

# County Fair offers entertainment, fun



Photo by Selena Boise  
Chester VanPelt cools down with ice cold sno cone.



Photo by Saphronia Katchia  
Headstart children watched as youth shows pig during fair.



Photo by Donna Behrend  
Carnival rides provide excitement and noise for Davis Sohappy.



Photo by Donna Behrend  
The 4-H Rainbow Dancers entertained the crowd Thursday evening.

# Ike takes on loan collections

On July 1, 1994 Tyrone Ike, a former legal aide employee, transferred to the credit department to become the new collections officer. Ike is responsible for collecting all past due accounts and dormant loans. Recently, it has been found that there are 390 past due accounts totaling 2.3 million dollars with 10 percent interest.

Tyrone's job is a difficult job, and it is a known fact that creditors are not of the most liked, but it is his wish to let people know that he is not out to strain and upset people, but rather just to do his job in a friendly and efficient way.

Most of Ike's work is done by computer or telephone, but he will also contact people.

One of Ike's reforming concerns is the paying off of debts with children's money. Starting on January 1, 1995 children's percapita will no longer be accepted on any loans. Ike feels that it is the children's money and parents should not be using it for themselves.

As far as revisions in the department, Nellie Spino has become the manager for the credit department and Bob Finch transferred over to

Warm Springs Clothing. If there are any questions regarding anything at the credit department please call 553-3201.



Tyrone Ike

# Annual employee picnic raffle winners noted

Dear Spilyay:

Thanks for your coverage and your presence. Thanks for all the employees and their families that showed up even though it was uncomfortably hot. And I want to apologize to the people that brought food and didn't get to eat. It was poor planning on my part and next year we will do a few changes so that everyone will have something to eat at the Confederated Tribes Employees picnic.

Thanks to all the girls that helped sell tickets: Patty Smith, Police Department, Consuela Johnson at IHS, Jean Green at Com. Counseling, Jeanine Kalama at Forestry, Frances Allen at Work Experience, Norma Smith at Accounting, Pat Speakthunder at Realty, Patches Marchand and Myra Shawaway at Mail and Reception, Lupe Katchia at Comp. & Benefits, Amelia Twee at Human Resources and Scotty Miller at Kah-Nee-Ta. And Thanks to Jeanine Kalama for being the Picnic Queen and Garland Brunoe for being the picnic King. Thanks for all the people that bought tickets even though it was in between pay days for the Tribes.

Thanks to the Community Center and their staff for organizing all the games and entertainment and thanks to the Utility department for setting up the tables and the PA system. Thanks to Charlotte Shike for baking the Salmon.

Thanks to the departments that donated raffle items: W.S.A.I. donated the beautiful vests, Kah-neeta donated T shirts, K Twins donated the cassettes and C.D.s, The Museum donated T shirts, Spilyay donated the mugs, and KWSO donated T shirts.

Below is the list of all the raffle winners:

- Sincerely, Antoinette Pamperien, HR compliance Coordinator**
- Tent Bill Christiansen
  - Gazebo Pauline Allen
  - Electric Trimmer Serena Raboin
  - Children's Soccer Set Angie Frutos
  - Food Processor Shauna Queahpama
  - Table Judy Dickman

