



Foster Kalama, left, Reverend Allen Elston, center and Cal Poncho, right, along with three other men, are headed to Belize December 4. Also going to Belize are Willie Quinn, Lyle Rhoan, Sr. and Nelson Zomont.

The Central American Connection... Baptist minister, five others to visit Belize

Six Warm Springs men will be winging their way south December 4 for a week's stay in the small Central American country of Belize. The endeavor will live and work among the Kekchi Indians in a remote and mountainous area of the country located just north of Honduras.

Warm Springs Baptist church minister Allen Elston and church members Foster Kalama, Lyle Rhoan, Sr., Willie Quinn, Nelson Zomont and Cal Poncho were invited by the Kekchis in April to visit their community. The individuals set personal goals to each set aside \$200 a month for six months for the cost of the trip. Other donations from area churches have been received, as well.

Elston, who has ministered to the Warm Springs community for over 30 years, says he "never expected to do this" type of thing. He explained the group will "learn, help, share their faith in Christ and encourage

people" while there.

Elston added that all of the men taking the trip are actively involved in church leadership and that four regularly take turns delivering Sunday messages. "They have fulfilled my dream to have a group of men active in the leadership of the church," says Elston.

The Kekchi people are poor and live in the mountains of Belize. There are no cars. Very few other modern conveniences we all take for granted exist. Even though it is very difficult for members to attend services, one church is thriving, noting a congregation of 7,000. "There has been a revival among the Kekchi Indian people," says Elston.

The Kekchi people are a "remnant" of the Mayan civilization irradiated in the 1500s, Elston says. They live in all parts of Central America and have often been persecuted by communist infiltration over recent years.

Board reviewing request to reopen Simnasho School

A petition signed by 300 Warm Springs and Simnasho parents and community members requesting Impact Aid funds to reopen Simnasho School was presented to the 509-J Board of Directors at their November 9 meeting. The petition accompanied a letter from the Warm Springs Tribal Council indicating concerns over education given to Indian students in the District.

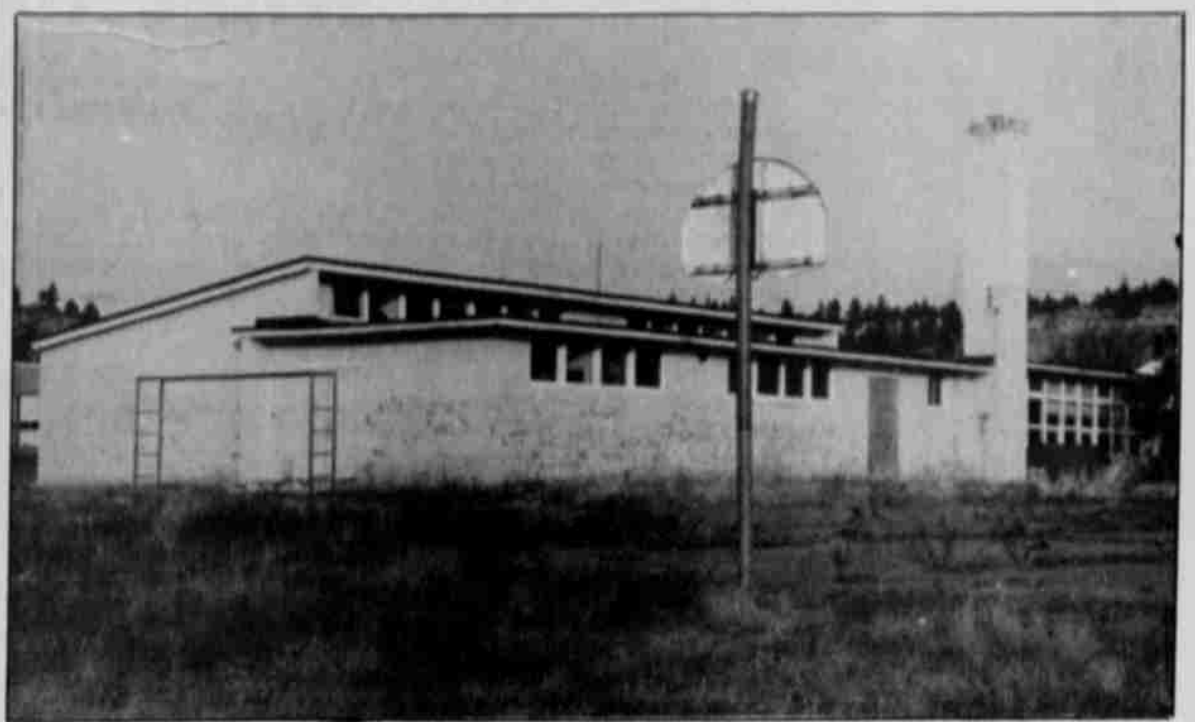
The great amount of travel time required by some students to attend Warm Springs Elementary school was one of the reasons given to reopen the two-classroom Simnasho School which was closed in 1982. Many families live in the Simnasho vicinity which is approximately 25 miles northwest of Warm Springs. New homes are scheduled to be built in the area as well.

