

## Construction continues in Warm Springs

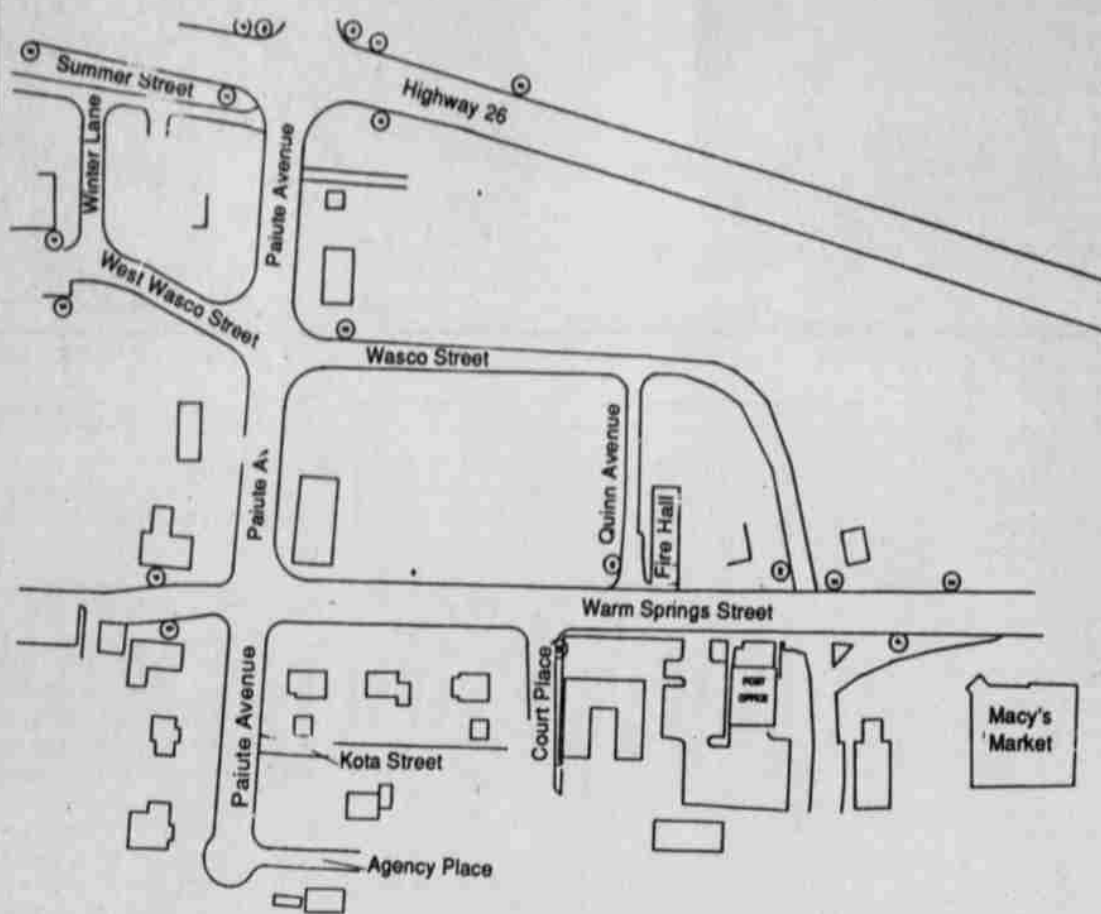
Construction work on Highway 26 is completed, so highway traffic can once again flow smoothly. However, work in Warm Springs will continue through fall and begin again in the spring. An increase in traffic and development of the campus area require that utilities and streets be improved.

Some Warm Springs through-fares will be blocked as construction equipment is brought in to place new utilities and widen streets. A new 10-inch water line will be placed in the middle of Warm Springs street requiring the street's closure for a short time. Contractors are scheduled to install utilities this fall but the road surface will not be removed and replaced until next spring. Paiute Street is receiving a new sewer line and a turnaround. The Post Office will eventually have one-way traffic. These streets may be inaccessible as work continues. Detours will be provided and work will occur in select locations to prevent complete halting of traffic.

Because funds totaling \$779,000 are provided through Federal road money, the streets need to be widened to a standard width. During the road construction project storm drains will be installed, turn lanes provided and sidewalks may be relocated and improved.

Trees which showed signs of disease were recently removed to accommodate the project. Bureau of Indian Affairs contracting office representative Tom Schuman pointed out that efforts are being made to save the trees and that those that are removed will be replaced with a hardy variety that will already be 15 to 20 feet in height.

Tribal members are employed on the project as specified under Public Law 678. This provides an opportunity for local employment and training. All employees, says Schuman, will work on heavy equipment as well as other positions during the road construction.



Warm Springs campus street plan

## Signs convey Kah-Nee-Ta theme



Kah-Nee-Ta signs show unique artistry of Connie Beeson.

Thirty-two years of sign painting has made Connie Beeson an expert in his field. It is apparent he knows his business. Signs erected at Kah-Nee-Ta and on the highways directing visitors to the resort maintain native American theme, are colorful and artistic.

