

2011 KNT scholarship awards



Scholarship winners (l-r) were Sylviana Marquez, Thomas Ramone, Paisly Fecteau, Glendon Smith, and Patricia Sam.

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino has announced the recipients for the 2011 KNT Male and Female Scholarship Awards.

Scholarships are awarded each year to Warm Springs tribal members who are furthering their education at an accredited four-year college, or are

enrolled in an accredited two-year college or vocational/technical school.

Glendon Smith, who has been accepted at the University of Phoenix, was awarded \$1,000 and a laptop computer for first-prize in the male four-year category.

Paisly Fecteau is working on

her Masters at Portland State University. She was awarded \$1,000 and a laptop computer for first-prize in the female 4-year category.

Patricia Sam received a second place 4-year female scholarship. She will be attending Haskell Indian University.

Thomas Ramone and

Sylviana Marquez each received \$500 for first prize male/female in the 2-year category.

In order to qualify for the scholarships, students were required to submit a copy of their tribal identification, transcripts, acceptance letters, and letters of recommendation.

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Tribal Council agenda

The following are items on the August agenda for Tribal Council: the S-T's office prior to Tribal Council's consideration.)

Saturday, August 13
Museum at Warm Springs Huckleberry Harvest activities.

Monday, August 15
9 a.m.: Enrollments.
10:30 a.m.: SB 412C Plan with tribal attorney Howie Arnett.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference call with Mark Phillips (federal) and Mike Mason (state).
2:30 p.m.: SB412C Plan (tentative).
Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition, Spokane.
Drug Prevention Summit and Northwest Sovereignty Summit, Quinalt, Wash.
Chickasaw Invitation/Tour.

Monday, August 22
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Jody Calica.

10 a.m.: Chief Operations Officer Update with Urbana Ross.
11 a.m.: Draft resolutions with S-T Jody Calica.
1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference call.
3:30 p.m.: Draft resolutions with Jody Calica.

(Note: All draft resolutions must be submitted to

Tuesday, August 23
9 a.m.: Sidwalter Grazing Group with Terry Squiemphen, ride boss.
10:30 a.m.: Enrollment ordinance.

1:30 p.m.: Verizon services (tentative) with S-T Calica.

Wednesday, August 24
9 a.m.: Judge Edmunds Workshop
Dennis Karnopp, Tribal Attorney

Monday, August 29
9 a.m.: Tribal Council September agenda with S-T Calica.

10 a.m.: Biomass update with Jim Manion, general manager, Power and Water Enterprises.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference calls.
3:30 p.m.: US Bank visit.

Tuesday, August 30
9 a.m.: 2012 Budget Briefing with S-T Calica.
1:30 p.m.: Secretary-Treasurer Item

Items to be scheduled: Direct services meeting; Mike Dillard item.

(Note: the agenda items are subject to change at Council discretion.)

Reservation air quality data now on website

Tribal members can now receive alerts and air quality conditions through a service created by the tribes' environmental office.

The information is posted on the tribes' website, which began early in July.

The tribes' website is at: www.warmsprings.com.

Once there, click on "Air Quality Report" to receive information on current air quality conditions. Conditions include:

The Air Quality (Respiratory) Index provided by data collected on the reservation and calculated using the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Index; pollen count for trees, grasses and weeds; the UV Index; and the weather forecast for the day.

The Respiratory Index uses the same EPA/AirNow color scheme:

Green for "good," yellow for "moderate," orange for "unhealthy for sensitive groups," red for "unhealthy," purple for "very unhealthy" and maroon for "hazardous."

When necessary, the report will update any Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR) alerts, burn ban advisories, and updates of fire conditions, coordinated by Fire Management, when they

occur on the reservation.

In addition, all air pollution advisories issued by DEQ will also be reported: This happens when the agency forecasts air pollution levels above the yellow, or moderate, AQI category and remain there for more than 72 hours.

These conditions can occur during fire events or when there is an air inversion, an atmospheric condition where a layer of cold air nearer to the ground gets trapped under a layer of warm air. The air pollutants which would normally have dispersed from upward movement, remain locally confined due to inversion.

Deepak Sehgal, the tribes' environmental officer, said the tribes have been operating air monitoring instruments for several years for particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns (PM2.5), which is a very fine dust or haze.

This is done for good reason, Sehgal said: For elders, young children and those who suffer from asthma, lung disease or heart disease, air quality is "need-to-know" information.

Before this service was offered, the only way for members to know about harmful levels was by listening to KWSO, which also uses this report; or

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by watching local weather programs.

The tribes' monitoring instruments measure near real-time concentrations of particulate matter and ozone in ambient air.

The data already has been submitted to various places on the reservation, including the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, the Early Childhood Education Center, Fire Management, and KWSO.

The data has also been uploaded to EPA's database every hour, just as states, local agencies and other tribes do.

"So we decided to send out the daily air quality forecast messages via the tribes' website," Sehgal said, "to expand our efforts to keep our community in-

formed about air quality conditions."

The cooperation by Todd Stum from EagleTech is greatly appreciated, he said. Stum updates the website information provided by the Branch of Natural Resources.

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Births

Arellie Xavon Scott
Appollis Scott and Tashina Smith of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Arellie Xavon Scott, born on July 30, 2011. Arellie joins brothers Appollis Jr., 18, and Isaac, 15; and sisters Sarah, 14, and Arellia, 6. Grandparents on the father's side are Raymond Scott and Cynthia Chapman of Lapwai, Idaho. Grandparents on the mother's side are LeRoy and Christine Smith of Warm Springs.

Shalisa Jasmyn Rone Medrano
Rigo Medrano Jr. and Eliza Medrano of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Shalisa Jasmyn Rone Medrano, born on July 29, 2011. Shalisha joins brothers Tyrone, 11, and Rigo Jr., 5; and sister Heaven, 3. Grandparents on the father's side are Jose and Maria Jimenez.

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