

Reservation firewood cutting regulations changed

Several changes have been implemented to the regulations governing firewood cutting on the Reservation.

Starting March 1, 1997 valid firewood tags must be affixed to the back of any load of firewood, posts, poles, rails etc. cut and hauled on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. This is a change from previous years when only firewood cut for resale required tags affixed to the back of the load.

A new Free Use permit for senior and/or disabled tribal members is available. This permit allows tribal members 62 years of age or older or disabled tribal members to designate another tribal member to cut 10 cords of free use firewood for them. Free use permits will be valid for the entire year and each tribal member is entitled to a maximum of 10 cords of free use firewood each year.

Resale permits are still only valid for three months with a maximum of 30 cords per year. Additional cords can be cut if a request is granted by the tribal Timber Committee.

The area for firewood cutting will include as much of the reservation as possible. However the following

areas will be excluded from firewood cutting: All allotments, conditional use areas, active timber sales, visual zones along major highways and roads, riparian zones along streams and springs and the northwest corner of the reservation. The northwest corner of the reservation is off limits to wood cutting because of the high value of the trees in this area and also to make law enforcement easier, especially for apprehending outsiders cutting wood on the reservation. Areas outside of the designated wood cutting areas will not be granted on an individual basis. However, later this year, Forestry plans to designate and mark other areas for wood cutting.

Maps of wood cutting areas and complete regulations are available at the Forestry office. Only tribal members will be issued a wood cutting permit. To obtain a permit you must present either a tribal ID or photo ID (i.e. a driver's license). Money orders are required for resale permits and the amount is ten dollars for 10 cords of wood. To obtain either a free use or resale permit, go to the front desk at the Forestry office or call 553-2416.

Eight complete comprehensive office skills training

Office Practice and Procedures (secretarial training), sponsored by the tribal Personnel Training department and administered by COCC, celebrated the graduation of eight students March 6. The group completed 201 hours, or 1.5 credits, of college-level work compressed into approximately four months.

Key participants, which started on October 21, 1996 and successfully completed their training March 6, 1997 include Janet Bobb, Pat Brown, Martha Heath, Ron Gibson, Celestine Brunoe, Tina Spino, Minnie Charley and Sandra Miller.

During their training, the students received 104 hours of computer application, 15 hours of 10-key calculators, 15 hours in filing, 16 hours in writing fundamentals, 24 hours of Accounting Fund/Tribal Accounting practice, three hours in tribal hiring procedures, six hours office etiquette, 12 hours Office Correspondence and six hours resume writing/Interview Skills.

The selection of the students was achieved through assessment testing to establish ability to be successful and a personal interview with a



Graduating students accept their diplomas for completing the Office Practices and Procedures training.

selection panel. Space was made available to other members of the Warm Springs community for a nominal fee. Approximately fifty

people have taken advantage of this opportunity.

The classes were held at the Education building with the

assistance of Irene Wells and Lois Lesarilly of the tribal Human Resources and training department.

Eagle Watch a success; thanks

To the Editor, On behalf of everyone involved in coordinating Eagle Watch '97, we thank you for donating one of the prizes for the raffle at this new annual event. The raffle generated \$187.20 for the Oregon Eagle Foundation, Inc.

This second annual Eagle Watch was very well received and even

more successful than we had dreamed it would be. It was good to see an increased participation—over 700 for the weekend—with many more children this year.

Eagle Watch is definitely a step in the right direction toward developing awareness and appreciation for the Lake Billy Chinook resource and the various raptors species which it

supports. It is hoped that awareness and appreciation of natural resources and wildlife in other areas as well will benefit from our efforts.

Once again, we thank you for helping make Eagle Watch '97 so successful

Paul Patton, Visitor Services Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Lady Vols do well in Mission tournament

To the Editor,

The Lady Vols 15 and Under Girls basketball team traveled to Mission, Oregon on February 15 and 16, 1997. They played five games which included a forfeit in the first game to Wilma's of Pendleton. We received the wrong information on our game time and showed up late.