- Telephone Clock Radio Norma Smith
- Tote Locker Sissily Graybael
- Water Cooler Lydell Suppah
- Fishing Pole Jamie Burleigh
- Vision Pot & Pan Harold BlackWolfe
- Dirt Devil Vac Laura Calliox
- Pool Paddle Boat Jamie Walamett
- Roaring Lion Geraldine Blodgett
- Towel Ante Pamperien
- Child's Hamper Bernadine Cassaway
- Tackle Box Lavena Ike
- Water Gun Ernie Sconawah
- Wind Chime Geneva Ike
- Bowl Set Sheilah Wahnetah
- Lion King Pillow Rosie Tom
- Head Phone Cassette Joanne Moses
- Stowaway Plastic Set Bianca Ferreira
- Cosmetic Organizer Nelson Wallulatum
- Duffle Bag Urbana Manion
- Museum T Shirt Johnson Family
- Museum T Shirt Perci Blackwolfe
- Museum T Shirt Maxine McKinley
- KWSO T Shirt Jeane Thomas
- KWSO T Shirt (Small) Curtis Thompson
- W.S.A.I. Vest Irene Wells
- W.S.A.I. vest Scotty Miller
- Spilyay Mug Benny Heath
- Spilyay Mug Irene Wells
- Spilyay Mug Kye Wells
- Spilyay Mug Nelson Wallulatum
- Spilyay Mug Melissa Wainanwit
- Spilyay Mug Judy Dickman
- Kahneeta cap Dorothy Shadley
- Kahneeta cap Geri Blodgett
- KNT Visor Carol Howlingwater
- KNT Visor Edison Yazzie
- KNT Visor Harold Blackwolfe
- Frisbee Gene Keane
- Frisbee Sharlayne Garcia
- Frisbee Rita Squiemphen
- Frisbee Lonnie James
- Frisbee Emerson Culpus, Jr.
- Cassette Tape Serena Raboin
- Cassette Tape Ernie RN
- Cassette Tape Ernie Sconawah
- Cassette Tape Romelle Speakthunder
- C.D. Disk Lonnie Tom
- C.D. Disk Dena Thurby
- KNT T Shirt Carol Parra
- KNT T Shirt Jamie Burleigh

# Were you exposed to Hanford Radiation?

People who lived around the Hanford Nuclear Reservation at any time from 1944 through 1972 may have been affected by its radioactive emissions. Staff of the Hanford Tribal Service Program would like to talk with tribal people who lived near the Hanford site during this time. The program's purpose is to provide information and assistance to tribal people who have been exposed to Hanford radiation. The program is an independent component of the Hanford Health Information Network.

Program staff recently met with the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council to provide a program overview. Al Garrick is the Coeur d'Alene tribal representative serving on the Tribal Advisory Board (TAB) for the project. The TAB is made up of one representative from each of the nine tribal communities around Hanford. They include: Coeur d'Alene, Colville, Kalispel, Kootenai, Nez Perce, Spokane, Umatilla, Warm Springs and Yakama. Together they designed the tribal program and oversee its operations. Collectively, they represent many years of experience in addressing Hanford issues.

According to Andy Ross, project director, "We want to provide services that will help tribes address

health concerns in their communities." The program offers 1) education about the health effects of radiation and 2) technical assistance for the collection and analysis of tribal health data.

The goal of the program's technical assistance is to increase each tribe's capacity to collect data and carry out their own health assessments. Working to achieve this goal is Laura Cailloux, computer specialist for the project. She is setting up a computer network to link all nine tribes. With a background in epidemiology, Ross will be assisting in the effort to produce health statistics for each tribe. Ultimately, these activities may generate information which can be used in developing tribal health policy and securing additional funding for health care.

In the coming months, Ruth Jensen, project health educator, will be visiting tribal communities to provide information about the health effects of radiation. Currently, she is scheduling meetings with health care providers as well as any other interested community groups. Information kits about radiation will be distributed at these meetings.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board provides this program under contract with the Washington

State Department of Health. The Hanford Tribal Service Program is one of five health-related projects administered by the Board. Founded in 1972, this private, not-for-profit organization works to improve health care for 40 Northwest Indian Tribes.

Authorizing funds for HHIN is Section 3138 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991. The Act required a single program to be implemented by the three states around Hanford. They are Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The Washington State Department of Health successfully bid for the contract and now administers the overall program.

The only activities authorized by the Act are: 1) preparing and distributing information on the health effects of radiation, 2) developing and implementing a way for people affected by radiation to be referred to health care professionals and 3) evaluating and, if feasible, implementing registration and monitoring of people who may have been exposed to radiation released from Hanford.

For more information about the program or health effects of radiation from Hanford, call the Hanford Tribal Service Program at (503) 228-4185 or toll free 1-800-798-0796.

# Hunter's Safety Course set

Natural Resources, Warm Springs Police Dept., Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are sponsoring the Hunter Safety Course starting August 8, 1994 free of charge.

