

## Sandpainting leads Tom down creative path

Full-blooded Navajo, 37-year-old Wayne G. Tom was born in Sheep Springs, New Mexico where he learned to sandpaint at a very young age. At the age of 12, Wayne had already completed a traditional Navajo Female Yei (Female God) using only natural colored sand, as he does on all his work.

"Twice a year, ever since I can remember," says Wayne, the whole family would take trips to the Southwest states of Colorado, Utah,

New Mexico and Arizona, as we still do now, to gather colored rock. Using a hand grinder, we grind the rock then afterwards sift it through a small screen to separate the big stuff from the sand.

"We would gather white marble rock from New Mexico, turquoise rock from Arizona, black coal from the Navajo land and yellow and red sand stone from northern Arizona. Most of the work that I do is done on wood, pottery, vases, sandstone, or

slate sandstone, from Arizona. The type of sand that I use will never change color. I use water and glue and a small paint brush to spread the glue. I then sprinkle the sands over the rest of the layers. I never use patterns," says Wayne. "Everything I make is done by vision or memory".

Wayne has traveled with his father Ernest Hunt, and their family setting up shop from powwow to powwow where he also demonstrates his work.

Right now, Wayne is working on name plates using wood boards that he buys from local area mills. The name plates take about a day to complete and are mostly used for office desk or home use. "To this day, I've been overwhelmed with orders for office name plates," concludes Wayne.



Navajo Wayne Tom began sandpainting when he was 12 years old.



Pastel sandpainting, on sandstone, is of old homestead which reminds Tom of the place in which he was raised.

## For kids' sake, poison proof your home

National Poison Prevention Week is March 17 through 23. Each year, thousands of children are accidentally poisoned by household chemicals, plants, prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This is the week set aside each year to make sure that your home and yard are safe for your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. The best way to do this is to properly store, use and dispose of all hazardous materials and to teach children to ask before putting anything in their mouth.

Some good poison prevention rules include the following:

1. Keep poisonous substances properly labeled and in their original containers. (Example: Do not put gasoline in a pop bottle.)
2. Avoid taking medications in front of children; they love to imitate adults.
3. Do not refer to medication as "candy". They should know that all medication is to be taken only when needed and only when given by an adult.
4. Keep all cleaning materials and chemicals labeled and out of the reach



destroy them for you. If you should need to contact Poison Control about an accidental poisoning, be ready to answer the following questions:

1. The name of the substance (drug, plant, chemical, etc.).
2. How the victim was exposed (through swallowing, skin contact, eye exposure, or inhalation).
3. How much was swallowed or how long was the victim exposed to the substance.
4. How long ago did the "poisoning" occur.

The number for the Oregon Poison Control Center is 1-800-452-7165.

The pharmacists from the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, in conjunction with the Warm Springs Community Health Education Team, will be visiting the Early Childhood Education Center and the Warm Springs and Simnasho Elementary schools March 14 and 21 to spread the message of poison prevention. Please join us in educating children about poison prevention—come to the schools and watch the presentations or get your child to help you "poison proof" your home!

## Gaming opening—Continued from page 1

The week-long grand opening event will conclude Sunday, March 17 with a drawing for a Geo Tracker. Entrants in this drawing were required to win jackpots of \$50 or more to be eligible.

Another drawing, scheduled for Saturday, March 16 is open to tribal members only. All tribal members 21-years-of-age and over have automatically been entered in the drawing for the living room furniture, scheduled to be held at the garden level of the gaming center at 6 p.m. Entrants need not be present to win.

The first ever stick game competition, sponsored by Indian Head Gaming and coordinated by Sam Starr, will begin Thursday, March 14 at 2. The competition, to be held in the stick game shed below Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, will conclude sometime during the weekend, depending on the number of teams that are entered.

Tribal Elder and Oregon Senior Day will be Saturday, March 16. Special events are on tap throughout the day, including tours and a tribal fashion show at The Museum At Warm Springs.



Work on the stickgame shed progresses as the first annual stickgame tournament begins Thursday, March 14.

## Umatilla Tribes assume management of health facility

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation announced recently they will assume management of all services at the Yellowhawk Clinic April 1, 1996. The CTUIR reached an agreement with the IHS last week that addresses funding and policy issues critical to the management of health services provided to Indians at Yellowhawk Clinic.

Under Public Law 93-638, feder-

ally recognized tribes may contract services traditionally operated by the IHS and BIA. The Umatilla tribes have been working toward the goal of assuming management of the Yellowhawk clinic for at least five years.

According to Roberta Wilson, CTUIR Board of Trustees member and chair of the Tribal Health and Welfare Commission, there are several advantages to having the Tribe

manage its own health services. "The primary advantage is that we will have more flexibility and control over the services we offer and how our funding is allocated," she said. "Other advantages are the improved coordination of health services, being able to hire additional staff, provide more staff training and having a base budget that will help ensure future funding."

Although the Clinic will be managed by the CTUIR, it will be managed as a separate entity from the rest of the tribal government, with its own director and policy commission, according to Wilson. It will have its own accounting department responsible for patient and insurance billing.

The CTUIR already manage some of the health programs at Yellowhawk, including nutrition, alcohol and drug program, safety and the community health representative program. The agreement with the IHS would allow the CTUIR to take over management of all the remaining programs, such as medical, dental and pharmacy.

Wilson said the Tribal Health and

Welfare Commission is now in the process of finalizing goals and strategies for making the transition to a tribally-managed health care system on the Umatilla Reservation. "We are devoted to the needs of the people and consider the value of health care and prevention a priority," she said.

