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## Pageant winner

Tamera Rae Moody is the new Miss Warm Springs.

Tamera, a student at Lane Community College, was crowned Miss Warm Springs 2011 at the pageant last Friday at the Agency Longhouse. Norene Sampson was runner-up.

The pageant started with some words from the outgoing Miss Warm Springs, Jaycelene Frank, and a give-away.

Tamera and Norene then introduced themselves, before moving on to the talent portion of the evening.

Norene displayed her talent by filleting a fish for the audience, and explaining how to prepare the fish to be cooked traditionally over a fire pit.

Tamera performed a Women's Fancy War Dance.

Both of the young women answered questions from the panel of judges. An example of the questions: Can you name all of the tribal enterprises and the date they were established?

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Tamera Moody represents the Confederated Tribes as the new Miss Warm Springs. (More pictures on page 6.)



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## Housing close to resolving findings

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is close to resolving several issues raised last year by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Housing Authority employees made their report last week to Tribal Council.

Near resolution of the HUD findings is welcome news, as the Housing Authority needs to focus on its mission of providing housing to tribal members, said Councilman Ron Suppah.

A goal of the Tribes he said, is to provide 100 new residences per year to tribal members.

Last year HUD, which provides funding to the Housing Authority, issued to the Tribes a letter of ten "findings."

The findings detailed areas where the tribes need to demonstrate proof of compliance with HUD requirements. Noncompliance could mean loss of significant funding.

Health and safety inspections, drug-abuse prevention, standard wages for Housing employees, and accounting of funds are examples of the questions raised by HUD within its findings.

Two of the ten issues were answered quickly last year. Five more have now been addressed, leaving three

findings that still require a response, said Councilman Scott Moses, Housing Authority director.

The three remaining findings should be addressed easily with some research, he said.

One of these findings, for instance, requires proof of a standard wage provision for the employees, which does exist. Another requires proof of adequate law enforcement in the neighborhoods.

One of the ten findings last year asked for an accounting of funding. Approximately \$200,000 was not originally documented to HUD over the past few years. The \$200,000 has since been documented, with the exception of about \$9,000, and presented to HUD for review, said Moses. Documentation of some of the remaining \$9,000 might have been lost in a flooding incident at the Housing Authority offices a few years ago.

The tribes and Housing are currently requesting a hearing with HUD regarding the status of the Housing Authority and its federal funding.

Representing the Housing Authority at Tribal Council last week were Councilman Moses, office manager Sharon Jones, finance manager Saphronia Katchia, project developer Tom Strong, and housing accounting specialist Charles Bennett.

## Natural resources discussion with Council

By Duran Bobb  
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Tribal Council last week participated in a two-day workshop where updates were given on the tribal resource management plan, the Phase II federal lawsuit settlements, baseline forest restoration, biomass, the cutting contract, and Vanport.

The first day of the workshop focused on resources. Bobby Brunoe, Natural Resources Branch manager, and Deepak Sehgal, water and soil manager, gave a history of the Integrated Resource Management Plan, and its current status.

There was also an update and explanation of the timber harvest model from Vernon Wolf, and a brief history of Phase II settlements.

Regarding the settlements, in the early 2000s, the tribes filed a lawsuit

in federal Claims Court alleging that the BIA had not properly managed a variety of tribal assets. This claim was split into two, with the first phase being settled out of court between the tribes and the federal government.

Phase II dealt with grazing and other cultural resources. It was found that the BIA had mismanaged, compromising values that the tribe had in protecting watersheds, etc.

Meanwhile, both the tribes and the government agreed that forestry management would move from the BIA to the tribes.

The first step in the transition was completed last year, with information exchanged between the BIA and tribes.

The second phase of the settlement started in 2006 and was completed in January 2009.

The next step called for a baseline timber assessment, with funds provided

for in the settlement agreement. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Under the 638 Contract the BIA still has trust responsibility, tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp said. "Day to day, hands-on, that's tribal. But there still is a Bureau trust responsibility. This is a unique, one-time, unmatched settlement agreement from the government standpoint. It's now up to the tribes to do their part."

"We're the ones who are going to do this," Chief Delvis Heath said at the workshop. "We're going to say that our people can do just as good as anybody. We're going to put trust into our people by putting our people to work. A lot of years ago, it was said, hire Indian people. Now we have people coming back to the reservation. They tell us, you told us to go to school... now where's my job?"

The second day of the workshop focused on the enterprise aspects of forestry.

### Mill operations

Chris Ketchum, Vanport general manager, and Paul Owen, president of Vanport Intl., were both present. Vanport is working with Warm Springs Forest Products Industries on timber matters.

"At the time that we arrived on the reservation," Ketchum said, "my understanding is that tribal employment at the mill was 70 percent. Today, we have 141 tribal members employed at the mill, or 74 percent."

The Warm Springs logo has become a name-brand in the timber industry throughout Japan, Ketchum said.

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## Council considers enrollment ordinance

By Duran Bobb  
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Tribal Council is considering a draft enrollment ordinance intended to address various tribal enrollment issues.

