

Dance Theatre takes Danell around world



Danell Tailfeathers joined the American Indian Dance Theatre in 1987.

As part of the American Indian Dance Theatre, Danell Tailfeathers has been dancing her way around parts of the United States, Canada and Europe. The experience and knowledge gained in her travels have proven to be valuable tools which have shaped Danell into a mature and confident young woman.

Danell recently returned to Warm Springs for a brief visit following an eight-week dancing appearance in Paris, France. The dance troupe,

consisting of 27 Native Americans from the U.S. and Canada, performed six days a week, with Mondays off. The work is hard, said Danell, but it's fun.

Danell and her father, Charley Tailfeathers, were among the original members of the American Indian Theatre when it began in 1987. The early part of the tour took the pair first to Colorado Springs for two weeks then to Beverly Hills, California. The troupe took a break during the summer and fall of 1987 and Danell rejoined the group in November. A three week stint in Washington, D.C. was followed by a two-week visit to Albany, New York and Guelph, Ontario Canada.

In August, 1988, Danell and the troupe traveled to Italy for a 10-day appearance followed by a two-week break, during which Danell was able to come home. A three-week West Coast tour took the troupe from Seattle to Los Angeles. Newspaper clippings collected by Danell during the West Coast tour show the performances were widely accepted. Each performance received rave reviews.

Danell and her dad were recruited for the Theatre by producer Barbara Schwei who spent several years touring the United States attending powwows to spot top dancers from numerous tribes and to gain insight to tribal cultural beliefs. Through the Theatre, Schwei is sharing that knowledge. Danell now helps select top dancers at various powwows so that the troupe will consist of the best dancers available.

The entourage of dancers is increasing awareness among people who are unfamiliar with Indian dancing, and tribal cultures and traditions. Dances performed include a Hoop Dance, Shield Dance, Ruffle Dance and Grass Dance. Danell participates in the Lady's Fancy Dance and the Zuni Rainbow and Buffalo Dances.

Danell admits her self-confidence has increased. Her mom, Nancy, pointed out that Danell is more independent now. "It really has brought me out," said Danell.

As for being away from home so much, Danell said, "A lot of people miss home, I don't because I know my home and family will always be there for me. The Theatre is also my home." She'll remain with the troupe as long as she enjoys it and continues to have fun.

Danell encourages young people to think beyond the boundaries of the reservation. "I wish other young people would think about dancing and see the world. Don't get married—get out and about," said Danell.

Danell will be leaving next week for a tour of the New England states that will be followed by a five-day break. After that, who knows? The possibility of a tour of the Mid-East has been mentioned. Wherever she goes, Danell will surely enjoy the area and its people.

February 10, 11 and 12...

Annual Lincoln's Birthday powwow set for Simnasho

The annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse February 10, 11 and 12.

The three day celebration will begin Friday at 6:30 p.m. with new joiners ceremonies. Grand entry will begin at 7 p.m. followed by three-member open team dance for men and women at 8:30 p.m.

Championship round selections will begin at 9:20 and will include girls and boys traditional for those between six and 12 years of age; girls and boys fancy for those 16 years of age and under; girls and boys traditional for those 13 to 16 years of age; mens and womens fancy for those 17 years of age and over; and, mens and womens traditional for those over 17 years of age.

Three owl dances will conclude Friday's events.

A special, one time Antique Dress Exhibition, the "Isabelle Keo Memorial" will be held throughout the powwow.

Saturday, February 11 will feature two sessions. The afternoon session will begin with grand entry at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. The evening session will begin at 7 p.m. Both sessions will feature the championship round selections for all categories. At 11:30 p.m. the Herb Stwyer Recognition Award and the Queahpama Sisters Award will be presented. The evening's activities will conclude at 12 midnight.

Sunday activities will resume at 10 a.m. with Washat Services. A self-government and sovereignty traditional feast will be held at 12 noon. Grand entry will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by championship, finals and awards.

The next issue of Spilyay will include the agenda of the powwow, and will give exact times of each event.

—Senior Queen Candidates—



Joanna Brisbois



Merle Kirk



Ina Jim

Five girls are selling raffle tickets for the powwow. Three on the senior court are vying for queen and two younger girls are running for Lincoln's Sweetheart. Items on the raffle include cash prizes, Indian crafts, blankets and much, much more. Tickets, which are \$1 each, can be purchased before or during the powwow.

—Lincoln's Sweethearts—



Chrystal Scott



Bernadette Smith

MOIHS to purchase artifacts

The Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society artifact purchase for 1989 has been scheduled.

