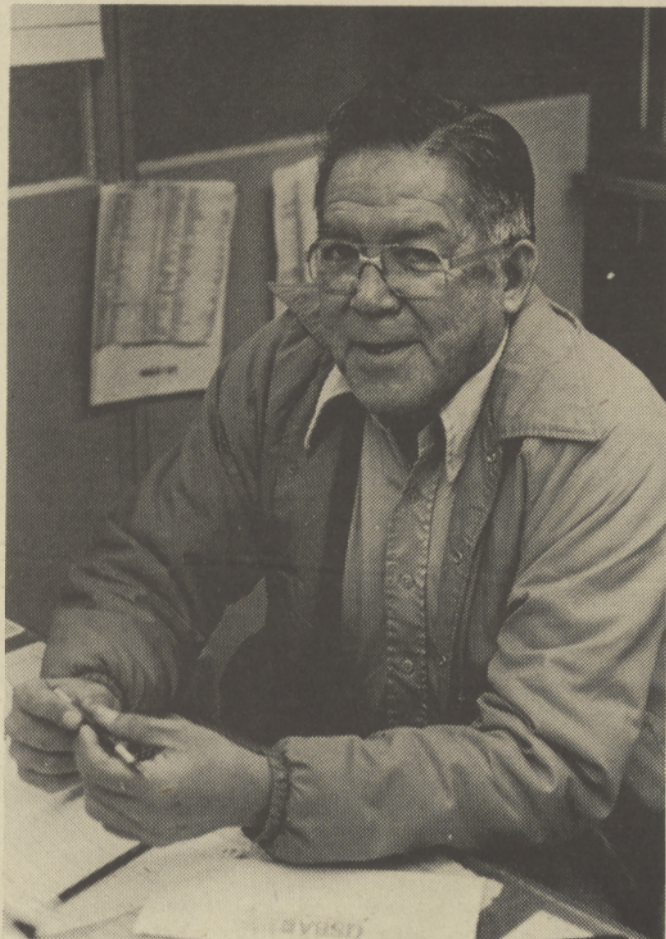


Nicodemus retires after 32 years



Nick Nicodemus

by Donna Behrend

Retirement means many different things to many different people. But to "Nick Nicodemus, retirement may mean "working odd jobs" or helping his tribe, the Couer d' Alene, with its new construction enterprise.

Nick, or "Mark" or "Demus," whose name is really Gerald, began his BIA career in 1948 while working in Plummer, Idaho as a transitman or surveyor. In 1951 he transferred to the Bureau of Public Roads in the same capacity.

It was in 1953 that Nick came to Warm Springs as the first Civil Engineer Technician. "I took the job temporarily," he said with a laugh. "I've been

here 27 years, I've met many people and made many friends. The kids consider this home."

"There were just two of us in 1953," says Nick. "Just the road engineer, Paul Springle, and myself." Of course the Administration building looked much different at that time and the roads department was located in the present Spilyay Tymoo layout room.

Nick has worked on all aspects of road construction on the reservation, from initial design to the actual construction. He remembers working with the first outside contractor ever to work on the reservation. They improved the road south of Simnasho, the "hill section," adding gravel to the roads to "get people out of the mud. The roads from HeHe to Simnasho and from

Simnasho to Wapanitia were impassable in the winter with that gumbo mud."

"There's been a tremendous change since I came here," says Nick. He sees housing as the biggest change with the most impact in Warm Springs. "There weren't too many homes and people needed homes," he said.

Nick and his wife Millie were married January 2, 1954 in Stockton, California where Millie was working as an RN at the county hospital. Since then, Millie has worked as a relief nurse at the Redmond, Prineville and Madras hospitals. She also worked at the Warm Springs Public Health Clinic for several years. The couple had five children, two of whom were killed in separate car accidents within the last year and a half.

Asked why he was retiring, "I've got enough time in and I want to enjoy my retirement while I can." Millie will be coming out of her "retirement" to work full time at one of the Spokane area hospitals.

Nick spends much of his "spare" time at the Pelton Lanes bowling alley in Madras where he has served as league secretary for 15 years. Nick boasts a 170 average and has placed in tournaments over the past several years. "In fact, I won a turkey last week by bowling 50 pins over my average," he beamed.

Nick also, served locally as an equal opportunity counselor for several years — until they found out he was retiring — then he was replaced. He and another BIA employee worked with employees who had complaints and gripes, acting as a grievance committee.

Reflecting on his many years at Warm Springs, Nick says, "I hate to move. It's another phase in my life and something I have to contend with," he says. He continued, "I like the people, they're very nice. They get to know you and they'll go all out for you. The climate is mild and it's not too far from Portland."

"It has been an enjoyable 27 years here in Warm Springs," says Nick. "It's my second home."

