

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)



## Letters to the editor

### Thanks to our many friends

To the people and residents of Warm Springs and Burns-Paiute:

We would like to take this opportunity to **Thank** the people of Warm Springs and Burns-Paiute for their cooperation and support these past 13½ years.

There have been trying times in the past and we know not all of you have appreciated our courses of action, but we want you all to know we have not played favorites or tried to cover-up any actions; we have tried to be fair and completely impartial, and still fulfill the reason we were here for.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for your support. We hope for the best for the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes and the Burns-Paiute people and if either of us can ever be of any assistance, please give us a call at the B.I.A. office in Everett, Washington or our home in Marysville, Washington. As you know, we are always willing to assist.

It is our hope that more Tribal members will take an interest in the law enforcement programs and the court systems of the Tribes and not allow "white-man" law to become the dominant feature of these programs, but that the Tribal people will **fight to keep the uniqueness** of your ideals, ways, and your customs of fairness to your people.

In Warm Springs, Chief of Police Jeff Sanders is well qualified to lead the police department. He is knowledgeable and is concerned for his people and the Tribal programs. He has foresight

that only needs to be solicited. I have worked with him and aided him in developing an excellent working relationship with the outside agencies and developing Warm Springs into a respected police agency. I am sorry to see what has happened in the past year with these agencies.

Chief Judge Irene Wells is also well qualified for her position and has shown a genuine concern for her people and has tried her best to aid and help them. She is very well respected in the judicial world and in the Indian court system within the legal boundaries and year still be a **people's court**. Sometimes the community does not agree with her course of action, but the overall concern she carries and the knowledge she has strived to apply in a fashion that would be acceptable to her people, has been commendable.

To the Burns people, Pete Matt is a young Chief of Police, but he is concerned with the Reservation and is trying his utmost to help gain the respectability Warm Springs enjoys. Although young, Pete is wise for his years in trying to upgrade the program. But, he needs the community's full support in his endeavors and efforts for improvement.

Burns, as well as Warm Springs, enjoys a unique relationship with the State of Oregon that a lot of reservations, in a lot of other states, do not enjoy. Uniting within the communities in an effort to build on this relationship must continue without allowing local politics to curtail or defeat the potential that would be available to the Tribes.

Also, we must thank the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and especially the Village people and John Behrend for the opportunities he has offered our boys, Gerry and Brett. Gerry and Brett have gained valuable experience through their employment at the Village area and hopefully it will enable them—Brett, for a job in the Everett area, and Gerry, for his coming tour in the U.S. Air Force—to be assets to their future employers.

We must also thank our many bowling friends. It has been enjoyable and we'll never forget you—the Warm Springs Men's League, Warm Springs Late Wednesday Night League, and the Friday Night League. It's been fun and thanks to these leagues, after 20 years of bowling, we have finally won a few trophies and a couple of patches for our bowling shirts. Our golf game, we'll not talk about!!! We both need practice.

Again, there are so many people to thank that we best leave it to all former and present employees of the two Tribes and B.I.A. and the two tribal enrollments of each Reservation. You've all been great and are an asset, and we shall miss you all. We wish you the best of luck in the coming years. There will be many hardships, changes, and new procedures, but we know you will bond together as you always have. You will survive and be better for it.

Thanks again for allowing us to be a part of your community these past years.

Best of luck, and our best wishes.

Mark and Bunny, and Boys

### Annual employee's picnic set

The date for the sixth annual combined Employee's Picnic has been set for Thursday, July 22, 1982, beginning at 6 p.m., behind the Community Center.

All Tribal, Kah-Nee-Ta, PHS, and BIA employees and their families are invited to attend, bring one pot-luck dish. Baked salmon will be on the menu along with fry bread and drinks (punch and coffee). Last year most families brought watermelons and there was a shortage of salads, beans and desserts. This year it is requested that more salads and desserts be furnished by the families.

Live entertainment for both youth and adults will be provided. Andy Lucas will

emcee the program again and there is a lot of exciting games planned for the children. Special features will be the "knees" contest, a kissing booth, and the dunk tank—that was a lot of fun last year.

Raffle prizes will be on display soon in the Tribal Administration Building. Expensive prizes which include the Atari Video game, a bicycle, cutlery set and gift certificates. The raffle tickets

will be sold at .50¢ each or three for \$1 and will be on sale up until the drawing of the prizes during the picnic. Tickets will be sold by the Picnic

Committee and the funds will be used to purchase next year's prizes.



Simnasho school teacher Rich Little gets books ready to be hauled away. The school will not be reopened due to 509-J school district budget cuts.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

## You are special

To the Simnasho students:

For the last five years I have been teaching at Simnasho Elementary School. During those five years I have seen many things...some good and some bad. But the last five years have been the best years of my life and I thank you for being part of it.

If, as your teacher I have taught you anything I hope it is that you are special. You are what ever you want to be. You control what type of person you are. If you want to be a good person you are. If you choose to be a bad person then you will. In your life you will be faced with many decisions...try to make the right decision. Each decision, each moment

that passes by us makes us what we are.

With the closure of our school we feel sadness. It is like a death of someone very special. But the life of Simnasho School will continue in your heart and my heart and we must share that feeling with everyone we know. We were very lucky to have the experiences we have had.

Remember to listen to your heart and think with your brain.

Try to keep in touch with me and let me know how you and your family are doing. I will miss you all very much.

Have a happy forever  
...Mr. Little

### Thanks for help

We, the Quinn family would like to express our appreciation to all of you who sent cards, flowers and donations during our time of sorrow. We cannot express the hard-felt loss of our loved one.

With all of your help and words of encouragement gave us the strength to carry on. Again thanks for all the help you have given us.

The Quinn Family

### Note from the editor

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles to be published from its readers. Short letters, preferably 300 words or less, are also welcome. All letters must include the writer's name and address.

Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy.

Don't forget the upcoming  
**509-J BUDGET LEVY**  
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