

Free tax help offered to members

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will again host a free tax preparation site this year. To make your appointment to get your taxes done this year, call Tracey Leslie at the WSCAT office, 553-3148.

When you come to your appointment, please remember to

bring:

Copy of last year's income tax return (if you have it); W-2 forms from each employer; unemployment compensation statements; SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security Benefits; all 1099 forms showing interest and/or dividends;

dependent care provider information; all receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions; Social Security numbers for all dependents.

Remember, tax preparation is free, and if you have a bank account, you can receive your refund in ten to 14 days.



Brian Mortensen/Spilyay

Sisiley Scott, right, chats with Joeann Scott, Nakia Suppah and Rosie Tom over their display of candies and Christmas treats during the Last-chance Christmas Bazaar at the Warm Springs Community Center Dec. 21. The bazaar, which followed the annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 10 and included all Native vendors, had fewer vendors than in 2004, largely due to bad weather only days prior. Tom said she and her family was snowed in their Seekseequa home, which gave them time to make candy and popcorn balls. They had only a few left for sale by the mid afternoon.

Senator to visit area

Sen. Ron Wyden will host a town hall meeting in Madras at 1 p.m. on January 10.

The meeting will be at the Jefferson County Courthouse annex.

Twenty-five years ago

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Delegates attending the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) in Spokane passed a resolution giving their full support of Warm Springs general manager Ken Smith for possible appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

ATNI members also gave their support to Del Lovato, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, as special White House Assistant on Indian Affairs.

Warm Springs Councilman Olney Patt Sr. assured the ATNI delegates that Smith would accept appointment as

Assistant Secretary, if selected. "We don't want him to leave. He's very important to us. But if he leaves, we'll give him all the support we can. I urge all tribes to give him all the support you can." In other news:

After 28 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with nine and one-half of those in Warm Springs, Superintendent James D. Cornett is retiring.

His seemingly abrupt decision was made as a result of a law passed by Congress in December that would increase retirement benefits for those eligible if they were to retire within a 45-day time period.

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