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Miss Warm Springs 2013

The community gathered recently to crown the 2013 Miss Warm Springs. The pageant was on January 23 at the Agency Longhouse.

Norene Sampson demonstrated her traditional talent, answered questions from the judges, and danced. She was named Miss Warm Springs 2013. Here is her statement to the community:

Greetings my Warm Springs people,

I am proud to be a tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and honored to represent our tribe as the 2013 Miss Warm Springs.

This is an opportunity that many young ladies look forward to. I'm excited and looking forward to a memorable year.

Carroll Dick, a special thanks to you and your contribution. I will wear your beautifully-made crown and banner with great pride.

I want to say thank you to Kah-Nee-Ta for the nice jacket. Thank you to the Museum at Warm Springs for the Huckleberry Gift Basket, and thank you Indian Head Casino for the gift card. Thank you to a former Miss Warm Springs Lena Ike



Miss Warm Springs 2013 Norene Sampson

for the beautiful necklace. These gifts are wonderful and will make this reigning year forever a lasting memory.

A huge thank-you to all who have shared words of encouragement. To all former Miss Warm Springs, I hope to speak with you and learn about your experiences; some "do's, and don'ts" for pageants—especially during the Gathering of Nations.

My goal is to represent our tribes 110 percent. As a young adult, I understand the tribes' financial situation, but I will endeavour to not let that deter me and my representation. Therefore, I'm willing to work hard to raise additional funding for travel expenses. I have already gathered items for a raffle which I will start selling tickets for at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow. I will be having fundraising events such as luncheons and bake sales, as well as taking orders for wing dresses, contemporary powwow outfits—yep, I love to sew. I hope you will support my efforts by purchasing raffle tickets or attending any of my upcoming fundraising events.

I strive to and will be the best ambassador I can be in representing Warm Springs. I plan to represent the tribes at as many powwows and events as possible. I will carry myself in a humble and respectful manner as your 2013 Miss Warm Springs! Thank you for your support.

Norene Sampson.

Important dates for election

The deadline to change voting districts for the Tribal Council election is Thursday, Feb. 14.

In order to change your voting district, contact the Vital Statistics Department, located at the administration building.

These are other important dates for the upcoming election of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:

March 4: Nominations—All districts.

March 5-8: Verify candidate eligibility and prepare ballots.

March 11: Approval resolution setting election date. Mail absentee ballots.

Tuesday, April 16: Election date.

April 17: Certify election results.

April 19: Deadline for challenges and appeals.

Monday, May 6: Installation of the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council.

Powwow at Simasho

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is this Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 7-10 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Thursday is Round Dances starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday at 5:30 sharp is for new and re-joiners; Grand Entry is at 7:30.

The Saturday Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. There will be a supper break, no evening grand entry. Sunday Grand Entry is at 1:30 p.m. Specials:

Honoring "Charlie Tailfeathers." Contact information:

Men's All Around Special, contact Mackie Begay at 541-553-9330.

Youth Hand Drum Contest, contact Evalene Patt, 541-553-5605.

One-Man Hand Drum Contest, contact Kyle Queahpama, 541-553-6908.

Women's All Around, contact Austin Greene, 541-553-1953.

Powwow questions, email: Gnv82098@aol.com

Or call 541-553-9230 after 6 p.m. Vendors, contact Sandra Greene-Sampson, 541-553-6619.

Special rate at Kah-Nee-Ta if attending powwow: call 1-800-554-4Sun.

Casino's first year

Indian Head Casino will celebrate its First Year Anniversary at its new location this Saturday, Feb. 9.

Opening invocation and remarks will be at 1 p.m. in the casino lobby (must be 21 and over). See page 12 for more on the anniversary celebration.

Counseling Center reopens after remodel

The staff of the Community Counseling Center moved back to their newly-remodeled building last week. The move took about three full days.

The staff had been working at various locations around the campus for the past year or so, while the building was being remodeled. The move last week was big, as there are several employees in the departments at the center.

During the move, all the office equipment had to be taken from storage and from the temporary offices to the new ones.

Tribal Utilities, some limited duration workers, and inmates assisted with the work.

New offices

The Prevention Program employees now have their offices in the downstairs of the Counseling Center. Alcohol and Drug counseling services are on the ground level floor and on the second floor, which also houses mental health services.

Before the remodel, there was no

central reception area at Counseling. The ground-level floor now includes a reception area just inside the main front doors. The handicap access is much better, both leading up to and inside the building.

The new air conditioning system is a great improvement. Each floor now has its own temperature control. The air conditioning was the single most expensive part of the project.

The remodeling work included new paint and carpeting, and new restrooms. The old dormitory-style restrooms were removed and are now additional office space.

The Counseling Center building is the old girls dorm. There were some health and safety issues that had to be addressed during the re-model, including removal of some asbestos and lead paint.

The remodeling was funded through a grant and through Indian Health Services. Cost was about \$600,000. There will be a public dedication ceremony in late February or in March.

Bidding process begins for WS k-8 construction

Tribal and school district officials conducted a pre-bid meeting for general contractors interested in the \$20-million Warm Springs k-8 school project.

Ten general contractors attended the meeting, held at the Credit Enterprise conference room. The contractors were from the Central Oregon region, and two from Portland.

The meeting was to provide them with a scope of the construction project, said Laurie Danzuka, school district board chairwoman. Construction on the school is set for May, and is scheduled for completion by the start of the 2014 school year.

In other recent school news, the district and tribes hosted a three-day visit by Richard DeLorenzo, an education consultant who has success with school improvement in Alaska districts. DeLorenzo visited the high school, middle school and Warm Springs Elementary School.

He met with teachers and students, and also with Tribal Council and management, the Education Committee, and school district board members.

He attended the Youth Art Exhibit opening at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The school district may be interested in working more with DeLorenzo, Danzuka said. "We'll continue to talk with him, and decide in February whether to move forward," she said. "He has had great success with schools in Alaska, and we asked him to take a look at our schools."

The idea would be to build on the work the schools have been doing for student performance, not to begin some new program, Danzuka.

An approach that DeLorenzo advocates is a transferring of learning from teacher to student. Ninety-percent of students who were under-performing have shown progress through the approach, DeLorenzo reported.

In other district news: The Madras High School ROTC program will represent the state of Oregon schools at the Seventy Year Commemoration of the D-Day invasion in France in 2014.

The event is in 2014 in France.

— Dave McMechan

Cobell vs. Salazar deadline on March 1. See page 9 for details.

GET YOUR KICKS ON HIGHWAY 26

1st Anniversary Giveaway!
WIN A POLARIS RZR-S SIDE-BY-SIDE ATV
or \$9,000 cash!
Drawing on Saturday, February 9 at midnight.
See page 12 for details.

Highway 26, Warm Springs