Forms can be picked up at the Museum office and must be completed and returned along with the artifact to the Museum office by January 31, 1989.

Only artifacts listed below will be accepted for appraisal, and limited to one object/artifact per applicant per family. The artifacts must be antique with 50 year history. All artifacts should be in excellent condition.

Those artifacts considered will be:

1. Historical photographs or documents from tribal member family collections for purchase or loan; with 50 years of history.
2. Old-time womens or girls elk tooth Indian dress.
3. Old-time wedding veil (real dentalium) old-time dentalium braids ties.
4. Old-time cornhusk hats

(women) and cornhusk root storage bags.

5. Old-time fully beaded buckskin vest (mens).

6. Old huckleberry baskets—Klickitat and willow baskets.

If you have any questions, contact the MOIHS Museum staff: Liz Cross, Beulah Calica or Mico Chase at 2148 Kota St. or phone 553-1161, ext. 331 or 338.

Creelman staff chief

Dr. Thomas Creelman has been named the Chief of Staff of Mt. View Hospital and Nursing Home in Madras. Creelman is a family practice physician at the Indian Health Service Clinic in Warm Springs.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine, Creelman served his internship in San Jose, California and is

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Resort seeking employees, dancers, woodcutters

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is gearing up for another busy season, and they are seeking applications from people who want to be on a winning team. The resort is expecting a very busy season and wants to get people hired and trained. If you want to be a part of this team, please contact the resort's personnel department or visit the resort and fill out an application.

On February 3 and 4, Kah-Nee-Ta is offering a hiring clinic for people interested in applying for positions such as bartender, waiter/waitress, cocktail waiter/waitress or snack bar attendant. Two sessions will be held daily. Morning sessions run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions run from 1 to 5 p.m. Sessions will be held in the Warm Springs Room at the Lodge. Applications must be

completed upon arrival for the hiring clinics.

Other positions available include bellman, front desk clerks, room attendants, cashiers, bus persons and lifeguards.

For more information on the hiring clinics, contact Joe Capretto at 553-1112.

Attention to all tribal members who want to participate in Kah-Nee-Ta traditional salmon bakes during 1989.

There will be an organizational meeting for all interested parties who want to cook at the Resort's public and private salmon bakes and to participate in the Sunday Indian dances at Kah-Nee-Ta Village. The meeting will be held February 28, 1989, beginning at 6 p.m.

at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge.

Rules and regulations for the dances and salmon bakes have changed and participants need to be informed. If you want your group or team of individuals to participate, you MUST attend this meeting. A phone number is also required.

If you have any questions, contact Rosaline Moran at 553-1112.

—ATTENTION—

—TRIBAL MEMBERS—

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is now accepting bids for the 1989 seasonal wood contract. Specification sheets can be picked up at the Kah-

Nee-Ta Lodge front desk.

Specifications:
Village Teepee Park: 14" to 16" in length by 6" to 8" in width. Cut, split delivered and stacked in designated area. Approximate usage per year: 25 cords.
Lodge Fireplace: 24" to 36" in length by 16" to 18" in width. Cut and delivered to designated area. Approximate usage per year: 20 cords.

All orders will be placed on Monday with delivery guaranteed by Thursday for payment.

Please send sealed bids to:

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort (Wood Bids)
P.O. Box K
Warm Springs, OR 97761

Drug team arrests pair on multiple drug charges

On January 10, 1989, members of the Inter Agency Narcotics Task Team, which consists of BIA federal agents, deputies from the Jefferson County sheriff's office and officers from the Madras Police department, received information that drug selling transactions were taking place out of a car parked near Macy's store. Law enforcement agents responded, initiating surveillance on the suspect vehicle and occupants. When the car left the parking lot, officers pulled them over and questioned the driver, Basilio Gomez, 22, and his passenger, Regina LeClaire Gomez, 29, both of Madras.

Upon receiving consent to search the car, officers found 17.7 grams

of cocaine, which has the approximate value of \$2,200, and \$1,106 in cash on Basilio Gomez. Both were arrested on charges of possession, delivery and manufacture of a controlled substance. Regina LeClaire, a tribal member, was charged by the Warm Springs Tribal Court and booked at the Warm Springs jail and held on \$500 bail.

Basilio Gomez, a non-Indian, was transported to Jefferson County jail and held on \$15,000 bail.

The Inter Agency Narcotics Task Team seized the 1973 Buick used by Gomez and the \$1,106, initiating federal and state legal forfeiture actions for its unlawful use in the transportation of narcotics on the Warm Springs reservation.

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