



Grass fire near Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

## CPS seeks foster parents

The Warm Springs Children's Protective Services is seeking Foster Homes. An application can be picked up at the CPS/Group Home or if you would like more information on how to become a foster parent please don't hesitate to call the CPS at 553-3216.

These are the steps that need to be taken:

- 1) complete application and return to CPS (name, date of birth, address, phone, when is the best time to call).
- 2) The CPS Foster Care Coordinator will then contact you and schedule a time to meet with you, in your home to discuss the foster care program. An appointment for a home evaluation will be set and any questions you may have will be answered.
- 3) During the Home evaluation, your entire household must be present. This will last approximately an hour and may be scheduled for a time convenient for your household.
- 4) Homes that serve as foster care

resources receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of living for the foster children while they are in the home.

5) Every adult household member will be required to consent to a Criminal History Check.

As we strive to improve our foster care program, we ask that you understand all portions of the certification process are necessary to insure the highest quality of foster care for the children in CPS care.

Foster care certification can take up to two weeks from your original application date. You will be sent written notification upon completion of the certification process. If you have any questions, please contact the CPS Foster Care Coordinator at (541) 553-3216.

**\*Note: Only the basics are listed, the application will go into more detail and all information will be completely confidential.**

## Gratitude expressed to sponsors

To the editor,

To Tribal Members, two publications have been released since Pi-Ume-Sha, and I haven't expressed my gratitude for the festivities that took place at the Stick game shed.

We had a wonderful time with our visitors. Competition has hindered us a little, but we were still able to conduct a tournament.

Our sponsors, The Confederated Tribes, Indian Head, Kah-Nee-Ta, Warm Springs Forest Products and committee members always play a very important role in our activities. Not only financial, but their contented efforts to support the entire community.

I always hesitate on the gratitude expressed to individuals who assisted the tournaments on the entire weekend. In any event, I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Ramona Starr has been putting on the memorial dinner on Friday's for years and this year had a little more significance for her due to the loss of her mother, Laura, who assisted the previous years by cooking. My wife, Barbara, for preparing the lunch Saturday and Sunday. I really appreciate her efforts as she isn't well, and still was able to serve on both days. Hiram, Paula and all of the grandchildren for their assistance.

Our raffle didn't produce as much as previous years but not for lack of interest. We had some fine items. The young lady that handles this usually, suffered a severe hardship the same time this activity was conducted. She had the tickets with her.

We only had a few as a result of this. Six of us sold out so we didn't develop our usual royalty (a small joke amongst us). The drummer's who helped on Friday, I still know who you all are. I have the most respect for you and I appreciate your loyalty to our cause. Jack Williams for always being ready to help us with our shed. Alice Sampson for her help in keeping the dust down, and the donations from all committee members.

We wanted to recognize our Elder's this year so we dedicated this tournament to Adeline Miller, Lizzie Rhoan and Caroline Torres as they were part of the original team to establish this tournament.

I mentioned that we had some competition earlier. Well, there's another tournament going on the same time as ours, with more money, but that isn't the real factor. The location is 3 or 4 hours closer to everyone. Our own casino took three teams. All in all, we had fourteen teams participate and they really enjoyed themselves. Everyone played until early Monday morning. That's our intent, is to attempt to keep this part of our culture alive as it is diminishing like the rest of the Indian ways. Not only in Warm Springs, but everywhere I go. I still travel four to twenty hours to attend these functions.

The year 2000 wasn't really good for us, but 2001 should be better. I already have some different concepts. Thank you to all who support our little group.

**Sam Starr, President  
Starr Stick game club**

## Abuse of the Welfare System

The Welfare System is mad up of several different programs that are federally funded to assist families with financial needs. Programs consist of food stamps, cash assistance, medical assistance, and general assistance. Most of the recipients are non-working mothers with at least one child. The Welfare System is presently working on programs to help recipients develop job skills and get their education.

With programs like these, some of the recipients that abuse the system now, will be less likely to abuse the system after going through some of these programs. In essence, since there are not many benefits they need to survive in this sometimes cruel and callous world.

Welfare is based upon income and number of people in a family (mother, number of children and a father, in one is around). For sash assistance they receive about \$300 for a mother who is not working. They get \$70 more per child in the household. \$370 is not enough to pay for rent, utilities or household goods. Food stamps could cover grocery bills if they qualify. The stress from waiting month to month to receive a welfare check is high. The check may help cover some of the day-to-day bills, but it will not cover all of them. Thus, in order to survive, recipients turn to abusing the welfare system.

Most of the welfare recipients have littler of no education, come from a minority group (African American, Hispanic, Native American, etc), have little or no job skills and are fairly young. Some of them were abandoned by their boyfriend or husband and suffer from low self-esteem. Their family backgrounds are similar consisting of having a single parent, or parents who are alcoholics, domestic violence and/or child abuse and neglect. They have grown up watching their mother abuse the system and in turn, also abuse the system.

