

Local artists display crafts

Young once—Indian forever

by Frederick Bobb

I sometimes, if not always, wish that our Tribal Languages had never been lost among our tribe's newer generations. Of course, this would mean that more of our youth would most likely be speaking their Native Language in public—simply out of pride.

And pride is what leaders are made of.

You can hear a few words from several adults brought up by Native-speaking elders. And a majority of us are fortunate enough to know a sufficient amount of an Indian language—enough to use one word in every two sentences.

Mine and the next generation carry the responsibility of keeping our native tongues. A blue ribbon to our people, so to speak. For years, we've held our heads high

and smiled, knowing that our languages were being preserved... by our elders.

But now—It's our turn.

My name is Frederick D. Bobb, and I'm proud to represent the Culture and Heritage Department in our tribal paper. I first wrote for the Spilyay Tymoo two years ago, becoming a first-time author with a story titled "The Way It Is." That was followed by "Mommy, Don't Hug Me!" and "In His Own Words." I'll be providing, for some time to come, a list of words in both English, and Warm Springs Sahaptin.

Remember: We're young once—but Indian Forever.

First, here's a quick lesson in how to read some symbols:

q—This sound is made like a k but the back of the tongue stops the air much further back against the soft part of the roof of your mouth.

—This sound is made by stopping the air at your glottis by bringing your vocal cords together tightly, and then releasing it suddenly.

—This sound is made by holding your tongue's tip to the roof of your mouth, and letting the air pass out the sides. This is better known as a lateral L.

x—This sound is made as if you are clearing your throat.

Warm Springs Sahaptin: Person; Indian—Tanan; Mother, when addressing her—Ila; Fishing pole—Wac'ilakas; Rifle—Twinpash; Dirty messy—ik'il and, bad (of behavior)—Chailwit.

Phrases: I'm making lakamiin—Anishaash lakamiin; Shake it—Awatlpnk; I'm playing basketball—Tamawalatashaash and knock it over—Awixatikwchnk.



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Pat Leno-Baker



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The artwork of Myrna Courtney, Warm Springs, consisted of a star quilt, tule mats and breast collars at the art show June 25.

A ceramic planter depicts a local artist's view of her heritage.

Clean air to be discussed

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Forestry (DOF) have drafted plans to regulate field and slash burning and protect visibility in Oregon's pristine wilderness areas. The two plans are called the Visibility State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the Smoke Management Plan (SMP). They are required by the federal Clean Air Act and must be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by the end of this year.

DEQ and DOF plan to hold statewide public hearings regarding the proposed plans in early August. The public hearing in your area will serve as a forum where you and other citizens will have the opportunity to voice your opinions and concerns.

In order to help you utilize the public hearing opportunities, the Oregon Environmental Council and 12 co-sponsoring organizations will hold workshops in six Oregon cities to correspond with the DEQ public hearing locations.

The workshops will explain the visibility SIP and the SMP and what they mean for public health and the environment. The sessions will provide you with information and assist you in expressing your views at the DEQ/DOF hearings.

Workshop discussions will focus primarily on field and slash burning and will include visibility; health; pre-burn pesticide use; smoke regulation—who is responsible?; are the SIP and SMP strong enough to protect our air quality?; and what you can do to help, as topics.

All workshops will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. They are scheduled for:

July 22— Portland Building Auditorium, 1120 S.W. 5th, Portland

July 23— Harris Hall, 8th and Oak Streets, Eugene

July 24— Deschutes Room #1, Central Oregon Community College, Bend

July 29— Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center, South Beach, Newport

July 30— Mary Norbert Hall, Providence Hospital, Medford, and

July 31— Union County Senior Center, 1504 Albany Street, LaGrande.

To The People

To the People,

As a reminder, we want to let all tribal members know that on the first Monday of each month, Tribal Council leaves time for members to come in and present their concerns and needs. Be sure to call the Tribal Council secretary, Doris Miller, to schedule a time.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs branch of forestry has proposed to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Swimmer that forestry be reorganized as a separate line authority from other BIA programs. In the proposal, forestry says there will be a better accounting system of all funds and that money earmarked for forestry will be spent specifically on forestry needs and programs. The branch also recognized that they have been involved with the inventory of tribal forests for the past 20 years and they desire to get into forest management.

The Tribe has concerns about this proposal. Major decisions are being made by the Secretary's office without allowing input from tribes. There has been very little communication among the Secretary office's and tribal organization nation-wide. The proposal is important for the organization but there are risks involved.

We are currently investigating the tribal child sexual abuse statute. We want to research and be completely informed about the statute. Child sexual abuse has been included in the major crimes act. We want to be sure that these cases

are being handled properly and what effect the statute has on the Indian Child Welfare Act and the level of tribal jurisdiction we actually have.

Ray Rangila of planning recently presented the Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) annual report, which is a review of the Tribe's annual operating plan. Tribal Council serves as the OEDP committee.

