

## Kah-Nee-Ta convention center open

### New building part of \$5 million renovation

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino has seen the completion of a \$5 million renovation.

The renovation work included the remodeling of over 100 lodge rooms, and an addition to the convention center accommodations.

The convention center project has doubled the size of the previous convention facilities at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Buffet and fine dining projects were also part of the recent renovation.

The new convention center area approximately 9,000 square feet in size.

Construction of the new convention center was complete earlier this summer.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## News of the Yakama Nation Lawsuit filed to stop dam

### Columbia Tribes news service

EASTON, Wash. — The Yakama Nation filed a lawsuit recently against U.S. governmental entities to halt reconstruction of Keechelus Dam, located near Easton on Snoqualie Pass.

The Yakama Nation filed the suit asking the U.S. Eastern District Court of Washington to stop the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation from reconstructing Keechelus Dam until it has developed a fish passage alternative in a revised Environment Impact Statement.

"The final EIS issued for the dam in 2001 failed to include provisions for fish passage in the various reconstruction alternatives," said Paul Ward, of the tribe's fisheries program.

"Despite the stated desires of several state and federal resource agencies in addition to the Yakama Nation, the U.S. BOR has failed to correct detrimental impacts on anadromous fisheries created by the 85-year-old irrigation storage dam."

But BOR says it intends to keep rebuilding Keechelus Dam until a court orders it to stop. In other news:

### Forest Products blesses new large log sawmill

WHITE SWAN — An opening ceremony in early August marked the completion of the new Large Log Mill, the third phase of growth for Yakama Forest Products, which opened on time and on budget, said

Cecil Sanchey, manager of Yakama Forest Products.

For the first year of operating, the focus will be on training the new workforce to operate the mill, and fine-tune the equipment to operate optimally. For the opening ceremony, Sanchey opened by asking for the Invocation from Longhouse, Shaker and Catholic religions.

"I'd like to express the importance of these ceremonies," said Sanchey. "It means a lot to all the workers, because sawmilling is hazardous, depending on what you're doing, and what you may encounter." Elsewhere in Yakama Nation news:

### Ramsey arraigned on illegal operation charge

TOPPENISH — Robert E. Ramsey made an appearance in the Yakama Nation Tribal Court July 29, announcing a "not guilty" plea to the charges filed against him by Special Prosecutor, Elmer Ward.

The Prosecutor's complaint states that Ramsey, the owner of the Eagle Stop & Save, located on West Wapato Rd., violated various provisions of the Revised Yakama Code.

Allegations in the complaint include the following:

"Engaging in the selling of goods without first obtaining a business license," and "Engaging in the selling of petroleum products without first obtaining a permit to do so."

## Head Start accepting applications

Head Start is accepting applications for registration for the school year. Registration will close on Monday, Aug. 26.

For information, see Nancy S. at ECE, or call 553-3241.

If your child was born before Sept. 1, 1998, please stop by to pick up the registration packet.

Bring your child's birth certificate, tribal identification, or better, along with income verification.

## Huckleberry Harvest this weekend

The Museum at Warm Springs this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23-24, is hosting the annual Huckleberry Harvest, the major fundraiser during the year for the museum. The events Friday evening will be at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

There will be a band on hand Friday, a first for the Huckleberry Harvest, which this year is marking

its seventh anniversary.

The band will be the Gary Small Band. Other events Friday are the silent auction, plus excellent food, hosted by Kah-Nee-Ta.

Saturday afternoon, Aug. 24, begins at the museum with educational lectures and demonstrations, Native American dancing, and a behind the scenes tour of the museum's impressive artifact collection.

## Columbia fishing times adopted

The Columbia River treaty tribes and the states of Oregon and Washington have announced the opening of Zone six commercial gillnet fishing periods.

The periods are as follows:  
From 6 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

From 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7.

And from 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Restrictions are as follows: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries remain in effect, including the standard sanctuary around the Spring Creek Hatchery from one-half mile upstream of the hatchery to one and a half miles downstream of the hatchery. Mesh size is 8-inch minimum.

