

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Fire most damaging

Though the fire of June 23 will not go down in the history books as one of the largest on the reservation, it will long be remembered as one of the most damaging to human life.

Five men were seriously burned and another received first and second degree burns on his hands and face. Those most seriously burned will spend the next several months in painful recovery. Even after the now-black ground turns green, those six men will recall the terrible ordeal they endured.

Many comments can be made about the fire and the way in which it was handled. Like all fires, the Kah-Nee-Ta fire was unpredictable—it was exactly that unpredictability that caused the injuries. Those five employees and one guest were merely trying to subdue the fire, to keep it from destroying the lodge. Their actions were heroic.

The heroism didn't end there. While still at the scene, a Newport doctor, Peter Cookson, who was vacationing with his family and several EMTs administered the necessary care while waiting for the ambulances to arrive. Once those burn victims reached the clinic, the three clinic physicians, Drs. Creelman, Balmer and Manning, and Dr. Doug Lieuallen from Madras, and Dr. Cookson along with several other health professionals worked quickly and expertly. There was an ambulance of medical personnel on hand, Dr. Creelman said.

The quick response by medical personnel and accurate diagnosis of the seriousness of the burns probably saved the lives of the victims. Once the patients were stabilized, they were rushed to the burn center at Emmanual Hospital via helicopters.

All involved are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism. Without that, the Kah-Nee-Ta fire may have been more damaging than it was.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno-Baker

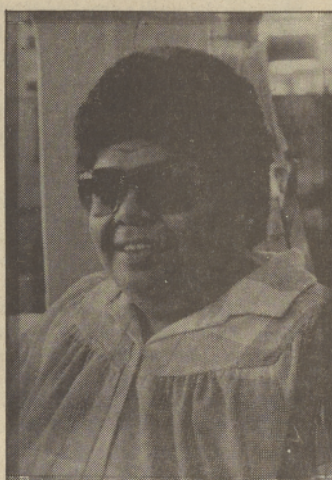
Arson has been identified to be the cause of a fire that burned the old Art Thomas home located on highway 26. The fire was set in the basement of the old home, according to BIA investigator Jerome Main. The fire, Sunday, June 23, consumed the house within minutes. Traffic on highway 26 was held up for several hours while firefighters battled the blaze. The fire burned with such high intensity that telephone lines were scorched. According to Main, it is definite the fire was deliberately set but as yet, there are no suspects. The Thomas home was originally a part of the boarding school.

Bryant wins big in lottery

Joann Bryant stopped by Ahern's the other night and not only did she come out with the daily newspaper but with a winning \$5,000 lottery ticket as well.

"Whenever I'm in town, I stop by Ahern's to buy a newspaper," said Bryant. Bryant bought one ticket and found it was a \$2 winner. She exchanged the ticket for two more and the first of the two was the big \$5,000 winner. "I flipped it around" toward clerk Shirley Rogers who excitedly confirmed that it was, in fact, a winner. "Shirley made me excited just watching her...she was so happy." It was the first \$5,000 winning ticket that Rogers has sold at the store.

Bryant intends to pay off her 1983 Citation and "bank the rest."



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

What's going on with police?

To the Editor,

More and more I've been hearing horror stories about the brutality inflicted upon the young people and drunks at the jail by our tribal policeman, especially by one officer in particular.

I've heard stories from different Tribal Members, especially young adults, about beatings with billy clubs and fists by officers; prisoners being stripped and beaten; arms being twisted brutally behind the back way above the head until the prisoner is screaming in agony; a female prisoner's hand being slammed in the cell door causing broken bones; intoxicated people being beaten brutally while they're in being detoxed; suicide threats being taken lightly and the prisoner being left alone unattended and unchecked;

death threats being made toward young adults if they're arrested or caught alone; sticks and clubs being used to break finger bones or to hit prisoners in the crotch; guns being fired at young adults during arrest; officers continue to beat a prisoner after cuffs are on and prisoner is subdued. On and on it goes, but where will it end? What is going on?

The policeman and police department are supposed to be here to protect and help the community not be an Army out to get the enemy. We're supposed to be able to go to them for help and protection, not to fear them.

