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Chief Kalama remembered as fine leader

Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Paiute Chief Nick Kalama who died of a heart attack Monday, October 28, after attending a funeral at the Agency Longhouse. In honor of Chief Kalama, tribal flags were flown at half mast and all tribal employees were allowed the time to attend Longhouse and graveside services.

Nick, who served as Chief of the Paiutes since January 9, 1975, was a private man with a quiet but quick sense of humor. And as Chief, Nick always worked for his people and for the Confederated Tribes as a whole. Even though failing health often prevented him from attending Tribal Council meetings, he served as a find ambassador for the Tribes throughout the Northwest, attending various functions and dedications with his wife, Viola. Warm Springs Superintendent Bernard Topash stated that "Nick worked for his people up to the very end. He attended a meeting in Portland with PGE the Friday before his death."

News of Nick's death came as a shock to Oregon tribes. Delores Pigsley, chairperson of the Siletz tribe, said, "Chief Nick Kalama



Chief Nick Kalama—1917-1985

has been the chief support of our restoration effort and the preservation of our tribal culture. He has participated in our tribal events, with the exception of last year, when he was taken ill. He and his family have supported and attended all our previous powwows. He will be sadly missed by the membership of the Siletz tribe. Our sympathies are with his family and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at this time."

Chairman of the Grand Ronde, Mark Mercier, stated "The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde regret the loss of Chief Kalama. He will be remembered by the elders of our tribe and those who knew him. We greatly appreciated that he was able to come down to give support during our restoration period."

Vernon Shakespear, chairman of the Burns Paiute, expressed sympathy for the Kalama family and the entire tribe. "I was personally shocked to hear of Nick's death."

Fellow-council-person Bernice Mitchell stated that she had known Nick for many years and had served on Tribal Council with Nick for five years. "During those five years, I came to

know Nick as a brave chief. He died as a brave chief." Mitchell stated that the "Paiute people selected Nick to represent them. He was a good chief to the Paiutes and the rest of the membership. He looked out for his people and he was a fair person in his council work. He didn't let personal feelings interfere in his judgement while working on Tribal Council."

Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson agreed with Mitchell. "Nick was a good, respected member of Tribal Council. He always considered the reservation first." Jackson also stated that Nick's extended illness may have kept him away from meetings, but that Nick always tried to be there, even if it caused "discomfort, or even pain to attend."

Because of the love of his people, Nick took it upon himself to build a new Seekseequa Longhouse in 1984, which is located on the site of the old Longhouse and in the very valley in which he was born September 24, 1917. Nick felt strong ties to his people and his ancestors and their cultural values. Nick's great grandfather, Oits Johnson, was Chief of the Pai-

ute and his father, Oliver, served on the first tribal council in 1939 as secretary/treasurer and representative of the Paiutes.

Nick's work for his fellowman was not limited to the reservation, as he volunteered and served his country by entering the Army in 1942. He was stationed overseas. He gained rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged January 26, 1946.

Nick was, during the 1970s, a member of the tribal Law and Order and Range committees. He was a member of the "Tenino Gang" which was instrumental in getting rodeos started on the reservation. He served as treasurer of the Warm Springs Calf Roping Association, a predecessor to the Warm Springs Rodeo Association. He was a lifetime and charter member of the VFW Elliot Palmer Post and worked a logger and cattleman.

Nick Kalama, a quiet, gentle man, who enjoyed getting out to be with friends and family, will long be remembered by all who knew and met him. He will be missed.

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Petition calls for vote on 1986 budget

509-J levy passes

In its third go-round voters decided to approve the 509-J school levy 1632 to 891. Voter turnout was high with 51 percent at Madras and a 47 percent turnout at Warm Springs.

Like many school districts across the state the Jefferson County 509-J district schools were faced with possible closure. The defeat of a \$3,361,948 levy June 25 and a second \$2,921,639 levy September 17 resulted in reductions which seemed to satisfy voters.

The approved levy of \$2,823,502 will create a tax rate for property owners of \$9.54/thousand.

