



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Saphronia Katchia
Early Childhood Education held a mini pow wow at the Agency Longhouse Friday, February 10.

Understand the Constitution

Tribal Council elections are just around the corner, scheduled to occur in early April. District meetings have been scheduled for next week regarding Council nominations. Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum, who has served on Council since June 1959, encourages all tribal members, especially younger members, to attend the nomination meetings and to get out and vote. People should be familiar with the tribal Constitution and By-Laws, as well. Section 5 of Article IV, concerning Right to Vote, states, "All members of the Community of either sex, who are married, or who are over 21 years of age are entitled to vote in the district in which they reside." Residency determines which candidates a person can vote for, says Wallulatum. Residency should

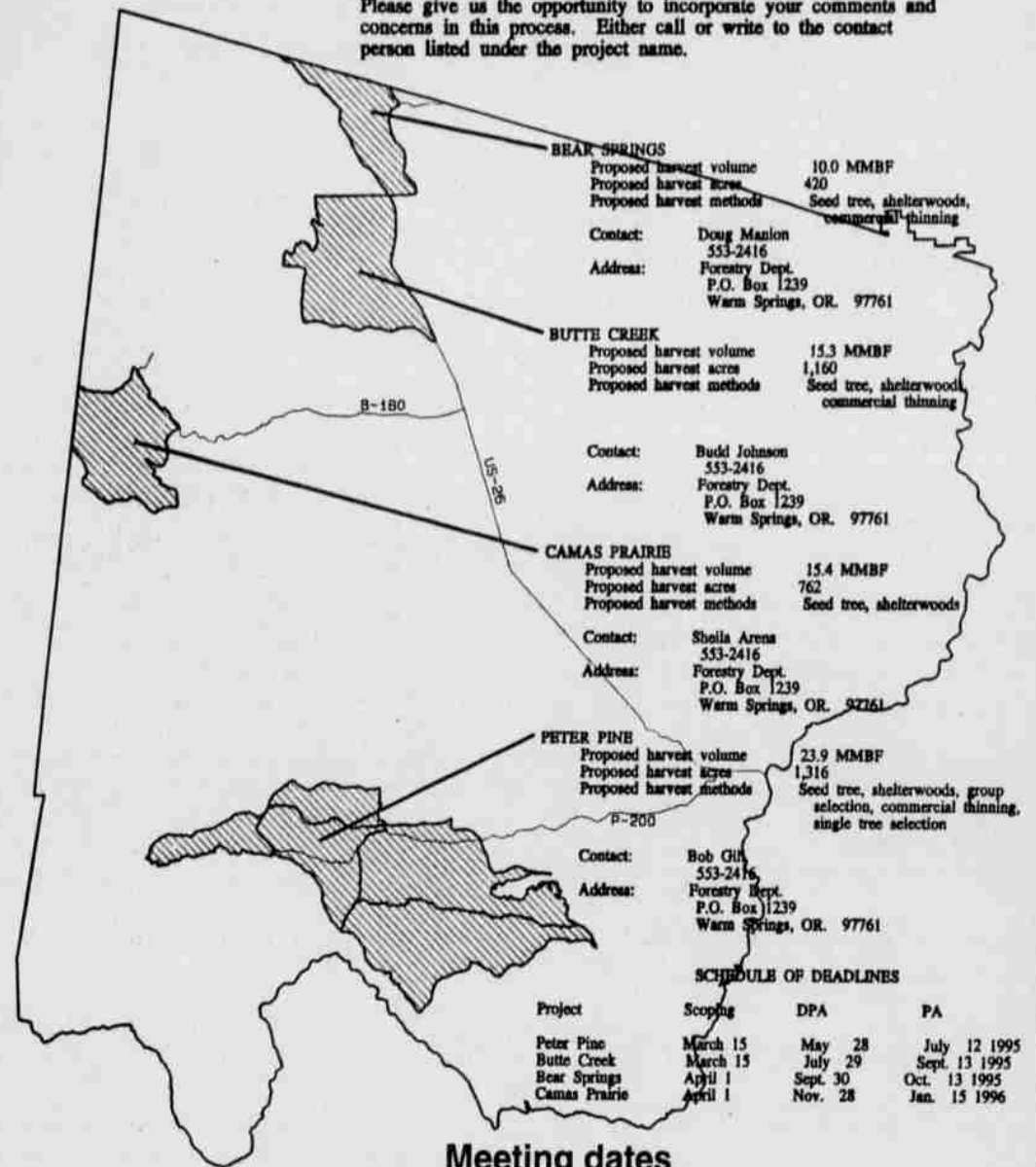
also determine if a candidate is eligible to represent his district. If the candidate does not live in his district, the candidate shouldn't be eligible to represent that district, Wallulatum stressed. Additionally, Wallulatum encourages members to review Article II, Qualifications of Office, which reads, "No person shall represent the Confederated Tribes on the Council unless he is a duly enrolled member of the community who has attained the age of 21 years, and who has never been convicted of a major crime." He added that once the list of nominees is compiled, those names come before the Tribal Council and it is that body that reviews the list of candidates to see if they meet the provisions of the Constitution.

