

Jury duty is important

The Indian Civil Right Act of 1968 requires that Tribal Court honor all requests for trial by jury in criminal cases. This demand places a heavy burden upon tribal governments. Jury trials are expensive and time consuming. It is absolutely necessary that jury trials take place as scheduled.

Recently, the Warm Springs Tribal Court has had to delay or set-over a number of scheduled jury trials. Most often this has been because selected jury candidates have failed to appear when subpoenaed. Such absences cost the Confederated Tribes a great deal of money.

Notice is given that the Tribal Court intends to compel appearance, if necessary, through exercise of Authorized Contempt powers. Persons failing to appear for jury duty may suffer a major fine or even face possible imprisonment.

The Court also continues to receive an increasing number of requests for excuse from jury duty. Granting of such requests places an unfair burden on other jury candidates and tribal

members. The public is advised that this Court will not accept or grant excuses from scheduled jury duty except in the most extreme of circumstances.

By law, the master jury list at Warm Springs is selected randomly from the Tribal record of enrolled members. A new list is selected every year and approved by Tribal Council. Each time a trial is scheduled, new jury candidates are chosen at random from the master jury list. Once selected, those names are not placed back in the "pot" until all names have been taken from the master list.

Fairness to criminal defendants, the community, and fellow jury candidates demands that each selected juror meet their obligation. Service as a jury member is a responsibility that should be willingly assumed. Cooperation by selected jury candidates will be expected and compelled by this Court.

Irene B. Wells
Chief Judge

Super helpers make dentists' job easier

Theda Whalawitsa and Sharon Miller were recognized recently for outstanding performance in their duties at the Warm Springs dental clinic.

Garet Soules, Service Unit Director, presented them with Certificates of Meritorious Performance from the Indian Health Service, (IHS). Soules read a message from the Portland Area director and expressed his own appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by Sharon and Theda.

Dr. Biggs, the clinic dentist, then spoke for a few minutes saying that he had worked with many dental assistants in his different assignments but has never before appreciated his assistants as much as he does here. He stated that Theda's and Sharon's efficient teamwork allowed them to treat a maximum number of patients. And they still had lots of fun doing it. He was sure that the patients appreciated them, as well, for this.

After the presentation, refreshments were served to give all of the staff and guests a chance to congratulate the recipients.

Theda Whalawitsa has been associated with the Warm Springs Dental clinic since 1955 when she first started helping out at the clinic. This was before she had any training. In 1957, when she realized that this was to be her career, it was with great determination that she undertook formal training as a dental assistant.

While working days at the clinic she commuted by bus to the University of Oregon in Portland to attend night classes until she finished her training to become a certified dental assistant. Theda worked in this capacity until 1975 when she was accepted to receive Advanced Dental Therapist training in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In this course she was trained to provide more services than a regular assistant such as scaling teeth and placing fillings in teeth. These abilities have allowed the dental clinic at Warm Springs to function

much more efficiently, according to Biggs.

Sharon Miller received her dental training at the North Pacific Medical and Dental school, and S.I.P.I. (Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She graduated in 1973. Her first job as a dental assistant was in a mobile dental trailer that traveled to different parts of Nevada. After three years she returned to Warm Springs.

Many know her as the All-Star catcher on Claude Smith's softball team. She has been working at the clinic in Warm Springs since 1978.

Dr. Biggs said, "Sharon and Theda have just completed a very successful program of



Well since Beatrice Winishut knew exactly where the water scene was and correctly identified it we switched back to the rock scene. Try your luck on guessing the location of this photo and win a years subscription of the Spilyay Tymoo. Remember there is just one win to a person.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Sid

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Bessie David Guerin

Following a lengthy illness Bessie David Guerin died at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon on July 10. She was 64 years old.

Bessie was born at Simnasho on January 26, 1917. She had lived on the reservation most of her life, spending a short time attending Chemawa Indian School. She married Phillip Guerin on October 6, 1937 at Vancouver, Washington.

She was a past Tribal Council member representing the Sidwalter District. She held the council position for two terms. She also served on the Housing Committee and the Credit Committee. "In her life she was known as being a very traditional person," stated Delbert Frank Sr., current chairman of Tribal Council.

She was member of the Pentacostal church.

She and her husband were the owners and operators of Guerin Logging.

Surviving her are her husband, Phillip Guerin, a daughter Phyllis Hofstetter of Humble, Texas; two sons Johnnie Guerin of Culver and Charles T. Smith of Warm Springs and one brother, Andrew David of Dry Creek.

Memorial services were held at the Evergreen Chapel on July 12 with Tex George officiating. Overnight ceremonies were held at the Agency Longhouse with Louise Billey, Victor George, and Andrew David leading the Seven Drum services. Home services were held at the Guerin home at Sidwalter with Loomis Jackson officiating. Burial was at the Simnasho cemetery on July 14.

Loretta Scott

Loretta Scott, age 31, died on July 27 at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland of an apparent drug overdose. She was born at Warm Springs on August 17, 1949.

She is survived by her father, Ray Scott and two brothers, Jim and Ivan Scott, all of Warm Springs.

The dressing was held July 29 at the Madras Evergreen Chapel conducted by Matilda Mitchell. The Seven Drum Religious Ceremonies were held overnight at the Simnasho Longhouse led by Matilda Mitchell and Herb Stwyer. Burial was at the Simnasho Cemetery July 30.

William Eyle, Jr.

Bill Eyle Jr., 41, died July 23, 1981 in Daly City, California. He was born April 9, 1939 in Warm Springs.

Eyle is survived by his father, Bill Eyle Sr., and his stepmother, Mabel Eyle. Four brothers, Edward, Charles, Peter and Frederick Reed and

two sisters Ruby Torrez and Kathleen Merline also survive.

Rosary was held at the Madras Evergreen Chapel July 24 and burial was July 25 at the Agency Cemetery.

Eyle was an enrolled Yakima and spent most of his life in the Warm Springs area.



Sharon Miller, Dr. Andrew Biggs and Theda Whalawitsa

Printing department schedules open house

The printing department has been moved from their old headquarters at Tribal Administration. Shop has been set up in the basement of the Old Boys Dorm.

The public is invited to attend an open house on July 31 from 10:00 a.m. until

closing. There will be tours, presentations and illustrations as part of the activities. Refreshments will be served.

Joe Badoni, head of the printing department, extends a welcome for all to attend this open house.