



GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL—For Cindy Wiles (left) and Willia Paye (right) the summer was spent getting the Warm Springs elementary school back into shape. It won't be long before the building will be in use again. School begins September 7. Registration begins August 25. New students or kindergarten students need to bring their health record information. Students coming back are already registered.

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Simnasho School closure a stickler

lives both on the reservation and off it."

"The project also recognizes that Indian students are better served by education programs that acknowledge their unique cultural and tribal backgrounds and seek to incorporate these values than by programs that seek only to assimilate Indian students into non-Indian society."

The key elements and features of Project NEED include intensive community participation, regular Indian language instruction, team teaching in a multi-grade classroom, partnership in teaching between the school and the community and joint tribal-district sponsorship.

"Project NEED seeks to produce a well-rounded and stimulating public school education program that will challenge students to achieve their maximum potential for academic excellence and for personal satisfaction."

Upon introduction of this

concept to school board members at a recent meeting, reaction varied. Board member Don Aitken made the initial statement, "My personal feelings are that it should be turned down its entirety. If we had followed a good fiscal policy we would have closed Simnasho long ago."

"This board should retain ultimate authority and should not turn any authority over to any group. I suggest this is a part of Warm Springs politics."

Aitken went on to say, "The lack of attendance and apparent choice not to involve our board member (from Warm Springs) leads me to some serious doubts as to their concern for the educational process. I rate the tribal government's concern (for education) below zero until they gain some credibility. I would urge board members to not approve it."

Board member Lloyd Smith felt such a program would discriminate against students

not participating and that money was a major consideration. He expressed his primary concern at having children reading at a standard level.

Representing the Tribe's viewpoint Sahme spoke saying, "The values of our people and the contribution's to our area and state have been completely ignored by the curriculum committee. . . We come here with legitimate concerns. We do not take this situation very lightly."

With Project NEED presented school board members have become aware that the Tribe does have a concern for the education of the Warm Springs children. But the idea of confining such a program to a limited number of students was questioned.

Project NEED would be an experimental program but more time was needed for further study.

At a meeting resulting from the introduction of Project NEED more definite plans for

Death ruled homicide

The death of tribal member Armena Frank, 33, has been ruled a homicide by the state medical examiner's office.

Frank died the morning of July 28. According to FBI agent Bob Mannix, the injury occurred at a residence in

Warm Springs."

No further details of the homicide have been released as of press time. No arrests have been made, however it is expected that evidence will be presented to a federal grand jury within the next two to three weeks.

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incorporating cultural activities into the school curriculum at Warm Springs elementary have begun.

According to Warm Springs elementary principal John Trujillo, parts of the program destined for students of Project NEED could be included in school activities for all students. Trujillo says, "I believe we can develop a unique program and have a meaningful program for all the children."

If properly done the combination of academics and culture could "make a tremendous school and a model elementary school," Trujillo commented.

Simnasho School may be the focus of the task force study but it is only the springboard for more general concerns. The open presentation of the community's concerns for education "provides a forum for the school district and the Tribe to begin reviewing and assessing some broader issues

that may exist," estimated Rudy Clements. "On that basis it allows for tribal and district education officials to communicate more openly and objectively."

Clements continued, "Overall we haven't reached our initial objectives." Community members still want Simnasho School reopened. The relationship between the Tribe and the school still must be studied along with the final objective of the task force, the study of the feasibility of the Tribe's establishing its own school system.

Currently, action is being taken to include culture and social activities in the curriculum along with academics at Warm Springs elementary. Presentation of Project NEED may be the needed "shot in the arm" as Superintendent Darrel Wright stated, to get things going in the struggle to make education meet the needs of the Warm Springs community and its children.

Miss Indian America pageant

Traveling to various celebrations as a representative for the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes is a part of holding the title of Miss Warm Springs for Lyda Scott.

Lyda returned from Sheridan, Wyoming after attending the Miss Indian America pageant held the last of July. She traveled to the pageant with her mother, Delphine Scott and her sister Penny Scott for the event.

Lyda has been working at Kah-Nee-Ta for Sales as the assistant social director. She greets guests and gives them a brief history of the resort, the culture and the reservation.

The work lends itself to Lyda's busy schedule of representing the tribe as Miss Warm Springs.

Though Lyda was not named Miss Indian America participation gave her the opportunity to meet new

people and rekindle old friendships. Lyda said that the experience was one overlasting and the she will always remember the friends she made.

Vivian Juan of Papago was chosen as Miss Indian America, alternate was Dolly Manson of the Navajo nation, first alternate was Melinda Kaye Waters of Cherokee-Kiowa descent. Carol Jean Bradford, Oglala Sioux, was selected as Miss Congeniality.

Serving as Miss Warm Springs has not only offered Lyda the opportunity to meet new people, it has also made Lyda more aware of who she is and just how important Warm Springs is to her.

Upcoming events that Lyda will be attending include the Indian Child Conference in Phoenix, the National Indian Education Conference in New Orleans and the NCAI conference in Bismarck.



Lyda Scott (second from right, in front row) joined 21 other girls at the Miss Indian America Pageant in Sheridan, Wyoming the last week of July. Vivian Juan (second from the left, in center row) was named Miss Indian America XXVIII.