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APRIL BLOSSOMS—Nature's touch of flowering beauty decorates reservation landscape.
Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

Support evident for Simnasho

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Strong support for Simnasho School was evident at a 509-J budget committee meeting held April 6 in Metolius. Nearly 15 people from Warm Springs and Simnasho gathered at the Metolius gym along with nearly 100 Metolius residents to discuss proposed budget cuts that will affect both schools drastically.

It is proposed that Simnasho be completely cut from the school district. Two fifth and sixth grade classes are proposed to be eliminated at Metolius with those students being transferred to Buff Elementary in Madras. Metolius cafeteria services will also be cut along with the special education (ERC) program. Residents from both communities voiced strong opposition to the proposed budget and offered solutions to the problems the budget committee is facing in present economic times.

Similarities were emphasized between the two schools. Community pride and involvement in the two facilities are evident. "You should see the gym fill up here (Metolius) during the Christmas program," said a

Metolius resident. The gym, he says, fills up with community members, not just parents of students.

Support of Simnasho projects is also substantial. The social aspect of the Simnasho school outweighs any financial burdens that are being felt at the time.

Because of the strong, and sometimes emotional feeling for the Simnasho school, Tribal Council issued a statement which was read to the budget committee by tribal municipal manager Jody Calica.

The statement reads: The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon respectfully recognizes and appreciates the difficulty of assembling a school operating budget under the prevailing economic conditions. Further, that the conditions are made more difficult by the reduction of state and federal education assistance. From our perspective we recognize the need to reduce expenditures, without adverse effects on essential services. The Tribal Council has placed its trust

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Aaye-pril Fools' edition well-received by readers

by Donna Behrend

"When did this all happen?" seemed to be the general questions in our reader's minds as they read *Spilyay Tymoo* Aaye-pril Fools' edition.

As people glanced over our short, humorous (at least we hope it was humorous!) edition, they really couldn't believe that the reregulating dam had cracked, that Governor "Ah-tee-yah" had given "Orygun" back to Orygun Indians or that Linton Winishut really put a knife to his throat because there were too many candles on his birthday cake. Once people realized that Vol. 7 No. 6½ was in jest, many broke into laughter and applauded our efforts.

When looking at the photo of the old car with the men in it on page 3, Olney Patt, Sr., remarked that he used to have a

similar car. "I think I recognize the men, too!"

Three different people identified the Geo-Quiz on page 4. One said it was by Shitike Creek (which was correct). Another said it was on the reservation. (Duh!) Joey Surface called from the Post Office to say it was his kid's bedroom floor. Surface requested an honorable mention for his guess.

Some readers thought the reregulating article was for real, until they looked at the photo more closely, noticed the March 32 date or that survivors of the flood were going to be hired to work. One person was angry that the news of the "crack up" wasn't on radio or TV news.

Lumberman's Insurance Agency representative Pat Metke called *Spilyay* to say he was "going to send a copy of the

Aaye-pril Fool's edition to his insurance carrier. Metke's firm carries the insurance policy on the dam.

It is also rumored that ASC employees at the dam enjoyed the dam article, too. So much so, that they clipped it out and posted it in the engineer's office.

C.R. Squiemphen wondered "what are we going to do without a governor," after reading the article about Ah-tee-yah returning Orygun to the Indians. We have yet to hear from the governor's office.

Tribal Court personnel chuckled all morning after they read the *Spilyay*. They were our best customer, with some coming in to purchase more than one copy for themselves, and friends.

Our highest praise came from Tribal Judge Anita Jackson. "You should do this

more often," she said while reading. "You deserve a medal!"

Who can you laugh at if you can't laugh at yourself!"

Education Committee Meeting

Monday, April 12, 1982

7:00 p.m.

—Simnasho Longhouse—

Subject:

Closure of Simnasho School