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WSFPI receivership property auction

Next Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 16 and 17, will mark the end of an era for the tribes, as the property of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries will be put to auction.

The two-day auction will begin at 9 a.m. on both days. There will be an opportunity to preview the auction properties on Tuesday, November 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are hundreds of items of all kinds to be auctioned. These include heavy equipment such as log loaders, timber saws, chippers, tools, buildings—all the equipment associated with the operation of a lumber mill.

A complete list of the items is available in a detailed brochure found at the website:



Curtis Stacona, of the mill cleanup crew, walks past some of the heavy equipment up for auction next week.

murphyauction.com

The auction is a final part of the tribal court-supervised WSFPI receivership process. The auction will be conducted by the James G. Murphy Co., commercial and industrial auctioneers.

Tribal members will receive a 10 percent discount on items that they win at the auction. Proof of tribal identification is required to receive the discount.

Bidding is also available online at the above mentioned website.

The property auction is a way to satisfy at least some of the outstanding WSFPI debts, including debt to the tribes.

The receivership began earlier this year in the spring, after WSFPI became insolvent and unable to reopen following the winter closure.

The tribes have owned the mill since the 1960s, and the enterprise was profitable and a major local employer for many years.

But various factors—the recent timber market in general, and a required reduction in the allowable cut of tribal member, for instance—rendered the operation no longer viable.

— Dave McMechan

Veterans events around reservation

There are many Veterans Day events around this reservation, beginning this Thursday, November 10, with a mini powwow at the Agency Longhouse.

The mini powwow is hosted by the students and staff at the Early Childhood Education Center. The powwow starts at 10 a.m.

This Thursday evening, Simnasho will host the **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** at the Simnasho Longhouse, beginning at 5 p.m. with Washut; and potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Reach Captain for more information.

On Veterans Day morning this Friday, November 11, the tribes will host the **Veterans Day Parade**, beginning at the memorial by the Courthouse.

After the parade will be the Warm Springs Agency **Veterans Day Dinner**, Honoring Harvey Scott, at the Agency Longhouse.

The dinner will feature Veteran Tributes and Memorials, starting at 2 p.m. Hosts include Tamera Calhoun, Becky Picard and Carol Lawrence, of the Agency Longhouse Dinner Committee.

The Warm Springs **Honoring Veterans Powwow** is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13, at the Agency Longhouse.

Grand Entries are at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday, November 12, the Eugene Green Sr. American Legion and Auxiliary No. 48 will present the **Korean War Veterans Honor Ceremony and Banquet**, from noon to 2 p.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta.

There will be a special presentation by the office of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Seattle. Call 541-460-8212 to register to attend.

Indian Head Casino is hosting **Military Mondays**, honoring the military men and women, every Monday in November from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Receive a gift item, a \$2 food coupon, and \$5 in bonus slot play.

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, the casino will host Veterans Day Cash Drawings from 1 to 5 p.m. Win a share of \$3,000 in cash. And veterans receive \$10 bonus slot play, and \$10 match play (earn same day entries).

Also on Veterans Day at the casino: There will be a \$500 Blackjack Tournament at 3 p.m. Eleven dollar buy-in, and veterans play for free.

The casino will host a \$500 slot tournament at 5 p.m. There is a \$10 buy-in, and veterans play for free.

Veterans can enjoy free breakfast on November 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Cottonwood Restaurant. Vouchers available at the Players Club, \$10 max value. Proof of military service required for all Veterans Day promotions. For more information call 541-460-7777.

Council names new Secretary-Treasurer

The Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes hired Michele Stacona as the new Secretary-Treasurer.

Ms. Stacona has a background in accounting and finance, and worked previously for the Confederated Tribes.

She served as executive director of the gaming enterprise, and in the tribal organization she worked in Finance control, and as the internal auditor.

Michele lived and worked in Warm Springs for about 18 years before taking a job in Arizona in 2012. In Arizona she worked in gaming finance for the Gila River Indian Community, which has three casinos and

hotels.

Michele moved to Arizona because her daughter Kortney was planning to attend Arizona State University, where she now is a junior majoring in Health Science.

Living in Arizona, Michele still made regular visits to Warm Springs. "I have family and friends here," she says.

During a visit to Warm Springs in July, she happened to meet with a Tribal Council member who encouraged her to apply for the Secretary-Treasurer position.

A strong background in accounting and finance is an important attribute for the Secretary-Treasurer, and Michele is the ideal candidate, the Tribal Council de-



S-T, Michele Stacona

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Michele first moved to Warm Springs with her husband, who she

had met while they were in school at Ft. Lewis College in Durango. She is originally from New Mexico, and is a Navajo tribal member. Her daughter is a member of the Confederated Tribes.

The S-T

The secretary-treasurer is responsible for the implementation of the political, financial and governmental actions of the Tribal Council.

The S-T oversees management of the tribes' financial affairs, safeguards tribal records and assets, and fulfills the responsibilities delegated through the Tribal Constitution and Management Plan.

At the Member Art Show



Jayson Smith photos/Spilyay

The Judges Choice Awards at the 2016 Tribal Member Art Exhibit this year went to Allen Mitchell (second from left) in the Contemporary category, and Ervanna LittleEagle (center) in the traditional category. Honorable Mention went to Marge Kalama, Bernyce Courtney and Brigette McConville (from left).



Traditional category Judges Choice Award winner (left) and Contemporary category winner (above).

TERO annual conference at KNT, progress with MOU

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta will host the Fortieth Annual National TERO Convention in July 2017. Warm Springs TERO dispatcher Mary Sando-Emhoolah heard this good news at a recent TERO conference.

TERO is the Tribal Employment Rights Office of the Confederated Tribes.

The 2017 Annual Convention will bring the TERO program full circle: It will be 40 years ago next year that 12 tribes came together for the very first Annual TERO Conference, held in 1977 at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs TERO office has had success in placing workers, including some displaced by the closure of the mill.

People who are interested complete the employee information, and are called to work as positions come open. TERO has the authority to enforce tribal member equal access to

employment.

The jurisdiction of the TERO includes all of the reservation, plus areas within 60 miles of the reservation boundary. Oregon Department of Transportation projects within this jurisdiction, for instance, are subject to TERO authority.

A delaying point has been an overlap area to the west that is shared by the Grand Ronde TERO and the Warm Springs TERO. A tribal delegation met recently with Grand Ronde officials in order to resolve the situation. The meeting went well, and Warm Springs TERO is now working on a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The Warm Springs team included TERO director Wendell Jim, Sando-Emhoolah, TERO commission chair Jonathan Smith, Tribal Council members Jody Calica, Carina Miller, Brigette McConville and Lee Tom, Government Affairs Director Louis Pitt and legal counsel.



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November 10th & 17th

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