

Museum honors long-time friend

The Museum At Warm Springs recently held its 2004 Honor Dinner. This year the dinner, held April 9 at the Hilton in Portland, was in honor of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, of Hawaii.

Each year the museum recognizes an individual whose efforts on behalf of Native Americans can serve as an example for all Americans. To these individuals the museum presents its *TWANAT Award*.

The first honoree was the honorable former Gov. Victor Atiyeh, who was the master of ceremonies during this year's event.

Nearly 300 people - representing Native American tribes, education institutes, private sector businesses, public sector representatives, federal representatives, military representatives, and grass roots Oregonians - attended the event honoring Sen. Inouye.

In addition to these guests was one table of Japanese American World War II veterans and their spouses, from the U.S. Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the famed "Go For Broke" regiment, that Sen. Inouye served with; and another table of Japanese American veterans from Oregon.

The Museum at Warm Springs raised \$38,000 during this event. Net proceeds will help to support the annual operational budget and help fulfill the museum's educational mission. The Museum works



Sen. Inouye attends the museum event.

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to raise two-thirds of its operating budget each year to continue operations.

The Museum thanks the following sponsors: *TWANAT Sponsors* (\$5,000): Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Penelope and Phil Knight; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribes.

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Sen. Inouye, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and senior senator from Hawaii, has been a member of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs since 1977.

He has worked tirelessly for Indian people, and pledged to continue his support to Native American sovereignty and their causes during his acceptance speech.

Sen. Inouye announced he would have to give up chairing the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, but will remain as a member, since he will next be a leader of the Commerce Committee.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council, and other tribes presented gifts to the senator. Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum, Taaw-lee-winch, and Rudy Clements conducted a special traditional warrior's ceremony for the senator.

In 1992, Inouye came to Oregon to help launch the capital campaign to help build the Museum at Warm Springs.

Community members asked to comment on future development

There will be a community planning meeting on Wednesday, May 5, for discussion of future local development.

The meeting will be at the Agency Longhouse.

There will be a meal at 6 p.m., followed by opening remarks at 7 by representatives of the Land Use Planning Committee.

Background information will then be provided by the planning department.

Information to be discussed include: Past community planning efforts; current planning efforts in Warm Springs; transportation planning; campus and downtown planning; industrial land assessment and planning.

Also: Community planning and zoning, realty department; concept plan and zoning; transportation and path systems.

At 8 p.m. the meeting will be open for questions and comments.

Items open for discussion include: potential new housing areas; commercial and industrial areas; roads and paths; community facilities; parks and playgrounds; and any other related topics.

Parent advisory group to meet

A public hearing of the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee is set for Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library.

Title VII meetings are open to all members of the public. If you have a disability,

please advise the District 509-J support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting.

Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

Veterans, family healing gathering set for April 30

The Annual Veterans, Family Healing gathering will be Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2 at the HeHe Longhouse.

The event this year has the theme, "Healing Circles in Circles of Healing."

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:15 on Friday. Closing ceremonies will be 10 a.m. Sunday.

Sunrise sweat Friday and Saturday. Donations/sponsorship appreciated. Leave message at (541) 553-1577.

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From the April 27, 1979, edition of the *Spilyay Tymoo*.

Council sets two referendum dates

The Tribal Council has called for a Tribal Referendum on May 15 to allow construction of the Pelton Reregulating Dam Hydroelectric Project.

Project summaries are being mailed to tribal members to help explain the purpose and significance of the project.

Anyone having questions about the proposal should attend the General Council meeting on May 1 at the Agency Longhouse.

The early referendum was determined necessary in order to allow a 1980 construction start. Each year construction is delayed, over \$2 million would be lost because of inflation. Due to the complexity of the project, other items have been scheduled for separate referendum (see story below).

The \$25 million-plus hydroelectric project involves the installation of a turbine generator in the existing Pelton Reregulating dam, with a transmission line connecting the powerhouse to the Warm Springs electrical substation.

Water system, housing subjects of June 5 vote

June 5 has been designated by the Tribal Council as the referendum date for the proposed Deschutes Domestic Water System and several housing projects. A General Council meeting is expected during the last half of May.

The \$8 million water system involves pumping water from the Deschutes River near the

Dry Creek Campground up to a new reservoir near Teeve's Butte. From the Teeve's Butte Reservoir, transmission lines will carry water by gravity flow to the proposed new reservoirs at Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta.

The proposed housing projects include 30 additional Tenino apartments; six Simnasho senior citizens homes; five Simnasho rental relocations; and a 24-bed dormitory at Kah-Nee-Ta. Estimated cost for the projects, including access roads, is \$2.45 million. The housing projects would relieve the housing shortage facing tribal members and employees.

Memo signals change at NCAI

Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians Andy Ebona no longer has the authority to sign checks for the organization, while travel and salary restrictions have been placed on the staff as a result of the memo from NCAI President Veronica Murdock.

The memo also reinstates staff people terminated by Ebona, and calls for creation of an oversight committee to act as a grievance mechanism for employees. There may be further Executive Committee action with regard to Ebona, according to the memo.

Hydro projects look favorable

In light of the recent nuclear plant scares, particularly the Three Mile Island accident, the development of small hydroelectric power plants is becoming increasingly favorable looking. Governmental agencies and

public officials are impressed with the proposed hydroelectric project at the Pelton Reregulating Dam, for instance.

Nationwide running epidemic caught by locals

They can be seen running around the campus, up Tenino or out the Kah-Nee-Ta road. In fact they can be seen almost anywhere, at almost any time. "Who or what are they?" you ask. Runners. Huffing and puffing, striving for a faster mile, or a goal not easily recognized or known by non-runners.

The Craigs have been running since February, getting encouragement from their son Joel, age 9, and Madeline's brother Ralph Queahpama.

Kids delight in spring traditions

Every culture has its spring traditions and Warm Springs is lucky enough to enjoy two of them.

While Headstart classes ventured out to Webster Flats to gather piaksi and luksh, other youngsters were decorating and hunting for Easter eggs.

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