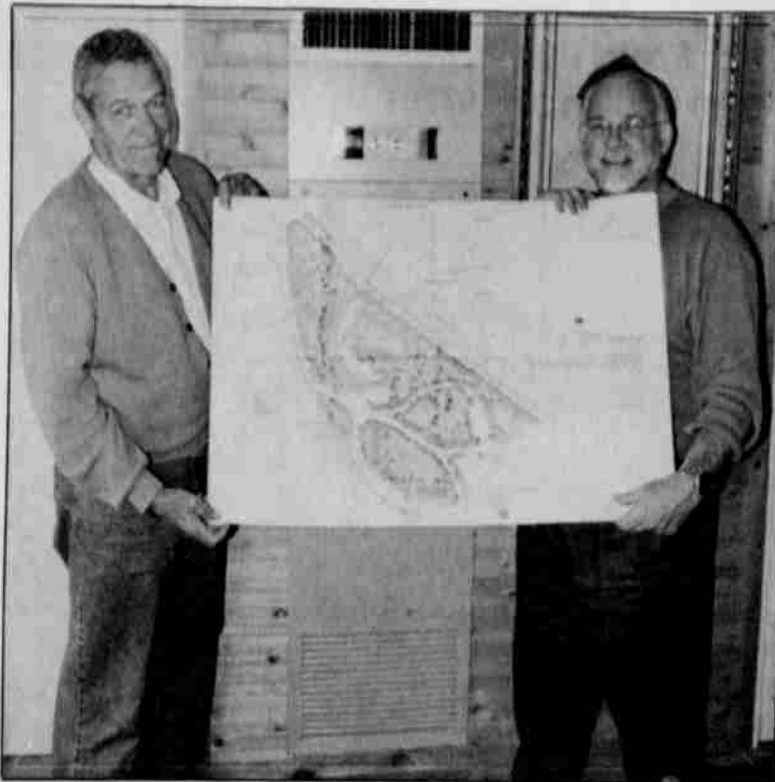


## After the Flood of '96: Resort rebuilding underway



Ed Manion and Steve Whitaker hold the plans for the new Kah-Nee-Ta Village

Initial reports estimated that flood damage to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort was over \$10 million. However, the damage count, taking in only the Village area and golf course, has dropped substantially, to yet another preliminary estimate of \$4.5 million dollars. This estimate will increase, as considerable repairs are also necessary to the sewage lagoon levy, all the roads and some infrastructure. "Those costs are still being determined," says Kah-Nee-Ta Resort General Manager Steve Whitaker. "It's still pretty hard to determine as to how high the costs will be," concurs construction manager Ed Manion. "We're still finding things today that should have been repaired some time back and are not included in the evaluation plan."

In order to maintain some kind of solid cost on the project at the Village, it was originally planned to "just remodel it and fix it up and reopen it. After structural engineers got involved and examined the bathhouse building it was determined that the building would be too expensive to rebuild, and we still would have an old building. And, on top of that," says Manion, "The structural part of the building was not there. Of course in 1963, when the bathhouse was put together, the codes they used were different and have changed" significantly.

"It's amazing and a wonder there weren't any accidents in there," says Manion. "The floor above the mechanical room, which was the women's dressing room, was ready

to drop 15 feet below into the mechanical room. There were no seismic measures taken that are required today, the block was hollow and there was some dry rot showing in three places on the roof. The Tribal Council did come out to the Village and the decision was made to take the bathhouse down. Now the only buildings standing at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village are the Tribal member bathhouse and the Neesha cottage.

The pool is also still in the same place, says Whitaker. "We will completely refinish and refurbish the whole pool including the plumbing, filter systems and pumps so the pool meets all codes, as well. Previously, chlorinated water was allowed to drain into the Warm Springs River. The new system will not.

"We're into phase one of rebuilding," continues Whitaker. It is not so much a phase of construction as much as it is a "determination and development phase to set the future direction for today and tomorrow of Kah-Nee-Ta Village," says Whitaker. "The first primary phase of reconstruction will be, of course, to get the mechanical elements of the pool and the pool itself ready to go. Tied into that will be building the bathhouse and bringing in all the decks and fencing.

