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SUPER SWIMMER—Convincing an infant that swimming is fun isn't always easy. Mercedes Suppah introduced her 12 month old son, Lil Bull Owl, to survival training recently. He will appear with eight other Warm Springs babies at a swimming exhibition to be held at Kah-Nee-Ta on August 9. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Warm Spring babies swim in exhibition

Adults are always amazed to see a tiny, supposedly helpless, baby with the ability to coordinate its own actions. And when it comes to seeing an infant swimming with independence they are awed. But it is certainly possible and Warm Springs residents will be able to witness such an exhibition in the near future.

Nine Warm Springs babies will be taking part in this infant swimming exhibition on August 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. Along with Super-Swim Babies from Portland, Warm Springs babies will be demonstrating the survival and swimming abilities of very young children.

The exhibition is being sponsored by Warm Springs Tribal Health and the Maternal

and Child Care Department and Kah-Nee-Ta. Donations will be given to the Maternal and Child Care department for use in supplying the needs of clients.

The Warm Springs babies and their parents were invited to participate in infant survival training on Saturday, July 25 as in introduction to the swimming methods available to young children. The babies, eight months and older, were then invited to join in the public exhibition of survival training and infant swimming to be staged at the Lodge Pool.

Babies from Warm Springs swimming in the performance include: Maureen Rochelle Govenor, 8 months of age,

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Simnasho school again survives 509-J budget axe

by Marsha Shewczyk

The question of whether or not Simnasho school warrants the expenditure of \$46,000 of the 509-J district budget was again presented to the school board at the July 7 board meeting.

Until the following meeting on July 16, there was apprehension among many Warm Springs and Simnasho residents that the small rural school would be axed from the budget. It appears now that the school has again survived the 509-J budget axe.

Several members of the Madras community expressed their belief that Simnasho school was too expensive to operate. Madras resident Ron Fox asked if the Tribe could be approached to fund Simnasho school in lieu of property taxes, especially if Public Law 874 funds are to be eliminated.

He asked if the Tribe could provide financial assistance so that the Madras area would not have to finance the entire school district. As yet P.L. 874 funds have not been cut, but the school district has been informed that there will probably be a five percent cut this year.

Concerned Warm Springs citizens who attended the most recent school board meeting were please to learn that additional district funds (coming in unexpectedly) prevented Simnasho Elementary's closure. The school will operate as usual. If the next levy presented to voters does not pass, the school may again be threatened with closure.

District 509-J Superintendent Darrell Wright announced at the meeting that

\$150,000 had come into the treasury from a credit to the worker's compensation fund in the name of the district and an increase in the amount of money coming in on taxes. The percentage of uncollected taxes was less than the expected 10%.

Wright stated, "Simnasho school is an important school in the community. It has survived other attempts to close it so I didn't propose it on this list of cuts."

Simnasho school teacher Rich Little was extremely pleased to learn that the school would remain open. He said, "I feel like I'm crying wolf." Each time the school closure is suggested at board meetings he calls citizens in the Warm Springs community to inform them of the action before the board.

Community support is essential to keep the school open. Citizens must attend the meetings to present objections to the school's closure. Simnasho did at one time have to cease operation.

With Simnasho school not listed on the proposed budget cuts school board members had to come up with some other cuts. They want to bring the tax levy down from the original ballot to a rate of \$13.27 per thousand dollars assessed valuation.

Both ballot A and B failed to pass at the June 30 election. The A ballot called for a levy of the maximum allowed, \$2,888,899. The B ballot asked for \$203,175 from voters. Passage of these levies would have raised property taxes from \$9.85 per thousand to \$16.27 per thousand.

Operating and maintaining

the district schools for the 1981-82 school year will cost an estimated \$7,471,134. Much of the money comes from state and federal funds for students and programs, largely because the reservation is in the 509-J school district.

Cuts in the budget have been going on since January when the budgets for the district were submitted. But the cuts that were made were not drastic

enough according to voters who defeated the ballots.

The cuts, up until that time, included reductions of \$21,000 from athletics, 12 hours in teacher aide time, new equipment was chopped by 10 percent, elimination of a proposed English As A Second Language teacher, a proposed full-time mechanic helper to a one-half time, deletion of the building construction program

and a teacher.

After the ballot with these cuts failed, even more cuts had to be made. It was necessary to delete the mechanic-helper completely and eliminate driver education. Reductions in choral music and Spanish, work experience, alternative education, home economics, field trips, equipment replacement, new equipment

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Strokes hit Greene, Wallulatum

Two prominent tribal members were hospitalized with strokes, one on Sunday, July 19, and the other on July 20. Councilwoman Karen Wallulatum, 46, and Natural Resources Director Eugene Greene, 48, are currently under treatment at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Both are now improving and have been moved out of the Intensive Care Unit to regular rooms.

Karen was stricken Sunday evening when she began experiencing pain in her chest, left arm and back. She was taken to Mt. View Hospital in Madras where she was diagnosed as having had a stroke. On Tuesday she suffered a second stroke while in the shower, and at 2 a.m. on Thursday she had a third stroke.

At 10 a.m. Thursday morning, Karen was transferred from Mt. View Hospital to the Intensive Care Unit at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. According to her nephew, Delford Johnson, her left side has been affected



Karen Wallulatum

although she is showing improvement. She was moved out of Intensive Care this past weekend.

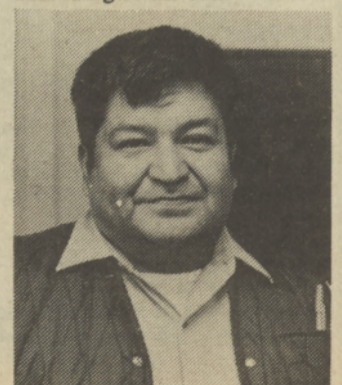
The doctors, as of press time, are still trying to locate the source of the problem through a variety of tests.

Natural Resources Director, Eugene Greene, was hit by a stroke Monday morning, July 20, while at work. He was rushed by ambulance to Mt. View Hospital about 10:30 a.m. then transferred to St. Charles in Bend at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

Doctors have identified the cause of his stroke as being due

to a clot or blockage in the neck area. Since Greene is left-handed, it is his right side that has been affected. He is improving, according to his son Austin, and he has been in good spirits throughout the ordeal.

Greene has been undergoing physical therapy to regain full use of his right side and it is expected that he will be released from the hospital soon. Meanwhile, he is in Room 333 at St. Charles and welcomes any visitors, according to his son.



Eugene Greene