

Committee designed to help local farmers with efforts

As an elected committee member of the Jefferson county Farmer Committee (FSA) Warm Springs tribal member Irene Towe's duties are a vital link in the effective administration of the farm programs within the County. Towe and other members of the County Committee are responsible for carrying out programs in full accordance with the regulations, national and State policies, procedures, and instructions. As committee members, they are to ensure farmer understanding and wide program participation. The committee must see that County office operations are farmer-oriented and that farmers receive quality service. Committee members must also give balanced attention to all programs and carry out their responsibilities effectively, efficiently and impartially. We would love to get farming back on the Warm Springs Reservation, says County Executive Director Sam Brown. People who own or lease their land are encouraged to take advantage of this project programs by the FSA. Brown will be working closely with Dave Smith and Towe out of the Range and Ag office in Warm Springs. We are willing to help in anyway they can, with the assistance of the new and old programs that we have to offer, says Towe. Other Committee duties include:

1. Serve under the general supervision of the State FSA Committee.
2. Employ a qualified county executive director to carry out committee decisions and policies and to direct day-to-day operations of the County Office.
3. Meet regularly to make policy

decisions on program administration in the county, to act on cases involving individual farmers, and to review office operations to ensure that administrative funds are being used efficiently and for the purposes intended.

4. Ensure farmer and public understanding of FSA programs through an effective public information program which includes public meetings.

5. Develop and carry out an active outreach program. Work actively

with farm, agribusiness, civic, and communications leaders and community committee members.

6. Promote good working relationships with other agriculture agencies serving the county.

7. Supervise FSA Committee elections as prescribed by regulations and procedures.

8. Discuss plans with FSA district director periodically on policies and problems.

9. Make recommendations to the State FSA Committee on needed

changes in programs and their administration.

10. Conduct hearings and reviews as needed or requested by the State FSA Committee.

For more information, contact the Range and Ag office at (541) 553-3362 or 553-3363. To contact FSA County Director Brown call (541) 475-3869 at his Madras Office. Brown will be working out of the Range and Ag office in Warm Springs once a month.



Irene Towe, right was recently elected to the Jefferson County Farm Service Agency committee. Shown with Towe left to right are Jim Boese, Dave Smith and Sam Brown.

AISES sponsors essay contest



The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) announces a new program planned for 1996 that will result in the conferring of a prize for an American Indian high school student, grades 7-12, who best describes, in 200 to 500 words, the values that will guide their adult lives.

These Creator- and God-given inspired values are those most often verbalized by the Native American person when he or she reflects on the religious and cultural traditions, wisdom and life of their relatives, leaders, elders and ancestors. These values are like the spokes of a wheel which give strength to our inner and outer circle of life.

The essays will be read by elder members of AISES. In the evaluation of the essays, there is no single correct answer or statement. The student whose essay most clearly expresses the moral, ethical and spiritual responsibilities by which a person lives will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship plus a \$500 personal cash award. The chosen essayist and a family member will be invited to the 1996 AISES National Conference in Salt Lake City to receive the award. The essay, along with a short biography on the essayist, will be published in the AISES Winds of Change magazine and other AISES

media. Additional essays chosen for publication will receive an individual \$250 award.

The essay will need to state the student's name, address, telephone number, name of high school and current grade level. The student's signature and date on the essay will confirm that this is the student's original work. If the student's essay is chosen, the student will further need to supply a copy of their tribal enrollment or certificate of Indian blood. The postmark deadline for submittal of the essay, in duplicate (two copies), will be Monday, April 15, 1996.

Starting February 1, 1996, essays and the supporting information should be sent to:

Circle of Life Essay Program
PO Box 1992
Scottsdale, AZ 85252-1992
FAX, Attn: Circle of Life Essay Program
(602) 994-2648 or 994-8392

The Plaza at Warm Springs will have retail space becoming available April 1, 1996. The retail shop is 600 square feet with all the modern retail amenities. For leasing information, drop by the Small Business Development Center at 2107 Wasco Street (on Campus) or call 553-3592.

Metolius River hearing held in Warm Springs

About 20 tribal members and planning officials gathered at The Museum at Warm Springs on January 22 for a public hearing on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Metolius Wild and Scenic River Management plan.

