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The Simnasho Longhouse, determined by many too small, will undergo major renovation this year. Tribal Council appropriated \$598,000 for additions and remodeling.

Simnasho Longhouse to be renovated. . . Council appropriates funds

For the first time ever, the Warm Springs Tribal Council appropriated funds for a supplemental budget of \$598,000 which will be used to make improvements and additions to the existing Simnasho Longhouse. The supplemental budget will be handled similarly to the Tribe's annual operating budget—it will be posted for 30 days and there will be a public hearing to discuss the budget. Simnasho elders and community members have been talking about Longhouse renovation since the late 1970s. However, there has not been sufficient excess revenue in the tribal budget to fund such a substantial renovation. Simnasho Longhouse member Pierson Mitchell stated that the

renovation of the Longhouse will "alleviate many problems. The Longhouse was way too small for many of the functions. There's an overheating problem and the ventilation was inadequate." Mitchell was on the committee that selected the plan about two years ago. "It will

about double the size of the Longhouse." Once the budget has been posted for 30 days, a hearing will be held to discuss the budget. The budget was posted two weeks ago. Ninety days from the posting date the budget will be in effect.

NAPA convention set for resort

The first annual Native American Press Association (NAPA) convention will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort March 13 through 16. And, according to NAPA president Tim Giago, the convention, will, without a doubt, decide the future of NAPA.

Registration for the convention is \$35 per person. (Those registered before February 22 paid a \$25 registration fee.) The registration fee includes all workshops. Lunch will be \$5 per person and the banquet will be \$10 per person. The Warm Springs Tribal Council donated \$500 to help defray the cost of those meals.

Workshops scheduled are: Editorial writing, conducted by Richard LaCourse and Mark Trahan; Advertising, conducted by Tim Giago and Loren Tapahe; and Layout and Design, conducted by Anita Austin, Mary Polanco and Mike Burgess. Each workshop will be held twice for the convenience of the conferees. An awards banquet will be held March 15 and will honor those people who submitted works and/or publications in the "Better Newspaper" contest. Categories in the contest are: editorial writing, column writing, feature writing, news and/or photo series, hard news story, sports story, sports photo, general photo, in-house creative advertising and layout and design. Those interested in submitting

entries must include \$5 per entry per category. Deadline for entries is 5 p.m., March 14. It is advised that entries be mailed to Bill Dulancy, 216 Carnegie Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802. Featured opening session speaker will be Rob Armstrong, a radio and print journalist with CBS in New York City. Stan Margulies, a former print journalist and currently a television producer, will be the featured speaker at the awards banquet. Administration for Native Americans commissioner Lynn Engles will also speak at the convention as well as a representative from the Gannett Foundation. Gannett is assisting substantially with the formation of NAPA in the way of funding and technical assistance. Gannett is also providing scholarships for students who are interested in attending the convention.

Buses will run from the Portland airport to Kah-Nee-Ta at 2 and 7 p.m. on March 13. An information table will be set up in the luggage claim area of the airport. Buses will also be provided for return trips to the airport.

Single and double room rates are \$35 per night.

For further information contact the Spilyay Tymoo office at (503) 553-1644 or 553-1161, ext. 274.

Tribes receive housing grant

by Donna Behrend

It was learned in late December, 1984, that a \$3.4 million Mutual Help Project grant was awarded by HUD to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The funding will be used to construct at least 53, three-and four-bedroom single dwelling homes on the reservation, primarily in the Greeley Heights, Wolf Point and Simnasho subdivisions. The program has been termed a "new home ownership" program for low and very low income families.

Project coordinator Jeff Sanders stated that it is the ambition of the Tribe to develop existing subdivisions and that very few homes, if any, will be built on privately-owned land under the program. However, there are not enough sites developed to accommodate the 53 homes.

The local Housing Authority (LHA) will hold the title of each site on which a home is built and the homeowners will be required to sign a lease with the LHA.

Of major concern is that if funds were to be used to construct "scattered site" homes (homes on private land in rural areas), the homes might infringe on grazing or agriculture lands and that the cost for utilities would detract substantially from the total loan program. HUD

estimates that it could cost up to \$45,500 to build a three-bedroom, 1,050 square foot home in a developed subdivision under the Mutual Help Project. It would cost \$10,000 alone to dig a well in addition to the installation of electricity and phone lines and septic tank on private land—expenses that could be avoided if the home was built in a subdivision.

