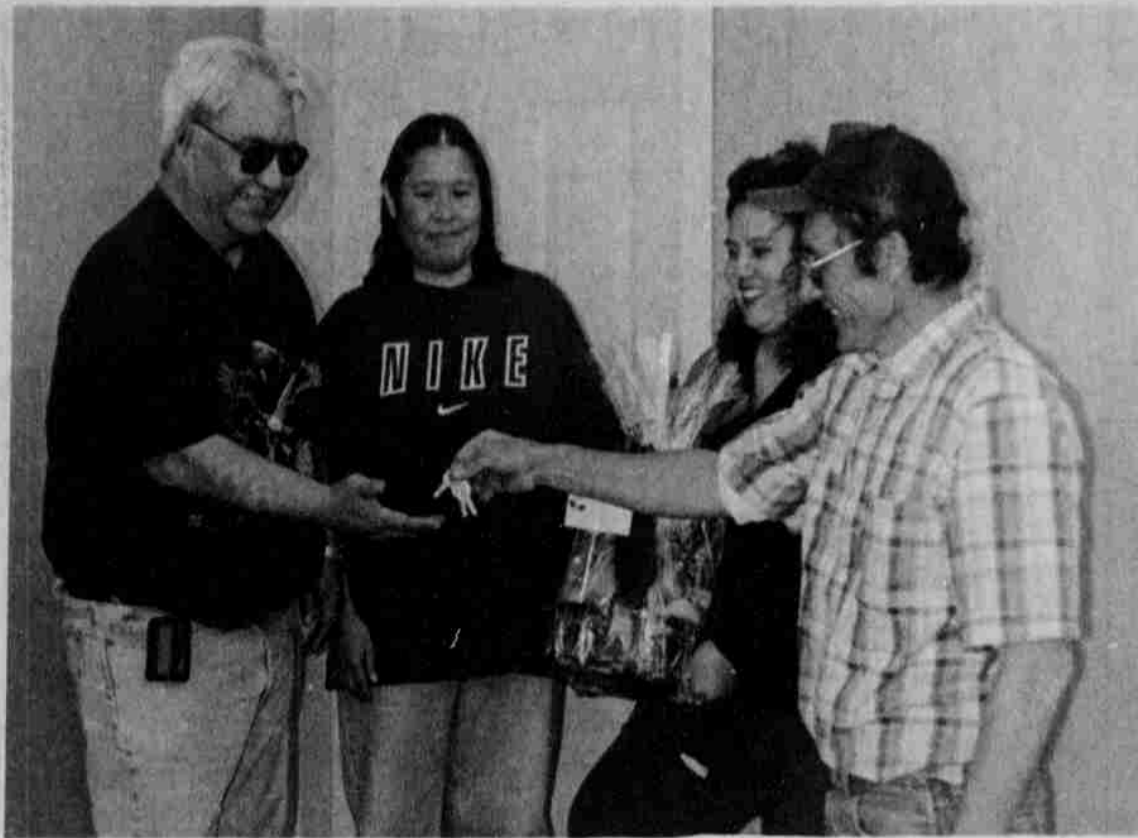


# WEDD offers affordable housing, development project



Jerry and Janet Bagley, accept the keys to a four bedroom WEDD build home from contractor Ben Anderson and WEDD employee Cory Clements.

(submitted by the WEDD team) With WEDD's carpentry apprenticeship experience since the early 1980's, resulting in construction