Responding Board members were concerned about the cost entailed in reopening the school and staffing it relative to the number of students that would be attending. They decided to look into the number of families that might have children attending the school in the future and have scheduled time to discuss the reopening plan.

The meeting held in Warm Springs focused on Impact Aid funds and its distribution for educational activities. The District receives \$2.6 million for the school year which is paid by the federal government in lieu of property taxes on federally-owned land or trust land. These lands include the Warm Springs Reservation and North Unit Irrigation land in this District.

The letter submitted to the board by Warm Springs Education director Mike Clements for Tribal Council follows:

"The achievement level of tribal member students in School District 509-J is not at an acceptable standard. It is our impression that tribal member students are being processed through the 509-J system while achieving and obtaining sub-standard education levels. We re-



Community members presented a petition to the 509-J School Board of Directors requesting the reopening of Simnasho School, closed in 1982.

quest our tribal member student achievement levels be identified by grade, and reported back to us as soon as possible.

"Our tribal parents are concerned that our children are receiving education services that are not equal to children in the Madras community. We request that a third party take an objective look at this and report back to you and us its findings.

"We are very concerned that facilities for educating our children are not being given equal consideration and in fact funds received because of our children will be used to construct educational facilities in Madras. We have asked year after year for the School Board to give consideration and think seriously about the long distance our children have to travel each day. This has arrived at a point where our children are away from their family setting from ten to fourteen hours per day and that is not acceptable. We ask that the school Board re-open the Simnasho School at this time as there are

many children presently in the area and additional (20) homes scheduled in the next two years.

"We believe our children's self-esteem is at an all time low at this time due to the fact that they are away from the Warm Springs community so much. We ask that the 509-J School Board take a lead role in working with us to figure out how we can improve our children's learning conditions. The attendance rates and suspension figures are indications that something is seriously amiss. The low drop-out rate seems to be the high point of reports we've seen and we tend to believe that is due to the value of the student rather than the desire to maintain the student in the system for further help. This may not be the case, but after years and years of the same request we cannot think otherwise at this time.

"We have read, along with you we're sure, that our School District has the worst attendance rates in the State and that the achievement levels are not amongst the best. It disturbs us that we

have not heard anything from the School Board or School Administration on how we plan on dealing with this situation. We did meet with you in 1989 and agreed to work together, but we have not heard back from you. We request that the 509-J School Board meet with us to follow-up on our previous goals and bring us up to date on the present conditions in the School District including: attendance rates (Grades K-12); achievement results of all students and tribal member students; what the present plan and strategies are; and, where the District is headed in the coming years. We would like to share with you our plans and strategies also.

"This should keep us all involved and busy. It may sound like we are upset, but please be assured upset can be converted into concerned and frightened because of present conditions. A response will be greatly appreciated as we feel we must work together to face the challenges we see."

HOT program involved with many projects

The HOT program at MHS is alive and well. The HOT board planning session earlier this month was a great success. We established "Empowerment through Involvement" as our goal for this year.

The board is working to involve people not only with HOT projects but also with other aspects of social life. (clubs, sports...)

As a result of our planning session, several HOT (and we mean hot) projects were formed. Because the completion of these projects would mean something to students and faculty alike, we feel that people will want to become involved.

These are the projects you will be hearing more about as they grow and succeed. We encourage you to be a part of their success.

POP TAB COLLECTING—There are many people who are less fortunate than us. Their kidneys do not function properly. By collecting the tabs from pop cans, we can provide time on a dialysis machine for those people.

PEER MEDIATION—When conflicts arise, the peer mediation program is ready to help solve the problem. Students have been taught

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Christmas Bazaar to be held in December

Seventeenth Annual Christmas Bazaar set for December 12. Save your Christmas spending dollars, arts and crafts people are coming to town!

It's the 17th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Warm Springs will be "THE PLACE" to be in Central Oregon Saturday, December 12, 1992 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Have that hard to shop for person on your list? Check out the annual bazaar. All types of crafts, art work, homemade articles, wood work, bead work, the usual and the unusual, clothing, food - everything imaginable will be on sale.

