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Reservation History

Fort Hoskins to Open as Historic Park

Siletz Tribal members and their families are invited to the grand opening of Fort Hoskins Historic Park, located in the old town of Hoskins, Ore., in Kings Valley.

Ft. Hoskins was established in 1856 and was one of three forts (including Fort Yamhill and Fort Umpqua) built to monitor the newly established Coast (Siletz) Reservation. It also was closely associated with the military post at Siletz Agency known as the Siletz blockhouse. Fort Hoskins is the first of the three to be developed into a park site.

The Hoskins/Kings Valley area originally belonged to the Luckiamute band of the Kalapuya Indians, who ceded it to the United States under the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855. Benton County purchased the main part of the original fort reserve with the intent of creating a historic park.

The park contains 130 acres of timber, oak savannah, and grasslands. Oak savannah restoration and restoration of native plant species work is ongoing. The fort is part of the Siletz Tribe's hunting and gathering areas recognized under agreement with the state.

Robert Kentta, Siletz Tribal member and cultural resources director, has been involved with the development of this site since 1994. As a member of the Fort

See Fort on page 12.



Robert Kentta (l) joins other members of the Fort Hoskins Citizens Advisory Committee to help place interpretive signs.



Work continues in early July.

Construction Nearly Complete on Child Care Center

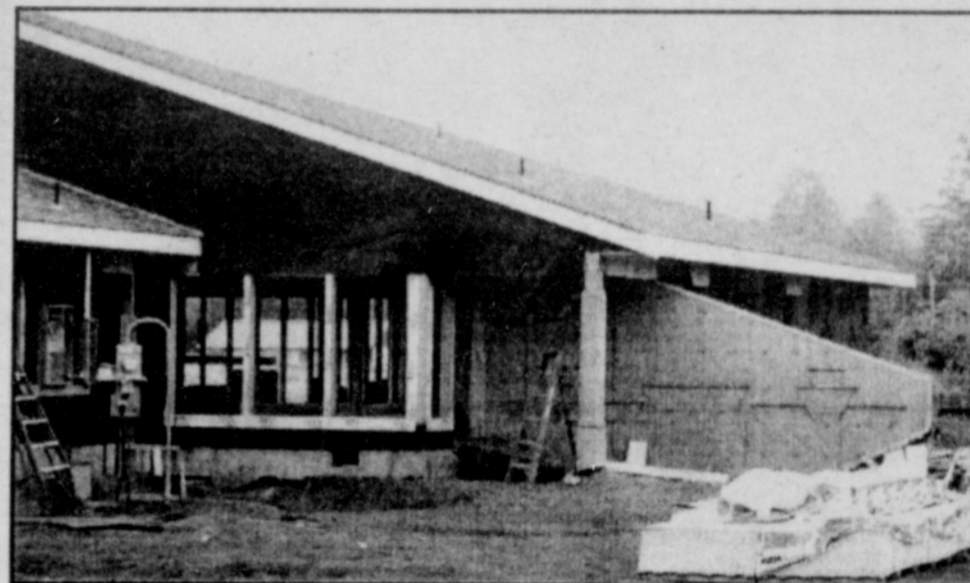
The Siletz Tribal child care facility is scheduled for completion in late August 2002, according to TomCo Construction, Inc. of Spokane, Wash., contractor for the project.

Once the facility is fully operational, care will be provided for six infants, 15 toddlers, 20 pre-schoolers, and 20 after-school children. This will

require nine staff members, including a program director, head teacher, assistant teacher, child care workers, and food staff.

Hours of operation are planned for 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Depending on demand, the hours eventually may be extended for those working other than daytime hours.

Contact Human Resources at 541-444-8296 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 296, for job descriptions of the positions listed above. For other information, please call Bev Youngman at 541-444-8290 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 290.



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