

Auction at Simnasho Sunday To Promote February Powwow

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee has been assembling a variety of buckskin and beaded handicrafts for their annual fund-raising auction, scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at the Simnasho Longhouse. The public is invited to the auction, which will begin after Washat services around 4:00 in the afternoon.

A raffle is also being planned

to raise funds for the fourth annual powwow. Four hostesses are selling tickets for \$1.00 apiece, giving purchasers a chance to win a number of valuable prizes, including a star quilt, child's saddle, Chief Joseph blanket, portable T.V., a .22 rifle, traditional clothing, and beaded items.

The hostesses this year are Melissa Johnson, Rowena Begay, Idelia Yahtin, and Alesha

Keo.

The raffle drawing will be Sunday night, February 11.

The fourth annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow will begin Friday evening, February 9 and continue through Sunday, February 11 at the Simnasho Longhouse. Drummers have been invited from Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Alberta to participate in the powwow, according to committee member Rudy

Clements.

Dance contests for all ages will be held through the weekend, with Sunday reserved for traditional dancing. Two special contests have also been scheduled — and the Robert Suppah Memorial Straight Dance on Sunday. The George Clements, Jr. Memorial Fancy Dance on Saturday.

Meals will be provided for visitors on all three days, begin-

ning with dinner Friday evening. Washat Services are scheduled for Sunday morning.

Several families are planning to hold memorials on the Thursday preceding the powwow. On the following morning wedding ceremonies will be held for one of last year's hostesses, Lila Telakish, who is marrying Ernie Comes At Night, a drummer from Heart Butte, Montana.



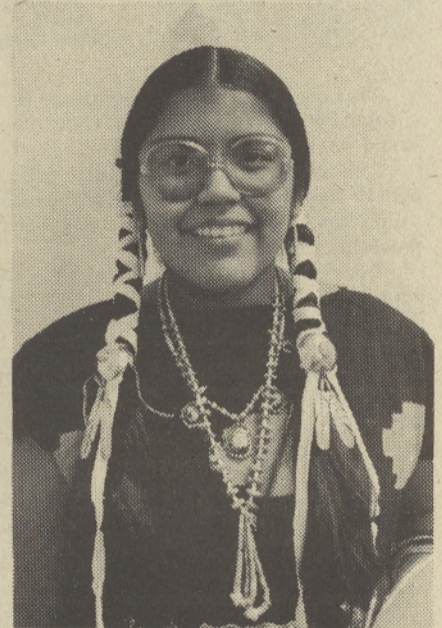
ALESHA KEO, 16, is a junior at Madras Senior High School. She lives with her grandmother Isabel Keo in Simnasho and is a Warm Springs Indian. Alesha is well-versed in the old ways, preparing food and participating in religious activities according to tradition.



MELISSA JOHNSON is the daughter of Ruth Johnson and is of Warm Springs, Yakima and Wasco descent. She is 15 and a sophomore at Madras Senior High School, where she enjoys typing and P.E. Melissa's great love is traveling to powwows but she also likes to ride horses and do beadwork.



IDELIA YAHTIN, 15, is the daughter of Chesley and Amelia Yahtin of Simnasho. The Madras High School freshman is a Warm Springs Indian and enjoys doing beadwork.



ROWENA BEGAY, daughter of Tom and Fern Begay, is 13 and in the eighth grade at Madras Junior High School. She is of Warm Springs and Navajo descent and enjoys beadwork, sewing and typing.

Wewa Death Shocks Community

The community was stunned Thursday afternoon when one of its young members died suddenly, the apparent victim of a local teenage drug fad.

Anna Wewa, 14, died at Mountain View Hospital around 2:15 p.m. January 18 after collapsing in the girls restroom at Madras High School during lunchtime. The popular freshman arrived at the hospital unconscious where life support measures failed to revive her.

Although the cause of death is under investigation, Jefferson County District Attorney Mike Sullivan said it appeared that Anna and two friends had been sniffing something "like Liquid Paper," a typewriter correction fluid. An autopsy and analysis of the substance should reveal the exact cause of death. Investigation is routine in cases of death "under questionable circumstances," said Sullivan.

Emergency Medical Technicians at the high school were on hand moments after Wewa lost consciousness, between 12:00 and 12:30. English teacher John Curnutt, an EMT as well as a CPR instructor, was called to the scene, where he found the victim unconscious. "She was

not breathing and there was no palpable pulse," he said.

