

Powwow at Simnasho Feb. 11-13

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is Friday through Sunday, Feb. 11-13 at the Simnasho Longhouse. The annual event is a celebration of tribal sovereignty.

Grand Entry times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11; 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. the following day; and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Contest categories are: Men and women's Golden Age (55 and up); men's Fancy, Grass and Traditional; women's Fancy, Jingle and Traditional; teen boys Fancy, Grass and Traditional; teen girls Fancy, Jingle and Traditional; and junior categories.

Specials are: Herbert Stwyer Sr. Recognition Award, sponsored by the Stwyer family; drumming and singing contest, sponsored by the E.A. Greene family; 8-Ball Jim Memorial 3-hand drum contest, sponsored by Bruce Jim family. Also:

Boy's Round Bustle Chicken Dance, sponsored by Gavin Begay; men's Round Bustle Chicken Dance, sponsored by Mackie Begay; 6 and under Tiny Tot Special, sponsored by Calvin Queahpama; Sidney Greene Memorial Young Men's Open Special; and the junior girls Jingle Special, sponsored by the outgoing junior queen Norene Sampson. Other specials to be announced. For powwow information, call 553-1953; or 553-9230. For vendor information, 553-6619.

Biomass: project fits with WSFPI development

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"It's really hard. You look at diesel fuel, it's \$2 or \$2.25 a gallon, and biomass right now is something like \$10-15 a bone dry ton. You don't have to go very far before you're losing money on that stuff, so we need to have a good stable supply," Crocker said.

The U.S. Forest Service sees the project as a way to mitigate the spread and intensity of forest fires, as well as a way to forge a partnership with the Confederated Tribes in managing what are the tribes' ceded lands.

Leslie Weldon, forest supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest, described the administrative agreement as "a good opportunity to reduce fuels."

"It's one of those things that has mutual benefit to the forest and to the tribes," she said, adding that it also has great potential for putting more tribal members to work.

Weldon described the agreement as a cooperative effort, allowing Geovisions and the Forest Service to work together on a mutual project

"It's kind of a follow up to the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by the Forest Service and the BLM with the Confederated Tribes to put together a number of different areas for coordination with ceded lands that were identified in the 1855 treaty," she said.

The GeoVisions crew will cut timber within a 100-acre lot at Round Butte and on a 200-acre plot at Black Butte Ranch.

The process at Round Butte involves allowing the downed junipers to dry out for a couple of weeks, Crocker said. "It depends on the soil moisture, so we don't have any soil/moisture problems. We'll let them dry down for a little bit, and then we're going to come back and chip that material in the field."

He said GeoVisions would also conduct what he called "time and motion studies," to help determine such factors as measuring the time it takes to chip the material and the length of the trailer needed to haul the chipped material to Warm Springs, as well as the time it takes to transport it to Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

"We're trying to get as much data to the Forest Service as possible in that particular study," along with the amount of bone-

dry tons of biomass that could be counted on from that area to supply the mill, he said.

GeoVisions will bring 20 loads of material from Black Butte Ranch to the mill "to give us a feeling for what haul times and distances and expenses are related to that and any other material that we're able to take from that unit," Crocker said.

"For the project, we'll be using a logger out of Sisters because he happens to be in that area, and the community of Black Butte Ranch really likes his work," he said.

This agreement between GeoVisions and the Forest Service about coincides with new developments at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, as the mill is developing the use biomass energy. WSFPI has purchased an 80,000 pounds-per-hour boiler that will be installed soon.

"The rule of thumb is one bone-dry ton of fuel will produce 10,000 pounds of steam," said WSFPI general manager Larry Potts.

If you're just using the boiler to produce energy, you can take one bone-dry ton of hog fuel, and generate one megawatt hour of electricity.

A boiler is sized to fit the raw material available to feed it, he said.

Half of the mill's material comes from by-products of the milling process, bark and sawdust, said Potts. The mill gets another 10,000 tons of material from recycled construction site debris called urban wood, leaving room for another 30,000 tons of fuel.

This would come from the raw material procured from the forest fuels reduction effort.

The largest outside source of such wood would be U.S. Forest Service lands, and GeoVisions is able to deal with the Forest Service in that regard.

