

# Community News Bits

## Indian News Notes by Vince Lovett

**Tribal Flag Inauguration—** A gathering in recognition of the new official Tribal Flag is set for Friday, October 22 at the Agency Longhouse. The activities will start at 4:30 p.m. with Washut Services, followed by a dinner at 6 p.m.

Owen Panner is scheduled to be the keynote speaker, following his address there will be an awards presentation to the winner of the contest, and also to recognize everyone who participated in the flag contest.

In addition to the flag contest the Tribal Council will pay tribute to a few local individuals who have retired from Tribal and Bureau service in the past year.

Hamilton Greeley was the winner of the contest and he will be presented with one of the flags as well as other gifts.

**Education—**Marlin Reimer, BIA Education Specialist, has been detailed to the Portland Area Office until January 1983. With Reimer away, the education department is currently not administering any GED tests until a new Chief examiner is appointed.

The department is currentl

accepting applications for winter term. Students making application are required to complete a Federal Student Aid form. Forms are available in the Education office and should be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

Tuition, books and fees are covered at 100 percent by the education office, and we are currently funding students at 60 percent of their living costs.

**Halloween Costume Judging—** Costume judging will be held Friday, October 29, at the Tribal Administration Building, at 3 p.m. Categories for Halloween Costumes are (1) TV and Movie Stars, (2) Historical Characters, (3) 21st Century (video game character), (4) Monsters (goblins, witches, ghosts, etc.) and (5) Original.

**Madras Elementary—** School class pictures are scheduled for October 20. Classes will be having Halloween parties on the 29th.

**Buff elementary—** school pictures on October 19, your child should have the payment on that day.

**BIA Administration—** Effective October 8, 1982, No Cash will be accepted for payment of rent, lease fees, wood permits, etc. All payments must be made by **Check or Money Order** payable the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**Natural Resceources—** Ceded area deer tags are being issued at the Natural Resceources office with the requirements, (1) Must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, (2) Must have on your person at the time of tag pick up your Columbia River free hunting and fishing license, (3) abide by State rules and regulations, rules and regulations are available at any sporting good store. (4) Must be over 14 years of age, if under 18 you must show your hunters safety certificate. October deer tage will be issued on the first and after, September tags must be turned in for a October tag.

**Lil' Miss Warm Springs—** There were 22 girls of all ages who turned out for the first practice and we would like more interested people to come and participate. The next one is scheduled for October 18, 1982.

### ROLE OF INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE EXPANDED, SMITH TELLS NTCA CONVENTION:

Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith called on Indian tribal governments to correct weaknesses and assume new leadership responsibilities in a talk delivered September 23 to the National Tribal Chairmens' Association convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Offering Bureau of Indian Affairs assistance, Smith said that the tribes needed to strengthen accounting and fiscal management systems and their tribal courts systems.

He said the Reagan administration was pursuing a policy of Indian self-determination. "Previous Federal policies and practices have inhibited the political and economic development of the tribes. Excessive regulations and an over-protective bureaucracy have stifled local decisionmaking, thwarted Indian control of Indianowned resources and promoted dependency rather than self-sufficiency," Smith said.

"We intend to reverse this trend by environment for the development of healthy reservation economies... The goal of this administration in Indian Affairs is to strengthen tribal governments --- because the tribal government must take the lead in bringing about economic development and in meeting the other needs of the tribal community.

### INTERIOR SOLICITOR SAYS TRIBES NOT BEING FORCED INTO WATER NEGOTIATIONS:

Interior's Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs Larry Jensen told representatives of more than 50 western tribes that Secretary Watt's plan for helping Indian tribes negotiate settlements of water claims was not intended "to coerce tribes into negotiations". He said that he was aware that tribes need "wet" water instead of cash in exchange for water rights. Jensen's remarks, made at an Indian water rights conference in Oakland, California, were reported in the **Arizona Republic**. "This is not the first time the federal government has negotiated for Indians is often long and bitter." Another speaker said "The Papagos have had to bargain for irrigation water that Tucson had been pumping for decades. Would the Papagos have ever gotten so far in negotiation if they hadn't first sued the non-Indians who were taking the water?" A Papago settlement bill has been passed in both houses of Congress and is expected to be enacted after differences in the bills are settled in conference.

