

Fish and wildlife summit

March 6, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
He He Longhouse
The Senior Meal will be moved to the He He Longhouse this day. Traditional meal will be served. Young people come and learn the past history of the Tribe from the Elders.
Everyone Welcome! Learn culture and traditional ways, treaty and sovereignty.
Input needed from everyone, ask questions to learn.

Resort-casino merger okayed

The day before Valentine's Day the Tribal Council blessed a marriage that, while perhaps not made in heaven, promises increased profitability for tribal enterprises.

Bringing Indian Head Casino and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort beneath the same umbrella brings an immediate positive cashflow to the combined enterprise - something that Kah-Nee-Ta has not had on its own over the years. In fact, although Kah-Nee-Ta is a significant employer of tribal members, it has been forced to come to Tribal Council to request enough cash to cover its operating costs.

The unification also brings the possibility of cost-savings and joint promotions that could contribute significantly to the combined organization.

Based on year 2000 numbers, the net annual profits of the combined enterprise would run just under 17 percent, or \$3 million. On a purely accounting basis, the merger eliminates the prospect of the enterprise having to return to Tribal Council for operating funds any time in the foreseeable future.

The "village" area of Kah-Nee-Ta opened in 1964; the lodge and golf course opened in 1972. Indian Head Casino was built at Kah-Nee-Ta in

1995. Administrators expect cost-savings due to consolidation and restructuring, but perhaps greater income potential may come from the coordination of the two businesses. Kah-Nee-Ta guests contributed about \$1.7 million to Indian Head Casino's coffers during 2000. Increasing the attractiveness of the resort - through enhanced food values, remodeling and other improvements - is expected to have a clear impact on Indian Head's income. Likewise, casino promotions also could bring added guests to the resort complex.

Eagle Watch promises views, learning, fun

Eagle Watch 2001 will celebrate the presence of Lake Billy Chinook's majestic raptors February 24-25.

The annual event will feature a wide array of speakers, exhibits and organized viewing sessions at various locations around the reservoir from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, and beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, February 25. Its main sponsors are the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Portland General Electric (PGE) and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

"Eagle Watch serves as a way for all people to better understand the majesty of the eagle," said Rudy Clements, the director of tribal relations for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. "It is a time for all of us to celebrate the beauty and sacredness of this noble creature."

Eagle viewing sessions and live birds-of-prey presentations by the High Desert Museum will highlight activities on both days. An informal social hour, from 8-9 a.m., and an orientation at PGE's Round Butte Overlook Park will precede the first of two Saturday viewings, scheduled from 10-11:30 a.m. at Overlook Park and other selected viewpoints around the lake. The High Desert Museum programs will follow from 11:30 a.m.-noon and again at 2:30-3 p.m. at Overlook Park. Raptor experts from around the region will make Saturday presentations prior to the day's other eagle viewing session from 2:30-4 p.m.

On Saturday evening, the Sunriver Nature Center will sponsor an astronomy presentation, "An Introduction to the Night Sky," beginning at 7:00 at Overlook Park. Stargazing activities will follow, weather permitting.

A Sunrise Eagle Tour sponsored by Raven Research West will launch Sunday's activities at 5:30 a.m. at

The Cove Palisades State Park. The High Desert Museum program (10-10:30 a.m.) and formal viewing sessions (10 a.m.-noon) will follow the tour. Visitors can sign up for the Sunday Sunrise tour at the event information area on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon activities will include the telling of eagle-related Native American legends and an eagle dance sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Warm Springs Power Enterprises from 1:30-2:30 p.m. A prize drawing and a presentation of special awards will conclude the program at the Overlook Park. Eagle viewing opportunities will continue at The Cove Palisades viewpoints until 5 p.m., and at Smith Rock State Park, nine miles northeast of Redmond, from 3:30-5 p.m.

"Eagle Watch is a very enjoyable and informative activity for the entire family made possible by a fantastic partnership between numerous groups, agencies and individual volunteers," said Tony Dentel, PGE park operations manager. Other Eagle Watch 2001 sponsors include The Oregon Eagle Foundation, Inc.; the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Oregon State University; the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife; Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; the Culver Community Improvement Group; Earth20; KQAK FM; 96.5 The Peak; KRCO AM/FM; Leupold & Stevens, Inc.; Sage Science; Willow Creek Books; and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Both days of the event will include a variety of children's activities. "Eagle Watch has become a wonderful late-winter tradition for all ages and interest levels," said Paul M. Patton, spokesman for The Cove Palisades State Park. "It has grown into one of the most anticipated family-oriented events in the region."

Police department introduces lieutenant

On Patrol

The Warm Springs Police Department would like to introduce to the community our newest addition to the force, Mike Swick.