"The next phase is to make sure we get the recreation area prepared which will be built where the old game room, snack bar and restaurant used to be. The teepee area is being laid out where the cottages used to be. Somewhere near the teepee area we will open up what we're calling the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Center, an activity building which will consist of a restaurant, gift shop, general store, arcade, gym and a spa."

Explaining the next phase of construction, Manion says "the cottages will go up...this could start in the next two or three weeks, with some of the projects due for completion in 90 to 120 days" barring any further

interruptions. "The pool, which will include a huge water slide, and the bathhouse, will be our first priority. With luck, the pool the recreation park and the teepee area could be completed by late August or early September if all goes well and no other changes occur. Within the next ten days we should have some hard costs on the project.

The Flood of '96 has had a substantial impact on employment at the Resort. "Between seasonal and full-time, we lost about 75 jobs at the Village because of the flood" says Whitaker. "But with the new facility, we hope to bring on a few more employees. The Village is being developed, rebuilt and redesigned so that it can operate year 'round which will require additional full-time, year-round jobs. The new Kah-Nee-Ta Village is going to offer more services that didn't exist" when the old Village existed, says Whitaker.

Financing the refurbishing will require monies from FEMA, Kah-Nee-Ta's insurance, and the Tribes. The total package will be presented to the Tribal Council in the near future. "The Tribes have hired a FEMA coordinator who will work closely with us until the project is completed, says Manion.

Manion, a long-time employee of the Tribe who also worked at Kah-Nee-Ta in 1963, says the old Village facilities "lasted very well. It is an unusual opportunity you don't often get to help build something and then get asked to come back and rebuild. It would have been done differently in 1963 had I known then what I know now but I also feel that the old project did serve its purpose while it was here."

### No more All-Indian Rodeo at Tygh Valley

After some 46 years, the Tywama Saddle Club has abandoned the famed All-Indian Rodeo held in May each year. The Tywama Saddle Club was one of the first organizations to sponsor an All-Indian rodeo back in the 50's.

The very first All-Indian rodeo was held in the Wasco County Fairgrounds and to make it a wild and woolly event, it was decided to have wild and woolly livestock right off the range from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

A tribal enrollment card was needed for proof of Indian heritage and also from what tribe a person belonged. The first rodeo was a big hit with people from all across the Northwest. It was such a hit that the All-Indian rodeo became an annual event.

After a few years of holding the rodeo at the Wasco County Fairgrounds the Tywama Saddle Club built their own rodeo arena along Highway 197, where the wooden arena now sits. For years, top Indian cowboys from all parts of the Northwest and Canada came to participate in the rodeo. Also, hundreds and hundreds of campers came to Tygh Valley each year for the popular event.

For several years, the rodeo was sanctioned by the Western States Indian Rodeo Association, an organization through which Indian cowboys could build up their point standings which counted toward sending them to the National Indian Finals Rodeo.

Well, this year, the rodeo arena sits idle with just memories of the past. Many top cowboys have performed here in Tygh Valley.



## Tribe files \$15 million suit for McQuinn damages

Tribal attorneys, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes, filed in the US Court of Federal Claims a \$15 million suit against the US Government, specifically the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for damages arising from violations of the McQuinn Act.

According to the McQuinn Act, commercial timber on the McQuinn Strip could only be sold at public oral auction and prohibited the Tribe from participating in the bidding, purchasing, cutting and removal of any commercial timber from the McQuinn Strip until January 1, 1992. The Tribe was to receive the proceeds from the sale of commercial timber harvested from the Strip. In 1989, the BIA agreed with the Tribe that the timber harvest authorized by the McQuinn Act had been exceeded. Both parties agreed that no further timber would be harvested from the McQuinn Strip before January 1, 1992.

In August 1990, the BIA offered timber on the McQuinn Strip for sale at public auction and sold over 23 million board feet of timber from the McQuinn Strip.

