

Yakimas to dedicate new Toppenish Longhouse

After approximately 35 years of waiting the "Toppenish Longhouse" is now nearly completed. It was quite difficult at times to struggle in a building that was not built for a church (Longhouse). Nevertheless, the Community Center for many years served the purpose of maintaining our traditions, ie, washut, wardance, memorials, funerals, formal dinners, etc. and the members of the Toppenish Community very much appreciate this building.

Provided below is the dedication agenda of the transition from the Toppenish Community Center to the new Longhouse. As you will note, the celebration will be set in three intervals and members of the Yakima Indian Nation are most certainly invited. The first week will be the transition from the Community Center to the new Longhouse. Members of the community need to share the same feeling when entering the Longhouse.

The second week will concentrate on the grand finale. This is, actual sharing of our new Longhouse to the many invited guests, visitors, relatives and neighbors. There will be special guests in attendance from Washington D.C. who have committed their interest to be with the Yakimas during this unique celebration.

During the third week, because of the many requests a decision was made to have a day to memorialize/commemorate those who passed on to the spiritual world. Also, will be a time to bring out and pass on to other generations "names."

Please contact any of the delegated officers/contacts if you wish to participate or just be there. They are: Stanley Miller, Chairman; Ladd Kahlamat, Vice-Chairman; Dora Queampts, Secretary; Elaine Smiscon, Treasurer; Lonnie Selam, Religious Leader; and Christine Lewis, Elder.

AGENDA
Week one—Transition from the Toppenish Community Center to the Toppenish Longhouse: September 20, Last Sunday Service at the Toppenish Community Center; September 21, Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies/Receiving of the building keys; September 22-25, Toppenish Longhouse Committee Moving into building and preparing for the week-end grand opening.

Week two—Grand opening and dedication of the new Toppenish Longhouse: September 26, Veteran's Ceremonies (flag raising, presentation of flag, and acknowledgement of Veterans) starting at 11:00 a.m.; noon luncheon on behalf of the Veteran's presentation; supper at 5:00 p.m.; and washut services with the feathers at 7:00 p.m.

September 27, Veteran's flag raising ceremonies at 9:00 a.m. immediately followed by washut services; noon, Grand opening dinner, Circling of the Building; washut services at 3:00 p.m.; Supper at 5:00 p.m.

September 28, 10:00 a.m. Washut services, completion of the Grand Opening.

Week three—Memorials and Name givings, and any other events are welcome as well. For information contact Longhouse Committee members. October 2, Veteran's Flag raising ceremonies at 10:00 followed by memorials, name givings, rejoinders or new joiners. 12:00 noon, Dinner; 5:00 p.m. supper; and 7:00 p.m. Mini Powwow.

October 3, Supper at 5:00 p.m. and Mini Powwow at 7:00 p.m., final night.

October 4, Regular Sunday washut services at 10:00 a.m.

New teachers join Warm Springs staff



Elizabeth Mitchell, fourth grade



Nita Carnegey, counselor



Pam Brandt, third grade



Linda Juden, fifth grade



Mary Hawes, fifth grade



Terri Comment, second grade

NCAI to convene in Washington, D.C. October 11-16

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest Indian tribal advocacy organization, will hold its 49th Annual Convention, October 11-16, 1992 at the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

In announcing plans for the meeting, NCAI President, Gaiashkibos, said "President Bush has declared by Presidential Proclamation that 1992 is officially the "Year of the American Indian." We expect to bring that point home through our convention and the many other Indian activities that will be going on in Washington that week."

The organization expects some 2000 American Indians to be in the Nation's Capitol that week.

NCAI Executive Director, Michael J. Anderson, states that the convention theme, "Honoring Our Youth, Our Families, Our Religion," will be addressed in a number of ways. Beginning on Sunday, October 11, with "Native Voices On The Mall," a reception honoring American Indian Veterans, a Native Youth Symposium, a women's luncheon, and an Elder Wisdom Circle, general assemblies will honor the many segments of Indian life that are a part of their world today.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) is sponsoring the Mall event being

held on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol on the afternoon of Sunday, October 11. Inouye is chairman of the Senate Select Committee of Indian Affairs and a powerful advocate for American Indian issues in the U.S. Congress.

Hattie Kauffman, the consumer affairs correspondent on CBS's Morning News, will be the featured speaker at the Women's Honor luncheon. Kauffman is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. Native women from many areas of professional achievement will be honored at the luncheon.

Donald Rojas, president of the World Council of Indigenous People, will address the convention of international issues on Tuesday. Other recognized leaders in international affairs will discuss tribal participation with indigenous groups around the

world. President Bush and Governor Clinton have been invited to speak to the convention.

The NCAI is a national membership organization of federal and state-recognized tribes which serves as an advocate and voice for their concerns and issues. It is the only national American Indian organization which speaks for member tribes.

Oregon Prevention Conference set for October at Seaside

The 1992 Oregon Prevention Conference, "Shaping Oregon's Future", will be held October 3-6, 1992 at Seaside, Oregon.