Do we have to have a situation such as the one recently in Portland before we move to protect ourselves? It's easy to sit back and pretend nothing is happening. But, I don't want the next victim to be my nephew,

brother, son or me. It's scary to think that the police have so much power and nobody knows what happens to a prisoner after they're behind that cell door. Sometimes not even the prisoner is aware because he/she is too out-of-it. They are told later what happened to them. Prisoner, yes, but person first.

What will you do, Law and Order Committee, to correct this? What will Council do now that they are aware that this is happening? Don't just listen to the officer's side of it, try listening to the community. I'm sure there are a lot of questions and complaints floating around out there. A relative goes in fine and comes out bruised and beaten? Think about it.

I hope I've opened up a can of worms so we can get this problem corrected.

Thank you,
Myrna Bobb
Tribal Member



Happy birthday, Bunny Love, your family

Thanks for support

To the Editor:

We, the family of Jimmy Wolfe, Jr., would like to take this opportunity to express our love and appreciation to everyone that contributed something during our loss of our loved one.

A very special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Clements, Zane Jackson, and Ellen Johnson for the financial help, which really helped during this period. Others deserving are Debbie Smith, Sadonia David, Mr. and Mrs. Easton Aguilar, Louise Langley, Mary Ann Meanus, Auntie Lavina, Nancy Johnson and children, Mary Danzuka and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Switzler, Ruby Torrez, Nelson

Wallulatum, Julia Wahpat and family, and many, many others for their kind and consoling words of comfort, material contributions, physical assistance, words of encouragement, or just being there in our need. Thanks to our family and friends that traveled from out of town to be with us also.

May God bless each and everyone of you and may he keep his hands upon you.

In Loving Respect,
Grandma Elvina Switzler
Beulah & Willis Wahpat
Cyril & daughter Cassie Wolfe
Kanet & Norman Wolfe
Gary Curtis Wahpat
Aunts & Uncles

Jumpers headed for Alaska

Smoke jumper Mark Jackson of Warm Springs is one of five firefighters from Redmond Air Center selected for temporary firefighting service in Alaska.

The transfer of these firefighters is a cooperative exchange for the purpose of utilizing U.S. Forest service smoke jumpers as much as possible, according to Smoke jumper unit manager at Redmond Air Center Tom Bowen.

The fire season in Alaska is just beginning and will extend through the middle of July. The great number of these lightning caused fires warrants increased man-power during this period.

Besides Alaska, smoke jumpers from the Redmond Center are transferred to Redding, California and Missoula, Montana during peak fire season in those areas. Firefighters are selected from bases in both Washington and Oregon.

Along with Mark Jackson other firefighters heading for Alaska from the Redmond Center include Chuck Healam, Pete Eelkema, Dean Johnson and Morgan Leach.

Heatstroke

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spot. Salt-containing fluids—such as one teaspoon salt in one quart cool water or fruit juice with a little salt—possibly even Gatorade, can be given. Give in small quantities, fluids administered too fast can cause the victim to become nauseated. A cool sponge may also be used.

Mild cases of heat exhaustion may be relieved in a few minutes, but the victim will feel weak and shaky for a while.

Exercisers should be cautioned against exercising during extreme temperatures and sunlight, and to also drink water before, during and after workouts in such conditions.

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Tribal Council Agenda

- July 8 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 10:00 a.m. Marie/Daisy Concerns
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. IHS Facilities-Bob and Ed
- July 9 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. A.M. Water Task Force Meeting at Portland
- July 10 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 10:00 a.m. OEDP
- July 11 Tribal Council & Committee Meetings**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Alcohol Workshop/T.C. Chambers
- July 12 Tribal Council Luncheon W/COCC—Kah-Nee-Ta**
- July 13 Tribal Council Meeting with Governor Vic Atiyeh—Salem**
- July 15 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 10:00 a.m. Fish and Wildlife
 - 3. 1:30 p.m. Policies & Procedures—Land Use Committee
- July 16 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Committee Reports
- July 17 Tribal Council Meeting**
 - 1. 9:00 a.m. Business
 - 2. 1:30 p.m. Tribal Court Issues



Fire and Safety Department firefighter cadet and first responder Sara Scott takes Wendy Poitra's blood pressure during clinic sponsored by the Warm Springs Wellness office.

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