

## Thomas travels to Switzerland for International Retreat

by Saphronia Katchla

Enrolled Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Leslie Thomas was one of eight who traveled to Leysin, Switzerland to take part in an International Retreat July 22 through August 5, 1994.

The retreat was sponsored and hosted by Emaho, a Native American from Santa Cruz, California. Emaho is a shaman (medicine man) who performed the Fire Dance. Special guest speaker Lama Tharchin Rinpoche performed sacred prayers and ceremonies. Also as part of the retreat, the Native American group performed a religious ceremony, The Sun Dance, a mini powwow for the children as well as Native American Sweat Lodge ceremonies during the two-week event.

According to the Britannica Encyclopedia, the Sun Dance is a religious ceremony of the Plains Indians of 19th century North America usually held during the summer months. Participants, fast and dance for several days praying for power. A widespread, though not universal feature of the ceremony, was self-torture. The skin of the breast or back is pierced, and a wooden skewer inserted. One end of a rope was tied to the skewer, the other end is



The Native American Sun Dance group that traveled to Leysin, Switzerland for two weeks included Warm Springs man, Leslie Thomas.

attached to the center pole. The dancer would lean back until the line was taut and tore himself loose. In an effort to curb such practices, the United States government outlawed the Sun Dance in 1904. In 1979, the freedom to perform was established.

Those who traveled to the retreat were Lenix Redfeater, Lakota Indian of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Michael and Jill Twofeathers, Lakota Indians of Horse Creek, California, Sam Fastbuffalo Horse, a Blackfeet Indian of Montana, Gloria Brooks, Karok Indian of

Astoria, Barbara Omaha, Ojibwa Indian of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Leslie Thomas, Wasco Indian of Warm Springs, Oregon and Brightstar Collier of Bend, Oregon.

Their audience consisted of people from all over the world but mainly they were German and French natives. Thomas was glad he was able to travel to Europe and share with the people there. He was able to do a little sightseeing as he viewed Lake Geneva, saw many acres of vineyards, and the salt mines of Bourg-Saint Pierre.



Leslie Thomas

## Firefighters featured

This is an introduction of the Warm Springs Fire & Safety. We want you to know who works and volunteers for this department. Those paid employees who were photographed and provided biographies are featured in this issue. Future issues will include bios and photos of other paid staff members and volunteers.

emergency services is to see the suffering that happens so needlessly sometimes. I honestly believe that a person has to have a stronger source to draw strength from to deal with a lot of things. On the other hand, the most rewarding part of our work is to see someone who has recovered from illness or injury. Someone you and your partners may have made a difference for.



RaNeve Dowty

by RaNeve J. Dowty

I have lived in Warm Springs most of my life. The majority of my adult life and career have been here. I feel very special in a lot of ways, mostly because I have a family that loves and supports me. My family consists of my husband, Dennis, and four sons (Levi, Logan, Zachary and Jacob). When I have a bad day or am not feeling well, they always have extra hugs for me.

I first became involved with Fire & Safety in May 1983, after I had taken a First Responder course. After becoming a volunteer, a position opened for a paid Firefighter/Medic (my parents thought I was crazy). Fortunately, I was hired and began working full-time for the department in September 1983. Since then, it has been a constant learning experience. Fire and Emergency Medical Service are fields that are constantly changing. There is something inside me that keeps me working in this field, keeps me continuing to do all I can to make a difference in someone's life.

The hardest part of working in

by Robert D. "Fireman Bob" Sjolund

Life in the emergency service for Fireman Bob started when I was approximately 12 years old. I thought firefighters were my heroes and to this day they still are. When I became old enough to become a junior volunteer firefighter I joined the Jefferson County fire District in Madras. After learning that I wanted to become a professional firefighter and when 19 years old came about it was off to college.

Attending college at Chemeketa Community College, I received my Associates Degree in Fire Science. From there I moved back to Central Oregon where I became hired with Warm Springs Fire & Safety as the Training & Prevention Officer. I enjoy working here because it allows me a chance to help the community and work towards providing fire safety. Not only that, I can also offer my services to the children and hopefully show them that firefighters are here to save their lives and property and to stay their heroes.



