

Sanitarian seeks quality

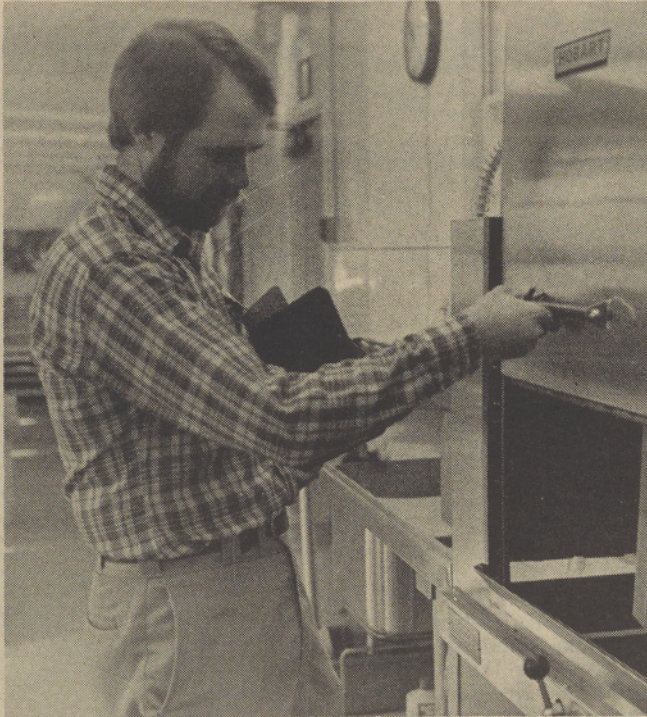
Just settling in at Warm Springs, sanitarian Wayne Potter views his job in the environmental health field as "managing the environment for the improvement of health."

Genuine concern for public sanitation originated in the 1800's according to Potter. The position now is diversified and requires specialists in a number of areas. On the reservation the sanitarian performs a variety of tasks ranging from inspection of public facilities to dissemination of information. Quality of air, shelter, water and food is of utmost important as well as a concern for pest and dog control.

A special area in which Potter will be working is injury control which is a major cause of both death and injury in the nation. He will be conducting a survey to obtain information from patients seen at the Warm Springs Indian Health Clinic. With this information he hopes to design a prevention program to be used in Warm Springs.

Reservation sanitarians do the job of federal, state and county sanitarians, Potter explains, but "we are not law enforcers." He emphasizes, "We're here to promote environmental health. We present information to tribal authorities and they act on it."

Potter, 31, recently moved to Warm Springs to occupy the position left vacant by



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CHECKING PUBLIC FACILITIES—Sanitarian Wayne Potter inspects Warm Springs elementary kitchen. Potter's concern as sanitarian is with quality of air, shelter, water and food on the reservation.

Jerry Shipp. Previously he held the position of sanitarian on the Redlake Reservation in northern Minnesota. Before that, he worked at Mt. Edgumbe in southeast Alaska and prior to that he resided in Michigan. "I've heard a lot of good

things about Warm Springs," Potter says and he's pleased to be in this area.

Any questions or concerns about environmental health matters may be answered by contacting Wayne Potter at the Warm Springs Indian Health Service, 553-1196.

Attendance policies defined by law

The attendance policy in the 509-J school district is defined by Oregon Revised Statute 339.065. Students are aware of the policy regarding attendance, some parents are not.

The statute defines irregular attendance as eight (8) unexcused one-half day absences in any four week period. The 509-J policy directs that 15 absences in one semester will result in consideration for expulsion.

Students whose attendance is irregular will be referred to the appropriate juvenile officer for possible court action. Parents of students missing school eight times in a semester will receive a letter indicating the importance of good attendance and requesting a parent conference. Students who miss school 15 times in a semester may face possible expulsion.

Oregon Revised statute 339.010 makes attendance compulsory. It states, "... all children between the ages of 7 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to attend regularly a public full-time school of the school district in which the child resides."

Students shall attend school regularly, as defined in ORS 339.065 except when there is a

communicable disease in the home (unless attendance is authorized by a qualified health official) or when the student has been excluded for disciplinary reasons.

Further, absence may be excused when it is caused by a pupil's illness, illness in the pupil's family, or an emergency. In such cases parents should send a note to school with the student upon his return. The student presents the note to his guide teacher, who determines whether or not the absence is excused. An admittance slip will be issued to the student at this time. If the teacher is in doubt or the absence is unexcused, the student will be sent to the assistant principal.

Pre-arranged absences are sometimes necessary. In that event, the student should bring a note stating the reason for the absence and the length of absence. A make-up assignment sheet is available in the office. It's difficult to catch up so keeping up with assignments is advisable.

A student's grades may not be lowered solely due to absence. Work missed and assignments not handed in will cause the student's grade to be lowered. The responsibility for arranging make-up work belongs to the students.

Community contributes to pageant



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SOLD!—Huckleberry pie is a real fund raiser during auction held at the Community Center to help raise money for the Li'l Miss Warm Springs pageant. Auctioneers for the event were Rudy Clements and George Clements (not pictured).



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A POSSIBLE WINNING CARD—Lawrence Tufti and Allegra Tufti examine bingo cards for possible winners. Good luck omen overlooks from the left. Money from this event goes to parade entry fees and float expenses for the pageant.

After months of dance practice, lessons in reservation history and work in traditional craft projects Li'l Miss Warm Springs contestants will be highlighted during a pageant held Thursday, January 27 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Queens and princesses from five age categories will be selected after they have demonstrated their knowledge of tribal history and dance techniques.

Besides involvement by the children community members have been involved through participation as instructors or in fund-raising activities.

Jackpot bingo twice a month has raised money for parade entry fees and a float for the Rose Festival Parade in Portland and for expenses incurred with the pageant. An auction, too, has brought in money to be used as needed for a traditional dinner to be served by Li'l Miss Warm Springs contestants on January 24.

Boys too, have been able to participate in Li'l Miss Warm Springs activities by learning drumming, dancing and legends along with the girls.

Pageant director Carol Allison doesn't want the pageant to be thought of as a

competitive event. "It is a learning situation," she says, "a way of teaching culture and traditional ways that are being lost." Many of those who attend dance practice weekly will not even be in the contest, she pointed out.

All community members are invited to the traditional dinner previously scheduled for Sunday, January 15, it will be held at 7:00 p.m. January 24 at the Community Center. Washat service begins at 5:00 p.m.

The pageant scheduled for January 26 begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.