

Seeksequa clean-up planned May 4

All Seeksequa people are invited to get out and help with the Spring Cleanup for our area. The day of May 4, 1991 has been set aside for all families to be involved.

Seeksequa cleanup will begin from the "Old Presbyterian Church" at about milepost 8.5 and extend along both Lower Seeksequa and Upper Seeksequa main roads. This may also include your residential area. So, bag your trash and pile it along the side of the road for pick-up.

All Seeksequa families are encouraged to get out on May 4, 1991 (Saturday) and help with the roadside cleanup.

We will be having a Seeksequa Barbeque later in the afternoon for all helpers! The barbeque will be held across from the Old Presbyterian Church around 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers and other meat will be provided. All helpers are en-

couraged to bring a salad, main dish, fruit, dessert. Pop and ice will be provided.

Any questions? Get in touch with Carol Wewa, Brenda Scott, or Cheryl Tom.

Immunization date set

Indian Health Service, in cooperation with the Head Start programs, has set up a schedule for doing physical exams and immunization updates for all children born between September 2, 1990 and September 1, 1991. This work will

be done on Thursday, May 9, between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Center.

Children who did not have labwork done on April 17th need to be taken to the clinic to have that work done prior to May 9th. The labwork, physicals, and immunization updates are all requirements for children entering the Head Start and Tribal Preschool programs.



Contract Signed—Ed Manion, left, Delbert Frank, center, and Steve Andersen, right, signed the museum construction contract April 26. Andersen's firm, S.M. Andersen, was selected to construct the new facility. Work will begin May 7 or 8 and is scheduled to be complete March 28, 1992.

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and distinguished tradition of service in the Armed Forces of the United States; (2) all American Indian service men and women currently or heretofore deployed in the Persian Gulf region as part of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and (3) the families of American Indian service men and women and members of Indian tribes nationwide who have

supported their loved ones through traditional ceremonies and have prayed for the safety and continued strength of all American forces and Allied partners.

Section 2. Condolences.

The Congress expresses its condolences to the families whose loved ones have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their nation and in the cause of peace.

Class offered

A five-hour class in creating backyard wildlife habitat is being offered again this spring at The High Desert Museum in Bend from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 1991, as part of the Urban Naturalist Series.

Instructors Jim and Pat Van Vlaek, consultants for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sunriver Nature Center and other organizations around the state, will teach participants how to identify existing habitat, while enhancing and creating the elements of food, water, and cover that are needed year-round for wildlife to thrive in backyard environments.

The fee for the class is \$9. To register, mail check to The High Desert Museum, 59800 S. Highway 97, Bend, OR 97702, or call 382-4754 by Thursday, May 9.

Teen parent conference set

If you are a teen parent, now or 20 years ago, a parent or a friend to a teen parent, the teen students of the Madras High School Teen Parent Program have scheduled a teen parent conference for Saturday, May 18 at Madras High School, 650 10th Street from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The conference is designed to recognize the hard work it is to be a teen parent and how hard it is to continue school. Workshops will be held throughout the day and childcare will be provided on site by trained providers for children under age four until 3:30 p.m., excluding lunch time from 12 to 1 p.m. Parents will need to provide food and other basic needs such as

diapers, change of clothing, etc. Lunch and snacks will be provided for children who eat solid foods.

There will be information booths with a variety of information from agencies and individuals in the community.

The registration fee for the conference is \$5 per person or \$8 per family. Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration in advance is required for community members and teenagers requiring childcare. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and workshops begin at 9:30.

For more information contact Teen Parent Program coordinator Lisbet Hornung at 475-7265.

Contract signed, construction to begin

The ink was flowing and the papers were flying at Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society (MOIHS) museum construction contract signing ceremonies April 26. The contract was awarded to S.M. Andersen Company of Portland. The Andersen bid was \$3.683 million, well under other bidders. Construction is scheduled to begin May 7 or 8, 1991, with completion expected by the end of March, 1992.

A second groundbreaking ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 7 at the site. It is hoped that members of Tribal Council, tribal CEO Ken Smith and MOIHS board members will be present at the hour-long

ceremonies which are scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

S.M. Andersen, owned by Steve Andersen, has vast construction experience. The firm built the Spirit of the West building for the High Desert Museum in Bend, the Hampton Inn in Bend, the addition to the Black Butte Ranch Lodge near Sisters and numerous other projects throughout Oregon.

The company was formed in 1974 and is committed to bring the "MOIHS project the highest quality possible, the optimum project value and, most importantly, a completed project that will add the MOIHS" to their long list of satisfied customers.

The contract with MOIHS includes \$105,792 for tribal member sub-contractors and another \$76,000 for tribal labor. S.M. Andersen is committed to hiring tribal members, whether they be heavy equipment operators, carpenters or laborers or provide support services.

Early next week, it is expected that Andersen will have two trailers on the site. One mobile home will serve as an office; the other will be living quarters for an on-site construction superintendent.

If interested in working on the MOIHS project, stop by the office after it is set up.

Testimony presented on behalf of Indian vets

Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce along with Senators Inouye, Kassebaum, Simon, Cochran, Burdick, Daschle, Murkowski, Deconcini, Gorton, Conrad, and Nickles a concurrent resolution to extend the appreciation of the Congress to all American Indian veterans for their service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Mr. President, as events in the Persian Gulf draw to a close, the attention of the nation is focused upon the return of the men and women who have courageously served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As America honors these brave men and women, I believe it is also important to acknowledge the unparalleled devotion that American Indians have had to the Armed Forces of the United States. In fact, American Indians continue to be the highest percentage of any ethnic group in the United States to serve our country, including Operation Desert Storm.

