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## Wiwnu Wash opening



Yvonne Iverson photos.

By Yvonne Iverson  
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Many gathered last Saturday at Tom, Dick and Harry, known today as Skibowl, to celebrate the return to "Wiwnu Wash" or the huckleberry field.

The ceremony began last Wednesday, Sept. 26, as riders on horseback traveled from the Warm Springs Reservation's northern boundary, camping each night until they reached Government Camp.

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## Proposed 2013 budget posting

Tribal Council posted the proposed 2013 tribal budget on Sept. 21. The proposal includes a projected decrease of nearly \$2.29 million from the 2012 tribal budget.

The budget reduction is the result of a decline in enterprise dividends to the tribes and settlement income, said tribal Secretary-Treasurer Charles Jody Calica. In his budget message, S-T Calica states:

"When the Tribal Council takes action to finalize the 2013 tribal budget, total proposed expenditures will not be increased beyond this proposal. If current economic conditions continue into 2014, it will be probable that expenditure reductions will be made to keep the budget in balance."

The Agency District has a meeting regarding the budget scheduled for Monday evening, Oct. 9. Seekseequa has a district meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, Oct. 10. The Simnasho District meeting had not yet been set at press time.

A final budget will not be adopted until members have had a chance to comment at these and other public meetings. (See the proposed budget on pages 14 and 15 of this publication.)

## Telecom cable project near done

The Warm Springs Telecom is nearing the completion of project involving installation fiber optic cable.

The cable will provide for much stronger Internet and voice service, said Telecom manager Jose Matanane. The 7.3 miles of underground cable is going from the Telecom office to Eagle Butte. The contractor has been working on the project for about 45 days, with just a week or so left to go.

The Telecom had been using a point-to-point connection. The cable will be a great improvement, as a large volume of information—from Netflix, distance learning, voice and other data—is moving over the Internet, said Matanane.

Cost of the new cable is \$354,000. The Telecom now has over 300 customers, including Indian Head Casino.

## Death investigation

Tribal police and the FBI are investigating a recent death as a possible homicide. The deceased is identified as Jonas A. Miller, 33.

Information as to a cause of death was not available at press time; results of the autopsy were still pending.

## Wascos to vote this month for new Chief

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

There are more than 1,500 potential voters for the upcoming election to determine the Wasco Chieftainship.

The voters are those tribal members of Wasco descent, both on the reservation and off, who were registered in the Agency District as of September 28, 2012.

Most of the potential voters, over 1,100, are on the reservation, while about 440 are off reservation and can vote by absentee ballot.

The vote is scheduled for October 30, a Tuesday.

The vote is strictly a Wasco matter, and not subject to the terms of the tribal Election Ordinance no. 44.

For example, the minimum voter turn-out requirement of tribal elections and referendums will not apply to the Wasco Chieftainship vote. The results of the vote cannot be invalidated if only a small percentage of eligible Agency District voters choose to participate.

There will be six candidates on the ballot: Garland Brunoe, George Clements Sr., Grant Clements, John Katchia Sr., Alfred Smith Jr. and Derek Tasymp.

The Agency District Tribal Council members—Chairman Stanley

Buck Smith, Councilman Austin Greene Sr., and Councilwoman Lola Sohapp—determined this summer that the Wasco Chieftainship matter should be put to a vote.

In a letter of explanation, the Council members stated:

"After holding nine dinner meetings at the Agency Longhouse in 2010 and 2011, and reviewing the results of a survey mailed out to the Agency District Wascos in January, 2012, we have determined that an election be conducted to select the next Wasco Chief.

"Four of the six candidates have agreed to an election. At informal polls conducted during two separate

Wasco meetings in 2011, a majority were in favor of going forward with an election to determine the next Wasco Chief.

"As Agency district Wasco representatives to the Tribal Council, we agree that the process to choose a Wasco Chief should proceed with a vote among the Agency District Wasco people. The vote will be organized and conducted by the Vital Statistics Department."

Charles Jackson has been coordinating the most recent meetings regarding the Chieftainship.

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## Community Garden continues to grow

By Yvonne Iverson  
Spilyay Tymoo

The Warm Springs Community Garden began as one of 13 projects in phase II of the Healthy Nations grant that the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1993.

Healthy Nation staff held meetings and gathered nearly 60 project ideas from local volunteers who submitted a community activity idea along with a cost estimate.

Jeff Sanders, former Housing Department director, encouraged Austin Smith Sr. to submit his idea for the Community Garden.

"I wanted to start a community garden," Smith was saying recently, "because I thought it

would help us to teach natural bringing skills for our children."

Smith completed the necessary paperwork and received \$4,300 to start the Community Garden. He got the lease for the current garden area, and in the first year received permission to use a fire hydrant for water. This proved to be troublesome for the Housing Department's sprinkler system, so other options for a water supply had to be explored.

After a couple of years of water troubles there were some funds available through Mountain View Hospital's Community Health Improvement Project (CHIP), and Beth Ann Beamer assisted the Warm Springs Garden in improving the water system.

The garden has now been active for almost a decade down by the Tribal Administration building.

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Robbie Warner with pumpkin at the garden.

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