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Sunflowers are not only a good source of sunflower seeds but abound with spiders. After observing that sunflower seeds actually do come from these giant flowers Chris Barney proceeds on his search for spiders.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

## Proposed '83 budget down 28% from '82

by Donna Behrend

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, much like other companies and corporations cross the country, are facing drastic cuts in next year's budget. The Tribes are currently faced with cutting 1982's \$16 million overall budget by over 28%—a total of approximately \$3.8 million. The target for the 1983 overall budget is just under \$12 million.

The budget process, which normally begins in April, began in July this year. The delay was due to management having to spend more time than usual with Tribal Council as the Council advised management on how to increase revenue and decrease the \$4 million deficit. The deficit problems stem from

the poor economy and decreases in revenue from WSFPI, Kah-Nee-Ta and the McQuinn strip.

This is not the first year for reductions, say officials, as the budget has been cut three years running. Any "fat" has already been taken out. It is roughly estimated that 35-40 positions will be eliminated—"most departments will have to cut positions," said one official. Other tentative reductions include cuts in areas where services might be curtailed or consolidated.

Though 1983 will not be the first year for budget reductions, it is the first time the Tribes have had to deeply concentrate on major cuts. "We cut

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closure a stickler

## Community, school board, district at odds

by Marsha Shewczyk

Even with the doors to Simnasho School locked and bolted due to budget cuts the struggle to keep this small community school alive is not waning. Many community members feel Simnasho School is an important part of the community embodying education as the Warm Springs people would like it with cultural and social elements integrated into academic instruction.

The Simnasho School closure issue, though, is not isolated. There's more to it than that. Of course no one wants to see Simnasho School closed and hopefully its doors will once again open to allow the community's children to learn in its portals. An effort has begun to have it become, once again, the small community school it once was.

In the study of the problem of Simnasho School some major issues have come to view beyond the Simnasho School issue. These are issues that concern all community members because they involve the education of the children. These issues involve the schools, the school board, the children, the parents and the teachers.

The question arises, "What is of value to the Warm Springs people?" What do the people want their children to learn? The people of course want their children to read and write at standard levels but they want more than that. They want the children to know Indian history, Indian language and legends. They want the children to know about tribal government and about the area in which they live. They want what everyone wants for their children and more.

Simnasho School, under the direction of its teachers, strove to include culture along with academics. The independent nature of the school allowed for activities which enhanced the culture in the eyes of students and included the community in school events. And the children enjoyed school. Education became more than studying in a classroom. It extended beyond the four blackboard walls. It appeared ideal to community members and the school's closure incited concern.

Concern for Simnasho School's closure and the district's apparent lack of concern for the objections of the Warm Springs community and tribal government induced Tribal Council to appoint a task force to study the issue of Simnasho School.

They were to study: 1) The options available to reopen the Simnasho School; 2) The relationship between the Confederated Tribes and the Jefferson County School District; and 3) The feasibility of establishing a school system on the reservation independent of Jefferson County schools.

Responsibility for directing this study was turned over to a

steering committee composed of tribal attorney Howard Arnett, tribal education director Jody Calica, tribal council member Mike Clements, chairman of the Council's Standing Committee on Education Issues Rudy Clements and chairman of the Council's Education Committee Sal Sahme.

Concentrating on reopening Simnasho School eventually the committee was interested in keeping the format of the school alive and in operation during the upcoming 1982-83 school year. Project NEED

(North End Elementary Demonstration Project). The program outlined a proposal where a classroom would be set aside to house 20 students grades one through four. One teacher and an aid would act as instructors along with members of the community.

The philosophy of Project NEED as quoted from a synopsis developed by the task force reads, "Project NEED recognizes that tribal students from the Warm Springs Reservation deserve educational opportunities that prepare them for productive

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### Weather

AUG	HI	LOW
9	96	58
10	74	54
11	75	55
12	84	46
13	87	52
14	71	56
15	84	54
16	84	52
17	86	58
18	90	52
19	97	57
20	97	63
21	97	64
22	96	55
23	92	53

## Voters approve college levy

Central Oregon Community College officials breathed a sigh of relief as central Oregon voters overwhelmingly approved COCC's \$4.2 million operating levy by a nearly 3-1 ratio, the largest in the College's history. Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson and Klamath counties passed the levy with 11,183 'yes' votes and 4,176 'no' votes.

We're extremely gratified with the show of support that

we received from our community," said COCC President Dr. Fred Boyle. "What is most impressive is the breadth of involvement from citizens everywhere throughout our district, literally, hundreds of people who were concerned enough about the College to give their time and energy for passage of this levy.

The direction and help we received from the Friends of the College steering committee was simply marvelous."

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