

Jane Westergaard-Nimocks. . . New principal enthusiastic



Jane Westergaard-Nimocks is Warm Springs Elementary's newest principal. She is enthusiastic about her new position and is looking forward to the coming year.

by Donna Behrend

With sleeves rolled up, a pencil behind her ear and zestful enthusiasm, Jane Westergaard-Nimocks has begun her first assignment as principal of Warm Springs elementary.

Jane comes to Warm Springs after 14 years in Oakridge, Oregon, which is a community of about 5,000 near Eugene. Jane says there are similarities between the two communities. Oakridge, like Warm Springs says Jane, is "isolated, it's on a highway and I knew most everybody there."

Jane taught in Oakridge for six years and served as curriculum coordinator for six years. "I'm dealing with the same kinds of tasks now as I was as curriculum coordinator. It's been a real easy transition for me."

A strong desire to get into management inspired Jane to take two years out from education to go into business for herself. She owned and operated a take out Mexican restaurant in Oakridge. "I was

anxious to get into management and I couldn't do that right away in education."

Jane has four main goals for her principalship in Warm Springs. The first is to increase and nurture community involvement in the school. "That's important to the success of the school," she says. She also wants to maintain the current base of support.

Secondly, it's important to create a positive school climate, she feels. Thirdly, she wants to provide effective leadership and instruction. "All the teachers want to continue learning."

Fourth, Jane feels the participatory management approach is the best. She's working to establish the "team approach". When a problem comes across her desk, she doesn't deal with it by herself. She calls in who's involved, and they all work together to solve the problem. Jane says that 509-J administration takes the same approach.

Another aspect important to Jane is that people must feel "comfortable and safe with the environment in which they work

to take risks. If not, then a person is not willing to take risks and look for options." This theory is not limited to school personnel, but the entire community as well, says Jane.

The tall, 35-year-old principal was complimentary of former principal John Trujillo. "It's obvious that Trujillo did a great job. He leadership was obviously positive," she related that the first day of school, which is usually filled with confusion, was very orderly and calm. "That's something you hope for, not expect."

Enrollment in Warm Springs is at 366 students, exactly what it was at this time last year. By the end of September, Jane expects that there will be approximately 385 students. So far this year, there have been 15 fifth and sixth graders transfer to Buff elementary in Madras. Jane left the decisions for transfers up to the parents, but said that students were welcome back to the Warm Springs school if things didn't work out.

phenomenon of "date rape," the most frequent form of sexual assault on teenagers.

Child Sexual Abuse will be repeated in its entirety on Saturday, September 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The program content is drawn from the innovative approaches used over the last five years by nationally recognized experts in the field of child sexual abuse prevention. This remarkably successful program are the backbone and backbone of the series.

Committee's first report made

submitted by Clarice Crane

The Parent Advisory Committee for Title IV, Part A, Indian Education Act, Jefferson County School District 509-J met September 11, 1984.

As a newcomer to this committee, I have found that the children in our grade school have been improving steadily in their achievement tests over the last three years. Most grade levels are above average according to the C.A.T. scores. The two classes that aren't above average have shown steady improvement over the same few years and the trend is the important thing. The attendance has improved also but still needs work at all grade levels, first, through twelfth grades, especially during the

third quarter of the school year. In the Title IV, Part A I.E.A. By-Laws, Article II-Purpose states "The parent advisory committee of the Indian Education act, Title IV, Part A is dedicated to the proposition that American Indian children deserve equal educational opportunity."

"It is the goal of this committee to establish maximum cooperation between American Indian students, parents, and the Jefferson County School District 509-J in order to promote cultural activities in the classrooms and to foster understanding between American Indian people and the School District."

"The purpose of the programs developed as a result of the cooperation between the

Parent Advisory committee and Jefferson County School district 509-J shall be to meet special needs of American Indian students over and above the regular school program."

"I'm sure this committee has been a positive factor in our student's marked improvement in school-related matters. In the very near future, parents of American Indian students will be asked to fill out a planning survey form. There are 22 items to put your check mark next to, and your replies are greatly appreciated. Your opinion counts and your children have shown your concern by their improvements made in school. Help us help our students by filling out and returning the Title IV-A Indian Education Planning survey."

Roads being cultivated

The BIA Forestry Department initiated a Road Rehabilitation Project during August, 1984. During a recent Tribal Timber Tour the project was shown for the first time to members of the tour and was well received.

The project was initiated to reduce the number of unnecessary forest roads. In many areas there are more roads than needed for logging operations and fire suppression in the woods. The initial road system was established on the reservation in the late 40s, and early 50s, and since that time, there has been a significant improvement in logging equipment and efficiency, thus reducing the number of roads needed.

