

49th Holiday basketball tournament this week

The Forty-Ninth Annual Warm Springs All Indian Mens Holiday Basketball Tournament begins this Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The tournament continues through Saturday, Dec. 29. The tournament will be in the Warm Springs Community

Center.

The Holiday Tournament will feature 12 All Indian Men's teams. Awards include ten embroidered Pendleton wool jackets; runner up, embroidered jackets; third place, hooded sweatshirts; fourth place, crewnecks; fifth place

awards. Also: Most Valuable Player, Mister Hustle, 12 All Tourney team, and team sportsmanship. Opening round games will begin this Wednesday, with four games on the schedule. The first game will begin at 4 p.m., followed by games at 5:30, 7 and

8:30 p.m.

Thursday will have three games for session two: at 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.; and three session three games at: 6, 7:30 and 9 p.m.

Session four games on Friday begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a game at 3 p.m.

Session five on Friday, the semi-finals, will have games at 6 and then at 7:30 p.m.

Finals day is scheduled for Saturday with two sessions. The fifth-place game is at 1:30 p.m., and the fourth-place game at 3 p.m.

The final session will be

championship round beginning at 6:30 p.m. (third place game); and the championship at 8 p.m.

For more information contact tournament director Austin Greene at 541-553-3244 (message/office); or at home 541-553-1953.

For the kids

The business office at the Health and Wellness Center organized a gift giving campaign to benefit children in foster care through Child Protective Services. Two truck loads with 132 presents from the Angel Bear Tree were delivered to CPS last week.

CPS staff are delivering presents through the week of Christmas to all active foster care children.

"The tree was a rousing success. Thank you everyone so much, I know you all made some good Christmas's fabulous," said Jeremiah Johnson of the business office.



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

New Years at Simnasho

The Simnasho New Year's Eve Celebration and Powwow is on New Year's Eve at the Simnasho Longhouse.

A potluck dinner will start

at 6 p.m., followed by one Seven of Washut, and then the traditional powwow with social dances and games. Everyone is welcome!

Club, offices closed for holiday

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club will be closed on New Year's Day. The Boys and Girls Club will be closed on designated holidays, and inclement weather days. Regular club hours are weekdays

after school from 3-5:30 p.m. The club is open during spring, summer and winter breaks from 8-5.

Most tribal offices will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

CAT offers tax training, preparation

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will provide free tax counseling and preparation for community members.

There are positions available for volunteers that will serve as greeters as well as tax preparers.

Free IRS training is of-

fered for volunteers. They will have tax appointments available, starting in February.

People interested in volunteering for these positions can do so by either calling 541-553-3148 or by going to their office at 1136 Paiute Avenue on the campus.

News from Indian Country

Low-water rivers offering up glimpse of history

ST. LOUIS (AP) — From sunken steamboats to a millennium-old map engraved in rock, the drought-drained rivers of the nation's midsection are offering a rare and fleeting glimpse into years gone by.

Lack of rain has left many rivers at low levels unseen for decades, creating problems for river commerce and recreation and raising concerns about water supplies and hydropower if the drought persists into next year, as many fear.

But for the curious, the receding water is offering an occasional treasure trove of history.

An old steamboat is now visible on the Missouri River near St. Charles, Mo., and other old boats nestled on river bottoms are showing up elsewhere. A World War II minesweeper, once moored along the Mississippi River as a museum at St. Louis before it was torn away by floodwaters two decades ago, has become visible — rusted but intact.

Perhaps most interesting, a rock containing what is believed to be an ancient map has emerged in the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri.

The rock contains etchings believed to be up to 1,200 years old. It was not in the river a millennium ago, but the changing course of the waterway now normally puts it under water — exposed only in periods of extreme drought. Experts are wary of giving a specific location out of fear that looters will take a chunk of the rock or scribble graffiti on it.

"It appears to be a map of prehistoric Indian villages," said Steve Dasovich, an anthropology professor at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. "What's really fascinating is that it shows village sites we don't yet know

about."

Old boats are turning up in several locations, including sunken steamboats dating to the 19th century.

That's not surprising considering the volume of steamboat traffic that once traversed the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Dasovich said it wasn't uncommon in the 1800s to have hundreds of steamboats pass by St. Louis each day, given the fact that St. Louis was once among the world's busiest inland ports. The boats, sometimes lined up two miles deep and four boats wide in both directions, carried not only people from town to town but goods and supplies up and down the rivers.

Sinkings were common among the wooden vessels, which often were poorly constructed.

"The average lifespan of a steamboat on the Missouri River was five years," Dasovich said. "They were made quickly. If you could make one run from St. Louis to Fort Benton, Mont., and back, you've paid for your boat and probably made a profit. After that, it's almost like they didn't care what happened."

