

Greene chosen as parent of the year

Many years of volunteer work, speaking before students, fostering the Warm Springs tribes has resulted in Verbena Greene's selection by the National Indian Education Association as Parent of the Year.



Parent of the Year—Verbena Greene

Initially nominated by community members for the Oregon award Verbena went on to claim the award at national level.

The announcement of her selection was made at the October 20-24 National Indian Education Association conference in Spokane, Washington.

Throughout the years, Verbena says, her own children have willingly shared her with other children with whom she was involved. She has found satisfaction in helping children and teaching them.

When speaking to students in Warm Springs and across the state Verbena emphasizes survival. To any age student, from elementary school age to college age, she explains that survival in today's stressful world as long ago is aided by singing and prayer.

Verbena's award as Parent of the Year "is an award long overdue and much deserved by Verbena," says OIEA vice-chairman Jody Calica. It is deserved "for the years of voluntary service she has given to the tribes and local school district."

Calica continues, "Part of her nature is that she likes working with students and people." Verbena is very much appreciated in the community."

Phone changes noted

Justice Services Center

The following Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs departments have recently moved to the new Justice Service Center. There have been assignments of new telephone numbers, and the new telephone numbers are as follows:

Emergencies/Police Department

553-1171

553-1172

Justice Services Administration

553-1002

Ext. 284

Ext. 221 (To be in service 12/1/85)

Police Administration/Chief of

Police/Captain/Lieutenant

553-1161

Ext. 272

Ext. 273

Corrections/Dispatch

553-1161

Ext. 342

Ext. 343 (To be in service by 12/1/85)

Tribal Prosecutor

553-1161

Ext. 300

Ext. 301

Investigations — BIA and Tribal

553-1257

553-1121

Ext. 414

Fire and Safety Chief Jerry Huff and his secretary will also move over to their Justice Center offices in December. Until the Fire and Safety Chief and his secretary move over to their new offices, all Fire and Safety personnel can be reached by calling extension 208 or 553-1634.

Fire and Safety

553-1634—Agency Fire and Safety Station

553-1161—Ext. 208 Agency Fire and Safety Station

Ext. 200 Fire and Safety Chief and Secretary

(Effective December 11, 1985)

553-1900 Simnasho Fire Station

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Mini powwow held November 22-24

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 boys 17 and under. On Sunday

annual Thanksgiving dinners will be held at the Simnasho and Agency Longhouse.

The schedule for the mini-powwow and dedication are as follows: Friday morning—traditional Indian dedication ceremonies of the Longhouse: six and under girls and boys contest; and 7-12 years girls and boys contests. Saturday schedule is as follows: morning—specials, name-giving ceremonies, giveaways and other ceremonies; afternoon—to be announced, grand entry, 13-17 years of age girls and boys contests; team dancing for girls and

Washat services will start at 10-10:30 a.m.; grand entry at 2 p.m.; fancy dance for 18 and up; ladies shawl/cloth dance; mens dance; traditional 18 and up womens circle and mens, and the traditional senior division for men and women. Each evening a blanket dance will be held.

Drummers will be paid and some lodging will be provided for visitors. Meals will be served during the three-day ceremonies and powwow. For more information contact Pierson Mitchell, 553-1406 or Mona Jim, 553-1322. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can contact Mona.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

FIRST TIME STUDENTS—Sharing space with Latch-Key, the Pre-school program enables youngsters to gain experience before attending elementary school. Approximately 30 people expressed a desire for admittance into a pre-school program. Authorized by Tribal Council the program has been in operation since November 1. Pictured are teachers aide Melinda Frank with Pre-school students.

Candidates for Miss Warm Springs sought

Are you an enrolled single female of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age and looking for something new and exciting in your life? Then perhaps you are just the person who should apply to run for the 1986 Miss Warm Springs title.

The Miss Warm Springs committee is looking for candidates for the title. Certain rules and regulations must be followed in

order to qualify for the title. This year's pageant will be held December 30 at the Agency Longhouse.

1. Candidates must be 18-25 years of age and never have been married or have dependents.

2. Candidates must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a resident of Warm Springs for at least one year.

3. Candidates must retain resi-

dency on the reservation for at least one year after winning the title.

4. If selected as Miss Warm Springs, the candidate must be able to travel to other pageants, events, inter-tribal business/social events public relations events and other events as necessary.

5. Candidates must be dedicated and willing to learn.

Contestants will be judged on their appearance, poise and personality plus a three to five minute

talent presentation. Talent can be either modern or traditional. Contestants will also be judged on dancing abilities and interviews with the judges. Each contestant will give a three to five minute speech presentation about herself.

Applications forms can be picked up at the Tribal Council office and at the Culture and Heritage office at the Community Center. For more information contact Anna Clements at 553-1161, ext. 290.

Budget, petition concerns heard (Continued from page 1)

coming. . . And I see a tribe that respects individuals and acts in the best interest of all members.