Corrections

Hello to the Warm Springs community from Mike Swick, the new Lieutenant of Corrections at the Warm Springs Police Department. Mike Swick was raised in Alaska until the Vietnam War came along. He served 20 years with the U.S. Air Force as a Resource Plans Superintendent. After retirement, Mike went to work in Alaska as a corrections officer where he served 6 years. Retired again, Mike has accepted the Lt. Of Corrections position with the Warm Springs Police Department.



Mike's interests are playing golf, fishing, and working with wood. He and his wife Linda have been married for 29 years, and they have 3 grown children.

His goals for the Warm Springs Corrections Facility; in conjunction with other tribal and government agencies, make available the programs necessary to improve self-esteem and reintroduce the offenders back into society with a special emphasis on juveniles.

Crime Stopper Line

A reminder for everyone, there is a Crime Stopper Line available for your use. The number is 553-2202. This line is for anyone who wishes to make reports of crimes in progress, what may have been a crime or what may seem to be a crime. If you see it or hear it, REPORT IT!!! Take an active part in stopping crime in your community!

Neighborhood Watch

Neighbors looking out for neighbors, this is the essence of what Neighborhood Watch is all about.

Having someone that you can contact to check on your place when you are going to be gone from home, so that you don't have to worry about your house being broken into, and knowing that it will be done. Neighborhood Watch is a concept that is usually presented through classes or meetings but the basis is the formation of the people living in an area into a group who actively take turns watching one another's places when no one is home.

This is to provide a means of spotting anything suspicious or suspicious activity. When something out of the ordinary is seen the police can be called. If the situation involves a vehicle it allows for getting a license number, vehicle description and description of occupants. This information can be given to the police dispatch when the report is made.

There are parts or areas of our Reservation where this is already being done. And what is being done is working fairly well. Maybe there is something you would like to know, or maybe a question has come up. If there is anything Community Policing can do to help, make improvements or if there are questions or a need for other ideas, give us a call.

For information on Neighborhood Watch contact your Community Policing office. Officer Bob Medina at 553-2274, Officer Chris Elliott at 553-2273 or Lt. Stoney Miller at 553-2283.

Elders Being Victims

Recently a number of our elders were again used for the source of pleasure by some non-caring, heartless individuals. These are the types that like to go around preying on the innocent, too unkept to earn their living or their possessions in an honest manner. No, these individuals would rather break into an elders home and steal the elders prized and hard earned belongings. When these incidents occur no one ever seems to see or wants to get involved. But think about what has happened here, how does it feel if these folks are a part of your family? Or maybe a Mother, Father,

Grandmother, Grandfather. Theft in any case is the same, theft, stealing, taking without permission. These elders do not deserve to be victims, help them out. And if you know of someone who has been involved with such thievery, report it. Don't condone it, don't ignore it, don't pretend it didn't happen. Report it. Feel good in your heart, show that you cared enough to get involved. Help stop this victimizing of our elders. Do your part.

Parents or Guardians

For some time now there has been numerous requests for children needing rides to school, or else needing rides home from school in Madras. And in an effort to give assistance the Truancy Officer has taken the time to transport these children. This has progressed to a point where it is almost out of hand. There have been times when there is almost a continuous string of telephone calls in the mornings to take children to school. There are school buses coming and going everyday, with the sole purpose of taking children to school. IT is the parents (or guardian) responsibility to see to it that your children get to school, this includes getting up early enough to make it to the bus stop on time. This is not so bad in a case of an emergency but not all the time.

Concerns of Contractors

It has been brought to our attention that there are some concerns over the possibility of vandalism on heavy equipment on construction sites. This is an issue which comes up frequently and with the pace of building here on the Reservation it is not going to go away. Every time there is a job going there is at some point heavy machinery there. On the weekends and during the nights this machinery is prone to be damaged, sometimes by children throwing rocks, other times it is more serious with errant gun handling. At any rate this does several things for our community, for one it can raise the costs of the job. It is costly to make repairs on damaged windows, doors, hoods and even more so when an engine has been damaged. For

another it can mean difficulty on getting a contractor to take on a job for the Tribes, especially if it means taking more losses on repairs. Another thing it can affect is closing or finishing dates on a job.

So far we have only mentioned heavy machinery but this isn't the only area where vandalism has taken its toll. What about housing? With all of the people there are out there who need placement in housing does it help any that our Housing Department goes through a week working on getting residences repaired or refurbished, only to have them tore up and damaged, painted, windows broke out and walls caved in, over the weekend?