Hunters Safety Course is targeted for ages 14-18 year olds who would like to obtain a Hunters Safety Certificate in order to hunt in ceded areas and the reservation. To receive a Hunters Safety Certificate participants must attend each class.

Participants will spend 12 hours in the classroom from 1:30-4:30 p.m. August 8, 10, 11, and 15, learning wildlife and conservation management and gun safety. A field day will be held August 17 from 8:30-4:30 p.m. where participants will learn tracking, compass and map reading, gun safety and handling, first aid, survival technique and do live firing at the range. August 8, 11, 15, and 17 class will meet at the Public Relations Office located behind the Old Boy's Dorm, and August 10 class will meet at the Housing Office Training Room.

Classes will be taught by Oliver Kirk, Terry Luther, guest speakers, and others who will be helping with the field day activities.

# General Assistance provides needed help

IS IT NEEDED?  
In the last edition of the Spilyay, we reported on a survey of 67 General Assistance recipients and gave a summary of the findings from that survey. This is a follow up to that article and is the third of a series on G.A. and the future.

We learned from the survey that people do not like to be on G.A. and only do so when they have no other resources. Most have been on G.A. less than 12 months and receive under \$400 per household. However the trend suggests that people will stay on G.A. for longer periods, the longer the program is in operation. In other words, simply having G.A. available in its current form will encourage more dependency.

Is the G.A. program needed? Is it a program that only encourages recipients to be lazy and who use these funds for such things as alcohol and drug purchases? There is no question that G.A. is needed and that without the G.A. program, many people including disabled recipients would have endured many hardships. It is a program that can have many benefits if operated appropriately.

However, if operated as it is keeps the majority of recipients in a cycle of dependency.

Theoretically, G.A. is a tool to help a recipient to become self sufficient and for some (about 25% of the recipients) it is used as a tool. However, for the vast majority it can't be a tool because the resources are lacking to help the recipient remove their barriers and obstacles to become self sufficient. As a result the General Assistance caseload throughout the Bureau of Indian Affairs continues to grow.

In 1987, the BIA funded seven demonstration projects at different reservations across the country. These were called EARN (Employment Assistance Readiness Network). The projects were funded over a three year period with each EARN project receiving approximately \$300,000 per year. Each project was different and each Tribe was given flexibility to structure their approach to fit what the local community needed and wanted. During the course of the Projects and after the 3 year projects ended an evaluation was completed. The reported outcomes for the 7

projects were spectacular. On the average each project was successful in assisting G.A. recipients to find full time work either in a job or in their own business and reduced G.A. caseload an average of 37% or more than 12% reduction per year.

We were able to meet with several of the Tribes that participated in the EARN project. All of them indicated that people ended up on G.A. because they serious barriers and obstacles that they could not overcome without assistance. Therefore instead of investing in a long never ending process of just giving out G.A. grants over many years and generations, they decided to make significant investment in the G.A. recipients up front and do what was needed to assist their people to have the necessary resources to remove his/her barriers to becoming self sufficient. They believe it was better to invest \$10,000 in education, training and obtaining personal living skills so that they are prepared to compete and enter the job market than to give them monthly assistance grant ranging from \$217 to \$310 that might go on for years or even possibly

for generations.

Congress in FY 94 budgeted 5 million in the BIA budget to fund additional EARN projects but these funds have not been released by Central Office in Washington D.C. Congress, also changed the way G.A. grant funds could be distributed. Now tribes can make changes in the G.A. criteria and any savings that accrue can be transferred to the Tribe to be used for other priorities.

Can you imagine Warm Springs initiated an EARN project which resulted in 10% of the recipients going to work rather than remain on Welfare? The G.A. budget for FY 94 is \$735,000 and if there was a 10% decrease in the number of recipients that would mean approximately \$73,500 could be shifted into such things as training, education, personal and family support services, barrier removal activities and transportation services.

Yes, a General Assistance program is needed in Warm Springs, but should be structured to be used as a tool to assist people to become self reliant and independent. The next article will deal with how that can be done.

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