These recipients end up getting pregnant at a young age with not stable like support. They turn to the welfare system for financial help and receive amounts that are very small, which keeps them living in poverty. They have to lie on their applications to receive that small amount and end up going to nearby towns and lying on their applications to receive more welfare to keep them just above the poverty level or they sign up in a different name, all just to make a decent level. At the rates they are getting now, they have to lie on their applications and apply in nearby towns just to make a decent living.

When the Federal Government finally sets up programs that will help these people finish their education, obtain job skills and work experience,

set p support groups for single mothers and rehabilitation for drug addicts/alcoholics, they can learn to be self sufficient. Until these programs become mandatory and consistent, welfare recipients will need to do what they need to get bills paid keep a roof over their head and keep food in their mouths.

Some of the programs are good now, but do not have very good benefits. They get to do grunt work, get paid minimum wages and still have no more than they started with. A job paying around six dollars and hour might be seen as a way off of welfare, but when a woman gets a job, more costs appear. This rate is just above the poverty line.

With new programs that support these women with more than cash, they can gain self-esteem, motivation and pride in themselves. Right now, if they get a job that pays minimum wage, they get kicked off the system. If the Federal Government could elect to pay welfare a certain amount of months after a woman has gotten a job, this would help the welfare system, abusing it like before and having no pride in themselves. This transition period would help people on welfare stay focused and be more successful. After all, who can really make a living on \$10 and hour with tow or three children to raise by yourself, let alone \$6.50 and hour. Food for thought.

## Producers get break

The Clinton Administration has announced that producers who produced a contract commodity on a farm not covered by a Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) will be able to obtain a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) on that production. The change is a result of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, which was signed by the President on June 20, 2000.

Producers who have produced a 2000 crop contract commodity on a farm without Production Flexibility Contracts are eligible for Loan Deficiency Payments and may request payments in the normal manner BEFORE beneficial interest is lost.

Eligible commodities are Wheat, Barley, Oats, Corn, Canola, Crambe, Flaxseed, Mustard Seed, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sunflower and Soybeans. Crops taken for hay, grain, or seed are eligible to receive a Loan Deficiency Payment.

Please contact your local Farm Service Agency Office for details at (541) 923-4358.

## Timber Tour--continued from page 1

WSPI had obtained a good price for pine but were only guaranteed this price through June. WSPI did a very good job in moving this wood in a timely manner and capturing a higher value for the tribes.

### Issues and concerns about this sale:

- Protection of streams (Badger Creed and Warm Springs River) and the fish populations.
- Protection of cultural plants and root digging areas (skid trails).
- Protection of Archeological sites.
- Determination of which trees would survive.
- Possibility of increased insect activity killing additional trees.
- Value of timber logged vs. value of leaving it on site.

### The third stop for the day was Coyote Block 10

General Description: This is unevenaged forest with some scattered older, over story trees. Forest health is generally good with no widespread mortality at this time. However, the trees are overly dense and prone to damage from insect attack and fire. Existing problems are pockets of mistletoe infested trees and scattered mortality from western pine beetle.

**Size: 220 Acres**

**Average Age: 80 years**

**Species Composition:** Douglas Fir 80%, Ponderosa Pine 20% with

minor amounts of Incense Cedar and Grand Fir.

Purposed treatment: Commercial thin with group selection. (Groups to be less than 1 acre in size.)

Purposed treatment: The purpose of the commercial thin is to reduce stand density, which will improve vigor of remaining trees and decrease fire hazard.

Why Groups? The purpose of creating the small group openings is to convert this area to un-evenaged management over a long period of time. The 220 acre area will eventually be composed of several different size and age classes of trees. In this way harvesting of large blocks of timber (up to 40 acres) at one time can be avoided.

The end of the first day timber tour, the next tour was scheduled for Monday July 24. The Upcoming Revised Integrated Resources Management Plan (IRMP). Discussion of the moratorium on harvesting in the low elevation pine ground and impacts to the allowable cut.

The tour went into the low areas of pine growth along the highway 4, the Tenino Bench as stops were made showing the broadcast burning of under brush in the small pine growths. The maintenance of the new growth, a buffer zone along the roadway and the practice of logging in this area.

The Timber Tour was well worth the trip to view the various ways the logging practices are being carried out at the present time.

## Farm Service Agency will be in Madras

New for 2000, Loan Deficiency Payment requests received by facsimile can only be approved and paid if the Central Oregon Farm Service Agency Office has form FSA-237 on file. This form is used to authenticate original signatures and must be witnessed by an employee of the Farm Service Agency.

The Central Oregon Farm Service

Agency Office Personnel will be visiting Jefferson County on August 2nd, 2000 at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fire Hall. The visit is scheduled to allow farmers in the area to sign a form that needs to be witnessed by Farm Service Agency Personnel.

Please contact your local Farm Service Agency Office for details at (541) 923-4358 ext. 2.

## Auction is for good cause

Dear Potential Buyer,

The 4-H and FFA programs are a valuable learning experience for many of the youth in our community and they provide a means for these youth to earn money towards their higher education.

