



Bernice Mitchell instructs Nancy Kirk (Center) and Leslie Squiempfen in the art of wing-dress making March 16. Class sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Parent Club.

Native art to be featured in auction

The work of American Indian artists from all over the Northern Hemisphere will be featured at the "Positively Indian!" Art Auction which will take place May 23, 1989 in the Portland Hilton Hotel ballroom in Portland, Oregon.

Sponsored by the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Association (NWICWA) in conjunction with the 7th National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, this event will be the first art show and auction of its kind ever to be held in the Portland area. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit NWICWA.

In October, 1983 the Parry Center for Children founded the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Institute in response to an increasing demand for improved services for American Indian children. In 1987 that Institute became the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Association, Inc., a new private non-profit organization dedicated to helping Indian children. A grant from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust has ensured a healthy start for this new Indian organization.

Entertainment, culture and fun will set the tone for this art/charity (mutual) benefit. This unique show and auction will provide a perfect opportunity for serious art collectors or enthusiasts to experience the finest art work that North American Indian artists have to offer.

Artists wishing to donate art work to the "Positively Indian!" Art Auction may do so by writing to the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Association, Inc., C/O RRI, P.O. Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207.

IHS clinic schedule noted

Audiology Clinic
8:00 A.M. to 9:30 a.m. (Hearing test only)
Every second Tuesday in conjunction with Otolaryngology Clinic (9:30-4:30 p.m.)

Diabetic Clinic
Every second and fourth Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Diabetic breakfast is held the fourth Thursday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Diabetic Project
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. at the Community Center

Otolaryngology Clinic
Every second Tuesday
Dr. Lee-9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., January, March, May, July, September and November

Dr. Schieuing-9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. February, April, June, August, October and December

Pediatric Clinic
Every third Thursday
Dr. Dee Robertson, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Prenatal clinic
Every third Tuesday
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens' Clinic
Every Friday
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Well Child Clinic
Every first and third Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Clinic is closed from 8:00 a.m. to noon every Wednesday

Tribes respond to AFL-CIO threat—Continued from page 1

mental services such as police, fire protection, ambulance services, education, job training, senior citizen pensions, housing development and social services. Just as important, the mill provides many jobs for tribal members and our neighbors off the reservation. We worked with the union for over 20 years and always kept the mill open during good times and bad because of these other important roles that the mill plays."

Ken Smith, tribal Chief Executive Officer, noted that "A small group of employees forced the confrontation. A little over 10 percent of the employees voted for a strike that could have severely crippled the entire tribal government as well as the economy of Jefferson County. They directly attacked the right of the Tribes to govern the reservation. This was a right secured to the Tribes by our treaty of 1855 with

the Federal government. For most businesses a strike is a purely economic thing. With the Tribes, it can threaten our very existence by cutting off the revenues that fund government services on the reservation."

According to tribal attorney Jim Noteboom, "Everything the Tribes have done has been strictly according to the law. The federal agency charged with enforcing U.S. labor laws has agreed with the Tribe's interpretation of the law and rejected the union's position. Basically, NLRB officials have concluded that the Tribes are entitled to the same exemption from the labor laws that state and federal governments are. This exemption recognizes that the impact of a strike on a government, be it state, federal, or tribal, has serious consequences beyond just economic impacts. The threatened boycott is another attempt to cri-

ple the Tribes and is likely to strengthen the Tribes' resolve to protect its sovereign status. It may very well end up hurting the very employees that the union is supposedly trying to protect."

Macy made the point that, "unlike many other instances in the Northwest where mills have cut wages after the union ceased being a bargaining agent for the employees, WSFPI has maintained wages at the same level as before the contract expired. We have had serious economic problems at the mill because of the inability to handle the smaller logs that are being harvested from the tribal forest. We asked the union to just stick with us until we got a new mill to allow us to operate more profitably. Then, we said, we could talk about a wage increase. We hope to have the new facility open within a year. The strike only served to

delay the construction of the new mill. Besides that, it had a severe impact on the tribal and Jefferson County economies, not only hurting the mill, but putting tribal loggers out of work and reducing stumpage payments to the Tribes."

The Tribes, in recent years, have actively been trying to create jobs, benefiting both tribal members and the large non-Indian community in Jefferson and Wasco counties. "We want to be a positive force in the community and state. We try to create good jobs that pay good wages. After all, most of our tribal members work for the tribal government and tribal enterprises," said Jackson. "We tried to work with the union but a small minority of union members chose confrontation rather than negotiation and now we are all in a very difficult position. We want the public to realize that we do care about our employees and will protect them; but, our responsibility as a Tribal Council is to protect the Tribes' right under our treaty and under federal law. The right of tribal government to oversee the reservation was challenged and we had no choice but to respond as we did."