According to court documents, which were filed with the Federal Claims Court in Washington, D.C. May 14, 1996, the "1990 timber sale from the McQuinn Strip was laid out, conducted and administered by defendant (the BIA) in violation of Indian timber management statutes and the McQuinn Act, defendant's own

rules, regulations and standards and reasonable silvicultural practices, and caused the Tribe to suffer economic harm including but not limited to the following:

1. standing timber was sold at a price below that which the plaintiffs could have sold the timber after it would have become available to the plaintiffs after January 1, 1992;

2. stands of timber were unnecessarily and imprudently clearcut or overcut, making the timber unavailable to the plaintiffs after January 1, 1992;

3. merchantable salvage timber was left unsalvaged and lost;

4. standing and salvage timber was sold below its fair market value;

5. private timber contractors were allowed to trespass and take timber beyond that which was designated to be sold by defendant;

6. by allowing timber to be removed without payment to plaintiffs;

7. the harvested forest areas were not properly reforested;

8. water, soil and other natural resources were degraded;

9. stands of timber were improperly cut making remaining standing timber vulnerable to wind damage; and

10. economic and employment opportunities for the tribal community and members were lost."

The Tribe is seeking \$15 million in damages, court costs and any other relief as the court deems equitable and just.

### COCC plans annual salmon festival June 2

Central Oregon Community College Native American Student Union will host the Spring Salmon Festival Sunday, June 2 beginning at 2 p.m. in the COCC Library Courtyard. The Festival will offer a free salmon bake, storytelling, Native American music

and dance and Native American speakers.

The Festival is co-sponsored by the COCC Foundation, Native American Student Union, Associated Students of COCC and Bend Festival of Color.

### Credit Enterprise seeking board members

Tribal Council is currently advertising for five positions on the Tribal Credit Enterprise Board of Directors. All credit activities of The Enterprise will be under the supervisory review and direction of this Board of Directors.

The members of the Board are divided into three classes, Class I, II and III. There are two Class I directors. One is an enrolled member of the Tribe. The other Director will be a non-member who is "interested in the social and economic development of the Tribes and who has expertise in the field of credit. The term for Class I directors will expire January 1, 1997.

There are two Class II directors, one of whom will be a tribal member. The non-member Class II di-

rector, like the Class I, will be interested in the social and economic development of the Tribe. Class II terms expire January 1, 1998.

There is one Class III director who will be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Class III director term will expire January 1, 1999.

If interested in serving as a member of the Credit Enterprise Board of Directors, submit a resume and letter of interest before June 8, 1996 to the Tribal Council Office, Attention: Lynn Davis, PO Box 1299, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Resume's are important and should contain information such as education background, work experience and/or training, special interests.

### Vital Stats notes days, times of ID processing

Have you lost your ID? Did that plastic card go through the laundry? Is it wrinkled beyond recognition? Well, you could get a new one!

Vital Statistics department makes tribal ID cards Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Exceptions are

made for those who live out of town (meaning non-Warm Springs residents), those whose work schedules do not allow for a timely visit to Vital Stats and for those attending school.

The first ID card of the year will cost \$4. The second ID of the year will cost \$6. Senior citizens receive their IDs free of charge.

## New officers selected for Tribal Council

It was a bright spring day May 1, 1995 that Bruce "Mickey" Brunoe, Sr. was selected chairman of the 20th Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes. Just a few days more than a year later, Brunoe tendered his resignation as Chairman, citing "personal health", based on his physician's recommendation, as his reason.

On April 17, Brunoe submitted the following letter of resignation to Tribal Council.



"I regret to inform you that for medical reasons I must submit my resignation as Chairman of the 20th Tribal Council effective immediately. As you all know, I underwent major heart surgery several years ago and have been under close medical supervision since that time to avoid a recurrence of my heart disease. "This has been a difficult decision for me to make. However, the duties and responsibilities of the Chairmanship are more than my doctor and I believe that I can continue at this

time without placing my health in jeopardy.

"I will continue to serve as an elected member of the 20th Tribal Council representing the Agency District, and I look forward to working with the new Chairman on the many important issues that face the Council.

"I want to thank all of the Council members for your cooperation and support during my time as Chairman. It has been a great honor and a personal pleasure to serve as Chairman. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve the council and my people as Chairman."

Brunoe's physician, Dr. George Waldmann, wrote that he had "advised" Brunoe "to resign from his position" as Chairman for "health reasons. It is my opinion that the stress associated with this position is aggravating several of his health problems and for these reasons I have very strongly insisted that he resign from this position."

Stepping into the chairman's role is Joe Moses, who was selected that same spring day vice-chairman of Council.

Moses, himself, just returned to "active duty" on Council, having undergone open heart surgery earlier this winter. Never before has a Paiute served as chairman of Tribal Council.



