

Paiute history presented at Jr. High



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PAIUTE HISTORY—Wilson Wewa, Jr. shows students at Madras Jr. High sticks used in sticks games. Wewa is one of several speakers invited to speak in Larena Tunison's Indian Literature class throughout the year.

"Numu" was what the people called themselves. Paiute is the name others have given to the Indian people who once occupied the Great Basin area of Oregon.

The history of each Indian tribe is very different from others. The legends define these differences. Speaking to the students in Larena Tunison's Indian Literature class at Madras Jr. High school, Wilson Wewa, Jr. shared some of the Paiute history and the particular characteristics of the tribe to which he belongs.

The Paiute legend tells of a wolf and a bird who begot four children following a great flood. The father taught the two boys the art of hunting and other tasks meant for a man while the mother instructed the daughters on digging roots, identifying plants and preparing food.

Two of the children were good, two always argued. In dismay at the two bad children's bickering, the father threw the two children across the lake. He prophesied that these two light-skinned children would return someday.

In the 1820's this prophecy was realized with the coming of the white man. The Paiute people welcomed their returning brothers with open arms. The masses of Paiutes coming out to greet the white people was taken as an aggressive action and the light-skinned people reacted with attack. The war between the Paiutes and the white man had begun.

The Paiutes found the returning white brothers "to be in a pitiful state in our Indian way," related Wewa to the

students. They didn't know how to track game or what roots to dig.

The last Paiute war was fought in 1878 according to Wewa. The Paiute reservation near Burns was abolished at that time because the Paiute people rose up in war against the United States.

Trying to clarify the history of the Paiutes, Wewa explained to the students that there were many different bands of Paiutes living in Oregon at one time. Names of bands were given according to the area in which they lived or the food they harvested. There were fish-eaters along the John Day River, seed-eaters on Klamath Lake and crawfish-eaters at Lakeview. The Wewa family were mule deer-eaters. There was much trading of food between these bands.

Shelter and clothing were constructed of available material. Shredded tule, buckskin and the inner bark of sage brush were used abundantly for sandals,

clothing and baskets. Willow composed the shelters with cattails being used in the summer. The homes became tepee shaped only recently.

The life of the Paiute was cyclical following the pattern of the seasons. Spring initiated harvest with the digging of roots, turning to hunting and eventually back to the restful winter months.

Games, such as the stick game, kept the people occupied in these slow months. Wewa demonstrated a slow, rhythmic stick game song for the students.

Paiute history still lives in Central Oregon with many land formations bearing the names of great Paiute chiefs including Ochocho and Paulina, Wewa pointed out.

History is not to be lost as young people are taught the legends of the Paiute people. Students, too, now learn about Indian tribes, history and a little of the Indian way through such presentations as made by Wewa at Madras Jr. High.

Warm Springs elementary schedule

January 20

No school, teacher in-service day

January 25

Report cards sent home

PTA workshop-Effective motivation, babysitting provided, 7:00 p.m. at Warm Springs elementary

Applications due February 6

Pell grants, admission papers, Tribal scholarships/Vocational applications should be completed by February 6, 1984. Remember to attach a copy of your Pell Grant to the Tribal application before submitting it to our office. A copy of your Pell Grant application serves as confirmation of meeting our deadline. Priority will be given

to those applicants having shown evidence of meeting deadlines.

All freshman students will be required to come in for a personal interview and appointments will be scheduled prior to Spring Term. Returning students on warning, probation or suspension will be required to provide a copy of their last

grade report to determine funding eligibility.

Attention fall term students: Only a few students have turned in their grade reports to our office. For those who haven't turned in grade reports, please do so immediately. Failure to do so may result in delay of subsequent awards in the future.



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Athletes of the Month

Athletes for the month of November at Madras Jr. High in basketball is Jeff Brisbois and for the month of December in gymnastics is Tana Sixkiller.

Motivation workshop June 25

On Wednesday, January 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Warm Springs Elementary PTA will be sponsoring a parent training workshop entitled "Motivating Children." Mr. Tony Michaelson from Edge Learning Institute will be the guest speaker and he will be

showing the film "Unlocking Your Potential."

All parents and members of the community are invited to participate. This program will discuss how parents and teachers can expose children at an early age to an exciting, educational opportunity on how to realize their potential.

Child seats required

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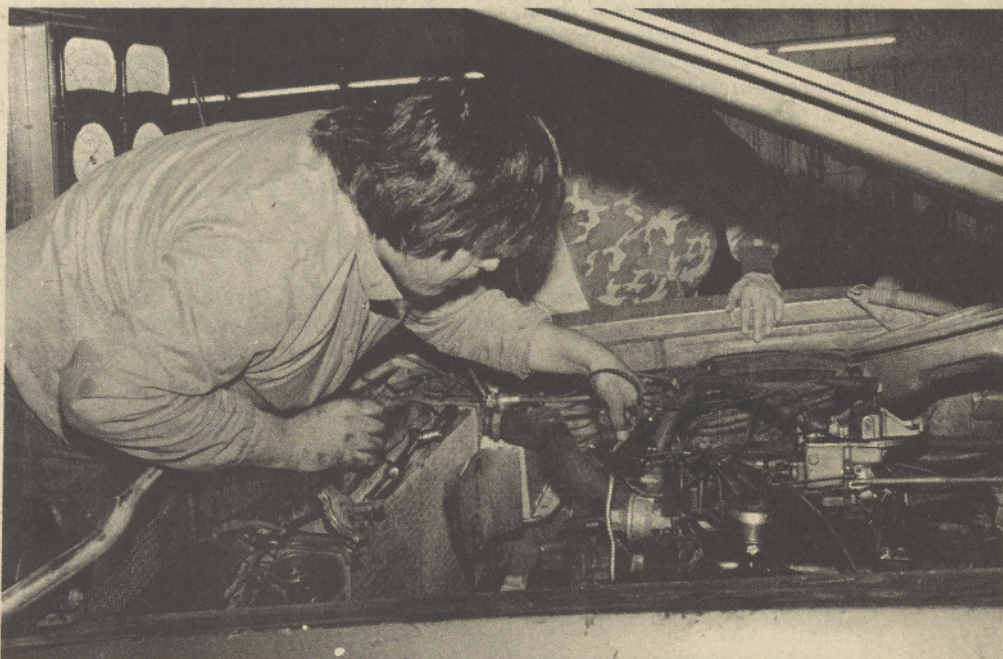
prohibition similar to the one under this section; or, Any child who is a passenger in a vehicle if all seating positions in the vehicle are occupied by other persons.

The failure of a child to be secured with a child safety system as required under this section does not, in itself, establish any negligence on the part of any person in any action to recover damages for any injury to the child.

Notwithstanding section 6 of this Act, A court shall not

impose any fine upon a person who violates section 6 of this Act before July 1, 1984.

The offense described in this section, endangering a child passenger, is a Class D traffic infraction. A court shall not impose a fine exceeding \$20 for the offense of endangering a child passenger. For the first offense, the court shall not impose the fine upon the showing of proof of acquisition of an approved child safety system.



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Mechanical adjustment

Johnny Howtopat makes an engine check during auto maintenance class offered through Central Oregon Community College by Ken Lydy. The class enables students to gain knowledge concerning automobile problems, tune-ups and maintenance.