The nighttime session was the second of two hearings held on the plan that day. 11 different issues are identified in the draft plan. They cover a broad scope, including the protection of cultural resources and management of recreation in the Metolius River.

The Metolius River forms the southern boundary of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. On the Deschutes National Forest side are acres of lands ceded to the U.S.

Government by the Tribes and Bands of Middle Oregon through the Treaty of 1855, as stated in the Metolius River draft EIS document.

Resource planner Rod Bonacker, of the USFS Sisters Ranger district, started the Warm Springs meeting off with an overview of the issues. He has been involved with the Metolius River interdisciplinary team for two years. Tori Roberts, also with the Sisters Ranger district, joined Bonacker during the presentation.

The draft EIS statement contains five alternatives for varying methods of managing the Metolius River. Only the preferred alternative was reviewed during the meeting.

One option under the preferred alternative would be to close some roads along the Metolius River. Roberts stood up, while pointing at a six-foot tall map of the Metolius River, to demonstrate where the proposed closures would be. There are three main road closures. One would be from the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery to Road 99. The second would go from Candlecreek downstream to the 1499 road, a distance of nine miles. The third would be to gate off the road by the Monty Campground, near the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Eyerly property. Access would still be available for private landowners in the area.

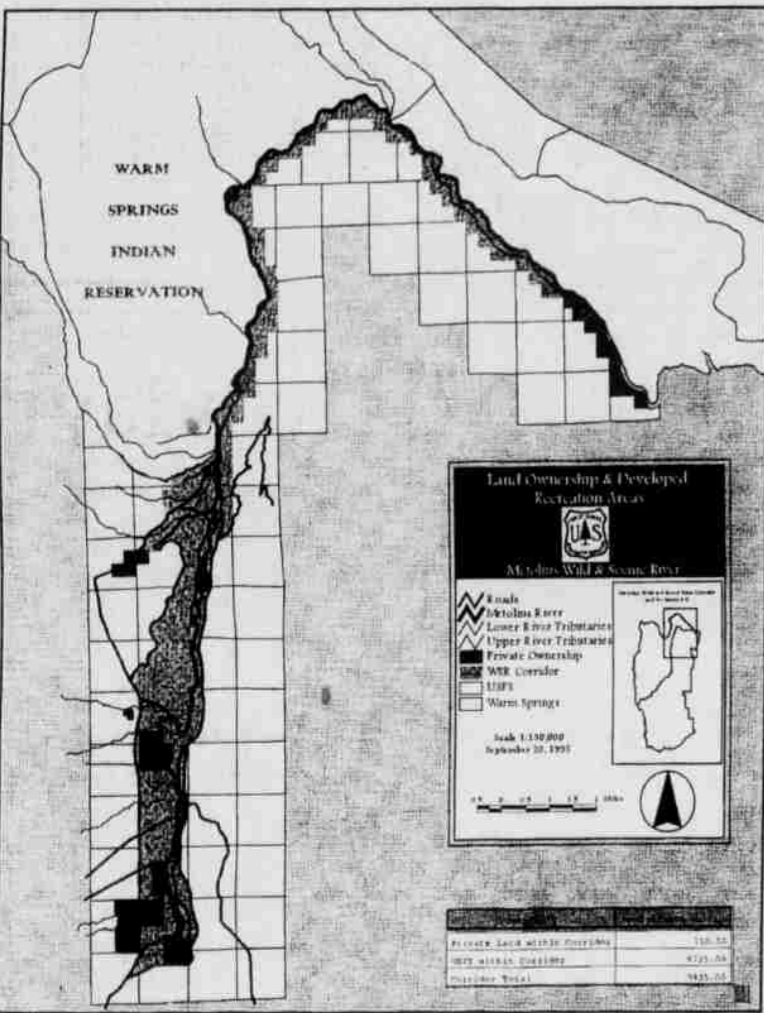
The time came for Warm Springs tribal members to speak at the hearing. Delson Suppah voiced his concern for protection of the habitat, saying, "If we're going to do what we're talking about there... we need to give the fish their home and shut some of these activities down." His comments came about after a discussion on boating activities on the Metolius River.

Leslie Bill felt the Metolius plan was forcing some restrictions onto the tribes as how to manage the reservation.

Lyle Rhoan spoke in favor of shutting off access with the road closures, and stated his main concern was the ceded area and watershed area within the Metolius River basin.