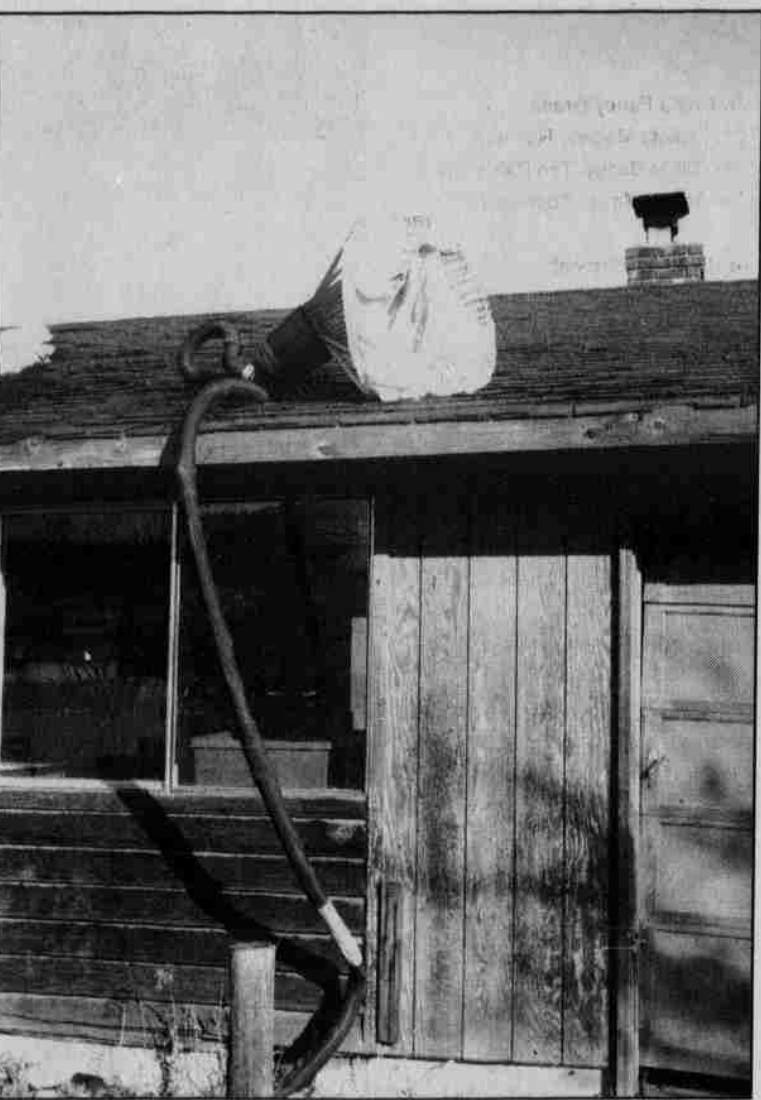
Does anyone have an idea of how many hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone into the repair of housing in our community? This is money that the Tribes have to replace.

These acts of vandalism, of property damage, are quit often committed by children or juveniles who have no sense of value or pride. If a child is caught committing such an act or the outcome of an investigation leads to that fact that a child was involved, the parents can be held liable to pay for damages. This is something that is up to the Judge who presides over the case but it can be done.

Do your part in stopping this type of crime, know where your children are and what they are doing. And again, if you see it, if you hear it, REPORT IT.

Warm Springs Police Department Trivia

On February 6 1968 Captain of Police, John H. Moss, A.S.O. Richard Montee and Patrolman Leroy Smith traveled to The Dalles..... Officer Leroy Smith was commissioned as a Wasco County Deputy Sheriff, on February 8, 1968..... On February 13, 1968, a class was conducted on report writing to all police personnel, instructors were, Sgt. Sanders and Capt. John H. Moss and Agency Special Officer, Richard A. Montee.



Droge landed atop a load-bearing wall, limiting damage to house.

Refueling ...

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Moen said they steer clear of heavily populated areas, but added it is difficult to avoid sparsely populated areas when operating over such a large track.

Members of Moen's staff recall that when flight paths were first designated in the mid-1990s, the Air

Force worked closely with tribal representatives whose greatest trepidation was potential noise pollution. The 2000-foot minimum level was set to alleviate that concern.

Moen believes that the altitude of the aircraft was probably closer to 2,800 feet than the 2000 feet reported by Colonel Kyle.

Spilyay joins news association

The staff of *Spilyay Tymoo* was pleased to learn last month that its application for associate membership in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) had been approved by the organization's Board of Directors.

ONPA offers an array of services to its members including workshops on topics such as advertising, editing and production. As a new asso-

ciate member, *Spilyay* will be able to enter ONPA's annual publications contest, which recognizes excellence in writing, photography and design.

Spilyay is the first tribal newspaper to achieve acceptance as an ONPA member.

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