Continuing, Jackson added, "The Warm Springs tribes have always prided themselves on their ability to work out differences with outside groups. That is why, up until this year, we have always gotten along with the union and never had a strike. The Tribes are certainly not anti-union. Union contractors, for years, have bid on reservation jobs and the Tribes have encouraged them to do so. We hope that the union will recognize that in the long run our aims regarding the protection of the work force are similar and that efforts to economically damage the Tribes and their workforce will hurt the very people they are trying to protect. We should be looking for common ground, not attacking each other," Jackson concluded.

Area office accepts apportionment petition

The following memorandum was received by Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum March 13. The memo is from assistant area director Wilford G. Bowker.

According to Article IX of the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, one-third of the qualified voters may petition the Secretary of the Interior to call an election to amend the tribal Constitution. Pursuant thereto, a petition bearing

632 signatures was presented to the Superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency.

As of the date of the filing of the petition there were 1,704 qualified voters. Our review and action is governed by Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations Part 82. Our review indicates 599 qualified voters signed the petition which fulfills the requirement of Article IX of the Tribes' Constitution. There were no challenges made on the grounds of forgery of the signatures on the

petition or lack of proper qualifications of a signor.

Therefore, it is our decision to accept the petition as sufficient and it is hereby accepted. You are also notified that the proposed amendments are now under legal review in preparation of a Secretarial Election and the election must be held no later than June 1, 1989 and will be governed by Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81, and the new amendments to Section 16 of the IRA, Public Law 100-581.

Input at meetings very valuable

by Judy Charley

There was an exceptional turnout at the monthly Five-Year Strategic Health Plan task force meeting March 15. Those attending actively participated and offered valuable input. These people should be proud of their willingness to lend their support, participation, guidance and direction to the task force.

Task force membership expects to broaden the bases by including and involving more young parents,

the youth (all ages) in our community health promotion and disease prevention efforts. They also want to ensure that the elderly are represented, thus continually drawing on the strengths and teachings of our way of life.

There was immediate recognition to address those health and social problems that have the greatest impact on our very future: the very young, teens and our unborn. The key to this is to emphasize the need to protect a child's right to a healthy life by addressing the issues of child neglect and abuse (physi-

cal/sexual) and alcohol and drug abuse. We must determine what impact these issues have on our community as well as our children. It is crucial that we continually invest in our greatest resource: the human resource which includes our very young, and more importantly, our unborn.

Education is the beacon to the very future of Warm Springs and a determining factor as to how we survive and become economically self-sufficient and a healthier community in the 1990s and on into the next century.

It is the well informed individual or family that takes these new knowledge and skills and makes optimum lifestyle choices and changes. In order for Warm Springs to realize its full potential we need to become aware and deal with those health and social concerns that have the greatest impact and then decide how best to address them.

The task force has invited Jerry Endres, community development specialist from Stanford University, to present his "team building" concept April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Refreshments will be served.

The concept of team management and its development is the result of a consistent effort to build and maintain an effective team. Two major goals of such a team are to establish a system that will ensure, if any agreements and actions are made, that they will be implemented in a timely fashion. Another goal is to place emphasis on the continued use of team building practices.

By making productive use of the three key ingredients that comprise a team, those being individual, group and work to be accomplished, an individual can become a part of the team and be a productive member of the team's work environment. The four phases to accomplish this process are, 1. assessing the need for change; 2. the approach to change; 3. team action plan and, 4. monitoring results or evaluation.

Tax workshops set

Tribal members wishing assistance in completion of tax returns are in luck if they missed the first tax workshop.

Isher & Company have agreed to hold another workshop which is set for March 28 and 29, 1989 at the Tribal Administration Building. In order to have times available for people to conveniently schedule their "off work hours" two days have been set aside.

Please call the finance office at 553-1161, ext. 217 and ask for Jo Ann Smith who will make an appointment for you. Time available will be:

Tuesday, March 28—11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29—8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Those taking advantage of this free service are asked to be prompt for their appointments and to bring the necessary tax documents.

Senior news

On March 10, 15 of our Senior Citizens attended the 10th Annual Yakima Indian Nation Elders Day Dinner at the Cultural Center in Toppenish, Washington.

Q.: I was told there is a medical card I can get from the clinic that assures me medical care wherever I go in the U.S. Is this true?

A.: No. I'm afraid there is no such card.

The Senior Program asks everyone who has used our building who possibly borrowed some of our pans and spoons, please return them to the building.

Matilda Mitchell has lost an old-time white buckskin ceremonial dress during Susan Moses' funeral. Anyone having information on the dress, please contact the Senior Building at 553-1161, ext. 310.

Bacterial disease—

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two, which unfortunately is the age group with the highest risk. Those children can safely take the medicine described in number 11.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Indian Health Clinic at 553-1197. If you still have questions that have not been answered, you may then contact Dr. L.D. Robertson, Jr. at the Portland Area Indian Health Service. Please do not contact the IHS clinic on the Yakima Reservation as they are extremely busy in trying to provide appropriate care to the people who live in their area.



Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson, left, recently accepted a \$300,000 check from Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society board of directors chairman Delbert Frank. The check, from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, represents just one of the many grants that MOIHS is hoping to attain for the new museum.

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