

## Women's conference set for June 22-24, 1993

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Women's Health Initiative Steering committee, comprised of tribal, rural and urban American Indian women representatives, will hold its first annual national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22 through 24.

According to Luana Reyes, IHS associate director, office of planning, evaluation and legislation, the agency "wants to address the conference theme of 'Indian Women's Health: Issues and Action through the development of strategies that assist Indian women in taking action in the political and personal processes that affect their health.' Reyes expects the conference to assist Indian women in developing an understanding of the mechanisms that will enable them to address the serious health problems they face. This conference is the first of many on Indian women's health—where the problems are addressed and the progress toward solutions monitored.

Among keynote speakers will be Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, who has been appointed by President Clinton as a task force member of the planning committee for the new administration. There will be an evening celebration featuring a traditional meal and stories on June 23.

Special workshops and forums include a look at current health and

psychosocial issues, facilitate strategic development activities, ways to eliminate the barriers to leadership and policy development community action models and a status report on nine Indian women's health issues.

Conference headquarters and most activities will be located at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street NW. The University of New Mexico is offering a number of single women's dorm rooms for conference housing on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Other lodging is also available at local hotels in Al-

buquerque.

For conference registration, contact Dr. Dale Evans of Indian Af-

filiates, Inc., 3760 South Highland Drive, Suite 510, Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 (801) 273-3348.