Beeson has been Kah-Nee-Ta's sign painter for the last five years. He's replaced many of the old signs and continues to create works of art from simple parking place markers to giant eagle feather decorated billboard-size signs.

Even in high school, Beeson was painting signs. Originally from Fossil, Oregon, the sign maker moved with his family to Marysville, California when he was 12 years of age.

He served in an apprenticeship program for seven years where he learned layout, design, and ability to use correct letter size for reading distance and size of sign.

Beginning work on a sign requires preparation with a sketch and then a life-size drawing. A contact paper on the wood protects areas that will not be carved or sandblasted. To these basic techniques, Beeson adds his own creativity in textures, colors and intricate designs.

At home Beeson likes to paint with oils and watercolors. For inspiration, he and his family spend time in the mountains. And little by little, he's setting a shop up at home in Madras to do a little extra work on a contract basis.

## Grant encourages access to child welfare funds

The Northwest Indian Child Welfare Association (NWICWA) has received a three-year, \$396,735 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation to increase access to child welfare funds for American Indian tribes by educating tribal officials, informing state and federal policy makers, and changing current policies. This funding will help tribes develop and operate community-based services for their children and families. Currently, tribal communities have limited access to federal and state child welfare funding due to technical barriers.

Terry Cross, Executive Director of the NWICWA, described the grant as an exciting opportunity to identify and bring more funding to tribal communities. "Tribal governments have been working hard to increase the services to their children and families, and we are glad to be in a position to help them with this effort."

Policies which affect the funding of Indian children's programs are extremely complex, so much so that it is often hard to sort out the rules and regulations. As a result of this project, tribal governments will have better information about funding child welfare programs. Public officials will be more informed about the barriers which prevent Indian tribes from solving their own child welfare problems.

"Only in the last few years have most Indian tribes provided services to abused and neglected children on their reservations. Before that time, states or the Bureau of Indian Affairs provided the services, often with tragic results," Mr. Cross said.

In 1978 the Indian Child Welfare Act enabled tribes to reassert their right to protect their own children. However, federal programs which fund child welfare services at the state and county level were never amended to make funds available directly to tribes. "Access can be developed," said Cross, "and that is what this project is about."

Despite very little access to funding, existing tribal child welfare programs show great promise. Where resources allow, tribes reportedly are providing effective services for lower cost than either state or federal agencies.

The Northwest Area Foundation, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, provided the grant that started NWICWA in 1983. This new grant will enhance NWICWA's capacity to address these important regional issues and improve the lives of Native American children over the long term.

## Hospital makes museum donation

Wednesday, October 6, 1993, Mountain View Hospital contributed \$500 to The Museum at Warm Springs as the first member of the corporate membership program. The donation was presented by Don Piacnik, Director of Planning and Public Relations on behalf of Mountain View's board, to Delvis Heath, member of the Museum's Board of Directors, and Beulah Calica, member of the Board and representative of staff.

"Mountain View Hospital is pleased to contribute to this worthwhile project and is looking forward to continued relations with the Confederated Tribes," said Piacnik. The corporate membership program gives local and regional companies and businesses the opportunity to support the programs, exhibitions, and general operations of The Museum annually. The Museum is grateful to have the support of Mountain View Hospital.

## Student leaders report on conference

Students recently attending the Futures for Children Leadership conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico reported their experiences in a special meeting on October 7, 1993. Sponsored by the Human Services Branch, the students spent one week in the southwest participating in a series of workshops. Students attending the conference included Sharon Jones, Ellis "Doobie" Langley, Angie Blackwolfe and Lisa Johnson.

Students emphasized their increased knowledge in trust and teamwork. Their ability to speak in front of groups also increased. They formed friendships with many of the students who attended the workshop. FFC chaperon and coach Tedi Tanewasha works with 20 students in the program. According to Education Services Programs director Myrna Courtney, each year new students with leadership potential attend the workshop in Albuquerque. The students return to Warm Springs with the leadership knowledge they learned and give back to the community.

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## Native American Genealogy class begins Nov. 3

Native American Genealogy will be offered through COCC Community Ed. starting November 3. This class will meet on Wednesday nights for 3 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to research, record, and organize genealogy data. Start with getting your immediate family tree history charted.

Beth Crow, retired 4th grade teacher from Madras Elementary,

will be the instructor and has taught genealogy throughout Central Oregon for a number of years.

Cost for the class is \$14.00 and

## Arnett receives faculty award

Howard G. Arnett, a partner in the Bend law firm of Karnopp, Petersen, Noteboom, Hubel, Hansen & Arnett, was recently awarded the Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award by the 1993 graduating class of the Northwestern School of Law at

you can register at the Warm Springs COCC Center in the Education Center building on Wasco street or call 553-1428 for further information.

Lewis and Clark College. Arnett, who has been an adjunct professor at the law school for the last three years, received the honor for his class in Federal Indian Law. He has served as tribal attorney for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs since 1980.

## DE Plant ships out first order

Warm Springs Composite Products shipped its first order to Weyerhaeuser in Marshville, Wisconsin September 24.

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