Susie Walsey, Toppenish; second Liya Davis, Warm Springs; third, Michelle Morin, Sacramento.

Womens jingle: first Paula McCurtain, Coeur D'Alene; second, Challis Beetso, Sanders, Ariz.; third Candice Chief-Scabbyrobe, White Swan.

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Masters of ceremonies Thomas Morningowl and Charles Tailfeathers at the 2004 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

# Through partnership, work opportunities available for youth

By Shawnele Surplus  
Community advocate

In late summer of last year, the Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT) entered into an exciting relationship with the Heart of Oregon Corps. The Heart of Oregon Corps was the largest youth conservation corps group in the nation with 118 youth in partnership with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and the USDA Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests June through August of 2002.

The Heart of Oregon Corps approached the WSCAT last summer as they had been funded to run a program in Warm Springs but were concerned about how to overcome the transportation barrier.

After lengthy discussion, the WSCAT agreed to fund the purchase of a van for the Warm Springs Heart of Oregon Corps

crew. In addition to assisting in the purchase of the van, the Heart of Oregon Corps and the WSCAT agreed that a continued relationship, with the WSCAT helping to recruit and encourage youth as well as to assist in finding continued work for the young people, was in order.

Additionally, the two agreed to work together to find the jobs and crew formation that will make it more likely that the youth will be successful - not only in the Heart of Oregon Corps, but in life in general.

Youth in the Heart of Oregon Corps might do any type of work, including:

Trails, improvements and maintenance. Roads, obliteration or maintenance. Wildfire hazard reduction. Campgrounds, repairs, rehabilitation, cleanup. Revegetation and reforestation. Natural resources education. Noxious weed removal. Erosion control and tree thin-

ning. Wildlife habitat maintenance and repair. Roadside cleanup.

Currently the Heart of Oregon Corps is enrolling youth to participate in their Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COCYC) program. Six youth from Warm Springs will definitely find jobs in the Corps and an additional 12 will have the opportunity.

The COCYC is a work-learn program administered cooperatively by the Heart of Oregon Corps, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service in partnership with local community organizations, schools, businesses and private individuals.

The program provides natural resources based education and work projects on public lands. Participants will do hard physical work and may be exposed to insects, adverse

weather, and difficult working conditions. Participants earn minimum wage and can earn a high school "skills based learning credit" for completion of the program. COCYC participants work Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. starting June 21 and ending August 13.

Youth ages 15 through 18 who are permanent residents of the U.S. are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. No specific experience is required for a summer position with COCYC. However, we do look for youth that can follow instructions, work as a team member and follow through with a commitment.

Applicants who were YCC crewmembers in previous years can only apply for a Youth Crew Leader position and must request a separate application. If you are, or know of, a young

person between the ages of 15 and 18 who would like to participate in the program, call the WSCAT office or drop by to get an application. Applications must be returned by the close of business, April 15. Applications may be turned into any Deschutes or Ochoco National Forest office, your School to Career Counselor at your local High School, any Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council Office, the Heart of Oregon Corps office, or the WSCAT office. Selected applicants will be notified by May 20. The WSCAT is also looking for projects like the ones listed above for the Warm Springs Heart of Oregon Corps Crew.

The work can be located anywhere on the reservation or in Jefferson County. Work in other counties is also a possibility.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at our Plaza office. Our meetings are not only open to the public, but they are for the public.

We are currently working on transportation, leadership training, a Warm Springs Commercial Code, financial literacy for adults and youth, work and life skills, volunteer coordination, automation, and programs for the Warm Springs Library, and many others.

# More Letters to the Editor

## Election

Tribal Council elections are upcoming and we definitely need a change. When deciding whom to vote for, ask the Tribal Council nominees who they would appoint as the Secretary-Treasurer, COO or as tribal judges. These appointments are the most crucial decisions made.

As owners of the tribal corporation, we should always know what is going down with our money. The bonus we receive each year is based on our profit margin. If we received more money in than paid out, "the money to spare," is distributed to us as bonus.

In December of 2003 we got a \$1,000 bonus. There are now 4,288 tribal members, so the tribes paid out \$4,288,000 (double last year's bonus). So \$2,144,000 more than last year was surplus profit. That \$2,144,000 divided by \$20,000 equals 107. Thus, 107 tribal jobs and salaries of \$20,000 were available to us.

But all through 2003 we experienced job freezes and job cuts leaving skeleton crews delivering lack of service. Therefore, 107 potential employees suffered jobless to assure us a bigger bonus. If I am wrong then why were jobs cut, but we had \$4,288,000 to spare? Gee, cut 107 more and we can get a \$1,500 bonus.

We need decisions made ac-

cording to tribal member concerns and needs rather than to influence politics.

We are sovereign to choose leaders who will either benefit us or who will oppress us. Don't just vote for relatives or baby kissers. Vote for leaders with some insight to our real needs. To be continued by **R.T. Thompson**.

## Heart Smart

We had a great turn out from the Warm Springs community for the Eleventh Annual Heart Smart Dinner held at the Agency Longhouse on Feb. 18. Thank you to the drummers, Ms. Elaine Miles, chef Michael Spaulding, Kirstie and Mikayla for the PSA on KWSO. Carolyn and Joy Harvey (most generous), Nutrition Program, Senior Center, Wellness Center, CHR's, Katherine Smith, The Wilman, Madras Pioneer, ECE kids (great decorations), Cassie Katchia, Bob Boffin, Dayle Tufti, Diane Cook, Sara Thomas, Gwen Steelman, the Spilyay and all the generous people who donated items for the raffle. From the **Diabetes staff: Kat Spaulding, Jennie Smith, Marge Koepping, Susan Mathew and Royce Embanks**.

P.S. This year we have started a tradition. Every year we will award a child under 13 because of their respect and behavior in

the Longhouse. This year a very nice gift was given to Spencer Ellsbury. Way to go, Spencer!

## On articles

To the editor of the Spilyay Tymoo: I, Vernon Smith Sr., am writing this letter to the editor on behalf of the tribal people of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes.

Why are tribal leaders having meetings throughout the reservation about the December 2003 Oregonian articles? What I want to know is, who provided the Oregonian reporters with their information?

As I saw it, most of the articles were negative to the families of the deceased and the community members. The articles mentioned nothing but "alcohol and drugs," but there are a lot of good things about

the tribes that were not mentioned in these articles.

Is it a hobby of some people to use Indian people like this? It's like using 18-year-olds to vote in the casino, but refusing the 18-year-olds the right to gamble. I just had to speak my mind in this letter.

Yours truly, **Vernon Besta Smith Sr.**



Happy birthday, Lana. Love, Mom and family.

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