

## Returnees honored at parade, powwow



Marcia Macy, foreground, joined others at services following the Patriots Welcome Home Parade April 6. Shown next to Macy is Pete Benson, a soldier from Redmond who recently returned from the Gulf.



Shauna Queahpama-Craig was the center of attention during the parade held in her honor.



A special dance was held in Shauna's honor during the third annual Travelers Traditional Powwow held at Simnasho. Shauna said later that she is "proud that the older people approve" of what's she doing in the Army.

A kind deed by a good Samaritan eventually led a young serviceman to Warm Springs for the Patriots Parade April 6.

Pete Benson's mother, of Redmond, happened upon Robin Mitchell and her three children in their disabled car between Bend and Redmond. Local police were helpful in arranging a trip home for Robin and her passengers, but Pete's mom wasn't satisfied. She brought the quartet home herself.

In conversation, Robin learned that the Good Samaritan had a son who had recently returned from his Navy ship in the Gulf. On hearing this information, Robin and her mom Faye Wahenka extended an invitation to the Benson family to attend the Welcome Home parade April 6. Pete walked his way through Warm Springs carrying a borrowed flag.

Pete was obviously pleased with the event and touched by the support shown by Warm Springs residents. He was discharged by the Navy in February after five years' service. He spent five months in the Gulf. Having received little, if any, recognition from Redmond residents, Pete must have felt the Parade to be a satisfying result of a job well done.

## The old days—

My last column contained Agent John Smith's annual report for 1874. This column contains John Smith's first annual report for 1866. Smith's predecessor was William P. Logan, who served from June 13, 1861 until his death on July 30, 1865. Logan drowned when the Steamer Brother Jonathan sunk.

Sir: In accordance with the regulations of the Indian department I have the honor to submit the following as my first annual report upon the condition of the Indian affairs at this agency.

I was first put in possession of this agency, and the Indian department property belonging to the same, on the 31st day of March 1866.

When taking possession I found nearly all of the Indians in a destitute condition. Their crops last year having failed, and a very severe and cold winter following, compelled them to use all of the wheat, corn, and potatoes which they had reserved for the seed to subsist them until the snows had disappeared from the hills, enabling them to dig roots on which to subsist until the fishing season. I immediately purchased with their annuity fund and issued to them a sufficient quantity of seed wheat, corn, oats, and potatoes, and I was well pleased with the willingness and energy with which they commenced their farming operations. There being no seed grain on hand belonging to the department, a portion of that which was purchased with the annuity fund was used in seeding down the department farm.

I found the department horses and work-oxen and the horses belonging to the Indians very poor and weak, and wholly unfit for labor of any kind, and there being no forage on hand with which to feed them, they were left with only such food as they got by grazing on the hills. This caused the Indians to be very backward in putting in their spring crops.

The Indians broke twenty-five acres of new ground in May, a portion of which was planted with corn, but too late to produce any crop this season.

The Indians were well satisfied with the appearance of their crop till about the middle of May, when the grasshoppers made their appearance in much greater numbers and two months earlier than they did last year. The grasshoppers first made their appearance in fields located at different points upon the reserve, and would entirely consume the crops growing thereon before committing the least damages to crops growing in the adjoining fields. A great many of the Indian's crops of wheat, oats, and garden vegetables have been entirely destroyed by them, and but a very few, if any, of their crops have entirely escaped their ravages.

The wheat crop at the commencement of harvest presented a fine appearance until carefully examined. The wheat stalks were large and very tall, but leafless, and the heads but partially filled with very light shrivelled grains, which will not average in weight more than 54 pounds per bushel.

During the present harvest I have visited every Indian's farm upon this reserve, and after a careful examination of their crops, and from the information I could gain in conversing with them, have made the following estimate of their crops of wheat, corn, oats, and potatoes, the number of Indian engaged in raising the same, and the tribe to which each of said Indians belonged, viz: 1,335 bushels wheat, 71 bushels corn, and 256 bushels potatoes, raised by sixteen Indians belonging to the DesChutes tribe; 1,352 bushels wheat, 161 bushels corn, 31 bushels oats, and 480 bushels potatoes, raised by thirty-eight men belonging to the Wasco tribe; 655 bushels wheat, 169 bushels corn, and 194 bushels potatoes, raised by thirty-three men belonging to the Tygh tribe. Total number bushels wheat raised 3,342; corn, 344; oats, 31; potatoes, 930. Total number of Indians engaged in farming operations, 87.