"Fireman Bob" Sjolund

## Trimble truckin'



Delton Trimble financed a 1974 Mack truck for his trucking business. Here it parks in front of his home.



Delton "Dilly" Trimble

Delton Trimble is the owner and operator of Trimble Trucking, a business since he started in July.

Delton is 24-years-old, a tribal member and he has a wife and two stepchildren who are very supportive of his business and help him whenever they can.

Trimble operates his business out of his home with his 1974 Mack truck that he financed through a bank. Trimble's job is to haul logs out of the woods, but most of the time from the mill in Warm Springs. Trimble feels in this early stage of his business that it's hard managing the finances

and time that he puts into Trimble Trucking but he feels he is still in the learning process with his business.

Trimble completed a two month course at Commercial Truck Driving Training in Portland. He decided to become a truck driver because his whole family is a logging family. He used to ride with his uncle Ross Kalama before Kalama started driving the chip trucks—that's what held his interest in truck driving. He is happy with his business, especially since he operates from his home and is closer to his family.

Trimble worked for the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries then he went to school. After school, he took a break for one and a half years. Then he was hired by Mickey Brunoe, who was the only one who would give him a try considering he was so young. He worked with Mickey for one logging season. He was employed by Smith & Greene logging, driving truck for four months and he took a job at the Police Department for two years. Being on-call all the time at the Police Department took him away from his family so much, he became self-employed as the owner operator of Trimble Trucking.

He says he will work with other companies later and just "go where the work takes him."

### Joint Committee Meeting

September 9

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda items include:

IRMP II, Comp Plan Update, Housing, Range and Ag, Education, Public Utilities

## Tour takes members into timber

The annual timber tour covers a wide variety of programs in Forest management. The timber tour covered two days in the woods with a group from Tribal Council, Fish Game and wildlife, Student Trainees, and Interested Tribal members.

The first day the tour covered the Wilson Creek II timber sale to discuss the recently completed work on the block. It was said that logging this area about 10% of the trees were left standing scattered throughout the block for seed trees and habitat clumps. Species in the area were Douglas Fir, Ponderosa Pine, White Fir and Western Larch.

A stop at the Long Creek unit number 7, where there is a proposed combination of Commercial Thin and Clear Cut. Harvest treatment objective are to commercial thin in favor of the dominant and co dominant Nobel Fir. On the Eastern side of the Block there are not enough desirable trees to fully occupy the site because of spruce budworm damage. Since the ground vegetation competes with the planted trees for space, moisture and nutrients a clear cut with follow-up broadcast burning to eliminate competitive vegetation is prescribed.

Road closures were discussed in the schoolie meadows area to prevent ground erosion that causes silt to settle in the river bottoms damaging important Salmon spawning grounds. A lengthy discussion followed on the road closure as some felt this was good hunting area and needed the road. Some felt the road was necessary for wild fires in the area. It was mentioned there are all kinds of roads near by to get into the area. A good buffer zone and sediment control is very important to protect the Salmon spawning grounds in that area.

In touring the Boulder/shitike timber sale there were three important topics to cover. One was to close road P650. It was said the road drains the area of Moisture and the meadow dries up causing a loss of native foods in that area of roots. As the spring runoff occurs moisture leaves and drains out in the roadway where the water flows freely. To close the road and putting water traps to retain the moisture to restore the Meadow again and hopefully bring back the disappearing roots in that area. Since the meadow dries up the roots are rapidly disappearing.