Foster homes needed
CPS Foster Care Program is looking for caring, loving, nurturing, reliable people who would like to be foster parents for children on the reservation. If you or someone you know would like to be a resource for the program, call 553-3209 and ask for Pauline or Cheryl.

Proposed Harvest Areas for 1996

The Project Interdisciplinary Teams for 1996 timber sales is asking for your comments on the proposed activities on four project areas. This is the first opportunity you will have to make comments on the proposed Timber Sales. At this time, attention is given to broad areas and broad topics (Scoping Process). The Project Interdisciplinary Team will use your comments in developing alternatives for the proposed timber activities. As the process continues, attention will be focused on more specific areas. The final call for public input will be given when the Draft Project Assessments (DPA) are issued for 30 day public review. Comments made during the public review of the DPA will be reported and used in refining the Project Assessment (PA).

Please give us the opportunity to incorporate your comments and concerns in this process. Either call or write to the contact person listed under the project name.



Meeting dates
Wednesday, March 1 Simnasho District @ Simnasho Longhouse 1 to 3 p.m.
AND 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 2, Agency District @ Agency Longhouse 1 to 3 p.m.
AND 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 7, Seekseequa District @ Agency Longhouse 1 to 3 p.m.
AND 6 to 9 p.m.
Evening meetings will begin with soup and sandwiches being served at 6 p.m. followed by presentations starting at 6:30 p.m.

Nettie had greater joy during days as a youth

Ninety-two year old Nettie Shawaway was born November 3, 1902 in the Joseph and Susan Papaluits' home in Tenino, where Kathleen Heath now lives. She was born to Frank Queahpama and Skwi empt, her English name was Swan or Millie. Her mother came to Warm Springs from Simnasho to buy matches, a quart of oil, coffee and sugar at the local store. She began feeling sick and asked Susan to go to her house. There she gave birth to Nettie. The day after Nettie was born she rode a horse, because her mother had to go back home. Her father was half Nez Perce, half Warm Springs Indian. He was the Warm Springs chief until his death, October 7, 1942. He was replaced as chief by Johnnie Simtustus in 1943. Her mother was Warm Springs Indian, she passed away April 30, 1975. Nettie was one of seven children. Her sister May, passed away December 28, 1969, Nettie, a baby girl born March 1, 1905 and died August 4, 1906, Matilda, Katherine, who passed away in Chemawa May 19, 1929, Oscar died December 21, 1952, her brother Clayton passed away October 26, 1973. Her sister Sylvia is the youngest. Growing up she was raised to ride and travel by horse or by wagon to get to Maupin. For entertainment they would make their own toys to play with, made out of cans and such. They did not have television or radio for entertainment.

At age seven she started school and didn't have an English name yet. She went to Simnasho school until the fourth grade. She and her sisters would walk two miles in the snow to get to school while packing her sisters along the way. They would be scolded for always coming in late, and having muddy shoes, "but we couldn't help it" she commented. They came down to Warm Springs to attend the boarding school. Later she was sent to Chemawa Indian School for a year. When she returned she was asked for her hand in marriage by Johnson Heath and his family. She did not want to marry, therefore she said no. She was told by others that she disgraced her father by saying no. She returned to school at Chemawa for three more years. After she completed school she moved to Pendleton and stayed with her grandmother for she feared if she came back home she would be asked for her hand in marriage again. She lived in Pendleton with her grandmother for about four years prior to moving back home. When she returned she worked for a business woman named Mrs. Willowdale and her family. She cooked, washed and cleaned for them for \$20.00 a month, "and I never quit!" She married William McCorkle in 1939. March 27, 1939 she adopted Johnny and Betty Lou George. She worked in the hospital here scrubbing toilets, and advanced to the kitchen, earning \$600.00 a month. She also

was employed at the boarding school in Warm Springs. While on vacation they would go to Gresham or Olympia to pick berries. Her husband William was a good fisherman, "he would catch 200 fish a day sometimes." She would salt, dry or can his fish. She did a lot of beadwork, scrape and tan buckskin. And always had a garden as everyone else did. Her second marriage was to Alba Shawaway, a Yakama man. They were married August 26, 1952. They made their home in Yakama. "He was nice looking and good to me. He made me quit working, he told me, 'When I'm gone you're still gonna get money.'" Although she didn't believe him at the time, "it was true". He passed away June 2, 1968. He left her a home in Yakama which she now rents. Nettie felt too lonely staying there with Alba gone and moved back to Warm Springs. Not having any children of her own she now has five step-grandchildren. When comparing the days of the past to now days, she feels she would rather be poor like she was when she grew up. "We never went hungry or had much clothes, but we were happy!" She feels children now are spoiled, "they get thousands of dollars, and it's nothing to them!" Nettie also implied that she doesn't like gambling. "It makes me sick, I'm gonna die with it, being sick, it's wrong, just like drinking!"



Ninety-two year old Nettie Shawaway now makes her home in Simnasho, Oregon.



Nettie when she was twenty-four years old.

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