

Klamath Tribes basketry will be featured at High Desert Museum

Since ancient times, the Klamath Tribes of southern Oregon and northern California have practiced a distinctive basket-making tradition. Using natural fibers such as tules, cattails, willows and porcupine quills, skilled Klamath weavers create winnowing trays, hats, quivers and bowls. In the early part of the 20th century, private collectors and museums recognized the beauty of these works and gathered them by the hun-

dreds.

On Nov. 3, The High Desert Museum, in association with the Klamath Tribes, will open a major exhibit that tells the story of this special basketry.

"Twined and Traded: Klamath Tribes Basketry, 1860-1920" includes a backdrop of contemporary images of the Klamath Basin by photographer Tupper Ansel Blake.

For centuries, basketry provided housing materials,

household goods, and items of clothing for the Klamath Tribes. After the arrival of European and American traders, basketry also provided a new source of income, and tribal basketry entered a golden era that lasted from the late 1800s until the Depression in 1930. Basket makers crafted pieces for sale to a growing collectors market, designing tourist trade pieces and working with new styles, dyes and materials available

through American markets.

From 1880-1920, Indian handmade goods and art became popular among wealthy and middle class Americans, who gathered large collections. In the early 1990s, the Klamath Tribes acquired a collection of more than 700 baskets from a Klamath Falls family, from which baskets for this exhibit were selected.

The baskets exhibit is included with museum admission of \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 seniors (65+) and youth (13-18), \$4 children (5-12). It is free for members and children 4 and

younger. All admission prices are good for two consecutive days. The museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The High Desert Museum, located 3.5 miles south of Bend, at 59800 S. Hwy. 97, is nationally acclaimed for its indoor and outdoor exhibits and animal habitats, and for making the High Desert come alive through presentations on the region's people, cultures, science, art, and history.

For further information, contact: 541-382-4754 or <www.highdesert.org>.

Rep. Wu staff member will meet in county with interested constituents

Ramona Perrault, a staff member in the office of Congressman David Wu, will hold community office hours for the first quarter of 2001. Perrault will be available to provide constituents with the opportunity to share concerns, express opinions or discuss problems with federal agencies.

Appointments are not required, but constituents may call the Portland office at 503-326-2901 or 1-800-422-4003 for more information. Anyone needing special accommodations should contact the Portland District Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Community office hours will be held at the following times and locations:

- Vernonia—City Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- St. Helens—Columbia Technology Center, Tuesday, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

- Rainier—City Hall, 106 West "B" St., Tuesday, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 11:00 a.m. - noon.

Scouts plan annual can/bottle drive

The annual bottle and can drive by Vernonia Boy Scout Troop 201 will be held Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a major fund raiser for the troop and all donations are greatly appreciated.

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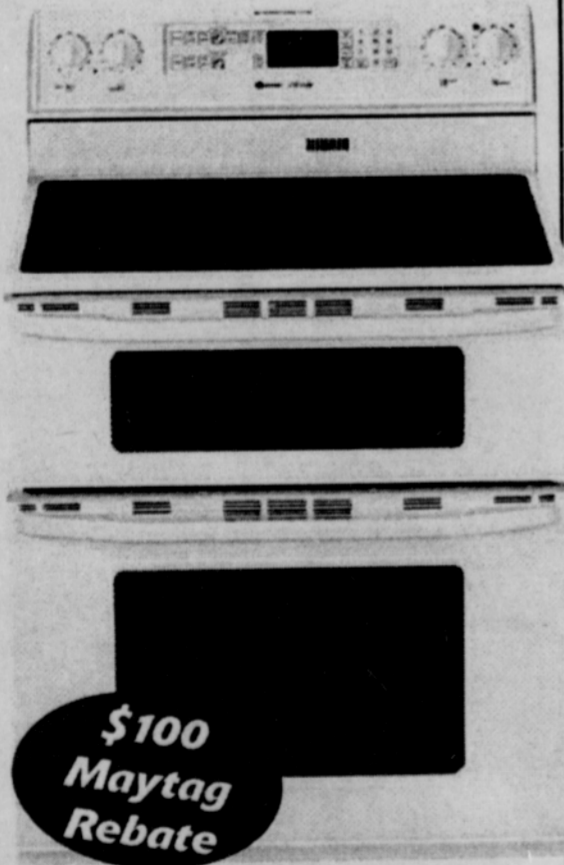
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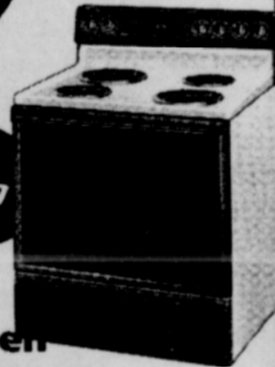
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