

A Look at the News of 2007

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June

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on June 22-24 celebrated the 38th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. The weekend of activities included the Traditional Parade, and pow-wow royalty including Junior Miss Warm Springs Kiyana Yellowman (left in photo) and Soraya Mendez (at right in photo).

Graduates gathered together at the annual celebration for members of the class of 2007 recently. The Community Center gymnasium was packed with family members wishing to congratulate not only those who graduated high school, but graduates of colleges, vocational schools or GED recipients. The event was sponsored by the Tribal Education Committee and the Johnson O'Malley Committee.



Spilyay file photo

Fire fighter Vernon Suppah on lookout for the Warm Springs Inter-Agency Hotshot Crew.

July

Lightning strikes caused several wild fires on the reservation. Three of the fires took off and grew in size, while many others were contained while still small in size. Hundreds of firefighters, including Warm Springs Hot Shots and other local fire personnel, responded to the fires. Base camp was set up at the rodeo grounds. The largest of the three fires, the Biddle Pass fire, eventually burned across several thousand acres. In other news:

Tribal Council members at-

tended a three-day orientation and priority-setting retreat last month at the Oregon Coast. All 11 Council members participated in the session. On the final day, they unanimously passed a resolution and proclamation setting forth the Twenty-Fourth Council's priorities for the next three years. "The proclamation is an important early step for this Council," said secretary-treasurer Jody Calica, who organized the retreat.

An alternative school in Bend is providing a solution for troubled teens—including several local youth. A number of

students have turned to the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge as an alternative to conventional school systems. Clarissa Wolfe, 17, graduated from the program last June.

"I ended up there because I was in jail," Wolfe said. "It was court ordered for me to go there." It was an order that Wolfe now realizes was in her best interest. "I needed to change my life and everything," Wolfe explained. "I was into drugs, alcohol, partying, disrespecting my grandparents."

Now Wolfe works at the courthouse, has her own house

and a car.

August

In its ongoing effort to inject new life into the reservation economy, Warm Springs Ventures is asking Tribal Council to fund further research into the feasibility and impact of a resort development near Bear Springs.

Located in the McQuinn strip on the north edge of the reservation, about three miles

south of the Bear Springs campground, the resort would consist of second homes built on about 2,400 acres of land leased from the tribes.

The initial plan provides for 900 home sites, a large golf course, trails for walking, biking, and horseback riding, swimming pools, and scenic ponds within the golf course. When fully built out, the project would have a value in excess of \$800 million. In other news:

Hungry community members have a new option to explore in Warm Springs. The Teepee Deli & Espresso opened

September

The new Credit Enterprise building is nearing completion. Construction should be done in the next couple of months, said Lori Fuentes, manager of the tribal Credit Enterprise. The floor covering, landscaping and parking lot of some of the aspects of the building that still need to be done, said Fuentes. The ground-breaking for the project was in February, and construction has proceeded substantially on time, she said.

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See Sammi O'Reilly or Val Squiemphen to get yours!

Bottle drive to help team travel

There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs.

Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball In-

tional Tournament in Phoenix.

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The fund-raiser will be on-going through July of 2008.



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