What often happened, at least on the Missouri River, was the boat would strike an underwater tree that had been uprooted and become lodged in the river bottom, tearing a hole that would sink the ship.

Dasovich estimated that the remains of 500 to 700 steamboats sit at the bottom of the Missouri River, scattered from its mouth in Montana to its convergence with the Mississippi near St. Louis.

The number of sunken steamboats on the Mississippi River is likely about the same, Dasovich said. Steamboat traffic was far heavier on the Mississippi, but traffic there was and is less susceptible to river debris.

Boiler explosions, lightning strikes and accidents also sunk many a steamboat. One of the grander ones, the Montana, turned up this fall on the Missouri River near St. Charles. The elaborate steamer was as long as a football field with lavish touches aimed at pleasing its mostly wealthy clientele. It went to its watery grave after striking a tree below the surface in 1884.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers urge sightseers to stay away from any shipwreck sites. Sandbars leading to them can be unstable and dangerous, and the rusted hulks can pose dangers for those sifting through them. Plus, taking anything from them is illegal. By law, sunken ships and their goods belong to the state where they went down.

While unusual, it's not unprecedented for low water levels to reveal historic artifacts.

Last year, an officer who patrols an East Texas lake discovered a piece of the space shuttle Columbia, which broke apart and burned on re-entry in 2003, killing all seven astronauts aboard. And the remains of a wooden steamer built 125 years ago recently were uncovered in a Michigan waterway because of low levels in the Great Lakes.

But treasure hunters expecting to find Titanic-like souvenirs in rivers will likely be disappointed if they risk exploring the lost boats.

"It's not like these wrecks are full of bottles, dishes, things like that," said Mark Wagner, an archaeologist at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. "If there was anything on there in the first place, the river current pretty much stripped things out of these wrecks."

Such was the case with the USS Inaugural, a World War II minesweeper that for years served as a docked museum on the Mississippi River at St. Louis. The Great Flood of 1993 ripped the Inaugural from its mooring near the Gateway Arch. It crashed into the Poplar Street bridge, and then sank.

In September, the rusted Inaugural became visible again, though now nothing more than an empty, orange-rusted hulk lying on its side not far from a south St. Louis casino.

Owners marketing closed Indian school

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A historic but shuttered Indian school overlooking northern Santa Fe is being marketed as a possible senior living facility.

The century-old St. Catherine Indian School campus has been on the market

at \$4 million for about two weeks. Listing agent Jack Dettweiler says he has fielded serious inquiries.

The property is in foreclosure but Dettweiler tells the Santa Fe *New Mexican* the bank's attorney gave him permission to try to sell the land.

Dettweiler says he's telling potential buyers to forget about trying for retail, industrial or office uses because of neighborhood opposition and traffic limits. Instead, he's focusing on developers who specialize in senior housing.

Bowling: results tallied

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Senior Masters: First, Jerry Sampson; second, Joe Noriego, Maywood; third, Floyd Evans, Reno; fourth, Virgile Lallashute, Toppenish.

Holiday Roll-Off:

Men's A Division: First, Joe LaClair; second, Austin Carl; third, Ray Shike Jr.; fourth, Kalani Kepaa; fifth, Quincy Wallahee.

Men's B Division: First, Joe Noriego; second, Rodney Adams; third, Alfred Estimo Jr.; fourth, Brad Donahue; and fifth, Shannon Wallahee.

Men's C Division: First, Aaron Greene; second, Joe Tuckta; third, Rory Thomas; fourth, Delvis Heath; fifth, Gary Wood.

Women's A Division: First, Stacey Isaac; second, Lana Leonard; third, Sharon Jones; fourth, Sandra Danzuka; and fifth, Stephanie Luke.

Women's B Division: First, Cecilia Noriego; second, Jolene Switzler; third, Margie Tuckta; fourth, Deana Washington; and fifth, Birney Greene-Boise.

Former judge overseeing Cobell disbursements

(AP) — A former judge has been appointed to oversee distribution of \$1.5 billion to Native Americans in a government settlement over mismanaged land-trust royalties.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan named Richard Levie as special master of the distribution now under way in the nearly 17-year-old class-action lawsuit filed by Elouise Cobell of Browning, Mont.

The \$3.4 billion settlement was approved by Hogan and

became final last month when the Supreme Court declined to take up appeals.

Levie is a former District of Columbia judge and a mediator and arbitrator for JAMS, formerly the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services.

He will be responsible for resolving disputes over eligibility in the next round of cash distributions, estimated to be at least \$800 per person.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Phone Legal Aid Services of Oregon to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney on the first Monday of the month (excluding Holidays) at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave., Warm Springs. Call (541) 385-6944 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings between 10 a.m. and noon, or on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.