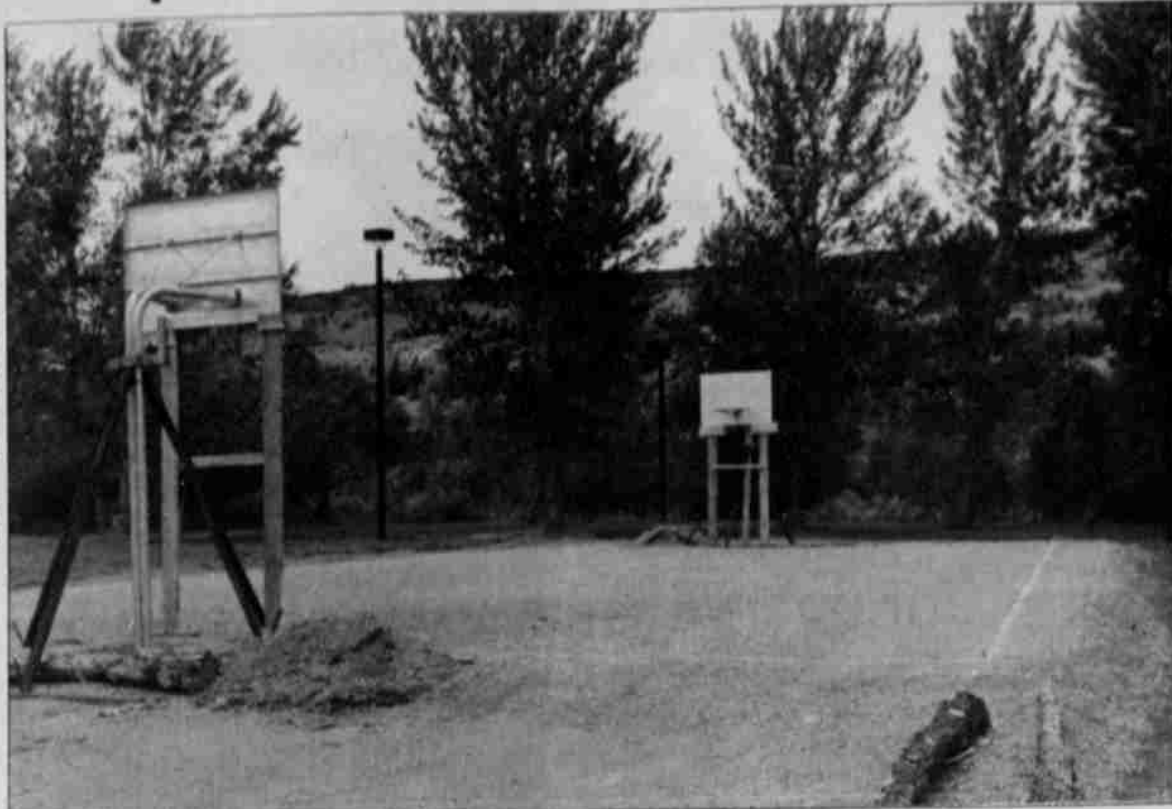
## Board vacancy announced

There is a vacancy on the Victim Assistance Board. It is working as an advisory board member to the Victim Assistance Program. The meetings are once a month during the noon hour and it is a non-paying position.

There are nine positions on the board and eight are filled.

If you are interested in this position please call Ramona Baez at 553-3357 or call Urbana Manion at 553-3205. You may also leave a message at either number.

## Park provides recreation, picnic facilities



A regulation size basketball court in the new park will soon be complete.

Springtime makes the appeal of the new park located next to Shitike Creek inviting for lounging and picnics. The eight and one-half acre park will be officially opened when basketball court is completed and barbeque pits are in place.

According to tribal planner Dale Parker, work will continue on the park through next year, with the plans including permanent lavatories, an RV dumpsite and a playground. Lavatory facilities for the summer will be temporary use chemical toilets.

The tribal funded project which has employed as many as 12 people, is a day-use area. It includes a ground sprinkler system, tables and parking areas. A regulation basketball court is a main feature of the park. The developed section encompasses over six acres with land along the creek remaining undeveloped.

An overnight camping area is being developed at the back of the park for use during the upcoming Pi-Ume-Sha celebration. Camping will not be permitted in the developed park area.

Depending upon available funding,

the park should be complete by the spring of 1995. The project may eventually include additional acreage along the creek.



An overnight camping area is being prepared for use during Pi-Ume-Sha.



The Water and Soil Resources Department is having an annual award observing the environmental week. The winner of the first year award was the Human Resources Department, as selected as the office with the neatest environment. This will be an annual event by that department. Pictured from L to R: Antoinette Pamperies, Duran Bobb, Irene Wells, Mary Hasatake, Dee Nelson. Seated is Janelle Smith, and Amelia Tewee. Not Pictured was Benny Heath.

## Hanford clean-up one of many ATNI topics

What comes to mind when someone mentions the "Hanford Clean-up?" Like Russell Jim said at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians meeting in Port Angeles, Wn., just recently, "When anyone mentions the Hanford situation people become scarce." But when there is a panel on gaming or other items during the conference everyone seems to want to be there instead of discussing the Hanford issue. People don't seem to realize the importance of the Hanford matter. What it can do to the population if it ever got out of hand. As Jim pointed out there are some very highly contaminated tanks stored there and with time they may develop leaks. He also said one of the Atomic bombs that was dropped on Japan's mainland to end the World War II, was made in Hanford and its contents are stored there today.

The Umatillas are making it known the importance of the Hanford situation as the Umatillas are just a short way down stream from the Hanford area. Bill Burke, a Umatilla leader made some strong remarks regarding the nuclear substances and what effects it could have on the environment. Also the Protection of the Fish runs along the Columbia River. There were several Tribes who lived in that area and all share the same feelings for the improvement of the fish runs each year.

For years and years there were several tribes who lived along the Columbia River, and depended on

the fish runs for a living. The Walla Walla's, Umatilla's, Nez Perce, and all the Wuna-Pum Tribes all lived along the river, and today they see not only the Hanford situation as a threat but all the Dam's along the Columbia River, that show a big threat of harming the Salmon runs.

But as Russell Jim said that we must always be prepared and keep abreast on the Hanford situation, to see that no harm will come of what's



Russell Jim

now on hand.

