



Native American artifacts which will eventually go into a museum are being collected by the Mid-Oregon Historical Society. Pictured are some items already purchased by the Society.

MOHS working toward center

The Mid-Oregon Historical Society is preparing an application to submit to the BIA requesting \$50,000 for work leading to the construction of a cultural center near Kah-Nee-Ta. The request is for IMPL (Individual Monies from Proceeds of Labor), funds which, if approved, would enable the Society to update a feasibility study. Brochures with information from the study would, then, be prepared and printed.

The brochures would be sent to various foundations, educational, cultural and art, with hopes that these groups would donate funds for the construction of the center. The Historical Society has set a deadline for itself to have this aspect of the work completed by September. Actual construction, then, would depend upon the funding from foundations. And all of this depends on the BIA's acceptance of the application for funds.

The Mid-Oregon Historical Society originated when several interested people realized that many Native American artifacts were going off the reservation. A program was instituted so the tribe could acquire these artifacts, with the Historical Society acting as custodian. Currently the archives have half a million dollars in artifacts stored in a bank vault in Portland. Anyone wishing to sell, donate or loan any artifacts for use in the museum can get in touch with Juanita Bourland at the Tribal Council office.

Besides collecting artifacts members of the Society are working towards construction of a museum and cultural center. The council has already approved land near Kah-Nee-Ta for the site of the museum. The historical society hopes to conduct classes at this center for visitors who are interested. There will also be a theatre, where community performers would be encouraged to participate. The cultural center at Warm Springs would house artifacts that are more personal and sacred to people.

Several people have given advice on ways to proceed in organization and collection of funds. The society has met with Suzanne Harjoe, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; Job Hart, Director of Indian Arts and Crafts Board; Mrs. Lee Udahl of the National Council for Traditional Arts; and, Louis Bruce, former Commissioner of Indian Affairs. These people have offered help in making contacts with foundations and have provided names of others who could be of assistance.

Tribal council has approved of the Society's asking for funds from the BIA, and has assisted them with preparing the proposal. If funds are approved, work towards the construction of a cultural center would proceed much faster. And when work on the museum is completed, the beautiful handicrafts of the people could then be displayed with due respect.

Community Calendar

Feb. 29	Celilo Wyam board workshop at Pendleton
Feb. 29- March 2	Chemawa's 100th Birthday celebration at Salem. Powwow and a men's and women's basketball tournament will be held.
March 5	District meetings to nominate new tribal council members.
March 7	4th Annual Employee Awards Banquet to be held at Kah-Nee-Ta
March 8	2nd Annual Simnasho School Mini-Marathon
March 12	General Council meeting to discuss Criminal Justice Facility. 7:30 p.m. at the Agency longhouse
March 19-22	Warm Springs Bravettes in Ft. Hall for 16-team double elimination tourney
March 25	Referendum on Criminal Justice Facility to be voted on.

Police Report

Icy roads early in the morning caused two accidents involving three cars but no major injuries near the Warm Springs River bridge, approximately 18 miles north of Warm Springs.

On February 9 at 1:45 a.m. Winona Spino, 20, and her sister Raydine, 15 were on their way home from the Simnasho Lincoln's Birthday powwow. They had just entered U.S. 26 at He-He junction and gone about 200 yards when an icy spot caused Winona to lose

control, leave the highway and roll the 1975 Ford 4 x 4 pick-up she was operating.

Raydine had minor injuries and was transported to Mt. View Hospital in Madras where she was treated and then released.

Moments after Spino's accident a passing motorist, Joe Davis Rudisill, 52, of Lakeview, saw the wreck and parked his car on the wrong side of the road with the blinkers flashing. While he was

parking near the accident a southbound Volkswagen 2-door sedan came by and hit the same icy spot as the Spino vehicle and slid right into the Rudisill car.

Rudisill, his wife Leota, and driver of the Volkswagen, Victor Steven Svimonoh, all escaped injury.

None of the three drivers involved were cited.

Black ice and foggy road conditions were listed as the cause of both accidents.

Culture program has new director

She has lived in Warm Springs most of her life and for the past five years, she has worked with the Alcohol Program as a counselor. She felt it was time to change careers and because of her interest in Warm Springs heritage, Nina Rowe applied and was hired to fill the vacant Culture and Heritage coordinator position.

The coordinator position was vacated last summer and since that time, secretary Anna Clements had been working to keep things going. Now, Anna and Nina are working closely to organize the department once again.

There are no major changes planned for the department and Nina intends to continue programs set up by former coordinator Nathan "8-Ball" Jim. However, it was decided by municipal branch manager Rudy Clements and department supervisor Jody Calica that the culture camp held at Peters Pasture every summer would not be held this year due to organizational problems.

Other on-going culture activities such as the basketry, Sahaptin language and beadwork classes are not sponsored by the Culture/Heritage department but they are taught in their office. "We really appreciate the other departments for taking an interest in preserving our culture," says Nina.

A class that will be sponsored by the department is the Corn Husk Bag class that will be taught by Kathleen Moses. This class will be aimed at the senior citizens and will be held in the Senior Citizen Community Building. Kathleen will furnish all supplies, with the understanding that she will be reimbursed next summer when the fresh corn husks are available.

Since January, Nina has been giving presentations at the Alcohol center twice a week, touching on modern Indian

problems. Nina also expects that she will be doing work with the Wilderness Program in the future.

Nina expects to discontinue her programs at the Alcohol center and concentrate on development. She will be assisting the education committee and Federal Programs Coordinator John Trujillo when they write a proposal for curriculum development of an Indian

heritage class in high school. "I intend to focus on the research and development of programs for children, students and senior citizens," says Nina.

Nina appears to have adjusted to her new job very well and she stated that the department will serve as a data collection agency. She asks that everyone who might have information that is relevant to the Warm Springs area come in and contribute.



Coordinator Nina Rowe and secretary Anna Clements

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