We next played and defeated Toppenish, Washington by nine points; the game was real rough but the girls kept their cool and won. We played Candice's of Pendleton and defeated by nine also. We played Wilma's and defeated them by 60 points. The championship game was against Charlie's of Pendleton and we won by a very narrow margin of 46 to 42. The girls came through the back door and won the tournament in a real team-oriented fashion.

Along with the first place plaque, the team also won three all-star awards: Amy Suppah, Shamona Charley and Blanche Mitchell. Most points in single game: Lutah Wallulatum with 44 points; and youngest player, Myrtle Suppah. It was an excellent tournament and I appreciate all of the girls and their team effort! I sincerely believe that all of the hard work that they do in their practice sessions and the conditions they are in really helped them in this tournament. I look forward to the next two months which will be real busy with tournaments locally and as well as Ft. Hall, Idaho,

Pendleton, Reno and Yakama.

The team members are Amy Suppah, Shamona Charley, Blanche Mitchell, Billie Suppah, CeCe Polk,

Hester Scott, Crystal Smith, Lutah Wallulatum and Myrtle Suppah.

Coach, Ron Suppah

Miller retires from locksmith business

To the Editor,

After 24 years in the locksmith business, I have decided to retire and sell my business.

During these past years, I have grown with Madras and its wonderful people. I have had the opportunity to raise my children, Melissa, Stephen and Bonnie Morgan, in Madras. They are all doing well in life and I have Madras to thank for that.

It seems as though it is the right time to move on. My husband Mark Miller has also retired and we have purchased property in Baker City, Oregon. We plan on enjoying the many outdoor facilities Baker City has to offer.

It is important to us that we find someone to purchase the business that will carry on the tradition of doing what is right for the customer at a fair and honest value. During the past 24 years, I have had very few complaints about my work and those have been recent due to the confusion of my retirement, so it may be time.

Thanks so much to all of you for your kindness, patience and most of all your patronage. My success has been because of Jefferson County, the Confederated Tribes and its citizens.

Most sincerely, Jean Morgan Miller Morgan's Lock and Key

Bids open for chip hauler

Warm Spring Forest Products Industries is soliciting bids for hauling wood chips to purchasers in the Portland area. Approximately 300 tons per day (6,000 tons/month) are produced at the mill. If you are interested in further information regard-

ing this four year contract, please contact Rick Saunders at WSFPI (541) 553-1131.

Tribal member preference per Tribal Resolution #8363A will be utilized in awarding this contract. Closing date for submitting a bid for this contract is March 17, 1997.

Indian Head Casino holds March Madness Giveaways

Indian Head Casino has a new and improved floor layout. The third floor, where table games use to be, now consists entirely of slot machines. The main floor has slot machines and six BlackJack tables. Also on the main floor is a new poker room, with three tables. The first floor, or Garden Level is closed. The casino deli has relocated to the Pinto Grill. The Pinto Grill has a much broader menu selection and is a popular choice for casino guests.

The new floor layout is part of some new and exciting changes that are happening at Indian Head Casino. All of the changes happening resort wide will make for an exciting 1997 season.

March Madness Giveaways March marks the anniversary of Indian Head Casino's Grand Opening. Indian Head will be celebrating all month long with giveaways galore. We will have our usual week-

end cash giveaways, plus four grand prizes. March 8 we are giving away \$2,500, March 15 a trip for two to Las Vegas plus \$500, March 22 a 46" screen Sony TV, and on March 29 \$5,000.

Ways to qualify for the weekend and grand prize drawings are a follows: Any \$50 or more single jackpot win on slots (must be verified at slot machine), in poker any full house or the winning high hand and in BlackJack a suited BlackJack, dealer has a suited BlackJack or a 6, 7, 8 combination of 21. Remember also that Tuesday's and Thursday's are double entry days at Indian Head Casino. All you have to do is play to win, Lucky You.