Payments and interest will be based on annual income and the loans, which will be handled through the housing department, will be carried for 25 years. A minimum regular income of \$8,000 per year has been established by the LHA primarily because a home couldn't be properly maintained for 25 years on less than \$8,000 per year. Homeowners will have the option to pay off their homes before 25 years.

Tribal housing director Elton Greeley explained that Mutual Help Project funds have been available on other reservations. HUD found it necessary to require a \$1,500 down payment from each prospective homeowner for road installation and utilities. But, because the subdivisions are already developed or will be developed soon, HUD has waived the downpayment.

A three-bedroom home will be approximately 1,100 square feet, according to the LHA. But Sanders estimates that each

home could be larger (200 to 300 square feet) and be built for the same price. And because the sites are already developed, construction costs of each home will be less, thus possibly more than 53 homes.

The LHA will be going to Tribal Council in March for approval and a resolution that will concur with HUD's program. Community meetings are also planned in March to explain the program to tribal members who may be interested and eligible for the program.

There is a list of ten eligibility requirements for individuals will be considered for the low-interest loans. They are: 1) participant must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; 2) participants must be entitled to sign a homesite lease upon purchase of housing unit; 3) participant must have a family situation with at least two children in the household. (Single-parent families could be eligible. If legal custody of children is in question, participant must have

legal documentation from the tribal court which provides for permanent legal custody.)

4. Participant must have regular annual income of at least \$8,000 and may not exceed the HUD income limits established for the Mutual Help Program; 5) Participant must be able to pay utility and maintenance expenses on a regular basis; 6) people who are currently tenants in Warm Springs Tribal and HUD rental units must be current with their rent and maintenance charges and they must be satisfactorily meeting their financial obligations to the tribe; 7) participants must have good credit rating; 8) participants must have a satisfactory history with their dwelling unit upkeep according to housing department standards; 9) participants may not have ownership interest in a housing unit which is not a part of the Mutual Help Project and 10) participants must be willing to comply with all rules and regulations which are established for the Mutual Help Program.

WSFPI shows loss in 1984

Attributing poor market conditions and a bad economy, the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries annual report was presented to approximately 80 tribal members at the Agency Longhouse February 25. A \$1.8 million loss was reported, the first loss since 1981 and 1982.

The most positive aspect of 1984 was that the mill maintained continuous operations even though many mills throughout the northwest reduced operations or even shut down completely. The mill had record high employment during the year with 345 employees, 158 of whom were tribal members, members of other tribes or married into the tribe. Total payroll for the year was \$8.6 million; payroll to tribal members and affiliates exceeded \$3.1 million. Both employment and payroll were the highest in the past ten years.

Sales were down 12.8 percent from the 1983 record high to approximately \$29.4 million. The Board of Directors has maintained a policy objective to pay-

ing a 25 percent dividend to the Confederated Tribes on the previous year's profits. A combined regular and special dividend totaling \$2 million was paid in

early 1984. Since no profits were developed during 1984, a regular dividend was not declared in 1985.

Although the year turned out

to be a disappointment in terms of profits, the other objectives relating to local employment were satisfactorily achieved.

Names given

A name giving ceremony was held at the Simnasho Longhouse January 1, 1985. Following is a list of those who received names and the names they received.

Michael Foster, son of Gregory and Darlene Foster. Received name: Wiwanaasat Yawanaasat. Meaning: drummer and singer of waasat songs. From: grandmothers' male relative—maybe brother.

Matthew Vaith, son of Paul Vaith and Violetta Wallulatum Vaith. Received name: Walax-waamit. Meaning: trying something way up high. From: pimx (paternal uncle) from (Ne)spelem.

Danelle Sahme, daughter of Jimmy Sahme and Lila Suppah. Received name: Skwaimt. From: Millie Queahpama. Meaning: Millie Queahpama was

a servant of sacred food and ceremonies.

Patrick Mitchell, traded his name Wasq'upat for the name Maq'istaxal which belonged to Clayton Queahpama, brother to Matilda Mitchell.

Billy Speak Thunder, son of Mike Speak Thunder and Lisa Wallulatum. Received name: Wasq'upat.

Reggie Heath, son of Kirby Heath and Lisa Wallulatum. Received name: C'walut. Meaning: chief. From: Frank Queahpama ancestors.

Elfreda Smith, daughter of Emerson (Chief) Smith and Katie Smith. Received name: K'awinit. Meaning: A doctor person, wealthy, with cattle and good home.

Timothy Little, son of Ursula Little, was named by his grandfather Lilly Heath.



Kirby Heath operates a Reimann machine while patching veneer at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.