

Warm Springs Apparel closed it's doors

The doors of Warm Springs Apparel Industries closed to the public September 1995 due to the lack of funding profit. It is possible that the doors may reopen under the management of private contractors, Melissa Charley and Jan Carlton-Thomas. Melissa has been employed by WSAI since 1991, Jan in 1994.

Since the opening of Warm Springs Apparel Industries in 1986 there have been four managers—Bernyce Courtney, Michelle Bristow, Judy Dickman and Carlton-Thomas.

When Jan was hired in 1994 she was to try to turn the factory around and make it profitable. She realized that would not happen because of the product and the quality. She feels they needed to upgrade and move into more expensive items.

They had been making shorts, lycra tights and bicycle gear, the kind of thing you had to make thousands per week. Making this product did not cover payroll as the market proved

to be too competitive.

Warm Springs Apparel Industries also made coats and sweatshirts for a short time. The shirts were a "disaster," says Jan. In her opinion, "they were overpriced and the quality was not good. The employees were trained to mass produce these goods and it became a liability because not all of it sold. Eventually merchandise was "jobbed out" for \$5,000 to \$6,000. Money was lost on inventory.

There were four members of the board of directors—two from Warm Springs who were very supportive. The other two were busy with their own businesses, one from Bend and one from Portland. Jan expresses, "We were depending on them to help us, but they didn't help."

Before the closure WSAI was in the middle of a job for Indian Head Gaming. They already had the fabric in stock so they received permission from the Tribe to finish. They were asked to make enough uniforms for

the next few years, Gaming paid all the overhead and all wages until complete. The job was completed on April 30.

From April 10 until June 30 Melissa and Jan have a working contract to come up with a business plan that is going to work for the Tribe. During this time, they will do market research, design research and prepare a preliminary budget to take to Tribal Council. "Melissa and I both believe that this could be a viable business if it's run right," Jan says. They should know by the end of August what's going to happen.

What they would like to do is get some leather, Pendleton wool and polar fleece. Some things that people here can relate to—what they would buy and what they would want to work on. They are also going through archives of the area, the visual history, that can be used on garments. They will start creating a mystique of the area.

There is so much interest from other casino's for product that comes from an Indian factory that does not have strong Southwest design.

The public is really into Indian goods and it's the perfect opportunity to produce Indian goods by real Indians. Jan says, "The Indian factory is a real niche, there are very few Indian factories."

If Tribal Council accepts their plan hiring will be tribal member preference at minimum wage. Former employees will start at wages they left at. They will have the opportunity for raises and benefits—vacation leave, sick leave, insurance benefits, which they never had before. They want to develop a training center.

They would also like to develop a home industry. There are many things that can be done at home—lacing, beading, appliqué. Individuals would be producing goods in their homes and be paid by the piece. They would not need a big staff, so overhead would be lower.

"We're real excited about this project, although there's been so much bad press about this business," Jan said.



Jan Carlton-Thomas and Melissa Charley have just completed Gaming order.

Treat Mom to special brunch May 12

Kah-Nee-Ta Vacation Resort is inviting you to bring your mother or the mother of your children to enjoy a Mother's Day Brunch at the Juniper Dining Room on Sunday May 12, From 9am to 3pm. The special person in your life will be able to enjoy assorted chilled juices, sliced fresh fruit and melon, eggs benedict, sourdough french toast with huckleberry sauce, scramble eggs with cheddar cheese and green onions, smoked bacon, cured ham, apple sausage, onion chive red potatoes, spring mix greens with huckleberry vinaigrette, seasonal fresh vegetables, roast pork, with apple jack demi glace, fresh baked croissants, danish, muffins, indian fry bread, assorted dessert selection, fresh ground Kah-Nee-Ta blend coffee or decaf, and hot herbal or iced tea. The price is \$14 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age. Make it a day that she will never forget, bring her to Mother's Day Brunch at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Museum offers numerous activities

Seeds of Discovery

The Seeds of Discovery Science Fair will again be held at The Museum At Warm Springs and is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

The events will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the meadow behind The Museum and fourth graders from Warm Springs, Madras and Metolius will be participating. Last year, 250 fourth graders attended the one-day event, along with numerous parents, teachers and chaperones.

A total of 10 different learning stations will be set up in The Mu-

seum meadow where representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Natural Resources departments will set up displays. Students will rotate from station to station throughout the day.

A highlight of the 1996 fair will be a 50x10 foot quilted salmon sock-eye tent that will serve as one of the learning station where children will learn about salmon. Approximately 50 different animals costumes will be available to the students. The tent and costumes are being provided by the Ochoco National Forest.

