

Sanders graduates from BIA academy

An extended exposure to local law enforcement prompts Sanders to study investigations

As a little girl, Pixie Sanders had an "in" with the Warm Springs Police Department. Her dad, Jeff Sanders, was chief of police. Frequent visits to the department and hearing her dad talk of particular incidents interested Pixie. That interest has remained with Pixie throughout her life, so much so, that she has actively pursued a career in law enforcement since graduating from high school in 1985.

Pixie worked as a tribal investigator trainee off and on for about five years. Her training was under the supervision of Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency Special Officer Rob Moran. Early this year, with Moran's encouragement, Pixie applied to attend the Indian Police Academy in Marana, Arizona. She was selected to attend the 14-week course that ran from March 26 through June 28, 1990.

Pixie's course of study included patrol techniques, report writing, stress management, how to handle suspects and domestic conflicts, terrorism, occults, child abuse, bomb checks, officer safety, jail operations, history of law enforcement in Indian country, investigations and BIA policies. The course



Officer Pixie—Pixie Sanders was hired by the Warm Springs Police Department as an investigator after completing the BIA academy.

also included legal and illegal firearms and reduced-light work.

Pixie was among six women and 44 men to attend the Marana training. Through testing and alcohol problems, two women and eight men left the program prior to graduation. Of the 40 students who graduated, two were non-Indian. Pixie graduated in the top 10 percent of her class with 92 percent on her final test. She missed graduating as a distinguished student by three percentage points. "As far as I know, I'm the only woman from Warm Springs to be sent to Marana and graduate," says Pixie.

Considering her background and newly acquired skills, Pixie was hired July 13 as the newest investigator on the Warm Springs Police

force. She is currently working as a special officer with juvenile investigator Linda Thompson and fellow-investigator Tyrone Ike. Her supervisor is Oliver Kirk. Eventually, says Pixie, she will be working primarily with child abuse cases. Right now, however, she is concentrating on other crimes.

Pixie will be taken out of special status when her federal physical exam results are transferred to her state exam. The department is planning to send her to the Oregon State academy to certify her as an officer.

Pixie attributes her strides in law enforcement to Moran. "He believed in me enough to nominate me" for the course, says Pixie. "I thank him for getting me in."

Pair attends conservation seminar

Tribal Fish and Game officer Harry Miller and Parks and Outdoor officer Lester Poitra were among 22 individuals to attend a six-week wildlife conservation warden training seminar in Ashland, Wisconsin. The training was organized by the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society and was held on the Northland College campus.

Most importantly, the seminar stressed officer safety and probable cause. Class instructors presented realistic scenarios in which, without proper caution, an officer could lose his life. "People here seem okay," said Miller. But both Miller and Poitra agreed that "with the drugs and alcohol today, you never know what you'll find."

In addition, Miller and Poitra said, if officers stop a vehicle without appropriate probable cause, the alleged violator's constitutional rights could be violated.

In addition to Miller and Poitra, there are three other fish and game officers. Poitra and Stan Simtustus work under the umbrella of Natural Resources. Miller, Carl Teece and supervisor Frank Smith are employed by the Police Department. They enforce tribal hunting, fishing, trespassing and woodcutting laws. Their average monthly route usually encompasses over 2,400 miles of reservation roads. They make trips to Sherar's Bridge as well.

Miller and Poitra explained that numerous citations have been issued to people in violation of the woodcutting ordinance. A recent agreement with BIA forestry allows for a non-member spouse to gather fire wood, as long as the tribal member spouse, to whom the wood cutting permit is issued, is present. If not, the wood, saws and other equipment are confiscated. Permits are available, free of charge, at the Forestry office in the Industrial Park. Three-month wood cutting permits are also issued to those tri-



Training completed—Lester Poitra, left, and Harry Miller completed a six-week conservation warden training seminar in Ashland, Wisconsin. The pair learned about officer safety and other important items.

bal member cutting wood for sale. They cost \$10 each and up to 10 cords can be cut per permit. Specific areas are designated for wood gathering. Maps of those areas are available at Forestry as well.

Miller stresses that they "watch the wood carefully. If a person is in the wrong area, they're taking money out of everybody's pockets."

Miller and Poitra also mentioned, with deer season opening August 18, that tribal members are required to pick up tags at the Natural Resources department. When a deer is killed, the permit must immediately be filled out and attached to the carcass. One portion of the tag is taken to Natural Resources while the other portion remains on the carcass. Only one animal is allowed per tag. "There is multiple use of tags," says Poitra. "People kill a lot of deer on one tag." They also stated that those

youth under 18 years of age are required to complete a hunter's safety course. This year's course began Tuesday, July 24 and will be held July 26 and 31 and August 1 and 2. Each two-hour class will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be held in the basement of the old boy's dorm.