Doors open to the public at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. No admission charge and plenty of parking space.

Call Carol Allison at 553-3243 for more information.

Museum hopes to purchase artifacts

The Museum at Warm Springs is happy to announce that they will be purchasing artifacts for their Tribal Collection. It is asked that the finest pieces are submitted, and/or "one of a kind items." The Museum is especially in need of the following items:

1. Older beaded, shell, and dentalium hair ties
 2. Old time fur hats
 3. Cornhusk handbags
 4. Beaded Floral shell dresses (on material)
 5. Sally bags of hemp, (w/design)
 6. Long otter fur braid wraps
 7. Men's buckskin beaded shirts
 8. Cornhusk hats, (old no yarn)
 9. Women's Paiute clothing
 10. Men's Paiute clothing
 11. Men's floral beaded vests (on material)
 12. Men's leggings, beaded
- The Museum policy is, One item per household or family. Please pick

up your applications at the Museum office, located at 2148 Kota Street. Deadline for submitting your applications and artifacts is Thursday, December 3, 1992. If you have any questions please contact the Museum staff at 553-3331. Thank you.

Wires help protect trees from wild winter winds

Prevent fall and winter winds from blowing over your landscape plants by providing support with some strong wire and a few securely placed stakes.

Installing supports against the wind is especially important in the case of young or recently planted shrubs and trees, and for landscape plants recently damaged by high winds.

The number of guy wires needed depends on the size of the plant. Use a turn-buckle if you want to tighten the pull of the wires when they be-

come loose.

Place guy wires high enough in the tree or shrub that wind blowing against the top of the plant won't loosen them. A crotch in the tree or large shrub is a good place to anchor support wires.

Use a short length of rubber hose around each wire to protect the bark from injury. Do not wrap the wire loop so tightly that the growth of the bark is restricted.

Fasten the wires securely to sturdy stakes or other solid anchors. Place one anchor against prevailing wind.

MHS honor roll noted for first quarter

The Madras High School is pleased to announce the first quarter honor roll students for the 1992-93 school year. These students are:

SENIORS

4.00 Honor Roll

Kathryn Bozarth, Bradley Collins, Scott Delamarter, Jessica Jacks, Laura Jones, Gary King, Heather Martin, Jason Potampa, Emily Ray, Jennifer Runge, Susan Skavian.

All Star Honor Roll

Kare Bregninge, Tyler Campbell, Chad Casady, Heather Clowers, Darin Earnest, Krista Galyen, Spencer Gerke, Merrissa Grimm, Shea Hawes, Jill Ickler, Jeremy Jasa, Cristine Orcutt, Fabian Roth, Leif Suppah, Cathy Williams.

Honor Roll

Johnny Boynton, Carrie Burtis, Juan Escobar, Jennifer Filibert, Mark Harris, Daisy Hoffman, Keven Hopps, Kelly McCall, Nicole McConnell, Julie Morse, Eloina Mouett, Thomas Norton, Shawn Phifer, Nathan Pollard, Antanacio Rico, James Sites, Wendy Smith, John Summers, Samuel Wolfe.

JUNIORS

4.00 Honor Roll

Nicole Alexander, Sarah Badten, Brooke Earnest, Stephanie Harris, Allison Kirsch, Sarah Vibbert, Rachel Ward, Daniel Wright, Rafe Wysham.

All Star Honor Roll

Brad Bendele, John Boyle, Marcella Brunoe, Jennifer Butler, Christina Candland, Benjamin Christensen, Rachel Clowers, John Gallup, Kelly Jackson, Kelly Jasa, Jennifer Marston, Amanda Nasset, Manda Neilson, Angela Parks, Florence Petock, Erin Potampa, Casey Ring, Jody Roff, Lindsay Sundberg, Todd Vibbert.

Honor Roll

Donnie Alire, Amy Anderson,

Nicole Becquet, Teresa Campbell, Scott Cavendar, Alfredo Colazo, Angela Cervais, Edward Hagedorn, Randall Harvey, Mandy Hume, Trevor Johnson, Lisa Key, Timothy Mennealy, Sunmiet Minnick, Bonnie Morgan, Jeremy Nilles, Leon Osterbaan, Anthony Read, Karen

Riley, Melanie Schulz, Wade Simmons, Jason Thomas, Tammy Williams.

SOPHOMORES

4.00 Honor Roll

Emmalee Brown, Rebecca Grote, Crystall Guiney, Erika Harris, Becky Harrison, Holly Jasa, Adriana Ward, Jennifer Williams.