Another faculty member was delivering mouth to mouth resuscitation and Curnutt took over with cardiac massage and artificial breathing, assisted by another EMT Mr. Heydon. "There were enough voluntary or involuntary movements on her part to encourage us to continue," said Curnutt. Meanwhile the Madras Ambulance was called and Wewa was transported to the hospital receiving CPR along the way.

At the hospital, Dr. George Waldmann attended to the young victim, using I.V.'s and "several drugs" in addition to CPR, but to no avail. Wewa did not respond to treatment and died about two hours after losing consciousness.

Anna was active in freshman and J.V. basketball at the high school. She was also a good student, with an estimated 2.8 gradepoint average. Outside of school she was a rodeo enthusiast and could often be seen on horseback around the community. She also participated in powwows and traditional activities.

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Kah-Nee-Ta Launches Recruiting Effort

This question appeared in our last paper:

Have you been thinking about working at Kah-Nee-Ta but feared what might be in store?

Kah-Nee-Ta was planning a recruiting day for early January but figured no one would be thinking about employment what with the snow and bonus checks.

So they have rescheduled their screening days for January 24 and 25. On those days Kah-Nee-Ta manager Bill Pauli and personnel director Amelia Williams will be on hand in the foyer of the administration building from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to explain employment opportunities, accept applications, and do initial screening of applicants.

Interviews with department heads will be scheduled for the following week and those selected will be given a tour of Kah-Nee-Ta and an opportunity to meet the executive staff.

According to Kah-Nee-Ta Manager Bill Pauli, this new hiring method is closely coupled with career development. "We are ready to go with classroom instruction and on-the-job train-

ing," he said. Job applicants will be selected more carefully than in the past, and employees will agree to participate in a program of ongoing training and career advancement, said Pauli.

Kah-Nee-Ta is looking for tribal members who are interested in full time, year round employment and wish to make both a "livelihood and a career" of their work at the resort, according to Pauli. Jobs are available at all levels and personnel representatives will attempt to find a position to match an applicant's interest.

By enforcing performance standards, department heads will encourage improvement in employees, thus opening doors to advancement and pay increases, the manager explained.

The employment objective at Kah-Nee-Ta is to establish a core of reliable, trained staff to which seasonal help can be added as needed. Next week's recruiting effort marks the first time Kah-Nee-Ta has ventured out into the Warm Springs community to encourage locals to fill these positions.

Education Meeting Set For Feb. 1

The 509-J school district is sponsoring this quarter's joint education meeting, to be held at the Agency Longhouse, 7:00 p.m. February 1.

On the agenda will be a presentation of the recently completed tribal education needs assessment. District staff will

also discuss their recommendations based on the assessment findings and conclusions.

Reports will also be made on programs and activities in the various buildings, including the federal programs.

A coffee and snack hour will precede the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Tax Time Again

It's that time of year again, and to help you beat the April rush the Tribes are sponsoring

another income tax assistance workshop.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 30 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., an income tax expert will be on hand at the Adult Learning Center to help you prepare your tax returns.

Bring your W-2's, last year's completed return and this year's tax forms to the learning center in the community center for expert assistance. There will be no evening sessions.

Celilo Meeting Planned

The next Celilo Wyam Board Meeting will be on January 26, 1979 at the Yakima Indian Agency in the Council Room.

Stacona Death Believed To Be Suicide

The Sunday morning death of Charlie Stacona, 24, has been tentatively pronounced a suicide, but the investigation is being left open pending lab reports, said B.I.A. investigator Mark Werner.

Stacona was found in a bedroom of his home in the mobile home park at 5:00 a.m. January 14, the victim of a

gunshot wound to the head. His girlfriend, Arlita Whiz of Yakima, discovered him when she returned to the trailer that they shared. She reported the incident to the Warm Springs Police at 5:30 a.m.

Whiz told police that she had dropped Stacona off at the trailer at about 1:00 a.m. and was not home at the time of the shooting.

She said that she and Stacona had been arguing earlier and that he had been despondent.

Weapon and fingerprint tests are expected shortly. The police do not have anyone in custody in connection with the incident since "all indications are that it was a suicide," said Werner.