

Effect of war at home was top news of 2006

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There are several young people of the Warm Springs community who are serving in the Middle East and elsewhere overseas, during this time of war.

Larry Switzler, Lawren Slockish, Levi Dowty, Austin Smith Jr., Rodney Kenyon Jr., George Boise, Raylene Thomas, Jerome Henry, and Steven James are among those serving.

The effect of war was brought home also in 2006,

during Pi-Ume-Sha. The guests of honor during the powwow were Meg and Wes Tucker, of Madras, parents of Pfc. Tom Tucker, who was killed in Iraq. There was a great and emotional show of support by the tribes for the Tuckers.

Each year at this time we choose the news items that were the prominent stories of 2006. This year the effect of the war at home was at the top of the list. Here are some others:

Casino developments

During 2006, the tribes' pro-

posed Cascade Locks casino became a central point of discussion during a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also during 2006, the tribes unveiled the name and logo for the proposed casino in Cascade Locks: The Bridge of the Gods Columbia River Resort Casino is the proposed name, and refers to a Wasco legend.

And in 2006 the tribes endorsed Gov. Kulongoski for reelection, in part because of his support for the tribes' economic development projects.

Change at the mill

In 2006 there were some significant changes at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. Changes at the mill are important because of the number of families on the reservation who are affected: There are 136 full-time workers at the mill.

In 2006 WSFPI struggled with one of the weakest lumber markets in recent years. As a result, the WSFPI board implemented significant cost-saving changes, such as a reduction in overtime, elimination of an in-

centives program, and changes in health coverage.

A new general manager also took over at WSFPI during 2006. Larry Potts announced his resignation, and is replaced by new general manager Mark Jackson, who has several years experience working in the timber and natural resource fields. The plan for an eventual change in management was adopted about two years ago, and Jackson was named to the successor role by the WSFPI board and Tribal Council.

When the River Ran Wild!

Tribal member George W. Aguilar Sr. made a rare accomplishment during 2006.

His book - *When the River Ran Wild! Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and Warm Springs Reservation* - won an Oregon Book Award.

At the awards ceremony in Portland, Aguilar was presented with the Sarah Winnemucca Award for Creative Nonfiction, a rare and great accomplishment for the author.

Births

Koby Rey Baez

Veronica Baez is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Koby Rey Baez, born December 12, 2006 at 6:57 a.m. He joins cousins Jake Frank of Warm Springs, also Verbena, Lawrence and Paige Greene of Crow Agency, Mont. His grandparents are Ramona Baez of Warm Springs, and Luis Baez of San Bernardino, Calif. His uncles are Ramon Greene and Luis "Brutus" Baez of Warm Springs. The great grandparents are Teresa and Luis Baez of Mexico, and the late Verbena and Perry Greene, and Harold Greene of Warm Springs.

son Tristan Isiah Mitchell, born on December 17, 2006. Tristan joins Donte, Joe, Eric, Matt, Arthur Jr., and Gloria.

The father's mother is Gloria Mithcell of Warm Springs.

The mother's parents are the late Kenny Blackwolf and Mary Lee Wolfe.

Darreck Dominion Palmer Jr.

Darreck Palmer Sr. and Ellen Jackson are pleased to announce the birth of their son Darreck Dominion Palmer Jr., born on December 17, 2006. Darreck joins Kain, and Clara and Monei Rah. The father's parents are Rayne Palmer and Andy Leonard.

Gerald Lee Tias Jr.

Gerald Sr. and Neda Tias of

Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Gerald Lee Tias Jr., born at 11:40 a.m. on December 26, 2006 at Mountain View Hospital in Madras. At birth Gerald weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. Gerald has a big brother Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee Tias 16 months at home.

The grandparents are Robert and Marella Sam Sr. and Vernon Tias Sr. and Ruth Anderson all of Warm Springs, great grandparents Eliza and Harvey Jim and the late Chester Van Pelt Sr., the late William "Bill" and Evelyn Wesley Sam, great grandmother Carol Craig of Warm Springs, great grandfather the late Wesley Tias of Pendleton, great grandparents Les and Perthena White and Paul Anderson all of Warm Springs.

Tristan Isiah Mitchell

Arthur B. Mitchell Sr. and Angeline Blackwolf are pleased to announce the birth of their

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Museum Calendar

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the following **no-school day activities** during the month of January: Monday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. for grades 4 and up. Activity: weaving.

Friday, Jan. 26 from 1-4 p.m. for grades 4 and up. Activity: stringing beads. Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. for grades 4 and up. Activity: painting tiles.

Activities will be in the museum Education Room. To register call the museum at 553-3331.

The Museum at Warm Springs is hosting **Winter Wonder Craft Nights** from 5 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday through the middle of March. The craft nights, held in museum Education Room, are open to community members 18 years and older.

The craft for the Jan. 10 and 17 gatherings will be weaving. The craft for the Jan. 24 and 31 gatherings will be beading. The craft for the Feb. 7 and 14 gatherings will be crocheting. Craft for the Feb. 21 and 28 gatherings: sewing machine projects (please bring sewing machine.) March 7 and 14 gatherings: hand sewing moccasins, etc.

There is no fee. Bring your craft material/projects every Wednesday evening to the museum Education Room. For information call the museum at 553-3331.

Warm Springs support groups/AA/NA meetings are at the following times on these days of the week:
Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.:

Aftercare support group meeting at the Community Counseling Center.
Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m.: AA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.
Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m.: Talking Circle at the Community Counseling Center.

Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.: AA/NA meeting at the Community Counseling Center.

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