On Saturday evening, July 29, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. the Jefferson County Livestock Association will be sponsoring the Annual 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Sale at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Your support for the auction and the youth who have worked hard over the past year on their individual projects is much appreciated.

We would like to see you and your support at the auction to bid on the animals. However, if you are unable to attend we have an order buyer program through which you can place an order for an animal and the order buyer will bid up to the dollar amount you specify. Upon being the successful buyer, you and/or your business will be recognized during the auction as the purchaser. An average animal will cost between \$250 and

\$500 above the market floor price. If you would like to join forces with another business or individual and co-purchase an animal, we can accommodate your requests. In the case of a co-purchased animal, all participating buyers will be recognized during the auction.

Please fill out the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped card indicated how you wish to support the 4-H/FFA Program. If you check the second or third boxes you will be contacted before the auction to assist you in your requests. By returning the card, we will send you two day passes for Saturday and two barbecue tickets for the 4-H/Kiwanis Barbecue Saturday evening.

If you have any questions please call the Extension Office at 475-3808.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2000 4-H/FAA Livestock Auction Sale on Saturday, July 29th.

Your support is appreciated.

**Sincerely,  
Candy Gomes, President  
Jefferson Co. Livestock Assoc.  
AUCTION STARTS AT 6 P.M.  
JULY 29TH.**

**Video Closeout Sale  
Indian Trail Restaurant  
All movies must go!!!**

## Tribal member speaks concerns

To the editor,

So all the managers are getting together to make some cuts in this organization. Why hasn't the tribal members heard from them before, about why the tribes are always in such a financial bind?

Before slashing at tribal members and services, why doesn't management justify to the people, whose money they are taking, why they should be kept on. Especially since management positions are the only thing that has grown. Or will they just change their titles, at the same pay.

Seems to me that our leaders have forgotten their promises of looking out for the best interest of THE PEOPLE, who they all wanted to represent.

Why doesn't the Council get more of the take from Indian Head? Are they afraid of losing their big spender image with their White brothers and Sisters by asking for money, which these speculators got from tribal members, to make money for themselves anyway. You know KahNeeTa couldn't give up anything. Other tribal money has had to support the resort since it started. That should reflect on that management. Our big shots don't seem to care, as long as someone gives them a little VIP treatment. So every year this bunch seems to get what ever they demand. Our leaders won't even follow up on all the complaints, by tribal members, on this outfit. Or respond to any complaints on any of tribal management. All I've ever seen is that they roll out a raggedy red carpet, then our leaders are friends for life again. Since the timber resources are running out, aren't these the ENTERPRISES that

were suppose to save the tribes?

Looking around, all I see and hear is the NON-INDIAN & APPLE DUMPLING GANG making sure their TRIBE is being taken care of first.

They want to make cuts, why don't they start with KahNeeTa management. The resort has been nothing but one big leech on the tribes since it opened. For years the mill has had to support KahNeeTa. Now its the tribal casino, and next how many other tribal ENTERPRISES turn it is to keep afloat? That place has, probably the worst hiring practicing and bias against tribal members. Which our leaders seem to ignore. Why keep supporting something, just so a few of our bigshots can get their jollies off, trying to impress people, who only want more tribal money? Indian teams that tried to keep business on the reservation, had to take their dances to Sonny's, which gladly jumped for their business on a few hours notice, because KahNeeTa management turned them away at the last moment. I've been told, KahNeeTa even turned away the Tribal Council's request to hold the last Miss Warm Springs doings there. Stuff like this has been going on for years, and seems to be getting worse since they were assured of having a casino at THEIR RESORT too. Still our leaders insist on paying these financial and managerial wizards top dollar. A number of GMs have been given the ax, but the under managers, who have been there for years, who think KahNeeTa belongs to them, continue with tribal councils blessings. With all their SUCCESS do you people think they are really earning their keep. They don't care if

the tribes make money, because management seems to always reward these people. Just think this bunch are guaranteed bonuses, while every year Tribal Members always wonder if we'll get anything. To our leaders KahNeeTa seems to be the center of the universe. They talk about saving and making money, that is where the slashing should begin.

In my opinion, a casino should still be built on highway 26, with "real" ACCOUNTABILITY to the STOCKHOLDERS/OWNERS, as they refer to us when trying to impress outsiders. People would still go to KahNeeTa for the village pool and golf, and even the lodge if they catered to more of the general public, and not just to their fewer upper class. I think with more affordable prices, there would be a bigger, steadier clientele. Even if they aren't classy enough for KahNeeTa management, then tough, at least it would be steadier business. If our leaders would lower themselves to mingle and talk to common people they would probably hear a lot of people saying that they would go to KahNeeTa, more if the prices weren't so high and to the casino if they didn't have to go that far out of their way.

Before the vote against Madras, a couple Councilmen implied that there could be another referendum on another casino site. There were four Councilman who claimed to have voted no, since it only takes two to start a new referendum, what happened to them? A lot of people were hoping that they weren't just being politicians, siding with the most votes.

**Victor Moses,  
Tribal Member**