

Estate plans free to members

Roberta Armstrong, of the University of Washington Law School, will be in Warm Springs for the next few weeks, helping tribal members with estate planning.

The service is free to tribal members, and is of increasing importance, because of recent federal legislation.

The goal of the program, Armstrong says, "is to keep tribal land in tribal members' hands."

Because of a change in federal law governing disposition of property following a tribal member's passing, having a will has taken on greater importance, said Armstrong.

The law dictates how property will be distributed following the passing of a tribal member who does not have a will.

The way to avoid the situation, and control the distribution of the estate, is to have a will, said Armstrong.

Armstrong has her office at the Family Resource Center. She will be in Warm Springs until August 13.

To contact Armstrong, call 553-3438, ext. 109.

Individuals who schedule appointments with



Above, youth artwork from a coloring contest that Armstrong conducted during Pi-Ume-Sha.



Roberta Armstrong

Armstrong should obtain the following information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Realty Office (553-2419) prior to the scheduled appointment:

1. A Report of Individual Trust Interests (ITI) that lists all trust land ownership interests for that individual;
2. A current IIM account balance may be obtained from either the BIA or the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) IIM Office (553-2409).

Twenty-five years ago this week

Under a warm summer sun, hundreds of tribal members, friends and dignitaries attended the dedication of the tribes' newest and most complex venture.

The hydroelectric project at the Pelton Reregulating dam was dedicated with flare and style, with the ceremonious dropping of the tarp that covered the three-teepee logo imbedded in the concrete powerhouse and the flip of the switch that rechanneled the swift-flowing waters into the powerhouse.

In his opening remarks, tribal secretary-treasurer

Ralph Minnick reviewed the tribes' progress of the past 200 years or so and referred to the Lewis and Clark journals.

"The significance of the Lewis and Clark journals is they point out that Indians living along the Columbia River were very adept at bartering."

Minnick also referred to the various economic ventures the tribes have been involved in since becoming self-governed in 1938. In other news:

Slithering and sliding through the Warm Springs area is a 350-foot snake. The creature has been spotted behind the Community Center and at the picnic

area at Kah-Nee-Ta. It has been reported that throngs of children accompany this monster.

The "monster" can be described as a masterpiece of graffiti. It was built by the Warm Springs Recreation Summer Program. It is made from seven rolls of four mil plastic, four rolls of PVC tape and permanent markers. The many children following the "creature" are members of the Summer Program who spent long hours decorating the 350-foot long plastic with markers.

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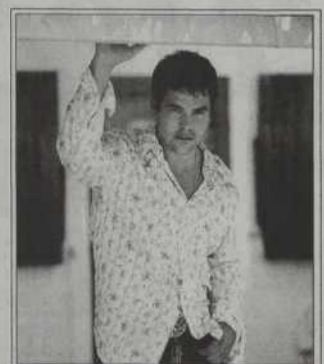
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