## Smith receives records award

Confederated Tribes records manager Ginger Smith was recently awarded the Ruben Edinger Award in recognition for outstanding literary accomplishment for contributions documenting the Tribes' records management program.

Ginger wrote four articles concerning the history of tribal recordkeeping, for the "For The Record", the newsletter for the greater Portland Chapter of the American Records Management Association.

Ruben Edinger was a member of ARMA who has been termed a creative, colorful writer who contributed to the newsletter on a regular basis.

## ONABEN to publish directory

The Oregon Native American Business & Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN) is in phase one of a new project aimed at networking Native American businesses. The Native American Business Directory will help connect Native businesses with one another and assist industries that want to work specifically with the Native American community.

ONABEN receives request each month for assistance in locating minority-owned companies. Although the state provides several minority identification programs, a business

must be registered with that program to be listed in those directories. Few Native American businesses are currently registered. There is no charge for Native American-owned businesses to be included in the Native American Business Directory. To register, complete the form and return to ONABEN.

Publication of the directory is set for summer of 1996. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Crystal Baker, Directory Coordinator at (800) 854-8289.

Complete the form below and return to:  
ONABEN  
PO Box 40849  
Portland, OR 97240-0849

Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of ownership (circle one):  
Sole Proprietor, Partnership, Corporation

% Indian Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Opening: \_\_\_\_\_ SIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this business home-based? Yes or No  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, cell/pager: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax, E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your business: \_\_\_\_\_

Category you would like to be listed under: \_\_\_\_\_

% Indian Ownership: What percentage of this company is Native American owned? SIC Standard Industrial Classification as listed on your IRS Schedule C. Description of your business: What products and services do you sell? What is your market area?

## Flood of '96 sweeps through Sherars Falls

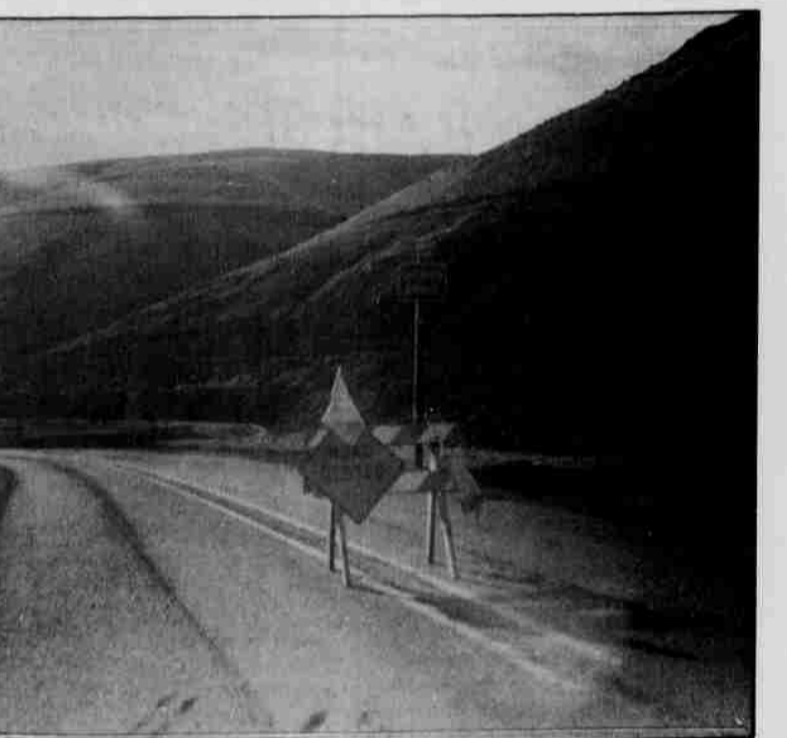
A recent visit to the nine-mile stretch of the Deschutes River between Sherars Falls and Maupin revealed that the floodwaters of 1996 had inundated this area as well as the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. The effects of the flood could be seen all along the riverbank. Logs were stuck in trees three feet above river level. Picnic tables lay buried on their side in silt. Debris washed up 30 feet above the shoreline. Sherars Falls is a traditional tribal fishery site. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs also own land parcels in the area, including Harpham Flat and Sandy Beach.

These two areas were built up last summer in a partnership involving the Tribes, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Oregon Marine Board. Now, much of that work has been washed away. Currently, all of the recreation sites are closed along the Deschutes River.

Jim Kenna, of the Prineville B.L.M. district, says that total damage to recreation sites on the lower Deschutes River is estimated at \$ 610,000. Repairs will include resurfacing roads, replacing 50 or more picnic tables, rebuilding boat ramps, replacing toilets, and reconstructing the handicapped fishing access at Blue Hole. Kenna said the greatest flood damage along the lower Deschutes is a half-million dollars worth of repairs needed to fix roads. This includes a major section at Oak Springs and Buck Hollow. The damage to the road from Tygh Valley to Sherars Falls falls under the jurisdiction of the Oregon

Department of Transportation. That road is also closed at this time.

Tribal fishermen from Warm Springs should still be able to access the Sherars Falls area in the event of a spring fishery. Natural Resources harvest biologist Colleen Fagan states that it's too early to tell the impact of the flood's damage on fishery habitat, but that some stream channels are sure to have shifted during the flooding. Once the water drops low enough, the area should be safe enough for tribal fishermen to construct their scaffolds. A resolution for a spring fishery at Sherars Falls is in front of the Tribal Council, but it has not yet been acted upon.



The road leading to Sherars Bridge is closed.



Water levels at Sherars remain high.

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