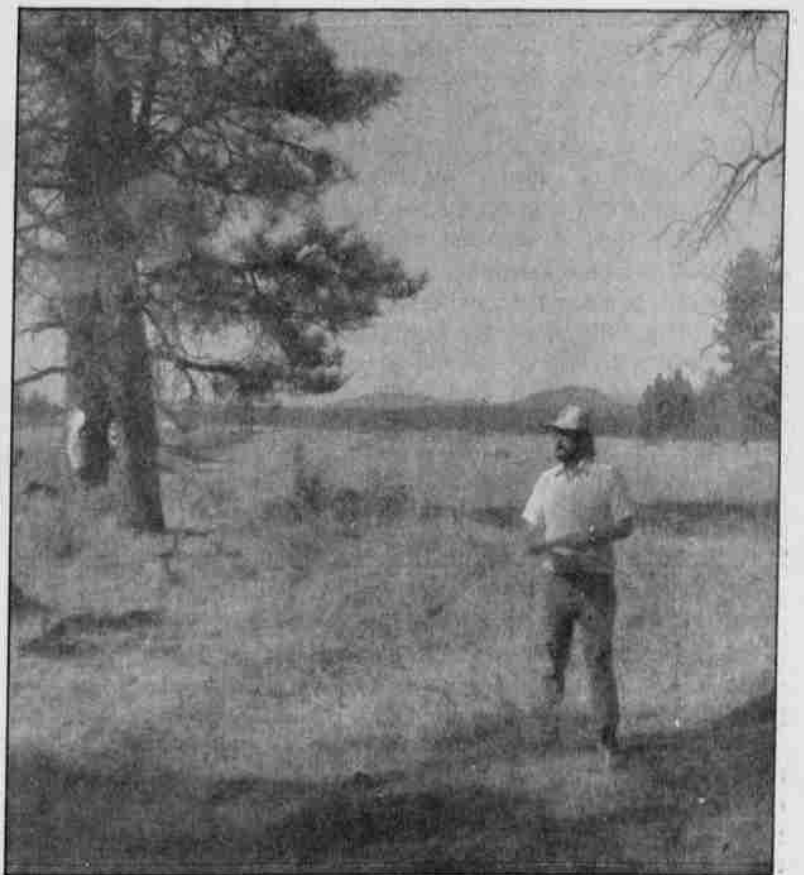
Among other topics of discussion on the area was the high density of roads in the project area, high amount of acres with high risk fuel loading and a high amount of acres infested with Dwarf Mistletoe. Detailed treatment specification seed tree harvest is to leave approximately 3-9 trees per acre of the best quality Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir the dominant and CO-

dominant and intimidate size trees. In small areas of good quality crowns, Dwarf Mistletoe free, intermediate size Ponderosa Pine and Doug Fir, commercially thin. Leave approximately 80 trees per acre. Seasonal "no logging" restriction from Dec. 1 - May 1 because of the winter wildlife range.

Plant Ponderosa Pine 436 trees per acre and trap pocket gophers where mortality is occurring. Monitor overstory Douglas Fir for any indication of Dwarf Mistletoe. If Douglas Fir becomes infected. Then a Overstory Removal may be considered, or else remove infected trees with first commercial entry.

The tour concluded after lunch on the second where the group had a choice of breaking up into small groups to view one of three areas. One was the Noisy Creek Logging to inspect different harvest prescriptions. The other the Noisy Creek Road re-construction near Shitike Creek, and the third was Mill Creek Fire management of escaped slash burn. A group toured the Metolius Bench where control burning has been applied which shows the effect of under growth burns that prevents fires from crowning and has proven well in the past.

Everyone returned to the Administration Building to conclude the annual timber tour for this year.



The discussion of the road closure of P-650, in the Boulder area along with Meadow Enhancement. Ripping out the road is very important in restoring the Meadow once again.



The tour group view the site where larger trees are left spaced apart for natural reforestation and also for shelter for Wildlife in the area.

## Accessing medical care

How do you access medical care as a walk-in?

1. Go to the Business office reception window, located on the right of the main receptionist. Sign in for your chart.

2. When your chart has been pulled from Medical Records, the Business office will give it to you.

3. Bring your chart to Medical Receptionist. A) Sign in. B) Give your chart to the receptionist. C) Fill out the Purpose of the Visit slip, state why you are here (hurt right arm, very painful).

4. If you feel there is a problem with not being seen quickly enough, PLEASE, see the receptionist.

PLEASE tell the receptionist if immediate care need possible contagious situation.