



Junior Miss Warm Springs Kiyana Yellowman (left) and Soraya Mendez in the 2007 Pi-Ume-Sha Traditional Parade.

September

Recent concerns over the performance of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries prompted Tribal Council to meet in executive session to discuss the mill and investigate its prospects. The session resulted in a directive to Secretary-Treasurer Jody Calica to assess the mill's board, management, and operating results over the past two years. The purpose of the assessment is to see what can be done to preserve the mill's viability as a revenue source for the tribes.

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries (WSFPI) losses have averaged \$1.4 million per year since 2000, with just one profitable year in that period, when lumber prices hit a cyclical high during the housing boom. Council is concerned about the ability of the mill's board and management to develop and implement strategic business options. In other news:

New data is demonstrating a

positive trend in the 509-J school district.

Officials with the school district said the data—regarding items such as grade-point averages, absenteeism and suspensions—is the best it's been in years. Within the district, Warm Springs Elementary School has made several noteworthy improvements, according to the data. School principal Dawn Smith said the teachers and staff have been working for years in various areas to improve student achievement. Elsewhere:

The local library may be a work in progress, but plans for the future are quickly expanding. Julie Quaid works as the librarian for the library located in the Family Resource Center. Althea Henry works as the library aide.

Specifically, the library carries books relating to children's literature, Native American culture and history, and K-12 education (materials like reference books and study guides). Currently library staff members are working to catalog 700 new books in preparation for a much larger project—linking the li-

brary with Jefferson County Public Library in Madras and the Deschutes County Public Library in Bend.

October

Warm Springs Ventures personnel brought two years of intense labor to fruition by completing the sale of Cort Software, a Bend-based company owned by the Confederated Tribes. The sale of Cort, which designs and sells payroll software, is expected to reap approximately \$3 million for the tribes, including interest, license fees, and other aspects of the deal. Elsewhere:

Anita Davis received the Judges Choice Award for Best in Show this year at the Fourteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit. In other news:

Tribal Council and the Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino Board of Directors met to discuss the long-term future of the resort. In the future, the casino portion of Kah-Nee-Ta

is expected to relocate to a different site, which raises the question of what would then happen to the rest of the resort.

November

The Warm Springs and Madras communities last Saturday welcomed home Jacoby Ellsbury, star outfielder for the World Champion Boston Red Sox. Ellsbury grew up in Warm Springs and Madras.

The day started with a parade in Ellsbury's honor, followed by a large gathering in the Madras High School gymnasium. Ellsbury spoke of his 2007

baseball experience, which by all standards was truly amazing. Ellsbury moved from Double-A to Triple-A and then up to the Red Sox just in time for the World Series, where he was a star player. Elsewhere:

Lucinda Torrez has a new job, but she's no stranger to the Recreation Department. Torrez, 21, took over as Arts and Crafts Coordinator for the Recreation Department after the former coordinator, Carol Allison, retired.

December

Community members had a chance to learn about hide tanning with a class offered by The Museum at Warm Springs. Roberta Williams taught the class and said she wanted to be sure to pass on the skill she learned from her mother.

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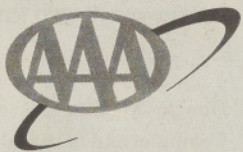
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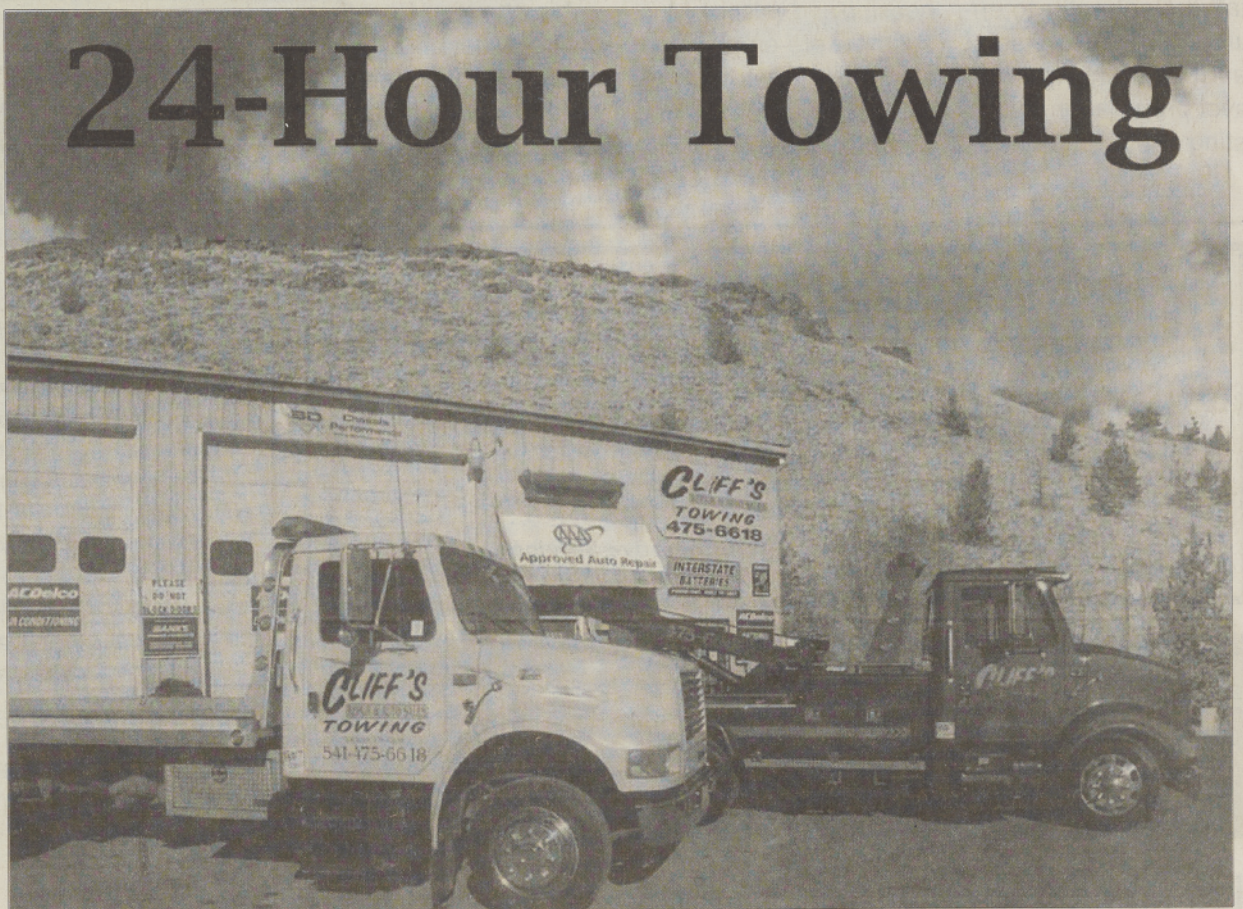
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