

## New golf pro joins Kah-Nee-Ta

The Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Club will host an open house next week.

The open house is a chance for residents to meet Ryan Davis, the new PGA head golf professional at Kah-Nee-Ta, and learn about new golf programs at the resort.

The open house will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. At 5 p.m., join teaching professional Austin Maki at the driving range.

Then from 6-8 p.m. will be the reception with Davis at the pro shop and putting green area.

The open house is open to the public.

With the arrival of spring, Kah-Nee-Ta announced the hir-

ing of Davis as the new golf pro, and unveiled new course changes and rates for 2008.

Most recently, Davis served as the first assistant golf professional at Sunriver Resort.

A 1997 graduate of Portland State University, Davis began his professional career with a three-year stint at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland.

He then returned to his hometown of Costa Mesa, Calif., where he served as assistant golf professional at Mesa Verde Country Club under the direction of head golf professional Tom Sargent, the 1996 recipient of the National PGA Golf Professional of the Year award.

### Changes in 2008

Golfers who have walked the fairways of Kah-Nee-Ta in the past will notice a few changes in 2008.

For 2008, Kah-Nee-Ta will also unveil new and expanded rates for green fees and pass programs, including daily fee golf, annual passes and the tour card pass program. The tour card pass program allows the card holder to play at 50 percent off the public 18-hole rate for the year, is available for \$100 if purchased by May 31, and \$200 if purchased on or after June 1.

### Golf at Kah-Nee-Ta

Stretching to 6,352 yards

from the tips as it winds its way along the valley floor and across the Warm Springs River, the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Course is both scenic and challenging.

With less than 12 inches of precipitation annually and winter temperatures that often reach into the mid-50s, golf at Kah-Nee-Ta can be enjoyed year-round.

The course is available for groups and tournaments, and features a pro shop, snack bar and instruction from PGA head professional Davis.

For information and reservations call 1-800-554-4786 or visit [www.kahneceta.com](http://www.kahneceta.com).

## Museum At Warm Springs presents Honor Dinner

Sherman Alexie, renowned Native American author, poet and screenwriter, will receive the Museum at Warm Springs' Twanat Award.

Olney Patt Sr., legendary tribal leader of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and Stanley Speaks, tribal advocate and leader, and Northwest Regional director of the BIA will be presented the museum's Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The museum will present the awards at the Sixth Annual Honor Dinner on April 5. The awards ceremony will be held at the Hilton Portland starting at 5:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend.

### Twanat Award

Sherman Alexie was named one of the top 20 writers of the 21st Century by *The New Yorker*. He has authored seven books, several short stories, a screenplay, *Smoke Signals*, based on his book *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. The film won the Audience Award and Filmmakers Trophy at the Sundance Film Festival.

Alexie has won numerous awards, is a great orator, and will speak at the Honor Dinner.

### Lifetime achievements

Olney Patt Sr. served 11 terms on the Confederated

Tribes of Warm Springs Tribal Council, generally as chairman or vice chairman.

Patt's visionary leadership helped Warm Springs become recognized as one of the top Indian reservations in Indian Country during a time of critical economic challenges.

Patt's foresight focused on not only the present, but generations unborn. He has always been a champion of the Treaty of 1855, which reserved tribal sovereignty. He has been a longtime friend and supporter of the Museum at Warm Springs.

Stanley Speaks has received many awards for his work with federal, state and tribal leaders on areas such as economic development, the environment, infrastructure, and natural resources.

Speaks has had a tremendous impact on all of the tribes he has worked with, and is held with the utmost respect.

In 2002 Speaks was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, which includes retired astronaut John Herrington. He has dedicated his work to supporting tribes and has helped to protect treaty rights.

Speaks has served on the Museum at Warm Springs Board of Regents for over 15 years.

## More News from Indian Country

### Umatilla tribes plan casino expansion

(AP) - Wildhorse Resort & Casino on the Umatilla Indian Reservation will begin a \$25 million expansion this summer to add more than 100 hotel rooms and a miniature version of the inundated Celilo Falls.

The project is planned for completion in the summer of 2009.

Wildhorse Chief Operating Officer Gary George said the goal is to become a destination resort. "We really want to upgrade the facility," he said.

Contractors are to begin in-

frastructure work this summer.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla own and operate Wildhorse Resort & Casino east of Pendleton.

Aside from the hotel expansion of higher-end suites, an outdoor courtyard and a swimming pool, plans call for a new casino entrance and more parking.

There will be a water feature outside to create a miniature version of Celilo Falls, George said.

Celilo Falls was a salmon-rich

fishery and trading area on the Columbia River that was inundated when The Dalles Dam was completed in 1957, embittering many members of area tribes.

Plans include a grass amphitheater behind the falls, more gaming tables and an increase in slot machines from 800 to 1,200.

Architectural details and financing should be in place in about a year, George said.

The Wildhorse board and tribal council must approve the

final design.

George said Wildhorse may build a bowling alley or a small multiplex cinema after a tribal delegation to Las Vegas determined some casinos did well running cinemas.

### Tribal leaders express mixed reactions to apology bill

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Oklahoma tribal leaders expressed mixed reactions to a bill being pushed by U.S. Rep. Dan Boren to issue an official apology from the U.S. government for past mistreatment of American Indian tribes.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Chief A.D. Ellis says the bill is long overdue and would have little practical effect.

"Our parents should have received the apology, my mother, our ancestors," he said.

"I don't need it."

Boren, D-Okla., told attendees at the National Congress of American Indian's winter conference in Washington, D.C., this week that he took over the apology bill from Rep. Jo Ann Davis, a Virginia Republican who died last fall from breast cancer.

The bill seeks to publicly acknowledge and apologize for past federal policies like forced relocation. It makes no provisions for reparations to the more

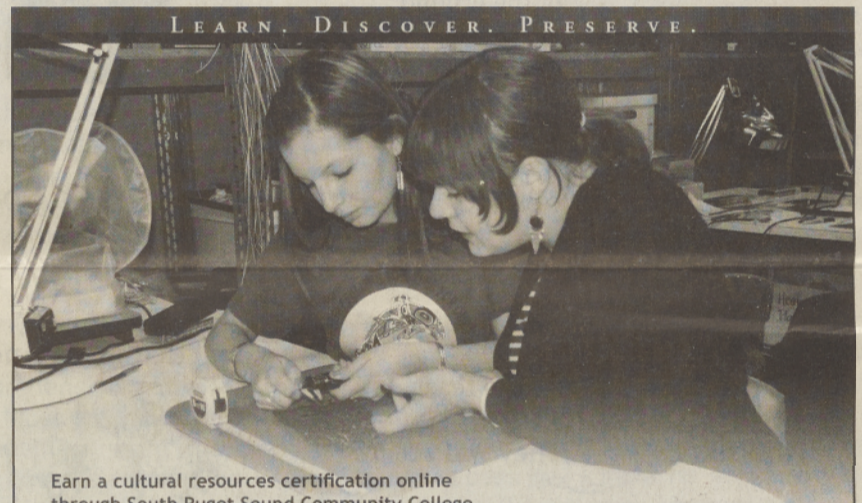
than 1 million Indians in the country.

Boren's effort echoes a similar, recent apology by the Australian government to Aborigines.

Other local Indian leaders said the apology was an exercise in strengthening current federal statutes, like the Self-Government Act of 1990.

Cherokee Chief Chad Smith said he hopes for stronger tribal governments as a result of the federal apology.

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