The number of acres under cultivation by the Indians this year, is estimated as follows, viz: 260 acres in wheat, 10 acres in oats, 20 acres in corn, 60 acres in potatoes, 25 acres in garden vegetables. Total number of acres under cultivation, 375.

If the grasshoppers had not visited us this year I am confident that wheat crop would have amounted to 5,000 bushels and the oat crop to 400 bushels.

Information for this column is researched and provided by Warm Springs tribal attorney Jim Noteboom.

## International Trade Fair set for May 9

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise development and its American Indian Procurement and Technical Assistance Project (AIPTAP) will sponsor the fourth annual International Business Trade Fair on Thursday, May 9, 1991, at the Red Lion Inn at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"Eighty Indian business enterprises owned by tribes and individuals throughout the United States exhibited in the 1990 trade fair," said Glenn Wright, Procurement Director of AIPTAP, funded by the Defense Logistics Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense, "and next year's trade fair promises to be even more successful with even more exhibitors including some enterprises from Canada."

The National Center expects more than 150 government agency and private industry buyers to attend the trade fair.

"Apache Aerospace Company landed a contract from McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Company at the 1990 trade fair," said Glenn Wright. Many other exhibitors signed contracts with attendees in the months following the trade fair.

Exhibit space is limited; booths will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity and reserve your booth early. Your registration includes a 10' x 10' booth and a ticket to the Indian Business Awards Luncheon. Each company's profile will be published in the trade fair directory which will be furnished to all buyers attending the International Indian Business Trade Fair and

Reservation Economic Summit on Private Sector Development.

All companies interested in buying a booth will be required to show proof of Indian ownership and control of the business. If you have any questions, you may contact the American Indian Procurement and Technical Assistance Project at (818) 442-3701 in California or toll free at 1 (800) 423-0452 elsewhere.

## COBRA offers training

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance is hosting a Volunteer Training Seminar in Sisters on April 13th and April 20th. COBRA has many volunteer opportunities. You can make a difference. For more information, please call 382-9227.

## Communications coordinator needed

The Lummi Indian Nation of Bellingham is looking for a full-time Communications Coordinator to develop and implement a communications program for Tribal members and the non-Tribal community inside and outside the reservation.

Considered applicants will have a bachelor's or master's degree in journalism, english, technical writing, or another communications field, or in public or business administration.

One to three years of relevant professional experience including demonstrated writing skills and knowledge of print production is required. Experience with Tribal affairs preferred.

Salary ranges \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year depending on experience.

Send resume, cover letter and references to: Clayton Finkbonner, Lummi Indian Business Council, 2616 Kwinia Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226-9298. Deadline is May 17, 1991.

## Membership recruitment begins for national museum



logo. It was designed by Larry DesJarlais, a North Dakota Chipewya who is a faculty member at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, N.M. The logo, the artist says, "represents Native Americans as a holistically balanced people. A sunlike symbol, representing a headdress, is placed solidly upon Mother Earth, emphasizing the link between the two. The symbol reflects the sun's significance to many tribes."

The director of the National Museum of the American Indian, W. Richard West, Jr. (a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), noted that the museum's fund-raising campaign will emphasize several broadly based efforts such as the membership drive. "We are pursuing our funding needs with a different approach," he said. "This museum must belong to all Americans and we hope that they will participate in its development."

The National Museum of the American Indian will have two public facilities and a storage facility: A museum in Washington, D.C.; and exhibition and education facility in New York City; and a storage, conservation and research center in Suitland, Md. The Washington, D.C., museum will open later in the decade on the National Mall, between the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and the U.S. Capitol.