Please drop tags off

The Natural Resources Department is requesting hunt information for the month of October. Please drop your reservation and Ceded area deer hunting tags off at their office.

Eligible tribal member voters will, on Tuesday, November 26, determine the fate of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs 1986 operating budget.

The need for a referendum vote on the budget came about when, for the first time in many years, a petition objecting to the budget was circulated. Petitioners Shirley Sanders and Janice Clements obtained the signatures of 334 eligible voters in two days, 53 over the one-fifth required to make the petition valid. Sanders and Clements, after a full week of paper work to ensure the legality and propriety of the petition, began circulating the petition October 29, and turned the signed document over to BIA Superintendent Bernard Topash at 5:45 p.m. October 30.

Sanders explained the reason for the petition is based on many concerns. "How the money is spent, the amount of money appropriated and that tribal members don't have input," are just some of the concerns mentioned. Sanders also stated that she and Clements did not petition the budget for personal reasons. "We were runners," for the entire membership. She

Mini-powwow set

The annual Thanksgiving mini-powwow will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse in conjunction with the dedication of the Simnasho Longhouse addition. The powwow will be held November 22, 23 and 24.

The mini-powwow has been held at the Agency Longhouse in past years. This year the committee coordinated to join the Simnasho Longhouse committee in the celebration to be held at the new Longhouse. A powwow is not planned for Thanksgiving, November 28 at the Agency Longhouse but the

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added, "people have a right to speak out."

Sanders and Clements followed the guidelines set in the August, 19, 1976 resolution #4629. The resolution lists specific procedures in asking for a petition to be circulated for referendum vote according to Article IV of the tribal constitution.

All eligible tribal member voters were mailed copies of resolution #7036 which calls for a referendum. Another mailing, which will explain the referendum more completely, is scheduled for early next week. Following is a copy of that resolution, dated November 6, 1985.

Two general council meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 20, to discuss the budget and referendum. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with meetings to begin at 7 p.m.

Whereas, The Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 7013 September 30, 1985, approving a 1986 tribal budget pursuant to Article V, Section (t) as amended of the Tribal Constitution; and,

Whereas, Article VI of the Tribal Constitution makes provisions for referendum elections; and,

Whereas, Article VI states that whenever a matter of great importance comes before the Tribal Council, the Councilmen shall, by resolution duly passed, submit the matter to the vote of the people. If they do not so agree to submit the question, any two members of the Council or one-fifth of the members of the Confederated Tribes may within 30 days after the vote of the Council, call such a popular referendum; and,

Whereas, The Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 4729 on August 30, 1976, governs the petitioning process; and,

Whereas, A petition for election, with 334 signatures (4 invalid), representing at least one-fifth (1/5) of the 1405 eligible voters of the Confederated Tribes, was turned in to the Superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency on October 30, 1985; and,

Whereas, The Superintendent of Warm Springs Agency has advised the Tribal Council that the petition is valid and the question should proceed to a popular referendum election; now,

Whereas, The petition for election proposes the following question:

"Shall the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon 1986 Budget plan adopted by Tribal Council resolution No. 7013 be approved?"

Yes  No

Whereas, The petition was presented to the Tribal Council on November 1, 1985, and accepted on that day; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, By the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon pursuant to Article VI of the Consti-

tution that a popular referendum shall be held on November 26, 1985, upon the following question:

"Shall the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon 1986 Budget plan adopted by Tribal Council resolution No. 7013 be approved?"

Yes  No

Be it further resolved, That the question to be voted upon, together with a copy of Resolution No. 7013, shall be posted at the voting places for at least ten days prior to election.



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Petitioner Shirley Sanders explained to Hamilton Greeley the petition which calls for a referendum vote on the 1986 tribal operating budget. Vote is set for November 26.

WEATHER

OCT.	HIGH	LOW
24	59	40
25	54	45
26	61	27
27	67	30
28	45	33
29	47	19
30	50	20
31	45	27
NOV.		
1	56	32
2	58	41
3	58	29
4	45	34
5	45	23
6	62	35