All Star Honor Roll

Erin Conway, Betsy Cordill, Kelli Danzuka, Brandon DuRette, Krystal Filbert, Kristina Granby, Kristina Gregg, Brook Luther, Lisa Methany, Angela McConnell, Amy McNamee, Phillip Miller, Eric Samsel, Ryan Stewart, Julie Uter, Melissa Weisen.

Honor Roll

Micah Anderson, Kelli Catherwood, Jennifer Cooke, John Gervais, Douglas Green, Curtis Hall, Brent Harrison, Carrie Hawes, Amy Hunt, Sarah Hunt, Jeremy Jacks, Jamie Johnson, Rurik Lindner, Marie Long, Shawna McConnell, Stephanie Merritt, Irma Serrano, Eli Smith, Jake Suppah, Norma Thompson.

FRESHMEN

4.00 Honor Roll

Stephen Blankenagel, Christopher Lieuallen, Melissa Nartz, Liberty Taylor.

All Star Honor Roll

Christopher Carpenter, Christopher DuPont, Khara Krause, Shalyn Morlan, Timothy Neilson, Melissa Thompson, Heather Titus, Todd Weigand, Minta Woll.

Honor Roll

Bonfilia Baltazar, Leah Candland, Melissa Cavender, Annmarie Chambers, Jillian Cook, Samuel Crow, Manuel Dahlke, Aerie Gibson, Matthew Gordon, Johnathan Gregg, Kevin Guiney, Somer Hamrick, Seth Johnson, Amy Kraus, Chad Lindner, Jennifer Loman, Niki Luse, Aaron Martin, Lisa Motley, Christopher Nelson, Victoria Parks, Frank Patel, Allen Pine, Cassandra Sanders, Shannon Stickler, Kirsten Sundberg, Kirstin Swanson, Sofia Veloz, David Wickham, Joshua Williams, Peter Zumwalt.

Special Ed Honor Roll

Donni Farley

Art show on tap

A wildlife Art Show will be held in Klamath Falls, Oregon in conjunction with the 14th Annual Bald Eagle Conference in February, 1993. The show is open to all tribal members in the western states. Both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works will be accepted; them should reflect wildlife or man's relationship to wildlife. For entry information, send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Rich Bergstrom, 1222 Eldorado Ave., Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or call (503) 883-2009, evenings.

Candidates for 34th Annual WSNHIT seeking 1992 title

The 34th Annual All-Indian Warm Springs National Holiday Indian Basketball Tournament will be held December 30, 31, 1992, January 1, 2, 1993 at the Warm Springs Community Center. Currently there are three girls running for the junior court who are currently selling raffle tickets for \$2 each. They are thirteen year old Esmeralda Lawson, fourteen year old Charmaine Watts and thirteen year old Marissa Kalama. There are also currently three candidates for the senior court, they are Romelle Speakthunder, Angeline Blackwolf



Romelle Speakthunder

and Alyssa Macy who are currently selling admission tickets, the session tickets are \$3 and the season tickets are \$15.

Seventeen year old Alyssa Macy is of the Wasco, Hopi and Navajo descent. She is the daughter of James and Luana Macy of Warm Springs. She is currently a Madras High School senior and has attended school in this area since the fifth grade. She enjoys cross country, basketball, and forestry class. She is a member of the

Native American Student Union and on Student Council. She also enjoys traveling and meeting people.

Macy is seeking the title of the WSNHIT because she is hoping to win the title so that she may be able to represent the Warm Springs Tribe, and also get the chance to meet new people in Warm Springs and other surrounding areas. Her future plans after graduation are to attend a University and major in criminal justice, and seek a masters degree along with running cross country in college.

Sixteen year old Romelle Speakthunder is of the Warm Springs, Wasco, Yakima, Assiniboin Sioux, and Siletz descent. Her parents are Pat and Robert Speakthunder of Warm Springs. She is currently a junior at Madras High School and has attended school in this area all of her life. Her hobbies include, shopping, enjoying the company of her friends, cooking, and cruising in the night.

Speakthunder is seeking the title of the WSNHIT so she can represent Warm Springs and also because she has never sold any kind of tickets before. Her future plans are to finish high school and go to college.

Sixteen year old Angeline Blackwolf is of the Warm Springs descent. She is the daughter of Kenneth Blackwolf and Josie Redfox of

Warm Springs. She is currently a junior at Madras High School and has attended schools in this area since the second grade. She enjoys taking pictures, traveling and reading books.

The reason Blackwolf is seeking the title of WSNHIT is to run for some kind of candidate because she feels it sounds fun to be able to meet a lot more people that she has never met. Her future plans are to be a photographer and finish high school and attend school in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Angeline Blackwolf

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