

## Money Available For Weatherization Keep The Cold Out

by Donna Behrend

Energy conservation has been the topic of much discussion in recent years. The cost of electricity has sky-rocketed over the past five years. People are installing wood heaters, storm windows and additional insulation to help combat high utility bills.

In order to help senior citizens, the handicapped and those in the low income brackets living on the reservation, the Confederated Tribes recently acquired a \$45,000 grant through the Department of Energy to begin a "weatherization" project. The grant is ample enough to do 85 homes.

So far, 22 home owners have contacted the planning department requesting that their home be readied for the upcoming winter. Art Tassie, grantsman, has conducted an exterior inventory on many of those homes, making it possible to start the work.

A maximum of \$350 can be spent per home. That money will be used to replace broken windows, weatherstripping around doors, and skirting around foundations. The funds will also be used to repair any other obvious problems that allow cold air to get into the homes or make a home unsafe.

Homes located farthest away from Warm Springs will be repaired first so that when weather prohibits traveling, homes closer to Warm Springs can be worked on. It is estimated that it will take a day and a half to complete



**COLD PROOF** - If your own stormproofing didn't work, call the planning department to see if you're eligible for the weatherization project. Spilyay Photo by CDS

a home's weatherization.

Two men, working through CETA, have been hired to do the repairs. Tassie hopes that they will "get enough good experience to go into business on their own." There is a great demand for this type of work all over the reservation as everyone is eligible.

Clerk of the Works Trainee

Alvis Smith Jr. will be inspecting work after it is done to see it meets standards.

If you feel that your house needs to be weatherized, contact Art Tassie in the planning department at 553-1161 ext. 270. He can fill you in on the specific requirements and tell you if you qualify.

## Kah-Nee-Ta Plans Mini-powwow

Individual groups that performed for the guests at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge during the summer have gotten together and are sponsoring a "mini-powwow" which will be held Friday, November 24, at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. The event will be held in the Confederated Warm Springs room which is upstairs.

Dance contests will be held starting at 7 p.m. All age

categories will be included with cash prizes being awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Warm-ups will begin at 6 p.m. Drummers are invited to come and sing and will be paid, according to Andy Lucas, Social Director at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Coffee, milk, and sweet rolls will be served in the upper lobby throughout the evening. Any displays are welcome and can be

set up in the upper lobby.

Participants of the powwow and their families will have a special price on a buffet dinner which is going to be in the Appaloosa dining room around 6 p.m.

TAR rates will be in effect. Participants will pay only \$20 for single or \$26 for double, according to Lucas.

## Smith Trains for Clerk of Works Job

As the Tribal organization continues to grow, the Tribal Council wants to upgrade and place more Indians into management positions. In a move towards this effort, Alvis Smith, Jr. was hired as clerk-of-the-works trainee, more commonly known as construction inspector.

Being a trainee, Alvis said his general duties consist of ordering construction materials, hiring crews, inspecting sites, and writing reports.

After the two years of training required in Alvis' program, the Tribes should have enough to keep both Alvis and the present clerk-of-the-works, Bill Bennett, busy.

"I expect our operation to expand. Hopefully then (in two years) we'll be managing our own construction and not bringing in other contractors. At least that's one of our goals," explained Les Yaw, Alvis' supervisor. "On the level of construction we may need more people yet," Yaw added.

Yaw noted that they already took over both the HUD and Kah-Nee-Ta contracts after they were terminated.

Alvis saw the job opening as an opportunity for him because

he was already so far into construction. He also took it because he would have a permanent position with a promising future. Prior to this training position, Alvis worked with Tribal utilities as a carpenter in 1968. Later, he started training and in 1975 he received his Journeyman's card.

Alvis knows that this job requires more than knowing how to drive a nail or tighten down a screw. "I got a lot of learning to do," said Smith. Some of the things he has to learn are the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical codes. He has to know about gas pumps, concrete, and everything involved in construction. Smith has already attended workshops and seminars throughout his training period "but there'll be more workshops and school" he said.

"I think he's (Alvis) more proficient on the job instead of going to school for two years," said Les Yaw.

"It's a long ways down the road before Alvis is a qualified inspector," said Bill Bennett. "It takes a minimum of fifteen years for an all-around qualified inspector to be thoroughly qualified in all categories." Bennett

continued. "He doesn't have that thorough knowledge yet and won't for a few years."

But Alvis isn't letting that barrier of time stop him. It is one of his goals to be recognized statewide as a good inspector for the Tribes. Although he wants to be a licensed state inspector, he is quick to point out that that doesn't mean he'll be leaving the Tribes.

"In the very short time Alvis has been with us, he's progressing very well," said Bennett, "I'm pleased with Alvis."

The many projects going up on the reservation have been keeping Alvis quite busy. With Alvis out in the field, Mr. Bennett finds more time to do administrative work. Bennett is also negotiating with contractors while Alvis is doing inspections. "But I'll be doing this too, eventually," said Smith.

Many times, in the nearly three months Alvis has been working, Alvis has been out inspecting many times alone. He admitted that he does sometimes has to have Bill help him. "When I get to a point where I'm lost, Bill gets with me," he said.

"I'm very proud of Alvis' efforts. He's doing his job very well," commented Les Yaw.

## Police Report Help Urged In Search For Switzler

The Warm Springs Tribal Police are working with the FBI to determine the whereabouts of Wilbert Herbie Switzler, 30, who has been missing since June.

Anyone who has had contact with Switzler since May 1978 is urged to assist the local department by providing information. Rumors have been flying and the police need hard facts to go on.

It is also advised that people with rumors refrain from calling Switzler's family and upsetting them. Please contact the police department if you have useful information. Chief Jeff Sanders, Assistant Chief Dick Montee or Investigator Ray Scott would appreciate hearing from you.

### SUSPECT CHASED

A high speed chase on back roads resulted in the arrest of Anthony Roy Shadley, 18, who was charged with attempted first

degree burglary of the Rainbow Market November 14.

Shadley has since been convicted in Jefferson County Circuit Court and awaits sentence while a suspected accomplice remains at large.

The alarm sounded at about 5:00 a.m. while Shadley was taking the doors off Roxanne's Clothing Store with the front winch of a pick-up. A second person was using a chain saw on the back door of the market. The vacant clothing store is adjacent to the Rainbow.

Sergeant Ray Shike went out on the call and chased Shadley 3-5 miles on a back reservation road. He arrested the young man who was later transferred to Jefferson County where he provided a sworn statement implicating another individual.

No merchandise was removed from the store.

## Community Calendar

November 18-19  
November 21

November 23-24

November 24  
November 23-25

November 29

December 30 & Jan 1

Round Robin BB tournament at CC General Council Agency Longhouse (Tribal Budget) 7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Luncheon at CC Thanksgiving Vacation (school and tribal holiday)

Mini Powwow at Kahneeta Lodge 6:00 pm Indian National Finals Rodeo & powwow in Salt Lake City, Utah

Elimination BB tournament at the CC WS gymnasts going to watch Nadia Komanich in Portland

WS Holiday Bowling Tournament at Pelton Lanes in Madras



**INSPECTOR** - Clerk of the works trainee Alvis Smith, Jr., inspects construction sites to make sure contracts are being carried out properly. He checked the paneling for the senior citizens community building recently. Spilyay Photo by CDS