Just recently The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Department of Energy, have completed a study and evaluation phase of activities for the 1100 Area Superfund Site. This includes a plan outlining a proposed cleanup activity for the four 1100 Area Operable Units, is available for public comment. There is a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Drive. All concerned citizens are encouraged to participate in the decision making process for cleanup activities. Copies of the Proposed Plan are available at the Information Repositories, such as in Seattle: University of Washington, Suzzallo Library, Government Publications Room, Mail Stop FM-25, Seattle, WA 98195. (206) 543-4664, Atten: Eleanor Chase. In Portland, Or.: Portland State University, Branford Price Millar Library, SW Harrison and Park, P.O. Box 1151, Portland, OR 97207; In Spokane, WA, Gonzaga University, Foley Center, East 502 Boone, Spokane, WA 99258. (509) 328-4220-Ext. 3125, Atten: Lewis Miller; In Richland, WA., Public Reading Room, Washington State University/Tri-Cities, 100 Sprout Road, Room 130; Richland WA 99352. Atten: Terri Traub.

Public comments can be made at the Wednesday, June 30 meeting. Written comments may be presented at the meeting, or may be mailed to: Dave Einan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 712 Swift, Suite 5, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 376-3883.

Overview of cleanup actions: Three of these areas to be cleaned up are located northwest of the city of Richland. The other is located on Rattlesnake Mountain. The proposed cleanup activities within this plan consist of excavation and offsite treatment and disposal of contaminated soils and debris from 52 waste management units within the four Operable Units. In addition, the Horn Rapids landfill would be capped and area groundwater monitored to ensure no impacts to drinking water supplies occur. The 1100 Area studies found contaminants in the groundwater. However, the areas of contamination are distant from drinking water supply wells and the groundwater is flowing away from the wells.

For further questions regarding the 1100 Area Proposed Plan, a person can call Dave Einan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (509) 376-3883 or call the toll-free Hanford Cleanup line at 1-800-321-2008.

## T-shirts for sale

T-shirts are on sale for \$10.00 each as a fundraising activity for the upcoming Kalama family reunion. The reunion scheduled for June 25-27 brings family members together from as far away as Hawaii. Hawaiian members will be performing exhibition dances at the Pi-Ume-Sha celebration.

Shirts may be purchased from Joni David at 553-1230 or William Moses at 553-1891.

## COCC fitness center open

The summer hours of the Mazama Facility at Central Oregon Community College will begin June 21 and run through August 14, 1993. The hours are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 5:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The fee for use of the facility is \$32 per term and is to be paid to the cashier in the Boyle Education Center.

## Great Exchange established to service community

A new newspaper has hit the news stands of Crook and Jefferson counties. "The Great Exchange" is published bi-weekly by Paul and Bridget Rapoza in Madras. Their offices are located at 275 SE 5th Street.

The paper focuses on classified advertising, but also includes police news, features, editorials and much more. The Rapozas encourage community members to submit their announcements, ads, and anything else that may be of interest to the community. Story ideas are also encouraged.

Give The Great Exchange a call at 475-4175.

## Sculpture on display at Museum

An exhibition of 21 sculptures and 11 drawings by the internationally known contemporary Native American artists Allan Houser (Chiricahua Apache) will be on view at The Museum at Warm Springs in the changing exhibition gallery through September 15, 1993. Houser is recognized as the patriarch of contemporary Native American sculptors. Last year, he was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President George Bush.

The tribal member art show opens in the Museum's gallery September 24, 1993 and will continue through

January 31, 1994. The juried exhibit will include works in all media by artisans of the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute tribes of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The Museum at Warm Springs is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for children under 12 and children under four are admitted free of charge. Families of two adults and two or more children can pay \$15. Tribal members are admitted free of charge.

For more information call the Museum at 553-3331.



A Makah Tribal member preparing the Roasted Salmon for the dinner during the A.T.N.J. Mid-Yr conference held in Port Angeles, WA, in late May.

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Children put their individual touches to the jungle mural in Carol's Room recently.

Open House 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. June 16  
Carol's Room Warm Springs Community Center