## Back to school BBQ Aug. 28

Students and parents are invited to attend a back to school barbecue starting at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28, in front of the Community Counseling Center at the Campus area.

Along with the barbecue, the

Warm Springs Tribal Education Committee will be distributing school supplies to students.

Anyone wanting more information can call the Tribal Education Secretary Muriel Suppah, 553-3258.

## Hotline advice for food safety

OSU Extension has opened a hotline to answer questions on food safety and preservation. Individuals with questions about canning, freezing, drying or other methods of preserving the abun-

dance of fruit, vegetables, and meats that are available now have the opportunity to have their questions answered by certified Master Food Preservers. You can access the hotline by calling 1-800-354-7319.

## Computer class to benefit youth

OSU Extension is offering computer training to youth in grades 4-6. This two-day workshop will be held Tuesday, August 27, and Thursday August 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The workshop is designed to teach youth essential skills and in-

cludes hands-on working with computers.

Skills will focus on documents, email, web search and creating a web page. Professor Michael Curry, of the OSU Cascades Campus, will provide the instruction. Youth will take away practical knowledge which can be

used immediately.

To register call the Warm Springs Extension office at 553-3238.

Cost is \$3 per youth or \$6 per family of two or more youth.

Space is limited. Applications will be taken until workshop is full. Youth or parents are responsible for lunch.

## Howlak Tichum

Thomas James Walker

Thomas James "Mokanee" Walker, age 22 years, died August 7. Mr. Walker was born Feb. 2, 1980 at Shawnee, Okla. to parents Cheryl (Stacona) Heath and Henry Walker Jr. He is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. After moving to Warm Springs he was raised by his mother and stepfather Lee Sorrelhorse. Warm Springs became his residency the remainder of his life.

Walker attended schools at the Warm Springs Elementary, Madras Jr. High and Madras High School. He was employed at the Warm Springs Forest Products. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Preceding him in death are his grandfathers Henry Walker Sr. of Oklahoma and Curtis Stacona of Warm Springs.

Survivors include his children Kali Lei Walker, age 2 years, and Dominique Mia Walker, age 5 months, long time companion Phyllis Shawaway, mother Cheryl (Lawrence) Heath, father Henry Walker Jr. of Oklahoma, stepfather Lee Sorrelhorse of Tigard, brothers Richard (Su-Yenn) Walker and Francis Sorrelhorse of Tigard, sister Vanessa Walker, grandmothers Loretta Walker of Okla. and Marceline LeClaire uncles Willie (Tito) Stacona of Pendleton, Chris Requa, Ronaldo GreyStar, Mark Stacona and Louis D. LeClaire, aunts Charlene (Dennis) White, Debbie Stacona and Marcie (Keiki) Rauschenburg, special niece/nephews Shaniah Scott, Antoine Scott and Cory Stwyer, Jr. all of Warm Springs. He also leaves many relatives and friends.

## No impact finding for timber sale

The superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Agency, has announced the availability of a document regarding the Biddle Pass Timber Sale.

The document, a finding of no significant impact, is available for public review.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the finding of no significant impact can contact:

Gerald Henrikson, Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 1239, Warm Springs, OR 97761. The phone number is 553-2421.

## Thomas Jim

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The property is part of the tribal trust property where the new casino is to be built.

Goudy explained that her great grandfather Thomas Jim had the nickname "Slim Jim," a reference to his weight. The name Oregon Dunbar has also been associated with Thomas Jim.

It is not clear why this name applied to him. The name Oregon Dunbar is also that of a Washington State Supreme Court justice, Ralph Oregon Dunbar, who served on the court from 1889 to 1912.

About 40 acres of the original Thomas Jim allotment property at Hood

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River remained in the Jim family from the 1920s until 1974, when the Confederated Tribes acquired the land.

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However, the 1974 land sale is not the only one of possible significance to the tribes.

(See the next edition of Spilyay Tymoo for the rest of this story.)

## Spilyay Tymoo

would like to make the following comment to all returning students:  
Have a great school year.

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