

Sacred Road Ministries volunteers in Warm Springs



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Several members of the ministry group spent time working at the Boys and Girls Club.

A relationship with Councilwoman Aurolyn Stwyer led a group from Sacred Road Ministries to Warm Springs this week.

The group, headed by Chris and Mary Granberry, came to Warm Springs at Stwyer's suggestion after meeting her when she lived in White Swan.

While Chris and Mary Granberry live in Washing-

ton, Sacred Road Ministries has churches in Tennessee, Florida and Pennsylvania as well.

Bruce Farrant traveled with the group of 21 in Warm Springs to complete a variety of projects to help the community.

They plan to stay for a week, he said, and are working to put up siding, paint and replace windows at the Boys and Girls Club.

Other members of their group are visiting people in the

community and taking prayer requests. They are also conducting activities at the Community Center and plan to participate in the local 4th of July Celebration.

According to Farrant, they hope to develop a relationship with the community and offer their help regularly.

"We're here to help serve in the community," Farrant said.

Scott excels at tournament

Abby Scott played great basketball over the weekend of June 27-30, at the Eighth Annual End of the Oregon Trail Basketball Shootout in Oregon City.

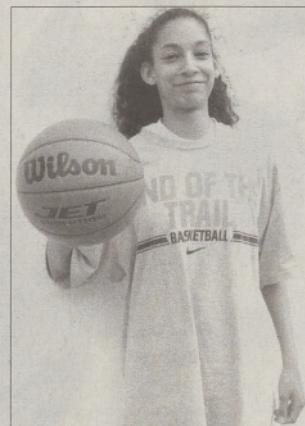
Scott is already a great player, and has not yet entered high school. She will be a freshman during the 2008-09 school year.

She played on two teams at the End of the Trail Tournament, one of which, Team Concept, won the tournament.

During the past seven years, the End of the Oregon Trail tourney has developed into one of the very best on the West Coast, attracting 136 teams from up and down the Coast, said Carl Tinsley, tournament director.

Scott helped lead the Central Oregon Selects, based in Bend, to wins over an experienced team from Seattle in the first round.

The Selects also had a huge upset win in the second round over a team from Alaska, before finally losing to an All-Star team consisting of players from throughout the Northwest re-



Abby Scott

gion in the quarter finals.

Even though the Selects failed in their bid for a championship, Scott's other squad, Team Concept, did not.

Team Concept, featuring young and talented players, has continued to win against all odds.

The team consists of middle school-age players, with not one player yet in high school.

The team won yet another championship over a very talented team from East Lake, Wash., near Seattle.

Scott again played a major role. Her ability to play most every position makes a strong threat. Abby's father James Scott says her ability to see the floor is probably her strongest attribute.

"In the past two years I've seen vast improvement in her offense as well as defense," said James Scott.

He admits that because of her height some coaches think she should play the post. "No way," he says. "Abby is a true point guard or wing - period."

The players on the Central Oregon selects were Abby Scott, Karleigh Taylor of Bend, Brittaney Niebergal of Bend, Kersey Wilcox of Crook County, Ally McConnell of Bend, Danni Severance of Crook County, Taylor Pierce of Summit, Kenzi Boehme of Bend, and Jordan Wilcox of Crook County.

Abby, who is going to be a freshman at Madras High School, is working this summer as the assistant to Miss Warm Springs.

Relocated Navajos question shifts by feds

SANDERS, Ariz. (AP) — Unlike most of the vast, impoverished Navajo Nation, in this town all the roads are paved, schools and clinics are a short drive away, and everyone has electricity and running water in their homes.

Those modern conveniences are what lured hundreds of Navajo families to the "new lands" — ranch land the federal government bought in the early 1980s as part of a massive project to relocate thousands of Navajos from Hopi land and hundreds of Hopis from Navajo land.

Now, a quarter century and \$514 million later, the federal Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation is winding down what has become one of the largest relocation efforts in U.S. history. The office expects to move the last of the group — some 40 families — by next year.

The community of relocated Navajos near Sanders calls itself Nahata' Dził, or "planning with strength," and to some, the

so-called New Lands is a success story. The relocated families, they say, are mostly doing well and the community has a bright future.

But there are persistent critics, along with some families who have balked at the idea, refusing to move from their own land in eastern Arizona that their families inhabited for generations. And now the question looms: Can the New Lands remain self-sufficient once the federal program ends?