Community Center Calendar

- December 5-7** Old Duffers Invitational Basketball Tournament. Eight teams from Yakima, Pendleton, Warm Springs. Friday-6:00; Saturday-All Day; Sunday 1:00. Community Center
- December 9** Christmas wrapping advice by extension agent Pennie Little. Gifts to give at Christmas discussed by Carol Allison. 7:30-9:30 at the Community Center
- December 12** Christmas decoration judging-Entries in five categories to be judged; angels, bells, stars, Indian, creative. Must be handmade ornaments. Turn entries in at the Community Center by 10:00 p.m. December 11. Call the Community Center for more information.
- December 13** Christmas Bazaar-10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center
- December 17** Donkey Basketball at the Community Center. 7:30 p.m.
- December 18-20** Oregon Travelers Basketball tournament. Twelve teams attending. Tournament to be held at the Community Center.
- December 27-28** All-Indian Boxing Tournament. Boxers will be from Montana, Canada, Idaho and Washington
- Dec. 31-Jan 3** Holiday Basketball Tournament at the Community Center

Tribal Council Agenda

- December 8 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**
 - 1. 10:00 a.m. Administrative Fees Budget
 - Public Hearing—Law & Order Committee Agency Longhouse-7:00 p.m.**
- December 9/12 MCI Workshop on Tribal Government — Kah-Nee-Ta**
- December 9 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Rereg Project Update
 - 2. 1:30 p.m. Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors
 - General Council—Agency Longhouse**
 - Agenda: Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge
 - Dinner-5:30 p.m./Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- December 15 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**
 - 1. 10:00 a.m. IHS Annual Report - Garet Soules
 - 2. 1:30 p.m. Enrollments
 - 3. 4:00 p.m. Agriculture/Irrigation/Range Committee appointment
 - 4. 4:30 p.m. Boy Scout/Cub Scout program-Tom Kalama
- December 16 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**
 - 1. 10:00 a.m. Tribal Court
 - 2. 1:30 p.m. Justisen & Claymeier Properties-Harlow Hasewytewa
 - 3. 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Denny Smith
 - General Council — Agency Longhouse**
 - Agenda: Land Purchase Budget
 - Dinner—5:30 p.m./MTG. - 7:00 p.m.
- December 17 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-Committee Reports**
 - 1. 10:00 a.m. Fish & Wildlife Committee
 - 2. 11:00 a.m. Culture/Heritage Committee
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. Land Use Planning Committee
 - 4. 2:30 p.m. Water Board
 - 5. 3:30 p.m. Timber Committee
- December 18 Land Purchase Budget Referendum** Community Center — 8:00 a.m./8:00 p.m.
- December 19/20 Joint Meeting - All Tribal Councils - The Dalles, Warm Springs, Yakima, Umatilla, Nez Perce**
- Agenda: Law Enforcement Code for the Columbia River**
- December 19 Tribal Council Meeting, 3:00 p.m., The Dalles**
 - 1. 3:00 p.m. Referendum Results
- December 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.**
 - 1. 10:00 a.m. Realty
 - 2. 11:00 a.m. Proposed Resolutions: Funeral/Death Benefits — Also 1981 Per Capita
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. Rereg Update

Kalama sentenced, Colwash still being held

Following a pre-sentence report, Gilbert Kalama, 24, was sentenced last week to three months in jail at The Dalles for criminal mischief in the first-degree. The felony charge, to which he pleaded guilty, stemmed from the October 12 tire-slashing of a Warm Springs police car at Pine Grove.

When Kalama pleaded guilty October 27, Wasco County District Attorney Bernie Smith dropped an additional charge of "recklessly endangering" for allegedly discharging a firearm during the October 12 incident. The prosecution apparently felt there was not enough evidence to back up that charge.

Kalama was originally a co-

defendant with Sam Colwash, 43, in connection with the tire-slashing episode and subsequent high-speed chase in the vicinity of Pine Grove October 12. The two men, who were together, allegedly took off in Colwash's vehicle after the tire-slashing, with Wasco County officials in hot pursuit.

On November 6, Colwash was indicted by the Grand Jury on the following charges:

1. Felony — driving "while suspended.
2. Assault in the third-degree on Warm Springs patrolman Gene Scott
3. Attempted assault in the first-degree on Gary Crow (Wasco County Deputy Sheriff)

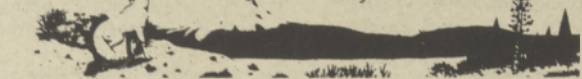
4. Attempted assault in the first-degree on John McGill (Wasco County Sheriff)

Colwash also has a number of traffic charges still pending including reckless driving and DUI (driving under the influence of intoxicants). The traffic charges will be handled separately from those for which he was indicted, but they were in connection with the October 12 chase.

Colwash, who is still being held in the Wasco County Jail, was to have entered a plea before the circuit court November 24, according to the D.A.'s office. But because his attorney failed to show up, the court appearance has been rescheduled for the first part of December.

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