Director West says the National Museum of the American Indian will be a living museum, a focal point of Indian art, music, litera-

ture, dance, philosophy and theater in the United States. It will provide a resource for Native Americans who wish to study their own history and a training opportunity for Indian students.

Currently, the museum's collection is displayed in a building at 155th Street and Broadway in New York City, the former Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. The Heye Foundation collection, legally transferred to the Smithsonian in June 1990, has been called the largest and most comprehensive collection of Indian art and artifacts in the world. It includes one-of-a-kind items such as Sitting Bull's drum and Geronimo's hat. The objects represent cultures of North, South and Central America and span thousands of years, from the prehistoric era to the present.

Beginning in 1993, the New York facility will move to a new site in the Old U.S. Custom House in lower Manhattan. This facility will offer special programs and performances in addition to exhibitions focusing on the cultures of native peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

Charter membership in the museum is being offered for a contribution of \$20, which entitles the members to a free subscription to Native Peoples, a full-color quarterly magazine dedicated to the sensitive portrayal of the arts and lifestyles of Native Americans. The magazine, now the official publication of the National Museum of the American Indian, is published in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition,

charter members receive a members-only discount in Smithsonian museum shops and the mail-order catalog; free admission to the museum at 155th Street and Broadway in New York; and invitations to join Smithsonian study tours.

Current Smithsonian Associates may enroll as charter members at an annual cost of \$18, with the same benefits described above. A contribution of \$35 automatically brings the member an additional publication--Smithsonian Runner, a bimonthly insiders' newsletter on Native American projects and activities at the Smithsonian.

The membership drive is the first phase in the museum's fund-raising campaign, which must secure from private sources one-third of the construction costs of the Washington, D.C., Mall Museum. Last fall, actor/director Kevin Costner attended the world premiere of "Dances With Wolves" (winner of seven Oscars at the 63rd annual Academy Awards ceremony), which was shown as a benefit for the institution's new museum and the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program (the Washington, D.C., area membership program for the institution).

Though in its earliest stages, the museum's fund-raising campaign has received more than 1,500 individual contributions as a result of an announcement which appeared in four newspapers on January 7, 1991. In the 11 weeks since then, gifts have been received every day, with the average gift totaling more than \$38.

## Housing news—

### Mean dogs

The Housing Department is receiving reports about mean dogs. If you have a dog, remember the dog may not be mean to you or your children. It may chase or even bite somebody else. This may be a dangerous situation, so please watch your dog. Also, if you have a dog, watch them so they won't dig in the garbage cans. A lot of work goes into picking the trash up so be courteous to your neighbors and to the community. With spring clean up taking place, the trash will be picked up. Let us all work together to keep it clean.

### Clean spaces

Another reminder to Trailer Court tenants to start cleaning their trailer spaces, and getting rid of all the old appliances, clothes, and non-operating cars. It is against your lease agreement to repair cars in your yard or driveway and on the street. It is dangerous to the children, and it looks awful. Everyone work together and clean up the community.

Notices will be out soon on clean up week and when the trucks will be around to pick up everything.

### Thanks to you

The Housing Department would like to thank all the tenants for keeping their inspection appointments. Everything went on schedule and the evaluations will be done by the first week in April. The few that were missed will be scheduled as soon as possible, so if you did not have yours done, call the Housing office for a time that is good for you. The Housing office is proud to say everyone is doing well in taking care of their units, a few repairs that will be taken care of as soon as possible. As soon as the inspections and survey of fire extinguisher and smoke detectors are done, a man from Columbia Gorge Fire Equipment will be around to recharge and check them. A reminder on spring clean up which will be in April. Lets work together on cleaning up the community.

This week, more than 200,000 Americans will receive a letter asking if they will release potent forces capable of changing the world around them. The letter reminds its readers that many Native American tribes believe that humans, animals and nature are intertwined with the spirit world. The letter goes on to ask if the readers will believe in that kind of power long enough to learn about, join as members of and contribute to the newest museum in the Smithsonian family--the National Museum of the American Indian.

The membership recruitment package launches a national membership campaign in which Americans are asked to become charter members of the first national museum dedicated to the history and culture of Native Americans.

This membership campaign also introduces the museum campaign