

## School teaches academic, traditional lessons

A teepee set among ponderosa pine near Simnasho serves as a classroom for the six students attending the Te-Wah-Ne School. Although not a standard school building in the customary sense the students who study there learn the basics and much more.

"Everyday life should be put in education" says manager and assistant at the school Lala Majel. Lala, of Aztec descent, is originally from San Diego, California. She has helped start other schools focusing on overall education. Her four children attend Te-Wah-Ne school.

Lala asks, "Why do we have to send our children away from home to live in an unnatural setting and be educated." In these schools, "they teach you what they taught the last person. There is nothing to grasp, nothing to apply to the land."

Education at Te-Wah-Ne includes lessons in reading, English, math, spelling and other academic subjects. "Children need reading and writing to survive," says teacher Wendell Jim who graduated from Washington State University with

a major in bilingual education. The students appear to enjoy learning in general. Te-Wah-Ne Sahme, for whom the school was named, points out that his favorite subjects are spelling and the computer. Eleven-year-old Temet Majel, however, prefers math and baseball.

The school, started almost a year ago with a private donation, from J. Easton, is aimed at providing an all-around education. Students are able to live on the premises with adults present to teach them from morning to night. Students also receive

instruction from visiting elders. Besides field trips and hikes students join in games, learning Indian history, chopping wood and the sweat-lodge.

"The Indian way is stressed here," says Lala, and "a part of that is religion" because "it is our way of life. That's us. Religion is a very personal thing from the heart," she emphasizes. "It's up to the individual." Use of a sweathouse on the grounds provides students a time to pray.

The idea for Te-Wah-Ne school originated when the school's founder, Milton Sahme of Warm Springs, refused to send his son to a standardized school, he explained that "many of us have been to college, have gotten a lot of education and aren't able to apply it to daily living."

"At a young age when the outlook on life is forming they went to take him away to school. I didn't want to be separated from my son during that time."

For a while Sahme's son, Te-Wah-Ne, was taught by his parents at home. With funding for the school, a teacher and equipment, other children could be included in the system.

It is not unusual for students to be educated in the home, says Warm Springs Elementary principal Jane Westergaard-Nimocks. The students must only show progress. One of the Te-Wah-Ne students has recently taken an achievement test.



School buildings at Te-Wah-Ne School presently consist of three teepees and a main house where students live and learn.

## MHS graduates class of 1987

The 1987 graduating class of Madras High School went through commencement exercises May 30. A total of 124 students graduated.

The following are the Madras High graduates:

Mike Alire, Pauline Bagi, Yvonne Bailey, Johnetta Barmadia, Todd Beamer, Crystal Black, Patty Blakeley, Trudy Blann, Ron Blincoe, Pat Boyd.

Jennifer Boyle, Lisa Briseno, Chris Brown, Gilbert Brown, Jennifer Burchell, Sandra Busch, Mary Calica, John Carson, Junelle Chase, June Comingore.

Todd Currier, Orvie Danzuka, Butch David, Kevin Devlaemink, Dawna Ditmore, Mike Dobkins, Edith Dominguez, Mike Dunten, Mike Ensign, Mike Feigner.

Jay Fitzgerald, Andrea Fivecoat, Phelecia Gann, Mervin Governor, Becky Harvey, Kevin Haugen, Darin Heydon, Jeff Hickerson, Chris Holliday, Cliff Holmes.

Jennie Houts, Clark Hulsey, Julie Johnson, Minnie Johnson, Dawn Jorgensen, Albert Kalama, Erick Keeton, Michelle Kelly, Aaron Ken-

dall, Steve King.

Barb Larson, Sandy Larson, Denise Laws, Angie Lee, Tray Leonard, Kelly Lesser, Julie Lewis, Shelia Lewis, Chris Lytle, Thelma Major.

Julie Martin, Jerry Martinez, James Maynard, Sue McCool, Shannon McDougall, Todd McGuire, Vickie McKay, Tammy Mennealy, Lisa Miller, Emerson Miller.

Michelle Miller, Willis Miller, Teri Namenuk, Chris Nordmark, Brian Oatman, Matt Phillips, Greg Pinkal, Lisa Potter, Beth Raines, Michelle Roberts.

Melissa Rogers, Shelly Rogers, Tarris Rogers, Clint Sanders, John Scholl, Kurt Schonkeker, Brett

Schulz, Brigitte Scott, Kelly Simmelink, Teresa Simmons.

Jeff Sjolund, Brenda Skidgel, Alfredine Smith, Deanie Smith, Julianne Smith, June Smith, Rhonda Smith, Shane Smith, Tony Staciona, Tom Strong.

Bill Surgeon, Brenda Symons, Renee Tathwell, Erik Telfer, Chris Thomas, Craig Towell, Jane Towery, Leana Trimble, Wanda Venter, Lori Vizenor.

Riley Wallace, Melinda Warstler, Tina Watkins, Sanda Weathers, Todd Werner, Brett Whipple, Randy Whittle, Brad Wiles, Leah Wilkinson, Mark Williams, Virgil Windyboy, Wyatt Woods and Michelle Zemke.

