



Denise Smith (above photo at right) looks at merchandise Mary Smith offers at the Last-chance Christmas Bazaar at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center Dec. 22. Jason Tohet (below, left) examines merchandise from Ron Maitland.



Correction: In the Edward Charles Henry Jr. Howlak Tichum, Michael Penny of Lapwai is a surviving brother of Mr. Henry. We regret the error.

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Along with such concerns as substance abuse on the Warm Springs reservation, discontent with the Madras educational system and a perceived disconnect between Warm Springs Tribal Council and tribal members, Neskahi asked if anyone felt anger about the flooding of Celilo Falls, a longtime traditional fishing area on the Columbia River, due to the construction of The Dalles Dam in 1957.

"For me, over my lifetime, I began to realize that some of those things, even back way inside of me that I never noticed, were always there," he said. "Some of the stuff that makes me angry is that some of these places have new names (changed from the traditional Native names).

"How do we make our way through these," Neskahi asked. "Is it all right to feel angry about these things?"

The warrior, he said, actually spends "a very small time" facing an enemy.

"Most of your lives, you're with your people," he said. "And

the reason why you're willing to go and face the enemy is love."

"If you love your people so much, you're willing to battle for them. That's what a warrior's heart really is, and when that comes from within your heart, it's going to guide you and lead you."

This love, he said, "knows about, longs for and wishes good things for your people."

Neskahi said that much like when a baby cries, "without crying, how are you going to be able to tell people what we need in our lives?"

Neskahi, who began his presentation with two Native language songs, has been a consultant and trainer for Native American communities for more than 20 years. He presented a similar presentation on anger resolution in Warm Springs in Nov. 2003.

The youth workshop also included a Youth Health Fair and the dedication of the new skate park at Elmer Quinn Park in Warm Springs Dec. 29. The workshop concluded with an evening round dance Dec. 30.

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The gathering in July marked the formal conclusion of these talks and is the basis for the new license.

Gymnasium

Construction of the new gym at Warm Springs Elementary School was a major accomplishment in 2004. The \$1.3 million structure rates as the third biggest local news story of last year.

The new gym, replacing the original gym, which burned down two winters ago, will be a great asset for the Warm Springs community. The building is larger than the typical elementary school gym because it will house not only youth sports activities but community events of all kinds. Nearly all the construction work was done in 2004, with the facility set to open in the near future.

Tribal government

The 23rd Tribal Council took office in 2004. The first order of business of the new council

was the appointment of Jody Calica as secretary-treasurer, and Lauraina Hintsala as chief operations officer.

Stanley "Buck" Smith Jr., Rita Squiemphen and Garland Brunoe were elected from the Agency District. Brunoe, later in the year, took the position of general manager of Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. Bernice Mitchell then filled Brunoe's vacancy on the council.

Earl Squiemphen, Raymond Tsumpti and Ron Suppah were elected from the Simnasho District. Suppah was named Council Chairman.

Reuben Henry and Carol Wewa were elected from the Seekseequa District. The new Council, and the appointment of the new S-T and COO, were newsworthy items of 2004.

For the fifth-most newsworthy item of the year, I'll agree with Fritz Miller and say the skate park is an important addition to the community. (See page 4 for more on the park.)

Powwow memorial

The Lincoln's Powwow Committee is announcing a memorial held at the Simnasho Longhouse at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005. The memorial pre-

cedes the Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow and serves to bless and clear the dance floor. Anyone is welcome to this memorial.

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