Other discussion points at the Metolius River hearing included concerns over trespassing, and the leases of 108 summer homes along the river.

Other hearings on the Metolius plan have been held in Bend, Sisters, Camp Sherman and Wilsonville. Written comments can be mailed in until February 16 to the Sisters Ranger District. Copies of the plan can be obtained by contacting Brian Cunningham at the Tribal Natural Resources office, 553-3548.



Third annual show opens June 3....

Museum calls for tribal member artwork



Tribal artists are reminded that the deadline for submitting artwork for the third annual Tribal Member Art Show at The Museum At Warm Springs is Friday, April 26, 1996.

The show is scheduled to run from June 3 through September 20, 1996 in the Museum's Changing Exhibit Gallery and all tribal member artists 18 years of age and older are encouraged to submit their work.

The judge for the 1996 show is Catherine Windus, director of the Central Oregon Arts Association and of Mirror Pond Gallery in Bend.

The three award categories include:

The Judge's Choice Award: A prestigious award that is given to the most outstanding work submitted as selected by the judge. The chosen work will be used as the primary publicity piece and will be featured on the invitations to announce the show's opening reception.

Honorable Mention Award: Will be selected by the judge as outstanding work.

The Timberline Purchase Award: Recognizing that a career in art may be difficult, Timberline Chief Executive Officer Richard L. Kohnstamm created the Timberline Lodge Purchase Awards to provide a financial incentive to artists to pursue their craft. Kohnstamm will select and purchase pieces for resale in the Timberline Lodge gift shop. Works selected for this category must be available for sale.

Following are the Tribal Member Art Show guidelines:

1. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older and must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

2. Applicant may submit no more than five slides or photographs of their work. The slides must be numbered and labeled with name, title, media and dimensions. If slides or photos are unavailable, please contact Roxanne Casey at The Museum so other arrangements can be made.

3. All entries must be no more than five years old and have not been exhibited in any other shows at The Museum At Warm Springs.

4. Submitted works must remain in the show for the duration (June 3, 1996 through September 20, 1996).

5. After the jurying, artists will be notified which of their pieces have been selected and when to bring them to The Museum.

Applications are available at The Museum. For more information contact Casey at The Museum at (541) 553-3331.

Kah-Nee-Ta makes donation, dedication

Resort board, management meet to take care of business

Things were hopping January 18 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Juniper Room even though there was a howling snow blizzard going on outside. Resort management and Kah-Nee-Ta Board Members attended a luncheon that was held, in part, to dedicate the newly remodeled and elegant Juniper Dining Room.

The dining room was remodeled using real juniper trees. Long dip nets hang from the walls and salmon are poised beside them, as if traveling up stream. The dining room has been enlarged, featuring additional seating to accommodate 80 more guests. Additional windows feature views of the Warm Springs River and of Kah-Nee-Ta Village.

Wilfred Jim and family members were honored to perform the blessing ceremonies followed by an award presentation for Richard Macy who has served on the Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors for the past five years. Richard Tohet was appointed by

Tribal Council in November as the board's newest member. His first meeting with the Board was in December 1995. Kah-Nee-Ta also donated \$2,500

to The Museum At Warm Springs. Museum representatives were at hand to receive the check from Steve Whitaker, General Manager of Kah-Nee-Ta.



Newest Kah-Nee-Ta Board member, Richard Tohet is welcomed by outgoing Board member, Richard Macy.

Chemawa has new principal

Jack W. Fry, of Omak, Washington was named the new principal of the Chemawa Indian School, located near Salem, Oregon.

Fry will replace Gerald Gray, who has headed the school for the past 13 years. Fry has served as principal and superintendent of Paschal Sherman Indian School near Omak, and is a member of the Colville Indian Tribe, in Eastern Washington. He will take over at Chemawa in February.

Chemawa is a boarding high school that has served the Indians of the northwest for many years, and is one of the oldest Indian boarding schools that is still in operation.

Today Chemawa is an Indian Boarding high school that serves about 400 students from around the Northwest and other parts of the Western states, and is operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



Mark Hammon, Director of The Museum At Warm Springs accepts a \$2500 check from Steve Whitaker, General Manager of Kah-Nee-Ta and Gordon Showen, Kah-Nee-Ta Board member.

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