Early enforcement of laws by Miller and Poitra was difficult, said the pair. They were put to work as game officers with very little formal training and orientation of tribal laws. "We're thankful for this training," said Miller. "It really opened our eyes."

Hoping people will keep in mind that tribal game laws are for the good of all, Miller and Poitra explained they're only carrying out what has been mandated by Tribal Council. "Tribal Council sets the laws. The officers don't make them us as they go along."

Retail fuel outlet at Kah-Nee-Ta closes



Retail gas outlet on Highway 8 to Kah-Nee-Ta was recently closed when it failed to make a profit for Tenino Fuel. The outlet was an "experiment."

The retail gas outlet located on Charley Canyon Road and Highway 8, west of Kah-Nee-Ta ceased operation July 17, 1990.

Open since May 30, the outlet has not made enough profit to keep it open says, Rudy Clements, partner in Tenino Fuel, owner of the outlet.

Only if Kah-Nee-Ta would join with the fuel company in providing personnel or other arrangements could the operation continue, Clements explains. He feels the outlet is needed by both guests and employees at Kah-Nee-Ta and that

it provides good public relations.

Gas is not available on a regular basis at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. The outlet provides a service to visitors and to those who must travel to work there.

The outlet was "experimental," says Clements. "We can't do all at once, so we started on a small scale." Because business is slow, the outlet is now closing.

Tenino Fuel has a main outlet in the Warm Springs Industrial Park which is also just starting out. Eventually, Clements would like to see a card-lock system and electronic pumps incorporated into the

main local outlet.

He sees the business as providing competition within the Warm Springs community as well as with the neighboring Madras community. "Competition doesn't hurt anyone," he emphasizes.

Sampson new Chief of Walla Walla Tribe

Carl Donald Sampson was installed as hereditary head Chief of the Walla Walla Tribe, Saturday, July 21, 1990.

The event took place in the Umatilla longhouse on the Umatilla Indian Reservation at Mission. Sampson was given the name, "Peo Peo Mox Mox, in honor of his great grand father who served as Chief of the Walla Wallas until his death in 1855. The tribe is also referred to as the Wallapums.

During the ceremonies Sampson stood on a buckskin mat and placed beside him was a Warbonnet on a Tule mat. Sampson is filling the vacancy of his uncle Jack Abraham who passed away several years ago. The Tribe has been without a chief for several years. His functions will include leading the traditional activities in the long-

house and represent the tribe at public gatherings such as the famous Pendleton Round-Up, in parades, the Happy Canyon pageant, and other public appearances. There were several tribal members on hand to witness the sacred occasion.

Sampson is a fisheries Techni-

cian for the Confederated Walla Walla, Umatilla and Cayuse tribes. He is very instrumental in replenishing the fish runs in that area, Sampson is a former member of the Umatilla County Planning Commission and has served on the board of East Central Oregon Association of Counties.

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Kalama, Crowsheart join Warm Springs Bureau staff

Greta Kalama and Evalon Crowsheart have something in common — they enjoy a challenge. As new employees with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Kalama and Crowsheart are both faced with the challenges of a new job.

Kalama, who is the Bureau's newest Individual Indian Monies (IIM) teller, is "very busy all the time" working on the disbursement of monthly tribal per capita checks, social service checks and individual request checks. She also handles land and timber sales transactions arranged by realty. Burns Paiute lease transactions are also handled by Kalama.

Kalama worked as a seasonal log scale clerk for BIA forestry for three years. Skills learned in that job help Kalama in her new job as teller.

Kalama, who is Oglala Sioux, has four children. She has lived in Warm Springs 14 years and is originally from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Evalon Crowsheart is the Bureau Social Services Representative and is an assistant to Social Services director Bob Jackson.

In her capacity, Crowsheart administers general assistance and helps eligible clients get on their feet, moving toward self-sufficien-

cy. If a client is lacking a high school diploma, has a problem with alcohol or drugs or marital

problems, they are encouraged to take the appropriate steps toward improving their lives.

General assistance provides funds for eligible Indian people who have no income. Clients are provided just enough money to meet their needs, says Crowsheart. Crowsheart, a Mandan, is a

member of the three Affiliated Tribes of Ft. Berthold in North Dakota. She has been a Bureau employee for about seven weeks. She previously worked for Ramsey County Social Services in Devils Lake, North Dakota and for the Business Regulatory Department in Newtown, North Dakota.



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