A study of the road system was made by the forestry department and it was determined that certain roads should be returned to production of timber growth. The roads are being cultivated and planted with trees so that areas can return to their natural state.

The method used is a five-tooth cultivator pulled by a small tractor over the roads. The five-tooth cultivator is a specially designed tool for forestry use. The ground is broken to a depth of 14 to 16 inches, in a manner similar to the way a farmer cultivates his fields for growing crops.

For the first year, the work is being done by equipment operators from Fire Management crews. The major cost is fuel, as the fire management crews do the work while on

stand-by. It is the Branch of Forestry's intent to contract the work to a tribal member next year.

At this time, the two-man crews are working on spur roads in the Badger Creek logging unit. A total of ten miles of logging spur roads are

being returned to a natural state. It is estimated that in the ten-mile strip, about 25 acres will be returned to production of timber.

The Branch of Forestry would be pleased to receive comments or questions regarding this work.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno-Baker

A special five-tooth cultivator breaks the hardpan of an old logging road spur. In a short time seedlings will be planted and what was once a road, will grow new trees.

Sept. 17-20

Sexual abuse series to be aired

Child Sexual Abuse: What your children should know is a five-part series that looks at the harsh realities of child abuse, and provides simple, practical techniques to reduce the changes of child victimization. The series will appear on KOAB, Channel 3.

The five programs, hosted by Mike Farrell (formerly of MASH) will air four consecutive evenings with each program designed to reach a specific audience.

September 17, 8:00 p.m. For adults, teachers, counselors, this 1 1/2 hour show gives an overview of the issue: who are

the victims, who are the abusers, and how can we talk to our children?

September 18 8:00 p.m. For children K-3, 8:30 p.m. 4th-7th, this 60 minute show explores the problem of touching using the "good touch bad touch" methods.

September 19, 8:00 p.m. For Jr. and Sr. High School students, "No Easy Answers" uses dramatic sequences to act out traumatic scenes which are then discussed by an audience of teenagers.

September 20, 8:00 p.m. For Sr. High School students, this 60 minute program looks at the

Staff likes new principal

by Ed "Duso" Roley

It's not surprising that the Warm Springs Elementary School's staff was concerned about who would be appointed as our new principal.

We were invited to meet with 509-J superintendent, Mr. Darrel Wright, regarding what qualities we would like to see in whoever replaced John Trujillo as the new principal.

Experience was high on the priority list because of the short time between when the new principal would be hired and the school starting date. It was also decided that if the candidate lacked experience but possessed outstanding leadership qualities, we would prefer that candidate to be one of a mediocre cut with experience.

Ms. Jane Westergaard-

Nimocks proved to be the perfect match with the qualities discussed at the meeting two weeks prior to her interview.

The Warm Springs staff was very pleased to welcome her as Warm Springs Elementary School's Principal. We have found her to be an energetic individual, very positive in nature, well organized and a good disciplinarian, who is

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Whitewolf joins firm in Bend

by Donna Behrend

After completing two-and-one-half years of law-related courses at Lewis and Clark Law School, tribal member CeCe Whitewolf is putting to good use the skills she learned there. Whitewolf is currently employed as a legal assistant by the Tribe's attorney firm of Johnson, Marceau, Karnopp and Petersen.

Whitewolf's duties for the law firm include doing law research for the attorney working primarily with Indian issues. She has also assumed the legal aid program previously held by Howard Arnett. Whitewolf stated that she was a bit skeptical in the beginning, that maybe tribal members might be reluctant to talk with her about legal problems. "People have been very open," she said. "It's really nice."

Whitewolf worked as an assistant to Ralph Minnick and Ken Smith for about six

months and for two years, she worked in Contracts and Budgets with accounting manager Jim Sizemore. Previous to that, she served as CETA Director for one year.

During the summer of 1980, Whitewolf attended a summer law program in Albuquerque before beginning Law School that fall. While attending law school, Whitewolf studied business administration at Portland State University. "A lot of my education is being put to practice now," said Whitewolf.

Whitewolf hopes to someday continue her legal education, but for now, she's busy with her duties at the firm. She's currently living in Bend which means she must drive at least once a week to Warm Springs for legal aid. To make an appointment for legal aid, call 553-1161, extension 231. Whitewolf is in Warm Springs Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

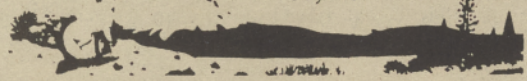


Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

CeCe Whitewolf began working for the Johnson, Marceau, Karnopp and Petersen law firm in Bend this summer. She is doing research for the attorneys there as well as performing legal aid duties in Warm Springs.

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