

# Berry feast time for thankfulness



Huckleberry Feast has been a time of thanksgiving for centuries in the Indian culture. It is the time to thank the creator for the bounty he has provided. The same songs and the same prayers have been recited for all these years. The only difference is the people have changed. But passing these songs and prayers down from generation to generation remains a part of Indian tradition.

Spilyay Tymoo photos by Shewczyk



## Chiloquin celebration and reunion

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### Tribal Budget

\$900,000 out last year," said Secretary/Treasurer Ralph Minnick. He could not recall the tribes ever having to cut so drastically.

The 1982 and 1983 budgets were broken into six categories: operation, community assistance, capitulated, enterprise, EIA and per capita, with over \$9 million of the \$16 million budget going to operations. About \$2 million be cut from the operations portion of the budget. All other categories, except per capita which has been increased from just under \$2.3 million to over

\$2.3 million, will be reduced so as to achieve a balance budget. The \$80,000 EIA program, which will end next month, has been eliminated altogether. The Tribes have always had a balanced budget and don't feel they should go into 1983 with a deficit budget. "We're aiming for a break-even budget," said Minnick.

All budgets will be assembled this week for review by management. The final review round in Tribal Council will begin September 1. Council will have one month to review the budget as it must be posted in resolution form by October 1.

"The circle is completed." Following a six-year struggle the land belonging to Edison Chiloquin has become Indian land. For Chiloquin the realization of having his land returned as Indian land by an act of Congress has fulfilled a dream. The U.S. Congress passed the Chiloquin Act of 1980 and the Plaikni Village has reached the status of Indian land.

Chiloquin became, during the last six years, a "legend in his time" after he refused to take money for his heritage. He set up his camp on his land and

kept a sacred fire burning continuously for six years. The fire required constant tending.

To celebrate this moment in history, Chiloquin has planned a weekend feast. A dedication and reunion are planned to celebrate the return of the land. The event is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 4 and 5. The dedication will start with ceremonies on Saturday at noon. A potluck feast will follow at 2 p.m. Singing, dancing and drumming will be featured throughout the weekend. There

will be an area for people to set up their own camps. Chiloquin extends an invitation to his friends and supporters to attend the weekend events to join him in celebration.

The celebration will be held at the Plaikni Village. To reach the village, take Highway 97 to Chiloquin, turn left at the Sprague River highway and then turn right at the Twin River Drive.

For information and to make donations, contact Edison Chiloquin, P.O. Box 452, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624 or telephone (503) 783-2042.

## Recent Klamath meeting fizzles

A meeting scheduled for the Klamath people in the Madras and Warm Springs areas failed to materialize. The meeting was scheduled to be held at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse on August 5 from 6-10 p.m. The Klamath staff representatives arrived to present a series of workshops for interested Klamath people, but because contradictive times were posted, very few Klamath were present.

Jeff Mitchell, vice chairman of the Klamath organization, stated he was uncertain as to the reason there were not more people. He said the last meeting held in this area was well attended by the people.

The meeting was scheduled to cover a number of topics: 1) Overview of the origin of federal Indian law; 2) a brief history of current Klamath constitution and by-laws; 3) definition of the terms nation and sovereign; 4) hunting and fishing rights under the 1864 treaty and 5) various court cases (Kimball vs Callahan I and II and Cosent Decree).

The Klamath staff has traveled to various points in Oregon during the past month to present the workshops to its people. Accompanying the staff were Harold Gray and Ken Harwood, consultants of Bear Chief Associates of Missoula, Montana.

Bear Chief Associates has been hired by the Klamath group to prepare a needs assessment questionnaire. The consultants travel with the Klamath group to present the questionnaire. The questions deal with a number of areas which have been defined by the Klamath council. It consists of eight sections: 1) the head of the household; 2) housing information; 3) general household information; 4) health and medical; 5) community; 6) general information; 7) wildlife management information and 8) economic development.

The study will be used to determine the direction of the Klamath people and their government in the future.

Mitchell stated it is important for all Klamaths to fill out the questionnaires. The answers will be evaluated and compiled by Bear Chief Associates with recommendations for the Klamath people and their government. For Klamaths in the central Oregon area who were unable to attend a meeting Mitchell stated they could write to the Klamath Tribal office at P.O. Box 436, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624. A copy of the needs assessment questionnaire will be mailed and it can be returned by mail.

The Klamath staff plans to travel to areas which have a large population of Klamath people at least once a year in the future, according to Mitchell. This summer workshop were presented in Eugene and Salem by the Klamath staff. Mitchell asserted it is important for the Klamath people to attend meetings because it gives them the opportunity to express their ideas and to become involved in the Klamath tribal government.

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