### INDIAN COMMUNITY SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF LUCY COVINGTON, COLVILLE:

Lucy Covington, a member of the Colville Indian Tribe and former council member, died September 20th. Her funeral was scheduled for September 24 from the Catholic church at Nespelem, Washington. Lucy has been credited by some members of her tribe with leading the successful fight against termination for the Colvilles in the 1950's. She was a powerful advocate for improved education programs for Indian students. Her advice and counsel was respected and sought by Indian leaders. According to a relative, she suffered from fibroid tissues of the lungs.

### NINE TRIBES OF GREAT LAKES AGENCY PARTICIPATE IN CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Agency at Ashland, Wisconsin initiated a contract signing ceremony, September 15 and 16, in which nine tribes served by the agency signed a total of 29 contracts to provide tribal operation of vrious reservation programs. The total dollar amount of the 29 contracts was \$2.6 million.

The contracts were only those involving banded funds; contracts for unbanded programs are awarded throughout the year. The total budget for the agency is \$5.6 million and about 75 percent of this amount now is awarded to the tribes through the contracts/ grants process.

Agency Superintendent Robert St. Arnold has established, on an interim basis, a field service unit charged with the responsibility for ensuring contract/grant compliance and accountability. He sees the necessity for such a unit due to the volume of the two-day signing ceremony are school operations, higher education programs, employment assistasnce, housing improvement, roads maintenance and the Johnson O'Mally education program.

## From the high school counselor

by Ron Pinkham

Eight-day absent letters for this year are different as compared to last school year. Absences are recorded by period, number of days, class subject and teacher. The letter suggests a conference with Doug Henry, assistant principal, if you have any questions. When a student reaches a total of fifteen absences a student may/will be dropped from the course with an "F" grade and no credit.

Parents and students must fully understand the reason for

fifteen days of absences whether it is by skipping, truancy, illness, no note, or other reasons. At the eighth day, if the absences are due to skipping or just not attending class, possible remedies can be arranged to ensure that a student attends class regularly. Parents please become involved with this process.

Pink slips are achievement reports sent to parents concerning a child's progress in class whether it be positively or unsatisfactorily. If your son or daughter is achieving poorly please arrange with me an

appointment to visit the teacher and discuss the reasons for the difficulties and find methods to ensure satisfactory progress. Students should take the opportunity to improve their grades before the permanent semester grades come out in January. The first nine weeks end November 5 and the parent/teacher conferences will be November 12.

Teachers are required to attend classes for professional growth and ne of these classes is, "Native American Perspectives in Public Education." Four high school students who will be participating as panel members are: Trudie Pinkham, Robinson Mitchell, and Merrit Youngdeer, Jr.

The Title IV Part A Indian Education program will be conducting its yearly survey to all parents, teachers, and students. During this week all high school students will be filling out the yellow survey forms. Parents, if you haven't by now, please turn in the survey forms to the high school for tallies as it will assist in planning next school years' Title IV program.

## Toe Ness

There was this professor who said to his class, "A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer." Then there was this small voice from the rear. "No wonder so many of us flunk your exams!" YIKES

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A fortune teller came to town so this guy decided to go and see her. She told him he'd be poor and unhappy until he was 40. "Then what?" he asked desperately. The fortune teller said, "Then you'll get used to it." YIKES

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**CONFUCIUS SAY:** "Winner in strip poker very lucky...but loser most interesting!" YIKES

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This pretty school teacher substituted for a friend who was taking a week's leave for a honeymoon. Later on at a party, the host started to introduce her to the groom. "Oh, I know Miss Davis very well," he said, "She substituted for my wife on our honeymoon." YIKES

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There was this old maid who saw this guy's picture on a wanted poster in the post office and she offered \$200 more than the FBI." YIKES

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This guy said, "I can't figure it out. Somebody must have gotten my wife mixed up with the Coast Guard." "How's that" asked his friend, "Well, every night around midnight some guy calls her and asks if the coast is clear." YIKES

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