

Water found for new fire station

By Selena Boise
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Seekseequa residents will begin to see construction of a new fire hall within the next 30 days, as water well availability has been confirmed.

"We hit gold! There is water out there," says Danny Martinez, Fire and Safety Chief. Water is being pumped 50 to 75 gallons per minute at the site chosen for construction. The site is on the M100 Road after the turning point for Indian Park.

Construction bids will be accepted under Herb Graybael's direction within the Warm Springs tribal organization. Tribal members will be first preference for bids on the new building.

Construction will consist of a metal building with parking



Photo by Selena Boise

Recently drilled well will provide plenty of water for the new Seekseequa fire station.

bays, kitchen, utility room, and meeting hall. Seekseequa residents will have a meeting place, for emergency shelter or general council meetings.

On December 14, 2001 the Intertribal National Fire Academy will be in Warm Springs to present EMT, firefighter training. They will meet at the

fire hall from 10:00 a.m. until training is complete.

Watch for meeting schedule regarding the Sidwalter fire hall in January 2002.



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Mini pow-wow attracts maxi crowd

Thanksgiving weekend found the Longhouse in Warm Springs alive with festivities as visitors from several western states and Canada joined in Wide Spot's three-day Mini Pow-wow. It was a well-attended affair with both dance floor and bleachers filled. Although dancing contests for all ages were the main event, other activities held the crowd's interest.

The Princess and Brave of the Pow-wow were selected Thursday evening. They were Annette Jim and Aaron Smith, both from Warm Springs.

Affiliated Tribes meet in Portland

Education was a prime concern at a meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians in Portland Dec. 6-8, where 26 tribes from Oregon, Washington and Idaho were represented.

Dr. William Demmert, the new Director of Indian Education Programs (BIA) in Washington, D.C., was present to discuss Indian Education program proposals and to field questions from delegates and participating representatives.

Reorganization of the office of Indian Education Programs

was approved by the Department on July 13th of this year so Dr. Demmert attempted to clarify the status of the office and the effect these changes will have on the Indian Education Resources Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Those present from Warm Springs included: Olney Patt Sr., Amos Simtustus, Nelson Wallulatum, Nick and Viola Kalama, Rita Squiemphen, Wilbur Johnson, Orin Johnson, Roger Suppah, Charles "Jody" Calica, Marlin Reizner, Mike Clements, Satch Miller, Delbert Frank, Radine Calica, Juanita Bourland and the Spilyay Tymoo staff.

Mill burglarized

Cigar smoking burglars jimmed the windows in back of the mill offices over the weekend of December 4 and 5, taking two calculators and badly damaging a Coke machine located in the office.

According to Ray Scott, who investigated the break-in, no suspects are in custody yet as the evidence is still being examined.

Spilyay tours Oregonian

The promise of some tips from an old pro lured the Spilyay Tymoo staff into Portland December 7 for a tour of the Oregonian-Journal newspaper facility. We were hard-pressed to see any similarities in our respective operations -- theirs taking up two city blocks and employing 1,000 people around the clock. And yet we detected a common bond in the strange world of deadlines and darkrooms, layouts and late nights.

Become a whiz at the disco

Twelve men and women learned the Hustle and basic disco dance movements at the Community Center's first dance class Tuesday evening, December 7. Eva Montee knew the California brand of the Hustle and Bonnie Souers was acquainted with Portland's version, so they combined the styles and presented what one day might become known as the Warm Springs Hustle.

Kah-Nee-Ta reports 9-month income

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino reported \$15 million in gross revenue during the first nine months of the year 2001.

Approximately one-half of the revenue came from the casino, and the other half from the hotel, food and beverage and other resort amenities, such as the golf course, the Kah-Nee-Ta Village pool and spa.

Net revenue at Kah-Nee-Ta for January through Septem-

ber 2001 was estimated at nearly \$3.7 million.

The Kah-Nee-Ta enterprise paid an annual dividend of \$500,000 to the tribes. The enterprise also purchased, on behalf of the tribes, 172 acres of land at the Columbia River Gorge.

The acreage, valued at approximately \$1.6 million, is adjacent to the Confederated Tribes' trust property near the

town of Hood River.

At the height of the summer season this year, Kah-Nee-Ta employed 345 people, 31 percent of whom were tribal members. During the winter months, employment at Kah-Nee-Ta is an estimated 230 people, with 25 percent being tribal members.

The year 2001 was a transitional one for Kah-Nee-Ta. During the year, the resort moved from two entities -- the casino and the resort -- to a single entity under single management and directorship.

The casino this year also began a \$5 million renovation. This project includes remodeling of 107 lodge rooms, and an addition to the convention space. The convention space

project will double the size of the existing convention facilities.

Buffet and fine dining projects also are part of the renovation, scheduled for completion in March of 2002. The convention expansion is scheduled for completion in June of next year. Other changes during this transition year include:

A new marketing campaign that establishes a unique "brand" and image for Kah-Nee-Ta, combining the casino and resort amenities.

A customer service program for employees that is on-going and was initiated in September.

The consolidation and rebuilding of two accounting systems into one system.

Correction

An incorrect address was listed for Hester Scott in the last edition of the Spilyay. The correct address is as follows:

Sr. Scott, Hester L.
Div 029 Ship 12
Recruit Training Command
3301 Indiana Street
Great Lakes, IL 6008-3127
The Spilyay apologizes for the error.

Clarification

As noted in an article on the front page of the Nov. 29 Spilyay, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs were the first tribes in Oregon to receive final approval from the U.S. Environment Protection Agency for water quality standards.

Since that approval, however, a second tribe -- Umatilla -- has received EPA recognition of its standards.

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The next issue publishes December 27, with a December 21 deadline for all letter, story and advertising submissions.

The January 10, 2002, issue has a January 4 deadline.

The January 24 issue has a January 18 deadline.

Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events of interest to the Warm Springs community.

The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org -- this saves staff members from having to re-type something you've already printed up, thus allowing us additional time for reporting, photography and other tasks.

You also may drop announcements in printed and/or computer disk format at the Spilyay offices, 1100 Wasco St. on the Warm Springs campus, or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Our fax number is 553-3539.

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Finally, please heed our deadlines -- Friday the week before publication for all submitted materials. Thank you.