The draft ordinance, which was a project of atwai Madeline Queahpama, was brought to council by Olivia Wallulatum and Howie Arnett.

Variations of the ordinance have been discovered from as early as 1983. The tribes currently don't have an ordinance governing enrollments.

"Council has adopted policies interpreting the [tribal] constitution," Arnett said. "There have been a variety of de facto policies not in writing, but followed."

An example given to Tribal Council were the requirements of residency for automatic enrollment.

"The constitution says, for the purposes of auto-enrollment, that at least one tribal member parent should maintain residency on the reservation," said Arnett. "There could be two tribal member parents...but one of them has to be a resident. This has been interpreted a variety of ways to mean that people off-res (engaging in college, military, etc.) should be deemed as having satisfied those requirements. The goal here is to be consistent."

Both Anglo and Native American interpretations of "residency" were points of concern.

"They used residency," Chief Delvis Heath said, "meaning that you had to be in this area at this time. They meant that the people who lived here were from here. That caused some big problems."

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## Youth Art Exhibit opening

The Tribal Youth Art Exhibit opens this week at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The opening reception for the show is this Thursday, Jan. 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Artwork this year focuses on Indian canoes. The exhibit runs through April 10.

The students (at right) from classroom B-2 at the Early Childhood Education Center show the canoes they made for the exhibit.

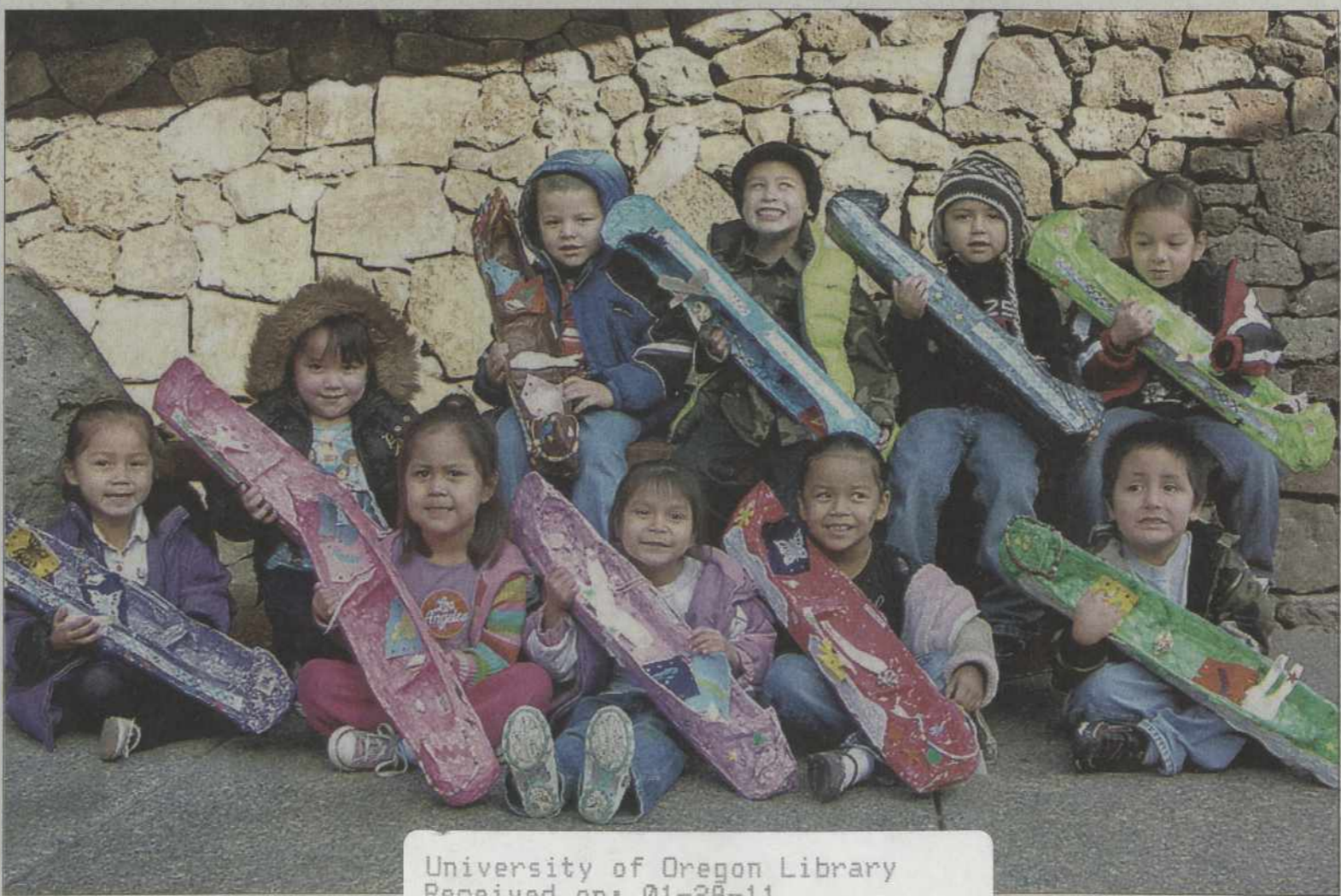


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