



Yvonne Iverson photos

Memorial tournament

At the recent Chasan R. Walker tournament: Sonny Eppinette, David White, Mike Jackson, Travis Starr, Robert Main, Leighton Pennington, and Eric Williams. The team is showing the jersey number 25, belonging to atwai Chasan Walker. Aiyana Jackson holding Gigi Walker, Jadyn Jackson, Liz Smith (back row from left), and Lindy Walker, Yvonne Greene and Jariah Thompson (front row from left).



Tourney to mark 50th year

The Fiftieth Annual Warm Springs Men's All-Indian Holiday Basketball Tournament is set for Jan. 1-4 at the Warm Springs Community Center gym.

The deadline to submit

entry is December 13. The entry fee is \$375. The tournament awards include:

First, Pendleton jackets. Second, solid wool jackets. Third, jackets. Fourth, hooded sweatshirts. Fifth, crewneck

sweatshirts. Most Valuable Player, Mr. Hustle and All-Tourney.

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New Year: changes at HHS

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Health and Human Services next year will also activate the Family Preservation Program. This program will be a link between Children's Protective Services and the other services of the branch.

Several resources are available to a parent who becomes involved with CPS, but working with the system can be a challenge. The Family Preservation representative would help the family, "not necessarily as an advocate for the parent, but to give them a better understanding of the system," Cruz said.

The Early Childhood Education Center, Culture and Heritage, and OSU Extension are also moving under the Health and Human Services Branch. These had previously been under the Education Branch. Media Outreach is

another new part of Health and Human Services. This includes KWSO and the Spilyay Tymoo.

"The approach we're tak-

ing is wellbriety," Cruz said. The goal is to help people be well in their lives, and find whatever help they may need.

Earl and Rita Squiemphen Stone Setting & Memorial



December 21, 2013

Stone Setting: Agency Cemetery at 8 a.m.

Giveaway, meal and name giving: Immediately following Stone Setting at HeHe Longhouse.



If you are in need of a chimney sweep, there is a special for Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs homes for the month of December. Service available for the low cost of \$75, from Master's Touch Chimney Sweep. Their telephone number is 541-389-8715.

2013 Year in Review

(Here is a look back at some of the memorable news events of the past year on the reservation.)

January

The community gathered 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.

Architects for the Warm Springs **k-8 Academy** held community meetings this month, getting ideas for the design of the new school.

Tribal Council in January voted to restore free **garbage pick-up service** on the reservation. A budget-cutting proposal initially called for ending the service, but Council voted to reinstate it.

Community members met to discuss the idea of having **Class 2 gaming at Kah-Nee-Ta**. The Class 2 machines would be located in the restaurant area that formerly housed Indian Head Casino.

The Professional **Wild Horse Racing National Finals** were held for the first time in Central Oregon. This year they were held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

The Confederated Tribes received a **prayer figurine** from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement. The bronze figure was with the Umatilla Tribes in 2012, and will spend 2013 in Warm Springs. Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Chief Davis "Yellowash" Washines delivered the statue to the tribes last week.

February



Norene Sampson

Early in February the Simnasho community hosted the **Thirty-Sixth Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow**.

Also during February, 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 about a year, while the building was

being remodeled.

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.

Tribal management in February presented Tribal Council members an initial planning framework regarding future finances of the Confederated Tribes. The "Waterfall Plan" is a preliminary conceptual framework to a financial solution.

In other news: **The Warm Springs Forest Products** mill workers were back at their jobs. Most of the 118 employees had been on temporary lay-off since November. There are other major changes happening at the mill, and more changes planned for the future. A current project is a \$4.65 million improvement to the mill biomass power plant.

March

The three districts of the reservation met to nominate candidates to the **Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council** of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Agency District members nominated 27 people; Simnasho, 13; and Seekseequa, six. The election is set for April. Elsewhere:

Health and Human Services hosted a dedication and official opening of the newly remodeled **Community Counseling Center**.

In other news: A group of 14 travel representatives from Japan visited Kah-Nee-Ta in March, and came away with a great impression of the resort and the region. They golfed at the resort, attended a salmon bake, and saw a performance by Wasco Dancers. They visited the museum and casino and other attractions around the region.

An important result from the visit is the potential for future business from Japan. And this:

Warm Springs Ventures and partners hosted a motorsports information day. The information will help tribal members decide by referendum whether to proceed with the project.

Indian Head Casino began looking for a new general manager, as former manager Ken Many Wounds resigned. Many Wounds had been Indian Head manager since November of 2011.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are looking into the possibility of opening a **juvenile justice facility** on the reservation. The tribes are currently conducting a community survey on whether to pursue the idea. The survey is funded through a grant. The Warm Springs Jail is a BIA facility operated by the tribes. The jail is for adults only. Juveniles who are required to be in detention are transported to facilities off the reservation.

In March the Warm Springs Recreation and Indian Health Services hosted the **Spring Break Youth Health Fair**.

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