Council woman Ellen Johnson was hospitalized July 6. She was in intensive care from July 10 to July 14 and is now back in her own room. Hopefully she'll be released very soon. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Harold Culpus and Delbert Frank, Sr. were delegated to attend the funeral of Judge Walter Craig in Phoenix, Arizona. Judge Craig was principal judge dealing with Columbia River fisheries matters during the 70's.

We will be on retreat with management July 23 and 24. This retreat will be dedicated to working on the planning efforts of 1987. We will also be meeting with Ken Smith, Ralph Minnick and Edith Danzuka, all former secretary/treasurers for the Tribe, to discuss the responsibilities of the secretary/treasurers office.

Look for signs announcing upcoming public meeting to discuss the proposed apparel factory referendum. The referendum will be held Wednesday, July 30.

Sincerely submitted,
Tribal Council

Vacancies filled by those who apply, qualify

by Gerald L. Smith
Justice Services Manager

Several voices within the community have expressed displeasure with the number of non-Indian people employed by the Tribes. Though this has been a common concern among community members for years, it seems more strongly emphasized in recent times. As is usually the case, the Justice Services Administration is the branch toward which a great deal of the attention is focused.

In looking at the statistics provided below, one can see that the number of people employed in the Justice Services Administration Branch in 1984 totalled 39. As of June, 1986, this number has been reduced by three persons, which is exactly the number of persons employed as Fish and Game Officers in 1984. One can also see that 67 percent of those Fish and Game Officers were Indians; however, someone saw fit to eliminate the Fish and Game Division and those positions. Despite the fact that the Police Department now employs three fewer people, the percentage of Indian employees in the Justice Services Administration Branch is 63 percent, 24 percent higher than in 1984.

As of January 1, 1986 Fire and Safety came under the Justice Service Administration Branch increasing

the number of employees by eight, 75 percent of whom are Indians. The addition of Fire and Safety to the Justice Service Administration Branch increased the percentage of Indian employees within the Justice Service Administration Branch to 65 percent.

Perhaps those persons who normally speak so strongly against this Branch should make note of these statistics, and for once, praise the Branch for its efforts and accomplishments rather than force it to be the recipient of constant scrutiny and ridicule.

Although Justice Service Administration agrees that we should be employing more tribal members, especially in the visible area of patrol, the actual number of tribal members who do submit job applications are very few. One of the main concerns expressed by interested tribal members has been that they do not like the idea of having to face their friends, family and relatives out in the field and the possibility of having to arrest them, and, at the same time live within the same confines of our small community. Often the tribal members who do apply for police officer positions do not meet the basic requirements that are expected by the community, such as age, valid drivers license, and so forth. Until we begin receiving applications from qualified tribal members or Indians Not Affiliated,

we must continue to fill these vacant positions with the applicants who do take the time to submit their forms—which 98 percent of the time are non-Indians. If the community has any concerns or recommen-

dations for improved services, please feel free to submit them to the appropriate Justice Services Administration supervisor and give us an opportunity to respond.

	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES		INDIAN EMPLOYEES	
	FEB 1986	JULY 1986	FEB 1984	JULY 1984
JUSTICE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION				
Administration.....	2	2	100%	100%
Records Department.....	0	2	0%	50%
PROSECUTION				
Office.....	2	2	100%	100%
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
Police Administration.....	4	2	75%	100%
Patrol Division.....	15	11	20%	36%
Investigation Division.....	2	2	0%	50%
Fish & Game Division.....	3	0	67%	Abolished
Communications Division.....	3	4	100%	25%
Corrections Division.....	4	9	25%	78%
Cooks.....	0	2	0%	100%
(Cooks position added in 1984)				
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....	39	35		
PERCENTAGE OF INDIAN EMPLOYEES			38%	63%
FIRE/SAFETY				
Effective January 1, 1986 transferred to J.S.A.	8	8	75%	75%
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF INDIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE JUSTICE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BRANCH.....	15	28	38%	63%

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Paiute ordinance banning sheriff withdrawn by tribe

A recent dispute between the Burns Paiute police department and the Harney County Sheriff's department prompted the Paiute tribal council to issue an ordinance that banned Harney County Sheriff Dave Glerup and a deputy from the reservation and adjoining allotted lands.

According to acting agency special officer Ben Richards, the dispute arose when Glerup went on allotted lands surrounding the reservation to conduct interviews with tribal members concerning cattle belonging to a non-Indian. "He had no jurisdiction," said Richards.

Richards visited the reservation last week to a general council meeting. Tribal members met with the sheriff July 10 and Richards reported that it "was a good meeting. Both sides had a better understanding of what they had to do." It was Richards' recommendation that the council rescind the ordinance, "because we do need him," he said. During another general council meeting July 14, the ordinance was rescinded.



Community Center clowns lead children in play time activities weekly in the summer recreation program.