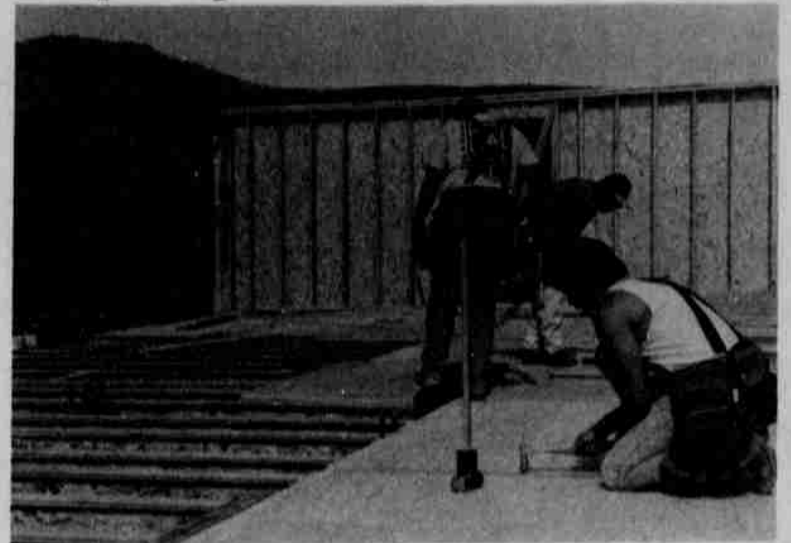
of 14 homes, it made sense for the tribe to transfer the Revolving Fund to WEDD in mid December, 1996. We took three months to organize

the project, which resulted in WEDD building affordable homes since mid March 1997. This project is unique because it: a) creates training and

development for tribal members; b) contributes to a major need in the community—affordable housing; c) shows that tribal members can contribute to worthy causes with pride. The one-time investment made by the tribe is in the form of a "revolving fund" which is separate of the general fund. We buy the materials/supplies and contract certain subs so we can build sets of two homes at a time; sell the homes and the funds are re-used for the next set of homes.

It is challenging to keep the homes affordable due to costs in today's construction world. In the future it would be great to expand partnerships to include WSFPI, other businesses, and community members seeking homes. Our schedule is for each home, depending on size, to be built in 11-14 weeks. In order for the revolving fund to work, we must build a set of two homes each time, and each set must be sold in a timely manner. We are very proud of our carpenter apprentices for the challenge they've taken on; for their accountability and responsibility; and for choosing to be on the WEDD carpenter team. Our apprentices are currently: Joel Holiday, Ricky Smith, and Bill Strong. We have the best journeyman around providing training and development. Mr. Benny L. Anderson, Sr. He is an excellent leader in the field and we are extremely proud that he is part of the WEDD team.

We have built 6 homes since mid March, 1997: 2 two-bedroom homes; and 2 four-bedroom homes. We are currently building another set of homes, (1) 3-bedroom and (1) 4-bedroom. If interested in a home tour, contact WEDD at 553-3324. This attractive opportunity is creating great interest and the homes are being sold quickly. If you are interested in a home built by WEDD, please



From left to right, contractor Ben Anderson, apprentice Joel Holiday, Ricky Smith and Bill Strong started the construction of two more homes in the Sunnyside area.

contact Tribal Credit in Person to pick up a loan application and discuss details and home loan requirements with them. If buyers are approved by the Credit department early during construction, they can choose colors of roof, exterior paint, carpet, linoleum, and counter tops.

### Home Loan Eligibility requirements:

1. Enrolled Warm Springs Tribal member
2. Two (2) years of continuous full-time employment
3. Adequate income to repay home loan.
4. Able to pay first year home insurance.
5. Down payment requirements:
  - \*3 bedroom home selling price: \$51,500 (not including insurance) \$3090 down payment
  - Monthly payment estimate: \$261.00/month (will increase pending insurance)
  - \*4 bedroom home selling price: \$55,500 (not including insurance) \$3430 down payment
  - Monthly payment estimate: \$288.00/month (will increase pending insurance)

6. Have a credit history that indicates ability and willingness to repay obligations as they become due.

7. All applicants must be current with any tribal account (Housing, HUD, Mutual Help, Day Care, Tribal Court, Utilities, and Finance Dept-tribal accounts receivable of any kind)

Our current annual plan provides for construction of 8-10 home's per year. We operate under a blanket lease and relinquish a single lease upon the sale of each home. We have leases in the Tenino sub-division, Sunnyside, and are looking at the Park Heights area. This effort is going so well, that we hope to expand our construction capacity and training/development capacity. This will require the help of those in authority. Other tribes have come to see how Warm Springs operates this successful project because they also want to start one. It is important to continue to receive support and positive help to continue to help our people with housing.



