

2010 Year in Review

Here is a look at some of the news that happened on the reservation over the past year.

January

Council election

With the start of the new year, the three districts of the reservation are planning to meet in order to nominate candidates for Tribal Council.

The membership in the spring will elect the Twenty-Fifth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. In other January news:

Drug prevention

The Warm Springs Police Department is pursuing designation of a High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, according to Police Chief Carmen Smith.

"I believe we're going to get it," he said. "I think it'll work for everybody."

Better known as HIDTA, the classification would allow the tribe's police to better work with other tribes to gather and share information about drug and gang activity. In other law enforcement news:

Tasers

The Warm Springs Police Department may add some new weapons to their arsenal, specifically devices that are less deadly than firearms.

The Tribal Council requested information on the viability of having police officers use non-lethal weapons and heard about the subject during a meeting on Jan. 5. A taser can be an effective weapon because it can reduce resistance to arrest, which, in turn, would reduce injuries to officers and suspects.

Housing development

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is bringing eight nearly-new homes to the Oitz Loop area. Paulette Henry and her daughters were the first family to move in to one of the residences. She had been on the

Housing waiting list for a number of years.

Along with the homes themselves, this project also involves extensive infrastructure work, said Tom Strong, project manager. And meanwhile:

Casino update

The Cascade Locks casino project is moving closer to a final decision by the federal government, as Warm Springs leaders prepare for public release of the BIA's final environmental impact statement. The final environmental impact statement (FEIS) will be published in the Federal Register in the "near future," according to a Dec. 17, 2009 letter from Larry Echo Hawk, the assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs.

Miss Warm Springs

Jaycelene Frank is the new Miss Warm Springs, having won the close pageant competition at the Agency Longhouse.

Jaycelene, 20, is daughter of Yahteen Frank and Sheila Spino. She attends Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, where she is studying for her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. The pageant competition on Friday was between Jaycelene and Carina Miller. Each candidate did a great job, the four judges agreed.

February

Canoe Voyage

The Confederated Tribes announced this inspiring news in February:

For the first time, the Warm Springs tribes will be represented in the annual Tribal Journeys Canoe Voyage, thanks to volunteers on the reservation.

Tribal youth, the Museum at Warm Springs, the Culture and Heritage Department and Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer, Tribal Council and others have been working on the canoe project since last year.



Miss Warm Springs 2010 Jaycelene Frank

Tribal Journeys is one of the most prominent cultural events associated with the North American Indigenous Games. As many as 100 traditional ocean-going canoes from a variety of canoe cultures and nations will make the one- to three-week journey to Neah Bay during Tribal Journeys Canoe Voyage 2010, hosted this year by the Makah Tribe.

Olympic Torch

Warm Springs tribal member Chanea Gabriel was a torchbearer for the Winter Olympics, which begins this week in Vancouver, B.C.

Chanea, 18, has lived much of her life on Seabird Island, in the Seabird Island First Nation,

located 75 miles east of Vancouver. Her connection to the tribe is through Ivan Gabriel, her grandfather. She is a senior at Seabird Island Community School.

"I thought it would be a good experience, a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and really fun," Chanea said of carrying a torch for the Winter Olympics.

Alternative sentencing

Leona Ike, supervisor of tribal Parole and Probation, has been working with Myra Johnson-Orange, director of Culture and Heritage, on an alternative sentencing program.

Ike has worked in Parole and Probation for 17 years. She said a key element is missing in the way the tribes have been trying to reduce crime on the reservation.

"The missing piece," she says, "is the tribal culture."

She and Johnson-Orange have developed an alternative sentencing program that they believe can address some crime issues on the reservation.

"It's a way of giving the language and culture back to the people," said Johnson-Orange.

The idea is to give offenders of the tribal criminal code an alternative to community service: The alternative would be participation in a culture and heritage class.

Settlement meeting

Economic development, the gorge casino and tribal member hiring preference were on the minds of many of the participants in the Phase II Settlement Council Meeting.

Phase II litigation settlement includes \$32 million in unrestricted funds from the 2009 trust land mismanagement settlement as well as \$36 million in restricted funds from the 2010 trust land mismanagement settlement.

"It came up to a sizeable number," secretary-treasurer Jody Calica said at the Phase II meeting.

March

Nearly 40 people—38 nominees and one known write-in candidate—are running for the eight open seats on the Tribal Council this term.

The final election will be on Wednesday, March 31. Tribal officials are still determining where on voters living on the reservation can cast ballots that day and expect to announce that location soon.

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