



The Warm Springs Rodeo Association is raffling a 1986 Ford Escort in March 1995. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Rodeo Association including Sherry Olney, Delvis Heath, Sammy Bruisedhead, Vesta Johnson, Ginger Smith, Sammi Squiemphen, DMJ Automotive, Rosie Bryant, Evaline Patt, Suzie Slockish or Rita Squiemphen. Tickets are \$1 each.

Housing referendum put before voters in March 7 election

Inadequate housing on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation continues to be a thorn in the side of many. According to statistics, multiple family households continue to create overcrowded living conditions which magnify health, social and sanitation problems. Intensifying these concerns are the levels of household income, unemployment and population growth.

To address the critical housing shortage, the Warm Springs Tribal Council approved a housing referendum to be held Tuesday, March 7, 1995. The \$12,145,000 referendum, if passed, is divided in two parts: one for appropriation and one for borrowing authority.

The appropriation portion, totaling \$6,645,000, will be split as follows:
 Modular Housing Plant \$950,000
 Subdivision Development Funds \$250,000
 20 Tribal Member Lease Option Homes \$1,280,000
 Agency Wastewater Treatment Improvements \$500,000
 Simnasho Lagoon's Third Cell \$125,000
 Water Treatment Plant Improvements \$390,000
 30 Rural Housing Road Grants \$150,000
 Home Loan Funds for Credit Department \$3,000,000

The borrowing authority portion, totaling \$5,500,000, will be divided as follows:
 Operating Capital for Modular Plant \$500,000
 Reservation-wide Infrastructure \$5,000,000

It has been estimated there is a need for 168 housing units on the

reservation. This total includes 17 homes for singles, 32 for couples, 113 for families and six for senior citizens. The 1992 Tribal Census indicated that 510 tribal households were "homeless". The tribal definition of homeless is: "a tribal member at least 18 years of age who did not reside in independent shelter." Many of these were young, unemployed, and single. Several were students and most were living with their families.

Many homes on the reservation are in need of repair. A 1994 HIP report indicated 270 housing units have "serious structural deficiencies" and 344 have "moderate structural deficiencies." Fifty-four housing units should be replaced. Recent HUD grants will expand the rehab program in assisting private homes, rentals and public housing renovation needs.

It has been estimated that 30 homesites should be developed on an annual basis to maintain housing needs. Additional homesites, a total of 270 lots, will be needed over the next five years. Development pressure will continue to increase on reservation lands. Alternative housing locations need to be identified and developed. Tribal members have few options for obtaining homesites.

Tribal enrollment is projected to increase at a rate of two percent per year, or 70 tribal member births each year. Over 70 percent of the tribal membership resides on the reservation, indicating an ongoing housing need that reaches into the future.

The 1992 Census showed a reservation unemployment rate of 38 percent. This figure included all tribal members 18 years of age and older. Unemployment is still a severe problem which directly impacts housing

needs and opportunities. Unemployment will gradually decrease as educational achievement improves and new jobs are created.

Approximately 20 housing units are needed for "key" non-tribal employees which includes teachers and medical staff.

Currently, there are approximately 900 housing units on the reservation including the following:

- Individual ownership—471
- HUD-assisted individual ownership—68
- BIA/509-J/Kah-Nee-Tarentals—72
- Mobile home/rental spaces—68
- Individual rentals—5
- Tribal rentals—125
- HUD rentals—100

As indicated in the referendum financial breakdown, a total of \$1,450,000 will be needed to build a modular housing construction plant on the reservation. Not only will this provide affordable housing to tribal members, say tribal officials, the plant will also employ about 18 people within the first year of operation. Tribal officials are concerned that many tribal members are not able to purchase homes. The modular housing plant would provide affordable housing for those not currently able to buy homes. Home ownership has historically been one of the most important dreams of most families. For those who are ready and able to make a home purchase, there are several options. Home ownership rates have decreased over the last ten years, especially for those under 45 years of age.

Today's modular and manufactured homes offer energy-efficiency, comfort, safety and affordability.

These homes are built in factories under strict guidelines to ensure quality control, economies of scale and are the only housing option built to a national code.

There are many advantages to building modular homes locally. The current site-built construction efforts could be supplemented with modular homes. These homes would provide new employment and training opportunities throughout the year. Other benefits include high quality, low cost homes, short completion period, build 12 months per year, provide employment, training and apprenticeship programs, provide revenue to the Tribe and integrate modular plant with products produced by other tribal enterprises and tribal member businesses.