## Tribal Council Agenda

- Monday, June 8, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Invocation
  2. 9:30 a.m. Tribal Members (Per schedule)
  3. 3:00 p.m. Realty
- Tuesday, June 9, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 10:00 a.m. Financial Forecast
  3. 1:30 p.m. Workmen's Compensation
- Wednesday, June 10, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 9:30 a.m. Antiquities Ordinance, Deschutes River Bill, Oregon Lobbying Proposal and Gas Tax Update
  3. 1:30 p.m. Cynthia Stowell—Book
  4. 3:00 p.m. Natural Resources/Fishing Regulation Amendment Minutes.
- Thursday, June 11, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 9:30 a.m. Audit Results (All Day)
- Monday, June 15, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:30 a.m. Business
  2. 10:00 a.m. Management Reports
  3. 1:30 p.m. OEDP Review
  4. 3:00 p.m. Senior Care Facility
- Tuesday, June 16, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 10:00 a.m. M.O.I.H.S. 1988 Calendar
  3. 1:30 p.m. Audit Results
- Wednesday, June 17, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 10:00 a.m. Audit Results (Minutes)
- Thursday, June 18, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 9:30 a.m. Superintendent's Consultation
  - RE: Draft RFP—Investment of Trust Funds
- Monday, June 22, 1987 Tribal Council Meeting**
  1. 9:00 a.m. Business
  2. 10:00 a.m. Superintendent's Monthly Report
  3. 1:30 p.m. OEDP Final Report

## Conference set for June 11-14

The Northwest Regional Tekakwitha conference will meet at college of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana, June 11-14, 1987. Native Americans from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, are planning to attend. This year's theme is, "a journey through the plains with our brothers and sisters for world peace."

Highlighting the agenda will be keynote speaker, bishop Elden Cur-

tiss Helena, Montana; Native American ceremonies; group music; Native workshops; native American liturgies; Inter-Tribal sharing and powwow. For further information please contact Bev. Bullshoe, P.O. Box 239, Heart Butte, Montana 59448, Telephone (406) 338-2056. To register, Tekakwitha Conference National Center, Great Falls, Montana, 59406, telephone: (406) 727-0147.

## Change in policies causes conflicts

Washington attorney General Ken Eikenberry says the often strained relations between Indian and non-Indian fishermen in the state are the result of ever-changing federal policy. Eikenberry told members

of the Washington State Troller's Association recently that the U.S. government has revised its policy toward tribal governments at least five times since mid-1800s. He says that besides causing problems with fisheries, federal revisions have created difficulty on and off reservations with taxation, property rights, and-use and legal issues. He adds that court rulings recognizes tribes as sovereign nations have compounded the problems. He says it's poor public policy to treat the tribes differently.

The Trollers wanted Eikenberry

to brief them on the status on fishing litigation held up in federal court since 1983. The case asks the courts to decide where to begin counting both Indian and non-Indian catches. Many of Washington's salmon runs are fished heavily by non-Indian fishermen off Alaska, Canada and Oregon. Eikenberry says he's asking the U.S. Supreme court to dismiss the idea that Alaskan non-Indian catches figure into Washington's harvest allocations. If successful, he'll pursue the same strategy for Oregon's non-Indian catches.

## Burning permits required

All burning permits will be issued at the BIA Fire Management office on Holliday Lane in the Warm Springs Industrial Park. **Burning permits are required on a year-round basis.**

Permits must be obtained 24 hours prior to burning. This gives Fire Management a chance to look at the area and assist or give advice on methods to use to do the job safely.

Burning permits can be obtained during regular working hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For further information contact the Fire Management Office, 553-1121, ext. 413 or 553-1146.

## Training to be offered

During the summer months public trainings will be offered to the people of Warm Springs in first aid and CPR. Schedules for the months of June, July and August are as follows: every second Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. a class will be taught in first aid. On the fourth

Tuesday of each month, CPR training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classes will be held at the Warm Springs Community Center. For more information contact the Fire and Safety department at 553-1161, ext. 200 or 208.

*The Warm Springs Community and Te-Wah-Ne School*

Respectfully puts forward

### A Benefit Concert at the Kah-Ne-Ta Village

June 26, 1987 ★ 12 noon

John Trudell/Jesse Ed Davis  
*The Graftin Band*

Charlie Hill

Co-Stars KWSI Band w/Special Guest  
*Max Gail*

*Tickets Available At:*

- KWSI Radio Station, Kah-Ne-Ta 553-1968
- Venable-Jackson 553-1161 Ext. 200
- Charles' Market 553-1907
- Te-Wah-Ne School Summer 553-1091

*Do not purchase tickets from unauthorized dealers and other sources.*

**\$7.00** Advanced      **\$8.00** Door



Third grade students in the 509-J district get a close look at warm water fish during the annual trip to Stevenson's Pond sponsored by the area school districts and the OSU/4-H Extension Service.

## State fair to feature Oregon tribes

For the first time ever, Oregon's Indian culture will be presented at the Oregon State Fair August 28 through September 7. The American Indian Culture Festival and powwow will be sponsored by the Oregon Commission on Indian Services and several Oregon Indian tribes.

An Indian village consisting of eight teepees representing the eight federally recognized tribes of Oregon, will be located at the center of the fair. The village will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The village will have displays exhibiting the culture, history and heritage of the various Oregon tribes.

Other attractions will be an Indian market, where Indian-made arts and crafts items will be sold. Also an Indian information fair will be set up so the public can gain more knowledge and understanding of Oregon's Indian population.

Special one-hour performances will be held daily beginning at 2 p.m. Performances will include storytelling, flint-knapping demonstrations, lectures, and many more exciting things.

The highlight of the Indian festi-

val will be the two-day powwow held September 5 and 6. The powwow will include competition dancing of men and women traditional fancy (all ages) and special team dancing. Also four host drums will be there from Portland, Salem, Umatilla, and Art Mitchell's group from Warm Springs.

Special programs will be sold which will include a schedule of events and background on Indians and powwows. Also tee-shirts, posters, hats, calendars and many other items will be sold to help fund the festival.

The Indian cultural festival will run daily throughout the state fair. Starting August 28 and ending September 7.

## Community Meeting Notice

**June 10, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Agency Longhouse**  
**Purpose: Meet with tribal members interested in starting a business.**