Assuming the vice-chairman role is Irene Wells. Not since the 1953-1956 term of Council, when Edith Danzuka was named vice-chairman, has a woman served as an officer of the Tribe's governing body.

## Gaming Center to offer many fun events



by Aurolyn Watlamet  
General Manager

Indian Head Gaming Center celebrates their first anniversary this month. The 1995 annual reports were mailed to tribal members with most of the information pertaining to operations of the temporary casino. If you have any questions, please call Aurolyn Watlamet at 553-6122. The report was presented to the tribal membership April 18 along with the Kah-Nee-Ta annual report presentation.

A special thank you to IHG employees who have one year of service. They are Sandra Rolene, Lalovi Jackson, Faith Dick, Dwayne Edwards, Frank Smith, Zane Fink, Wanda Van Pelt, Debbie Thompson, Lena Ike Edwards, Lowell Heydon, Ida Chochell, Carol Funk, George Sutton, Jr., Victor Moses, Delbert Garcia, John Cook, Pamela Sue Hernandez, Dixon Polk, Sr., Georgianna George, James Surface, Joseph Ballanger, Serena Raboin, Daniel Samuels, Albert Adams, Judy Pendergraft, Sharon Dryer, Margie Tuckta and Eliza Brown. It is a new industry on the reservation and we're very proud that you were involved in the early development of the beautiful casino and are still with us.

Congratulations to Cozy Davidson, our April Employee of the Month. Good job, Cozy! Also special recognition to other great nominees: Barbara Starr, Rosalina Moran and Albert Adams.

Nearly 50-percent of our customers are from Central Oregon, and approximately 25-percent are from the Portland metropolitan area and

approximately 10-percent are from Hood River, The Dalles and lower central Washington.

We have free shuttle bus services from the Portland area and in Central Oregon.

Every Monday has been designated as "Senior Sneak". Senior citizens will receive special promotions on Mondays at both Indian Head Gaming and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Elvis is Alive! He will be performing LIVE in the Garden Level of the casino at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 27. Memories will live on in the music and appearance of top Elvis impersonator, David Moore. Moore is the only impersonator to be continually invited to perform at Graceland on Elvis' birthday and anniversary of his death. He looks like the "Hawaii-era" Elvis, is part Cherokee Indian, like Elvis, and sounds and moves like Elvis.

Beginning at 6 p.m., Elvis will mingle with the crowd for pictures and at 7 p.m., will give away the Harley-Davidson Bad Boy motorcycle.

Let Elvis hand you the keys to a 1996 Harley Davidson motorcycle on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 at 7 p.m. You increase your chances to win with each \$50 jackpot or keno win. There will also be drawings every hour from 12 noon until 12 midnight for special prizes.

Upcoming activities for the month of June include keno classes, special slot tournaments and keno tournaments for fathers and other specials in the casino for fathers on Father's Day; a vehicle giveaway on Wednesday, June 26; several cash giveaways to celebrate Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days. Other special promotions to compliment Kah-Nee-Ta's "Double your pleasure, double your fun" June promotion.

This month, the Gaming Board of Director, Ron Suppah and I will be attending various meetings concerning the Governor's Task Force on Gaming. After the state lottery's poker machines fell short of its \$78 million projections, Oregon has proposed to conduct an impact study of

Indian gaming. The governor established a Task Force on Gaming is holding subcommittee hearings on the following topics: Crime, Law Enforcement and Regulation; Social Impact, Economic Impact and Gambling Market.

The Oregon Tribes are required to renegotiate with the state in June 1996 for Class III Black Jack card games.

open for use. By the end of the week, BIA Route 2 (P-500/B-200) is expected to be bladed and open for use although care needs to be taken at the Boulder Creek and Badger Creek crossings.

Known hazard areas have been marked with various warning devices such as signs, construction cones or red flagging. Forest road users need to be aware that there may still be unknown hazard areas which are not marked. Drivers should adjust their driving accordingly.

Some roads will remain closed until funding for permanent repair is available. Included in this group are the bridge at Boys Camp (Shitike Creek crossing) and the W-110 (Butte Creek crossing). These two sites may not be repaired until mid to late summer.

Your patience and understanding will be appreciated. For further information, call Tom Shuman, at Roads at 553-2423 or Doug Dunlap at Forestry at 553-2416.

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