Ever since colonial times, American Indians have enlisted in the Armed Services of the United States. Even in pre-revolutionary

wars, American Indians were fighting on the side of the colonists. Perhaps the most legendary contribution by American Indians occurred during World War II. When communications between allied forces were being continuously intercepted by our enemies, the need for a code which could not be broken became of paramount importance to our survival and success. When everything else failed, it was the Navajo code talkers whose native language provided a means of communication that eluded the most expert of codebreakers. Of all the codes developed in World War II, the Navajo language code was the only one not broken during World War II.

In Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm hundreds of American Indians continued the proud

and courageous tradition of service in the Armed Forces. From my own home state of Arizona, the Navajo Nation estimates that it has sent at least 360 men and women to the Persian Gulf. Recently, during a visit to the Tohono O'odham Nation concerning Indian health issues, secretary Sullivan and I had the privilege of meeting with the families of the 33 men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. It was a very moving occasion for me, one which showed the pride these families had in their sons and daughters and in the job they had been called to do.

Mr. President, the event I was able to witness in Arizona can be repeated on all, if not most, of the Indian reservations across this country. The young and old have a deep pride in their tribal members

who have been or are presently called to duty; they don't take a backseat to anybody in the level of patriotism and love of country. Indeed, it was largely because of the American Indian's record of service in World War I that congress enacted legislation in 1924 granting United States citizenship to all American Indians.

Yet as I reflected on these recent events, I am reminded of the services that we have failed to provide American Indian veterans. This perhaps is all too sadly captured in the life of Ira Hayes. The American public has probably never heard the full story about this American Hero. He was a Pima Indian who served in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and is depicted in the Iwo Jima Memorial as one of the brave men who planted the American flag. Although that moment is captured in time, Ira Hayes the man was soon forgotten. He eventually died a broken man and a victim of alcoholism.

Another American Hero, Senator Dan Inouye, perhaps said it best: "Even though a great number of Native American veterans have served this country with incomparable bravery and valor, the recognition and level of services which have been provided to Indian veterans remains largely undocumented. It would appear that in our efforts to mainstream our country's veterans, the needs of America's Indian veterans have been forgotten."

As this concurrent resolution extends the appreciation of the Congress, I can think of no more appropriate subsequent action that the Congress can take than to examine the problems, assess current services, and explore the solutions necessary to fulfill the needs of Native American veterans. I look forward to working with my colleagues to do just that in this Congress.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my statement and a copy of the concurrent resolution be printed in the record.

Forestry skills contest set

Timber cruising and tree climbing, log scaling and log rolling—these are just a few of the areas in which high school students will compete on May 10 and 11 at Central Oregon Community Col-

lege during the 1991 Oregon Vocational Forest Products State Skills Contest.

The two-day event involving competition in 20 skill areas will draw between 200 and 250 students from Central Oregon and from other areas around the state including Klamath Falls and Baker City. Spectator events begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, and awards will be presented to winning students at 4 p.m.

Most of the competition will take place on the lower part of the COCC campus in an arena west of the maintenance building, which is just below Ponderosa. The contest is free and open to the public. For easy access, visitors should park in the Boyle Education Center lower parking lot. Refreshments will be sold at the event.

Professional logger Rex Redden will demonstrate various logging skills during a free exhibition at 3:15 p.m.

COCC's Forestry Department in conjunction with the State Department of Education sponsors the skills contest.

Video portrays basketmaker

"...And Woman Wove it in a Basket..." the documentary film on the life and work of Nettie Jackson, Klickitat basketmaker, was featured at the Native American Festival in New York City April 19 to 21.

The festival, organized by the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian, was held at the Anthology Film Archives.

Jackson traveled to New York with filmmakers Bushra Azzouz and Marlene Farnum of Portland at the time of the film's showing. Although it was the basketmaker's first trip to New York, it was not a first for the film, which had been shown at the Museum of Modern Art in January.

Completed in 1989, the film has received much favorable attention. In May 1990, it was selected as one of five films to receive first place distinction in the 17th Annual Northwest Film and Video Festival in Portland.

Gaining international attention, the film was given a special award during the International Festival of Ethnographic Film at the Royal Anthropological Institute in Manchester, England. The judge commended the filmmakers for attempting "to capture Native American life and culture as it is experienced and articulated by...a Klickitat basket weaver." Jackson is enrolled on the Yakima Reservation and has relatives at Warm Springs.

"At the core of the film," the judge wrote, "is the problematic of cultural preservation, not only in archives and museums but also in the daily practice and memory of the people." The judge described the film as "unfolding in 'Indian time' to respect the rhythm of the activity and the telling."

Named Best Documentary at the

Native American Film Festival in San Francisco in November, 1990, the film was in notable company. The Best Picture award went to "Dances With Wolves."

The bronze and walnut award from the San Francisco festival will be on view at the Yakima Indian Cultural Center at the time of the film's Yakima Reservation premier during Treaty Days in June.

Other major showings have been at the American Folklore Society's annual meeting in Oakland, at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco, at the Hawaii International Film Festival, and at the International Women's Film and Video Festival in Chicago. The film will travel to Minneapolis May 4.



Warm Springs Elementary students enjoyed the band and drill squad performance by Camas High School as they traveled the area on May 19.



Powwow Queen

Ella Jane Jim was crowned "Grandma Queen" during the Rock Creek Powwow April 19, 20 and 21. Ella won the honor by selling 678 tickets.

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