



Unity Day at Madras Jr. High provided an opportunity for students to share in cultures of other students. Young Generation Indian Club Dancers were among the performers at the activity which was organized and sponsored by the Healthy Options for Teens (HOT) Club.

Tree theft costly to Tribe

Ron Recker, Assistant BIA Forest Manager, requested that the following article concerning trespass and illegal wood cutting be printed in Spilyay.

By Ron Recker

The date is unknown. The month is probably last December. An individual or a group of people are driving out in the Dahl Pine area looking for firewood. For unknown reasons, they stop along the S-540 Road and begin to cut a large pine tree. The tree is 28 inches in diameter. The tree is also still alive with green limbs present for about half of the height of the tree. When the individual finishes cutting the green tree, it falls and strikes a healthy 12-inch diameter tree and snaps it off about six feet above the ground. Thirty-seven feet of the tree was cut into rounds and removed from the site. The remaining portion of the green tree is left, along with the smaller tree that had been destroyed.

On a later date, purely by chance, a fish and game officer discovers the cut tree while performing a routine tour of the area and the timber trespass is reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. An investigation is made, but it is impossible to determine who the guilty party or parties are. The two trees are measured for an estimate of the loss that is incurred by the Tribe.

The value of these two trees if left standing and alive would have been \$539.00. The most valuable portion of the large pine tree has been removed for firewood. The wood that is left in the woods would take up only about 1/6 of a self loader log truck. Since there are no other trees that need to be salvaged in the nearby area, the removal of this volume is completely uneconomical. In this case, the loss to the Tribe is the entire \$539.00. A short report is filed and the case is closed.

Unfortunately, this scenario has been occurring on a much more frequent basis than it has for a number of years. If someone witnesses an individual cutting a green tree or someone leaves an item at the scene that can be traced back to them, prosecution of the offender might occur. In most cases, however, nothing can be done because of lack of evidence.

It is very frustrating to the investigators because this crime makes no sense at all. There are large numbers of available dead snags and down material throughout the Reservation for everyone to cut. Why would someone cut down a valuable merchantable green tree and cut it into firewood blocks when it can't be used for several months? Also, the blocks probably weigh twice as much as seasoned wood, so it is more difficult to put on the truck and only half as many blocks can be hauled on one trip. In many cases, a dead tree or downed log, that would have been excellent firewood is nearby. But, instead, the green tree was cut.

The Branch of Forestry is asking for all tribal members to help reduce or eliminate these instances of timber trespass. It is possible that some of these trees in the past appeared to be dead and were cut inadvertently by a legal firewood cutter. When you are out cutting firewood, make sure that the tree you have selected is dead. Take a good look before you start to cut, especially on those foggy winter days. It may also be someone deliberately cutting a green tree for unknown reasons. Another possibility is that it could be an illegal firewood cutter coming onto the Reservation. In most instances, we will never know. If you are out driving around in the woods and see someone who is not from the Reservation or see anyone cutting a green tree, please notify the Police Department or the Branch of Forestry. If you could provide the name of the person involved, the type of vehicle, the license number, the location of the incident or any information at all it would be appreciated.

A one-time loss of \$539 may not significantly impact the Tribe's welfare, but several of these trees cut in a year over the next 10-20 years will accumulate to a large amount and will be a significant impact. If all of us cooperate, the act of cutting green trees for firewood will be stopped and the Tribe will no longer suffer from the loss of these valuable trees. Remember, this your resource. Anyone cutting these valuable green trees are stealing from you. Your assistance is very much needed and very appreciated.

Tax workshop to be held

A tax preparation workshop will be held this year. Glenn Munroe of Isler Company will be available to assist tribal members in preparing tax returns. It is scheduled for February 11-12, 1992. The location will be announced at a later date. A new

service has been added this year—electronic refunds, allowing faster returns.

To register for the workshop call Vesta Hudson at 553-3213. This service is being provided by the Tribe to tribal members at no fee.

Start to get in shape now for the March Kah-Nee-Ta Mini-Marathon

Judges must remain objective

When a person has any kind of case pending before the Tribal Court, it is the policy of the Court that the presiding Judge will not speak with either one of the parties, individually, or anyone directly involved, before the case is heard by the presiding judge.

If the judge speaks to one party prior to the hearing, this is unfair to the other or opposing party. This is the reason the judges secretary and the Court staff will ask you when you call, what is the reason you are requesting to talk to the judge.

The judges request that you please understand that this is for all the individuals involved in a case, so each party will have his/her time in court to present any statements or evidence which will be heard at one time and give each person a chance to ask questions of each other. When this is done, the judge will be able to consider everything presented in the court hearing to make a decision.

We frequently receive telephone calls where individuals wanting to speak to one of the judges for advice, we find that the individuals should direct their inquiries to Legal Aide.