For the past two years, members of the Warm Springs Prevention Team have participated in the Annual Prevention Conference. During 1991, students Michael Kalama and Lamar

Jackson, and adult members Rick Souers, Carolyn Wewa, Ramona Baez and Laura Switzler actively participated in last year's conference.

Along with other prevention team members who were unable to attend the 1991 conference, this group has been committed to helping the community work together collectively to

address the alcohol and drug issues faced in Warm Springs.

Over the past year, youth and adults began to meet to talk about what you, as a community, can do to become stronger. Through the support and prayers of many community members a vision has evolved, which speaks to the needs of the community to once again look back at the importance of family involvement with children.

The most important message of the 1991 Prevention Conference was to bring people together to address prevention issues, to ask people to bring down the barriers that stop community members from working together, and to join forces to prevent the alcohol and drug problems faced within your community.

In 1992, the Oregon Prevention Conference will be held again, in Seaside, Oregon. The dates for the conference have been set for October 3-6, 1992. Early registration is September 11, 1992 at \$110 for the entire session; late registration is September 25, 1992 at \$135 for the entire session.

Also invited are any youth interested in participating on the Warm Springs Prevention Team and attending the Oregon Prevention Conference to contact Rick Souers or Carolyn Wewa by no later than August 28, 1992. (Rick/553-3301 and Carol/553-3575).

Costs for registration, food and lodging for youth participants will be covered by grant funds. Youth participating in the conference will be expected to involve themselves in prevention efforts throughout the 1992 year, as a member of the Warm Springs Prevention Team, and be willing to positively contribute to the Warm Springs community's prevention efforts.

Also willing to sponsor two adults to the conference, to participate as

team members and to assist as chaperons to the youth. The adults will also be expected to become involved as mentioned above.

Smith receives Millican Award

Governor Norma Paulus called Warm Springs assistant principal Dawn Smith on Wednesday, September 2 to inform her she had been selected as one of six recipients of the Millican Foundation Award.

Smith was nominated by Jerry Fuller, director of Minority Education for the Oregon Department of Education. The award is presented to educators who are making an outstanding effort in education.

Smith will be attending spring conference with other award recipients from across the nation at which time they will be exchanging ideas. A recognition dinner is scheduled for Portland in October. Smith also receives a \$25 thousand personal use award. Congratulations Dawn!



Dawn Smith



Tribal members joined Bureau of Indian Affairs foresters on tour of planned sale areas August 27 and 28.

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Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board seeking young artists

At the recent Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) Quarterly Board Meeting held in Newport, Oregon, a luncheon was hosted by the Tribal Tobacco Policy Project (TTPP) to acknowledge and show appreciation to 19 tribal delegates for their efforts to develop and implement a no smoking, non-chewing tobacco policy for tribally owned buildings and schools.

The delegates thought a drawing contest involving Indian youth would be a positive step in helping to make children and their parents more aware of the health risks associated with smoke filled rooms and smoking and chewing tobacco.

The winning drawings from the contest will be displayed in the next

version of TTPP Workbook which is a manual to assist tribes in developing and implementing tobacco control policies on their reservations. A prize will be given to the top two drawings from each age group, ages (6-14). The top two drawings selected from each age group will be used in the workbook which will eventually be available nationally to all tribes. In addition, there will be one grand prize winner selected over all age categories.

Since most tribes have youth groups and activities, it is anticipated that the contest can be implemented at this level. It would also provide more community involvement. We consider you to be one of the most prominent contacts for your tribe.

Could you facilitate this drawing contest for your tribe?

The rules are quite simple:
a. must be ages 6-14 years
b. must live on or near the reservation

c. must be an enrolled tribal member
d. entire must be in to the reservation

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Tribal students complete first Indian language class

A twelve-week Indian Language class ended with a luncheon honoring the dedicated teachers and students in the first-time program.

Students in both Sahaptin and Paiute language classes received certificates and also demonstrated their acquired language skills by singing, speaking and responding to questions spoken in the native languages.

Funded through a grant from the National Park Service, the classes drew from the knowledge of community members who served as instructors. Teaching Sahaptin were Betty Lou Lucei, Mary Ann Meanus, Neda Wesley, Amelia Colwash and Eliza Brown. Paiute language teachers included Pat Miller, Shirley Tufti and Wilson Wewa.

Both teachers and students found the classes very beneficial. The interaction between teachers and students "awakened something in the back of my mind," explains Neda Wesley.

Student Lorraine Hintsala tries to elaborate on the gains she made through the class. Beyond learning the Paiute language she says her ability to speak Paiute words and understand them gives her a "feeling of pride." She adds, "Hopefully, I've learned enough to pass on to my children."

Future classes in Indian languages depend on funding. The request for further funding from the National Park Service was rejected. A request

for funding is currently included in the Culture and Heritage Department

budget. Student Carol Wewa states, "Its too bad we have to depend on

grant funding, especially since this is part of everyone's culture."



"Noiyuna Na Mi Tzaka!" Everyone hold hands. Students from the Paiute Language class demonstrate their ability to understand commands voiced in the language.

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