

Young boy's interest sparks Scout program

by Pat Leno

A small boy's perseverance to become a Cub Scout and the desire to wear the blue and gold uniform helped to bring the scout program back to Warm Springs. Several years ago Marvin Arquette decided he was going to become one of those boys who were wearing that uniform.

So Marvin asked his dad, Tommy Kalama, to help him join scouts. Tommy tried to find a Cub Scout program but all he found was that there

wasn't any in Warm Springs. Marvin continued to ask his dad and Tommy finally wrote to the Boy Scout of America organization in New Jersey. Tommy received a packet giving him instructions on how to start a pack. Next came the chore of recruiting other parents. Scouting is back in Warm Springs.

Scouting has been a part of Warm Springs off and on since the years of the Great Depression. At that time there was only a Boy Scout program and nothing for cub scouts.

Claude Smith Sr. remembers Troop 37 of the 1930's era. With the start of World War II, Troop 37 suffered a set-back and was disbanded. Then in 1949 the Warm Springs Boarding School was granted the sponsorship of a troop charter. The scouting returned but with a new troop number and flag. Troop 59 was that number and is that number to this day.

Because of the memories of former Boy Scouts in our community volunteers have been drawn to build the

program of today. Some of the former scouts who are presently backers and leaders of Troop 59 and Pack 59 are; Claude Smith, Sr. (Troop 37), Pierson Mitchell (Troop 37), Grant Waheneka (Troop 37), Tommy Kalama (Troop 59), Frank Smith (Troop 59), Harry Miller (Troop 59) and the list goes on.

Troop 59 of the 80's has the sponsorship of the Warm Springs Tribal Council. On February 16 of this year the Council appropriated \$3,000 to assist with the cost of setting up

a scout library, scout projects, camping equipment and supplies.

In March of this year Tribal Council approved a permanent meeting headquarters for Troop 59 at the Child Care Center in the basement of the Old Boys Dorm. The meetings had been held at the Community Center but this proved to be a hardship since after each meeting, Kalama had to gather all the materials and carry them back home. With the permanent room the scouts will have more time to work on on-going scouting projects. At this time the room is being remodeled.

Scout meetings are held every Monday evening at 7 p.m. Boys interested in camping, backpacking, war dancing, arts and crafts, fishing, boating, and many other activities can find the Boy Scouts of America an answer to furthering their interests. Contact Tommy Kalama at the scout meetings held on Monday.

Scouts is a program that is open to boys from ages 8 to 18. The program will be year-round. The membership round-up is underway for both boys and adults. Spring activities coming up include, hikes, camping, fishing and swimming.

Memories of scouting held by Benny Heath, CETA, are of the trip to the Scouting Jamboree held in July of 1960 at Colorado. The entire troop boarded a bus and began a three-week trip that took the troop to California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. Benny said it was his first trip so far away from home and he recalled with laughter the game of tag the boys played with cactus. Harry Miller, silversmith, recalls the jamboree that was held in Valley Forge and the feeling of unity shared by the Boy Scouts from all over the world.

Boys with dreams to build and skills to acquire the answers may well be waiting for you in the scout program. Good leaders are important.

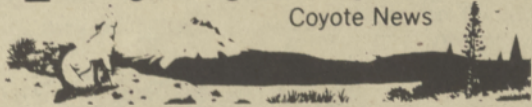


Troop 59 in summer of 1957 stopped by nation's capitol to visit with Al Ullman during their trip to BSA National Jamboree at Valley Forge.

Miss W.S. Pageant tonight at Agency Longhouse

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Rafter shot at Sherars Bridge

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Following a report of an alleged incident occurring at Sherars Bridge on April 26, four Indian males and one Indian female were arrested and lodged in the Wasco County jail. The four men were charged with felony counts along with misdemeanors. The female was charged with a misdemeanor.

The four men were identified as Matthew Wewa, age 22; Elmer "Buzzy" Scott, age 31; Winston Wewa, age 18; and Joe Brisbois, age 19. Each man listed Warm Springs as his place of residence.

The incident, as reported to the Wasco County Sheriff's Department, was that four Indian males had shot at a party of rafters after they had landed their raft just above the falls area. One of the rafters had been hit by a bullet in the knee. Then the four men allegedly assaulted and coerced the party of five non-Indian rafters to sign a petition concerning Indian fishing rights. The four men then left the area.

The four men were picked up and arrested by a Wasco County deputy after they left the area.

At the time Matt Wewa was

charged with open container and DUII. Buzzy Scott was charged with open container and DUII. Also charged with open container was Debra Scott.

After further investigation by Wasco County, additional charges were made against the four men. Matt Wewa has been arraigned for the following felonies; coercion, three counts of assault in the second degree, unlawful possession of a weapon, and assault in the first degree. Buzzy Scott has been arraigned for the following felonies: unlawful possession of a weapon, coercion and attempted assault in the second degree. Winston Wewa has been arraigned for felonies; coercion and attempted assault in the second degree. Joe Brisbois was arraigned for felonies; coercion and attempted assault in the second degree.

Additional charges of misdemeanors have been brought against Matt Wewa and Buzzy Scott in Wasco County.

The victim of the gun shot wound has been identified as Brent McNut, a student at Portland State University, Portland. He was reported to

have been hit in the knee by a ricocheting bullet and the wound was not of a serious enough nature to require the sheriff's deputy to transport McNut to a hospital.

At this time the arraignments have been held in The Dalles and the jurisdiction goes to the state. There is a question as to who does have jurisdiction over the incident since it took place on the land recently purchased by the Tribes at Sherars Bridge. It is trust land held in trust by the United States government. The question is, does land purchased by the Warm Springs Tribe fall under Public Law 280, which states that the State has jurisdiction over all Indian country within the state except the Warm Springs Reservation?

Mark Werner, Agency Special Officer for the BIA, has requested a ruling from the Regional Solicitor of the Department of Interior.

Wasco County Assistant District Attorney Joe Larkin stated three of the men were released on their own recognizance on April 30. Those released have been identified as Buzzy Scott, Joe Brisbois and Winston Wewa. Matt Wewa's bail has been set at \$33,450.