The plant would consist of a 25,000 square foot metal structure, located on two lots in the Industrial Park. The factory would produce three models totaling 40 units in year one, 50 units in year two and 60 units in year three. The homes would be constructed in pieces and moved to permanent locations by trailer.

Also included in the appropriation portion of the referendum is \$3 million for home loan funds for the credit department. This money would be moved from the tribal general fund to the credit fund, in chunks totaling no less than \$1 million at a time, for the sole purpose of housing loans.

According to Vital Statistics, 603 voters are needed to validate the March 7 election. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Voters must be at least 21 years of age and/or married to be eligible to vote.

Umatilla tribe sets opening for gaming resort

The Wildhorse Gaming Resort announced recently the details of their 10-day grand opening of the Umatilla tribe's multi-million dollar gaming resort. Festivities will begin on Friday, March 10 beginning at 3 p.m. when the resort officially opens.

Joe O'Neill, general manager of the Resort commented, "We have planned these exciting events

for the entire family which will be highlighted by our Free Outdoor Laser Light extravaganza March 18 at 7 p.m." Organizers feel the light show will be a once in a life time event.

Other events include free bingo, live music and dancing and a special drawing for an all expense paid trip for two to Ireland.

- Friday, March 10** Wildhorse Gaming Resort opens at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 12** Drawing for 1995 4-W Drive Honda Passport at 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 13** Ireland contest begins; tickets will be given to patrons as they enter facility Free Bingo Session...Win part of \$1,000; beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 14** More Free Bingo
- Wednesday, March 15** More Free Bingo
- Thurs. March 16** More Free Bingo
- Saturday, March 18**
Noon Ribbon Cutting
12-7:30 p.m. Live music by Legacy
1 p.m. Special Bingo—Ten \$1,000 games
7-7:15 p.m. Laser Light Show set to music simulcast on 107.7 KUMA FM
7:15-Midnight Live music by Five Guys Named Mo
- Sunday, March 19**
Noon to 6 p.m. Live music by Legacy
1 p.m. Bingo matinee. Win up to \$8,000
4 p.m. Drawing for Ireland trip

Special bonus: Free Pendleton merchants coupon book worth \$200 given to each patron leaving the facility during grand opening events. Also, a free shuttle from various locations in Pendleton will run from 11 a.m. to midnight March 18.

Support Group Meetings in Warm Springs

- Monday**
4:30-6:30 p.m......Youth Aftercare, Community Counseling Center
- 7:00-8:30 p.m.**.....12 Step book study
- Tuesday**
5:30-7:00 p.m......Women's Support Group, Community Center (babysitting provided)
- 5:30-7:00 p.m.**.....Parenting Classes, Community Counseling Center
- Wednesday**
4:30-6:00 p.m......Youth Support Group, Community Counseling Center
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.**.....Women's Support Group, Community Counseling Center
- 7:00-8:30 p.m.**.....Wednesday Night Candlelight AA Meeting, Community Counseling Center
- Thursday**
4:15-5:30 p.m......Adolescent Girls Group (13 years & up), Community Counseling Center (3-5 during summer)
- 7:00-8:00 p.m.**.....AA Meeting, Community Counseling Center
- Friday**
6:30-8:00 p.m......AA Meeting, Simnasho Longhouse
- 4:30-6:00 p.m.**.....Youth AA, Community Counseling Center
- Saturday**
7:00-8:30 p.m......AA Meeting, Community Counseling Center

Support Group Meetings in Madras

- Sunday**
7:00-8:30 p.m......AA Group, Jefferson Co. Recovery Center, 639 D Street
- Tuesday**
8:00-9:30 p.m......Tuesday Night AA Group/Alanon, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 5th & F Street
- Martes**
8:00-9:30 p.m......AA Meetings in Spanish, Juntas de Alcoholicos Anonimos en Espanol, Jefferson County Recovery Center, 639 D Street
- Thursday**
8:00 p.m......Thursday Night AA Group (non smoking), Lutheran Church, 1225 C Street

Long-time employees, Anderson and Phelps, resign

by Selena T. Boise

Long time employees, John Anderson and Normandie Phelps, have resigned from their jobs in Warm Springs. February 28 was their last day of work as full time employees, then they will work part-time to train their successors.