In 1882, President Chester Arthur designated 2.5 million acres in northern Arizona for the Hopi Tribe and "such other Indians as the secretary of the Interior may see fit to settle thereon."

Prior to that date, Navajos had been herding sheep on the land in the years since they returned from the Long Walk, as the Navajos call their forced relocation and imprisonment in eastern New Mexico in the mid-1860s.

The Hopi Tribe went to court

in 1958 seeking return of the land the Hopi tribe claimed as its own, and in 1962, a federal court in Arizona deemed 1.8 million acres a joint use area.

Twelve years later, Congress approved the Navajo-Hopi settlement and ordered the tribes to work out their differences over the land. That never happened, and four years later, Congress divided the 1.8 million acres and ordered members of each tribe to leave the other tribe's land.

When the federal government proposed relocation as the solution to the land dispute it helped create, some Navajos armed themselves and threatened bloodshed if anyone tried to move them. Some allied themselves with the American Indian Movement, vowing to stay on the disputed land and lobby Congress for mercy.

Moving is not a concept widely embraced in the Navajo culture. Navajos often bury their children's umbilical cords in the land to tie them to it.

Youth conference powwow, contest results

The following are the rest of the results (continued from previous Spilyay) of the Northwest Indian Youth Conference Powwow:

Fashion Show Awards: Best in Show, Daralee Ridley, Lummi, 16 years old for her Traditional Cedar Regalia; Elsie Cree, Yakama, 17 years old, Contemporary Award.

Fashion Show Participants: Marlene Tias, 12, of Warm Springs, Traditional.

Jessi Hatlestad, 12, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Arlene David, 16, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Tia Boyer, 11, Shoshone-Bannock, Traditional.

Soraya Mendez, 9, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Keeyana Yellowman, 10, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Savannah Holliday, 9, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Monique Moody, 9, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Janae Adams, 9, Warm Springs, Contemporary.

George Clements, 14, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Rodney Mitchell, 12, Warm Springs, Traditional.

Talent Show:

First, Rebecca Kirk, Warm Springs, contemporary singing.

Second, George Clements, Warm Springs, Hoop Dancing.

Third (tie): Free Love Tribe-Tlingit/Haida, poetry reading; and Roscoe Kickingstone, Bedonkoke Apache/Yaqui, guitar.

Fourth, Jennifer James, Antonia Ramos, Mary Cavanaugh, Tulalip Tribe, modeling.

Fifth, Revonne Johnson, Warm Springs, Gospel singing.

Mr. and Mrs Northwest Indian Youth Conference 2008-09.

George Clements and Penny Danzuka.

Participation Award.

Rebecca Kirk, all around participation and volunteering, parade, 3 on 3, talent and fashion, volunteering in kitchen.

Most Determined to get to the Youth Conference.

Freedom Lovetribes and Roscoe Kickingstone: Hitch hiked from Seattle to attend the conference.

Thank you to all the Volunteers and participants for making this years Youth Conference a great success.

House rejects Michigan casino bills

(AP) — The Michigan House soundly defeated a plan last week that would have advanced two proposed Indian casinos in Michigan, as gambling opponents and interests protecting Detroit's casinos rallied to scuttle the bill.

The measure, rejected by a vote of 298-121, touched off a spirited debate over gambling and the rights of Indian tribes and pitted Michigan lawmakers against each other amid charges the tribes were engaging in "reservation shopping."

"If you want to start a run on forum shopping for casinos, this is going to be the first bill that does it," said Rep. John Conyers, a Detroit Democrat.

Supporters said they were simply settling a century-old

land claim from the tribes to make amends for the state's failure to protect tribal land more than a century ago. In a state with an unemployment rate of 8.5 percent, the vote was a blow to Romulus and Port Huron, which stood to gain thousands of jobs in the deal.

"We will continue to fight to resolve this illegal land taking and bring thousands of much-needed jobs to our state," said Aaron Payment, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Gambling opponents joined with Nevada gaming interests such as MGM Grand, which operates a Detroit casino, and some tribes to beat back the measure. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, which runs one of the nation's largest

tribal casinos in Mount Pleasant, was among the opponents, and some lawmakers noted that the tribe was once represented by disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

"In a dark corner of a Maryland prison, Jack Abramoff is smiling right now," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, who supported the bill. "This was his battle and while he wasn't around to finish it, a new batch of lobbyists relied on his tactics to squelch the voices of the people of Michigan."

Supporters noted that both former Gov. John Engler, R-Mich., and Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm backed the deal and the two communities hoped to welcome the facilities.

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