This year's firebuster winners for the Warm Springs Elementary are. Bike winner: Stephanie Gomez, sweatshirt winner: Amanda Coffee, T-shirt winner: Verna Mitchell. The winners for the Simnasho school are. Bike winner: Stephanie Pratt, sweatshirt winner: Antone Moody, T-shirt winner was Lorien Stacona. I would like to congratulate the Simnasho school. They had 100% return on the worksheets. Their sheets will go into the big drawing, \$500 for the school. The Warm Springs Elementary doubled the number of sheets returned from last year, so they well, too.

I want to thank all the kids who worked hard on completing the Firebuster worksheets and turning them in. I hope you had fun and learned a lot. I wish everyone could have been a winner! I would like to thank Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Indian Head Casino for the donation of the bikes. Without your generous donation, a program such as this would not be possible. By Karla Tias, Warm Springs Fire and Safety Prevention Officer.

## Jefferson County planning team volunteers needed

Jefferson County grew 25-percent between 1990 and 1997, and is projected to grow at a high rate for another decade. This kind of rapid

growth often causes communities to react to growth pressures rather than actively direct actions and decisions that can protect aspects important to our citizens. Jefferson County needs a clear, citizen-directed, desired future condition plan that represents our communities' visions.

To accomplish this, Jefferson County's Future Focus Committee has been working on design of a process that will allow individual communities in Jefferson County to plan their future vision, as well as coordinate implementation of that vision into a comprehensive county vision. What is needed now is to assemble a committed core of volunteer leaders to help facilitate that process, to ensure balance in achieving a coordinated county vision that respects each community and its needs as unique and important.

This core team will consist of be-

tween six and nine persons, with some technical and professional staff support provided. Individuals willing to serve on this team must be prepared to participate for three years. Due to the length of commitment, alternates will be identified as appropriate. The committee is seeking persons interested in creation of a future vision, who have an ability to process information in a fair and impartial manner, an understanding about past and present aspects of communities in general, and an ability to balance knowledge and values.

Individuals interest in serving on the team, or who would like to nominate someone for consideration, are invited to contact the Madras/Jefferson County Chamber at 475-2350 or mail a letter of interest to PO Box 770, Madras, OR 97741. Names must be submitted no later than April 10.

## Kah-Nee-Ta preparing for 1998 season

There will be a meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge on Monday, March 30 at 6 P.M. in the Warm Springs room to finalize the list for 1998 cooks and dancers. If you cannot attend, you can call Cindy Schmidt at 553-1112 ext. 3436 to sign up. The list will be closed for the year after this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Simnasho candidate submits statement

To the Editor,

As it was stated when I was nominated, I have been a public servant for a very long time. I feel that I have served my people well as a Fire Fighter/EMT and a police officer. I would like to continue my efforts as a public servant in your Tribal council.

Looking back at my experiences, I have seen a lot of changes within the community from the time that I first became involved in Emergency and Public Safety Services. During those years of service, I have seen our people fall victim to situations that affected the Tribes and have set us way back financially. The fires and floods had a major impact on our people and our Natural Resources. Our natural resources are in serious need of protection. If we are to preserve them for our children to have and use, we must now take the actions needed to assure they are preserved for our future and the future of our children.