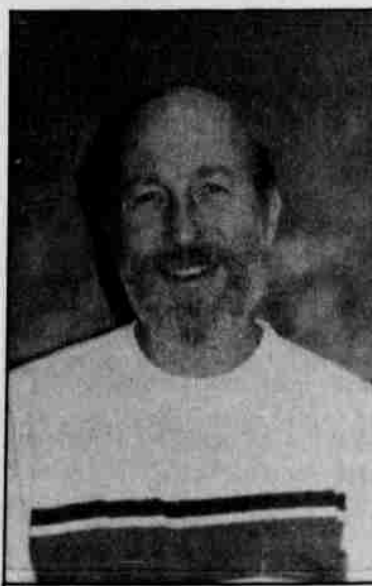
Anderson resigned as part of the successor program, the program designed to help tribal members succeed into higher positions through training on the job, side-by-side. He has been training Lorraine Hintsala to take his place, and will continue to train her until she can take full responsibility. During this time Anderson will also work part-time with Passport Software in Portland developing and programming software for travel agencies.

Phelps resigned as the Education Coordinator, a position she held for seven years at the Early Childhood Education Center. She wants some down time to spend with her grandson and Mom, basically some family time. She will also take this time to regain her vision for the future, which holds many possibilities for her.

Anderson, who is originally from the Mid-west, has been working with computers as a career choice. His knowledge comes from working directly with computers, hands on training. He never went to school to learn about computers.

He used computer knowledge to develop programs for critical lab and insurance billing at doctors offices in Eugene, Oregon with three other men. He did this type of work until he came to Warm Springs in October of 1986, answering an ad in the Oregonian for System Analyst at Office of Information Systems (OIS).

He was the System Analyst for three years at OIS until he transferred to Human Services branch as the



John Anderson

System Analyst. He worked directly with computers, support computers, computer applications and helped teach and use computers in the Human Services Branch.

Anderson helped with the installation of the new phone system in the tribal organization. He also worked on the First Complete Health Status Report for Health, Research, and Planning.

He enjoys the people of Warm Springs, where "everyone has a clever sense of humor." He said there are very intelligent people in Warm Springs, he felt everyone was related and was a part of an ownership in the organization. Anderson likes being part of another culture in Warm Springs and thought it was wonderful experiencing life in a society where people realize that social problems involve the whole community. He gave the example of drug testing.

The community is wrestling with the problem of solving employee problems dealing with drugs.

Another event he will never forget is being chosen to enter the wannabee contest during Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow. He felt "embarrassed out there but it was fun."

Normandie Phelps received her Bachelors degree in Science Education at Oregon State University, decided she would like to do something else in education field and went to get her Masters degree at Portland State University in Special Education.

She then worked at North Clackamas School District as a Learning Specialist at an elementary school for ten years, mainly working with children with special needs.

She then decided she would like the opportunity to work directly with adults and accepted the job at Warm Springs as Education Coordinator. At this job she worked with the teachers at ECE to become better teachers using her education background. She set up in-service training for teachers to help teachers have knowledge of child abuse prevention, first aide, CPR, and keep current about new ways to teach children.

Phelps also developed curriculum for the children and saw that there were enough supplies to do the curriculum that was set up. She also set up a schedule for special projects and made sure each staff member (out of 100 staff members) was prepared to do the special projects, as far as supplies, knowledge of activities.

She also did needs assessments for teachers to find out what their training needs were.

She had the opportunity to work with Dawn Smith, Warm Springs



Normandie Phelps

Elementary Principal and the elementary school kids, and she taught college courses in reading and writing. She had fun working with different groups in Warm Springs.

Phelps will miss the teachers, parents, and kids and the people she worked with. She enjoys being in Warm Springs, it helped her to learn and appreciate what she is, as far as her background, Scots-Irish. She maintains respect for herself and others in their culture and background.

Anderson and Phelps have both been part of the Warm Springs Reservation Runners Club, they enjoyed helping with running events. Anderson enjoyed running, hiking, birdwatching, and occasionally entering Joey's biathlon. Phelps enjoys participating in the Runners Club events and "that kind of hanging out."



On a clear sunny day a hawk rests on top a juniper tree along Jackson trail road.