Indian Head Casino Highway 3 clean up

Believe it or not, March marks the anniversary of Indian Head Casino's Grand Opening. After thinking long and hard about how Indian Head can

best celebrate the anniversary, a common theme has arisen. We at Indian Head Casino would like to give something back to the community. This we feel will be best accomplished through an act which all employees of the casino can contribute to. Therefore, Indian Head Casino employees will clean up Highway 3.

Casino employees will take two Saturdays in March to complete this task. The two scheduled days for the Clean Up are Saturday March 22 and 29.

Cost going up for repairing road signs in community

In recent years the reservation has been vandalized in many ways—road signs, graffiti, damaged and destroyed property throughout the community.

Road signs are put up for the safety of drivers, construction workers, surveyors and pedestrians in the community. Surveyors and construction workers place signs on the road so that traffic can move safely. Drivers often choose to ignore safety signs, therefore placing not only themselves in danger, but others as well.

Road signs have been vandalized and pushed over throughout Warm Springs. The BIA Roads department is responsible for replacing these signs for the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

What if someone doesn't stop at an intersection where there used to be a stop sign and an accident occurs? Who gets the blame? People say, "Roads was supposed to put up signs." The Roads department gets the blame while the person who knocks over the sign or takes the sign goes unpunished.

Roads has to put up signs all year long to replace signs pushed over and taken away. Some are left where they were standing and they are able to replace only the post for that sign. In the past people used to take them after they were pushed down. They were taken and dropped in a river at one time.

The cost for one complete sign to be replaced is approximately \$70. That includes \$16 an hour labor, \$12 for transportation, \$40 for a sign and \$10 for a post. The price for signs has

gone up from year to year.

A total of 208 hours were spent repairing signs in 1996. Total cost for labor was \$3,410 and total cost for equipment was \$4,005. In 1995 total hours of labor was 168, labor cost was \$2,678 and total equipment costs were \$3,065. The money to pay for this comes from the BIA but what if the Tribe should contract this department? The money would come from the tribal budget, and who would feel the loss? The Tribal members.

With the Simnasho Fire in 1996 the Roads department lost \$40,000 worth of signs and they are trying to work their way back up from their loss. Their inventory of posts had gone down and some signs were put back up with the same posts. The signs were just shorter. Although the signs are required to be seven feet



Speed limit sign damaged with bullet holes

tall the Roads department had no other alternative but to use the same posts, short or tall.

Roads department has been busy

repairing flood damage for 1996 and are now back into their regular routine. The signs will soon be repaired and put back into place.



This stop sign was pushed until it leaned and was also shot with a rifle and scraped at.

Recreation to offer Spring Break activities March 17-21

Monday	sign ups
9:00 a.m. Paint Playground	2:00 p.m. Golf
10:30 a.m. Pool Tournery	8-5 Game & A/C Room
1-3 p.m. Basketball/Softball clinic	Thursday
3:00 p.m. Cookie Making	12:00 p.m. Hiking at Smith Rock
8-5 Game Room	1:00 p.m. Spelling Bee
1-5 A/C Room	2:00 p.m. Remote Races
Tuesday	9-11 Spring Break Sock Hop
10:00 a.m. Field Beauty	8-5 Game & A/C Room
1:00 p.m. Roller Blading	6:00 p.m. CHET Movie
3:00 p.m. Movie at Redmond	Night
8-5 Game Room	Friday
1-5 Carol's Room	10:00 a.m. Basketball Play
Wednesday	Day
10:00 a.m. Video Games	10:00 a.m. Home Made Ice Cream Making
11:00 a.m. Baking for Boys	11:00 a.m. Golf
11:00 a.m. Mohawks & Moccasins Makeovers	12:00 p.m. Night Court Lunch
6:00 p.m. Penny Carnival, Baking contest, Lil League	3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social