I feel that the people should have the ability to speak and have input into what direction the Tribes are going in. It is for the peoples' best interests that the Council makes decisions and directs services to where they are needed and spend money to make the programs effective for the

people. The tribal services need to be more effective in the way they do business, we also need to see more of our tribal members take on those key positions that seem to be occupied by non-tribal members. I would like to see training programs in each branch to groom prospective tribal members into line positions and key positions and ultimately the upper management positions. This includes the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. I would also like to see the Small Business programs increase as there is potential for tribal members to build and be successful in this area. I see that Simnasho could use a store and gas station; there is an existing building just wasting away. I do believe that it had been looked at recently to see what it would take to get it in condition to use.

In the community there are a lot of things that need to be addressed. Crime is an issue that I currently face each day as a police officer. I have heard people say that it is not safe to even be outside our own homes. Our community used to be safe and people were able to trust their neighbors and could leave with their doors unlocked. Our seniors are being made victims of crime, more now that they have in past years. I feel that all our people

should be able to feel safe in and outside their homes and within the boundaries of the Reservation.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs sovereignty is a major concern of mine as a tribal member. Our ability to govern ourselves is an issue that needs to be preserved. Our culture and heritage is a major part of that effort to keep our sovereignty and Indian ways alive. Without the sovereignty, I don't think that our culture and heritage will survive or be as strong as it should be. Currently I hear the language programs on the radio and in the paper and it makes me feel good when I see our young people study it and speak the language.

In my profession as a police officer, I have learned to listen to people. I have been honest with them and have done what they expected to the best of my abilities. No matter what I will always continue to listen and do my best for my people. When joined with others who have the same or close to the same concerns as I do, I am sure that we will be able to work together as one and be one with the people we represent.

Statement of Oswald F. Tias, candidate for the Simnasho District

## Family planning clinic offered in Warm Springs

Terry Rich is an RN (Registered Nurse) employed with the Jefferson County Health Department. She comes to Warm Springs the first and third Tuesday of each month. Her duties while here are to administer tests for sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), pregnancy and HIV. She will counsel or refer, speak with you about birth control and she gives breastfeeding assistance and support.

Sue Dixon is a Women's Health Care Coordinator, who is here every third Tuesday of each month. She does the women's health care exams. Dixon is also employed by Jefferson County Health Department and Dr. Kristi Jett, who specializes in gynecology and surgery. She has been employed at these places for eleven years.

All services provided at their office is strictly confidential.

They target women who cannot go to the Health & Wellness Center or do not feel comfortable at the Wellness Center. They are not affiliated with Health & Wellness Center.

Warm Springs Family Planning clinic is located in the Community Counseling Center.

The clinic was a joint effort between Sal Sahme, Lee Loomis and Linda Fleming in the mid-1980s. Results from a survey conducted by Warm Springs staff revealed a need for alternative birth control service sites. In 1988, the Warm Springs clinic opened.

Through a cooperative effort

between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, IHS, and Jefferson County Health Department, space, utilities, equipment, staff, operational and contraceptive supplies were provided.

Services were initially limited to Family Planning and have been expanded to include sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, HIV counseling and testing, breastfeeding consultation,

pregnancy testing, women's health exams.

Additionally, Portland General Electric became a funding partner in the effort in 1996.

These confidential services are available to tribal and non-tribal members. The clinic is opened Tuesdays, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. For appointments or further information call 475-4456, or clinic 553-2213. Walk-ins accepted.



Sue Dixon (left) and Terry Rich offer their services at the Family Planning clinic.



Central Oregon HAABLA group, based in Madras, held a weekly meeting Friday March, 13 at the Museum At Warm Springs. The HAABLA group holds their weekly meetings at the Stag in Madras. Everyone is encouraged to come and sit in, or join in. HAABLA's visit to Warm Springs brought over 30 persons to the luncheon meeting, including a special guest. Tribal member and actress Jerry Brunoe, was HAABLA'S guest speaker during the March 13 meeting at the Museum At Warm Springs. People attending the meeting were treated to some stew and fry bread prepared by Neda Wesley. HAABLA'S mission as positive concerned people is to work together to teach and support unity with patience and understanding. HAABLA'S commitment is to build bridges of respect and love for people of all cultures.