"Since we were formed under the government charter, it gives us the ability to work with those agencies and they can see one face from Warm Springs," Crocker said. "They don't have to deal with this part from the mill, and that part from us, and another part potentially from us."

"The outside agencies can come to one customer, one face from the tribe, and that would be us."

GeoVisions' strength, Crocker said, is that it has archaeologists and specialists on National Environmental Protection Act compliance at its disposal.

Governor opposes private casino proposal

(AP) - Gov. Ted Kulongoski opposes a planned ballot initiative that would allow a private casino to be built in the Portland area.

"I don't think that's the direction we should go," Kulongoski said last week.

Two Lake Oswego men de-

veloped the plan had said earlier that they had talked to the governor's staff and lawmakers about their plans for a 1 million square-foot, \$490 million gaming and entertainment complex.

The facility would have up to 3,500 video gaming terminals run by the state lottery. The state

would get 25 percent of the gambling revenue.

The developers, Bruce Studer and Matthew Rossman, want legislators to put a measure on the ballot that would ask voters to overturn Oregon's constitutional ban on casinos.

Otherwise, they say, they will

launch an initiative petition drive to put the proposal on the ballot next year.

Kulongoski said that agreeing to such an arrangement with a private casino wouldn't make sense when the lottery could run a similar operation and keep all the money.

Oregon Lottery Commission votes to move ahead with line games

SALEM (AP) - The state Lottery Commission voted unanimously last week to move ahead with adding slot-type games to video poker terminals in bars and taverns throughout Oregon.

The decision came as no surprise, since the panel was appointed by Gov. Ted

Kulongoski, who directed its members to authorize the move into line-games to raise an estimated \$60 million a year for state troops.

Plans are for the games to begin July 1, the start of the next two-year state budget period.

But Kerry Timchuk, the lottery commission's chairman,

said Wednesday that final implementation of the new games now depends on adopting a new rate of commission payments for the bars and taverns.

That's expected to produce tough negotiations, because the commission cut the restaurant's profits on current games by about 10 percent just last year.

It will be up to restaurant and bar owners to decide whether to add slot games to their existing poker machines.

There are about 10,000 such machines in about 2,200 establishments around the state. The decision was 4-0; one seat on the commission is empty.

Elementary school needs SMART readers

Warm Springs Elementary School is looking for adults who are interested in becoming SMART readers. If you are interested, call the school at 553-

1128. Vesta Johnson is the SMART reading program coordinator at the school. Volunteers are asked to read to students for one hour per week. Reading

times are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The goal of SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) is to link children and books through volunteers.

Settlement: members state concerns

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Arnett said the dollar figure regarding the McQuinn settlement represents what the tribes could have gotten for the timber in the 1980s. Also, no interest is included, which is one of the drawbacks of winning a lawsuit against the federal government, said Arnett.

David Belgard Sr. commented that the federal government should have no part in determining how the tribes use the settlement money. "What

right do they have," he said. "They lost the case."

Carshall Brunoe also said that the federal government should not have the right to tell the tribes how to spend the money. He gave an example of a person accidentally driving into someone's house, then losing the lawsuit filed by the homeowner, but then being allowed by the court to tell the homeowner how to repair the house.

Vernon Smith Sr. commented that the tribes should not put settlement money toward the Gorge casino when the governor has still not given approval of the project.

Sacred Heart Suppah said the Council should divide the settlement money fairly among the membership. Otherwise, he said, the funds will be "used for further mismanagement."

Alvis Smith, Uren Leonard and other speakers also said the money should be distributed to the membership.

Captain Moody said he did not agree with the plan for use of the funds because of the money that would be allocated to the casino project. He also said that Tribal Council should have brought the issue to the membership sooner in the decision process.

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Parent advisory meeting this month

The next meeting of the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee is set for Wednesday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the Warm Springs Elementary Library. Dr. Steve Nelson will be there.

Title VII meetings are open to all members of the

public. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services Office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

Valentines drawing

There will be a Valentines drawing on Feb. 14 at noon at the Museum of Warm Springs lobby. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Lots of great Valentine prizes. Call the museum for information, 553-3331.