

Miss Warm Springs Pageant



The pageant was well attended.



Norene Sampson as a youngster.



Norene brought some photographs that were taken at recent events in the region.



Tax help offered in W.S.

Free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low- and moderate-income of all ages, with special attention to those age 60 and older, is now available in Warm Springs.

The service is provided by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax-Aide from late January through April 15. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the IRS, will offer help with personal income tax returns at various locations around Warm Springs.

"I really enjoy volunteering for AARP Tax-Aide," said Nettie Dickson. "The taxpayer is so appreciative of having this resource. Tax law can often be confusing. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers can make the process of filling out tax returns a whole lot easier."

Nettie added that she has met many new people through volunteering.

The assistance in Warm Springs is offered at the Action Team office, 1136 Paiute Ave., at the Family Resource Center.

The WSCAT AARP Tax-Aide site was sponsored by the

Community Action Team. The support helps AARP Tax-Aide in the mission to serve low and moderate income taxpayers in the community.

Call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit our web site at:

aarp.org/taxaide

AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS. The AARP Foundation is AARP's affiliated charity. Foundation programs provide security, protection and empowerment for older persons in need. Low-income older workers receive the job training and placement they need to rejoin the workforce. Free tax assistance and preparation is provided for low and moderate income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older. The Foundation's litigation staff protects the legal rights of older Americans in critical health, long-term care, consumer and employment situations.

Additional programs provide information, education and services to ensure that people over 50 lead lives of independence, dignity and purpose.

Youth scholarships offered for career training program

The Society of American Indian Government Employees is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native government employees.

The society this year will host their Tenth Annual national training program, "Guiding Our Destiny with

Heritage and Traditions."

The training is in June in Spokane at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino, owned and operated by the Kalispel Tribe.

As part of the training program, the society (SAIGE) will also host the annual Native Youth Program. The program is designed to provide

Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and leadership training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships

for Native students to attend the 2013 Training Conference. The youth program is open to Native students between the ages of 18 and 25.

For information, contact JoAnn Brant, Youth Program coordinator, at 202-564-0375.

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Required workshop for scholarship students

A workshop is on Monday, Feb. 11, for students who plan on going to college. This workshop is a tribal scholarship requirement.

The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the top floor of the Education building. This is a FAFSA workshop (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process. You use the FAFSA to apply for federal student aid, such as grants, loans and work-study. In addition, most states and colleges use information from the FAFSA to award nonfederal aid. For more information, call Higher Education at 541-553-3311.

Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com