"So, we're here at the crossroads. I think we have a challenge. I think Council needs the help of the people because the challenge we have, that's the future facing us, is not going to get any easier. I hope that your dreams can be shared with the dreams of the Council members. Let's focus on what kind of future we want."

Because it is unknown what exactly will happen should the budget referendum not pass November 26, people said they have been "threatened" with job layoffs and termination. People also speculated that senior citizens pensions would be eliminated, per capita and bonus payments would be stopped and a three-month shutdown would occur. Council has, and is continuing to, investigate all alternatives.

Daisy Ike said she felt threatened. "We'll stand together. . . we've been quiet long enough. She asked that each Council member explain why they voted for the budget.

Calica answered, stating that "preliminary work has been done on what it will look like if the budget fails." Nothing is final. "We're not trying to scare voters into voting for the budget, that's not fair, it's not right to do that. The budget can stand on its own merits the way it's presented tonight. I voted yes because of the future."

Calica added, "Anytime we change direction, we have to be pretty clear about what we're doing. We hope to change direction, without hurting people."

According to Nelson Waitatum, if the November 26 voting goes against the budget, tribal council would go through the same budgeting process, "if ever we find out the objections." A

new budget would have to be prepared and posted for 90 days. Everything, "would be on hold until we go through this process again."

Petitioner Janice Clements stated that current concerns are not limited to the 1986 budget. "We heard them many times before. That's what brought our petition about. We fail to get the answers when we enter the district meetings. We fail to get the answers when we enter Tribal Council. We fail to get support from our Tribal Council members. Over and over we went to district meetings hoping we would have input somewhere. All the concerns you all have. . . that's what we're here for. . . we want to know what Tribal Council can do to help us.

"We look at all the money spent and we are concerned. We don't want to spend it all and finally realize that we made a mistake. We've been over these time and time again. . . We're all here because we're concerned. This is the first time that our people are going to have a chance to have input to a budget. Their concerns are going to be heard."

While working for the past three weeks on the petition, Clements said, she has heard "many, many concerns. Now, we've found a way to get our voices back into the budget. When we went to the polls on the Council raise, I hoped they would listen when it was defeated. That was a message to you, not a threat. It was nothing to hold over you personally or your integrity. We were hoping our concerns would be heard. . . We need definite answers so that we'll know what to go on, what we expect from you and what you expect from us as tribal members."

Many people stated that others have been threatened with their jobs if they supported the petition or voted no for the 1986

budget. All Tribal Council members assured the gathering that "no one (Tribal Council or management) has threatened anyone." In reality, if the budget fails, "we just don't have the money to spend," said Chief Delvis Heath. "That's a fact, not a threat."

High unemployment among tribal members, which is estimated between 20 and 40 percent, was a concern mentioned. Simnasho elder Matilda Mitchell advised the younger people, "maybe you should stop your drinking, maybe this is the reason you're losing your jobs." Daisy Ike stated that "we want jobs. We have non-members working and tribal members living on welfare. Now, what's fair?" Ike continued, "You have us backed in a corner. . . we're standing up."

Barbara Bobb expressed that she was unhappy with the way in which the women working at Tektronix were laid off. "Placement would have been helpful. . . but they were dropped and forgotten," she said. Bobb also questioned the cost of residential alcohol treatment and how much tribal money is used for that. "If people want jobs, then drugs and alcohol should be secondary. The responsibility is with each individual" to retain and maintain sobriety.

Bobb also suggested that maybe WSFPI could manufacture log homes. "Why pay someone else rent when we can build our own?"

It was explained to Bobb that the sub-assembly plant was shut down "because there's flat, no work. The high tech field has taken a drop because of the bad economy. The ladies are on unemployment. We have asked management to help place them and they were interviewed, but for one reason or another, they

were not hired. We're trying to do what we can to get those women employed," said Delford Johnson.

According to Charles Nathan, insurance manager, "\$150,000 from the group medical plan was spent for 26 tribal employees or dependents to attend residential alcohol treatment in 1985. IHS allocated \$124,000 in 1985 for those with no means of funding. The same amount is anticipated from IHS in 1986.

Alvis Smith, Sr. asked two questions. "Is there mismanagement of funds?" and "Do we have too many managers?" He also asked if it was a conflict of interest to be a manager as well as be a Council member. He advised tribal members, "No matter where you're at or what you're doing, don't forget that you are Native American."

Tony Mitchell, who signed the petition "maybe just to get them off my back," said, "when people are worried about just four or five employee's salaries, why scare the hell out of all tribal members by holding off the whole danged budget, when you can probably petition those salaries?"

Louie Pitt stated that he felt the "purpose of the petition was to allow people to vote on their own business."

Daisy Ike summed up her feelings near the end of the meeting, stating, "I think it's time to stop now while we have some future for our children. I sympathize with you, but you understood the responsibilities when you took the job. I thank you for having heavy ears, big shoulders and big hearts for taking in all you have tonight."

November 26, eligible tribal members, those 21 and over or married, will cast their ballots, determining the fate of the 1986 tribal operating budget.