Henry attains CDA

Leah Henry of Warm Springs has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The CDA training program is offered locally in Warm Springs through the Early Childhood Education Program. "This CDA credential assures the community that their children are being given quality care in a quality learning environment," states Julie Mitchell Quaid, Director of Education for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. "CDAs are skilled caregivers and educators. They have shown their ability in working with children ages three through five years of age and their families."

Leah has been involved in the Warm Springs CDA training program for the past year. During this time, she was observed working with children and then was evaluated by a team which included early childhood professionals and a parent. Leah also demonstrated her ability to work with

families to develop children's physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and healthy learning environment.

Many people worked with her during the training. Roberta Queahpama, administrative officer for the Warm Springs Indian Health Service, served as Parent/Community Representative. Roberta observed Leah as she worked with children and parents and then participated in the final evaluation meeting. Normandie Phelps, education coordinator for the Warm Springs Head Start program, was Leah's CDA advisor. Normandie provided training, made classroom observations, and helped Leah as she prepared for the evaluation. Barbara Poncho and Vivian Wewa, head teachers in Leah's program, gave her help, ideas and lots of encouragement as she worked in the classroom on her CDA skills.

Leah's hard work paid off when she completed her training and was awarded her credential on December 19, 1991. Leah continues to work as an assistant teacher in the Head Start/Day Care program where her four-year-old children and their families benefit from her hard work and commitment.

KWSO to circulate survey among listeners

In the next few months the Tribal Public Information Department will be contacting members of the Warm Springs Community, by phone and in person to find out how the public radio station, KWSO's, programming can better serve the community of Warm Springs.

The first phase of the project will involve telephoning approximately 400 Warm Springs Tribal Members to find out their opinions on present programming, and what kinds of programs Tribal members might need and want in the future, as KWSO expands its broadcast hours.

The telephone interview will take about ten minutes, and the inter-

viewers will be very grateful for your taking these few minutes to help make your Tribal public radio station more responsive to your needs.

After the telephone interviews are completed, the information will be analyzed and used to identify programming needs.

The second phase of the assessment will involve a series of in-depth face to face interviews with a much smaller group of Tribal members to further inform programming development. Programs will then be produced locally and broadcast on KWSO at various times over the next year, in response to the stated needs of the Warm Springs Community.

Three seeking titles at Lincoln's Birthday Powwow

The 16th Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow will be held the weekend of February 7-9, 1992 at the Simnasho Longhouse in Warm Springs. Three girls are currently selling raffle tickets to raise money for the powwow and to earn a spot as Queen of the weekend event. There are two categories, junior and senior courts. There is only one girl running for the Senior court, Miss Arlissa Rhoan, and two for the Junior court, Miss Lillian Heath and Miss Emily Mitchell.

Senior court candidate, Arlissa Rhoan of Warm Springs is sixteen years of age and a sophomore at Madras High School. Her grandparents and legal guardians are Lyle, Sr. and Arlita Rhoan. Her special interests include Traditional Indian dancing, playing school sports such as volleyball, basketball and softball. Rhoan is running for this title, first of all because she was asked, and also because she thought it would be fun and a neat experience for herself. She enjoys being able to support the powwow and represent it, along with representing herself. Her future plans are to go to college after graduation. Her family plans to purchase a mobile home in the future to travel to all the powwows that were missed because of school. Rhoan is asking people to please purchase raffle tickets and help support the powwow, and would like to give a special thanks to the people who have purchased tickets.

Junior court candidate, Lillian Rose Heath of Warm Springs is ten years old and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delvis Heath, Sr. Heath

is a fifth grader at Warm Springs Elementary, she enjoys reading, horseback riding and going to 4-H camp. Her reason for seeking the title is to support the Lincoln's Powwow. "I have always been a supporter on behalf of my mother, the late Martina Heath." Her future plans are to one day, run for Miss

Indian America, but first she must become Miss Warm Springs.

Ten year old, Emily Mitchell of Warm Springs is the daughter of Jameson and Virginia Mitchell. She is a fifth grader at Warm Springs Elementary and enjoys playing

kickball, Indian Fancy Dancing and being a member of the S.M.I.E. Club at school. Her reason for seeking the title is to earn some extra money. Her future plans are to attend more powwows in the future.



Lillian Heath



Emily Mitchell



Arlissa Rhoan

16th Annual Lincoln's Birthday Pow Wow

February 7, 8 & 9, 1992

Longhouse - Simnasho, Oregon

Everyone Welcome

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Friday
7:30 p.m.

Saturday
2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday
2:00 p.m.



Over
\$20,000
In Prize Money

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Fancy and Traditional
(point system)
7-12 yrs. old Boys & Girls
13-17 yrs. old Boys & Girls
18 & over Men & Women

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and Herb Shwyer
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Grass Dance
(point system)

Specials
Jingle Dance
(point system)
Senior Citizen
Recognition
Tiny Tots 6 & Under
Royalty Recognition

Point system

3 Hand Drum Contest

\$1,000 Total Prize Money

1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 and 4th \$100
Day Money each session in addition to contest

\$6,000 + Specials

For Information Contact: Pierson Mitchell,
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