Parents and community members are invited to join in the events, said Keith Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for the 509-J School District. For more information contact Jeanne Thomas at The Museum at 553-3331.

Living Traditions

Live presentation of various traditions and crafts of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation are presented every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day at The Museum At Warm Springs.

The Living Traditions program features a different presenter each weekend at The Museum. "The idea is to have tribal people here at The Museum to show their traditions or crafts and to talk to the public," said Jeanne Thomas, Museum Education/Tour coordinator.

The program began shortly after

Calling Cards for sale!

The 4-H Search and Rescue Cadet Program is selling calling cards as a fund raiser. The cards are \$10 and \$20 each. For \$10, you get 20 minutes and for \$20 you get 40 minutes. The club receives half the face value of the cards.

Cards can be purchased from Luke Sanders, Keith Baker, Larry Holliday and Danielle Switzler or any of the club members. Purchases are tax deductible.



Students from Spain shared a fun dance with everyone.



Indonesian dance performed.

The 20th annual AFS Powwow, April 27, hosted students from 32 countries. Each country shared a dance or a song of their country with everyone. Fun dances that anyone was allowed to participate in, even the local social dances—owl dance, round dance. Charlotte Shike and Irene Towe were presented with gifts for their many years of participation with the AFS Powwow. Students were presented with gifts to take home—earrings, key chains and necklaces.



Students participate in owl dance.



Local crew tag and clip baby chinooks.

Hatchery crew tags 500,000 baby chinooks

A total of 500,000 Warm Springs and Round Butte baby spring Chinook were tagged between April 16 and May 3 this year thanks to the employees hired at the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery. According to Chuck Fuller a fish and wildlife employee out of the Vancouver Resource office in Vancouver, Washington, when fish return every two to five years, "we'll be able to determine their age and where they were tagged and raised."

Working out of two module trailers at the fish hatchery with six

employees at each trailer, the baby spring Chinook are clipped and tagged and put back into holding tanks until they get old enough to be released into rivers and streams. Most of the employees who are working there are old pro's who sometimes tag up to 4,000 fish in an eight hour day. There are also the green horns that "only" tag about 2,000 to 3,000 fish daily. The job lasts about two to three weeks depending on how fast we clip and tag them, says Pat Miller of Warm Springs. "I've been doing

this for the past seven years" say's Miller, "I'm up to 3,300 fish a day".

Other employees include Iris Smith with 3 years, and her daughter Clarice Smith with seven years. Mona Jim started doing this off and on when it first started in 1977, and this is Rhonda Clements third year. Valerie Fuiava is also on her third year, while Tammy Robinson has seven years under her belt. Short timers include Lareen Teeman, Maynard Jim, Leann Teeman Melinda Poitras and Tonya Morgan.

Museum begins "Living Traditions"

May 14	Seeds of Discovery Science Fair at The Museum for fourth graders in the 509-J School District from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
May 18	Macrame Lawn Chair Weaving Class taught by Norma Smith at The Museum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$15 fee and the class is limited to 10 people. Bring own supplies and chair frame.
May 25-27	Living Traditions Program: Unity Dancers, Adeline Miller from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 1-2	Living Traditions: Spirit Walker Dancers, Joe Tuckta; Jingle Dress Making by Joe Tuckta from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 7	Opening Reception for the Third Annual Tribal Member Art Show from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Museum. The exhibit will be on display through September 20, 1996.
June 8-9	Living Traditions: Shaker Church, Norman Lucei from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 15	Living Traditions: Ribbon Shirts and Appliqué demonstration, Alfreda Mitchell from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 22-23	Living Traditions: Skills using Leather and Bone Hair Pipes, Lyle Rhoad, Sr., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 28-30	Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Celebration and Powwow in Warm Springs
June 29-30	Living Traditions: Rainbow Dancers, Myra Shawaway from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 4-7	Living Traditions: Rainbow Dancers, Myra Shawaway from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 13-14	Living Traditions: Heritage Importance and Paiute artifact display, Wilson Wewa, Jr. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 20-21	Living Traditions: Beading People Images, Antoinette Queahpama from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
July 27-28	Living Traditions: Ceremonial Hats and Beaded Bags, Arlita Rhoad from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 3-4	Living Traditions: Dip, Set Net Pole Fishing, Hank Palmer from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 10-11	Living Traditions: Tribal Traditions for Hunting and Fishing, Terry Courtney from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 17-18	Living Traditions: Beaded Crowns and Horse Trap pings, Rosie Tom from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 24-25	Living Traditions: Language Program, Arlita Rhoad from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
August 31 to September 1	Artists and Crafts Fair at The Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information on the above listed events, contact The Museum at (541) 553-3331 or write PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761.