

## Wyden comes through with library computer

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has come through on a promise to locate a donated government surplus computer for the Warm Springs Indian Reservation library.

Julie Quaid, the Tribe's Early Childhood Education Director, has been working toward establishing a library in Warm Springs for the last five years. Each year she has been able to write a \$5,000 grant and has moved her dream closer to reality. Last year furnishings were purchased with the grant. Quaid mentioned the need for a computer to Warm Springs Public Safety Director Anita Jackson. A few months later, as Anita spoke with Scott Bolton, field representative for Senator Wyden, the talk turned from law and order issues to computers. When Bolton mentioned that the Senator might have access to surplus federal computers, Anita remembered Julie Quaid's need for a computer in their small library.

When Senator Wyden learned that

the Warm Springs Library lacked resources to purchase computer equipment he was already working to get surplus computers donated to St. Mary's Boys Home in Beaverton following a Presidential Executive Order that allowed government agencies to donate their old computer equipment. He immediately contacted federal government offices in Oregon to find surplus equipment for the library as well. The computer donated to the Warm Springs library came from the ATF program.

"The initiative that enabled us to reuse this computer is an example of the kind of common sense thinking that we need to see more of in our government," said Wyden. "With government offices replacing thousands of computers every year, we can help a lot of kids get access to the technology they'll need to compete in the 21st century."

Wyden has also encouraged Oregon businesses and families to think about donating their old equipment.

"Just because you're getting a newer model doesn't mean that the old one can't be put to use somewhere else," he said.

The idea of a library started a few years ago when Johnson O'Malley Education Committee members Julie Quaid and Shirley Sanders talked about the need for a library in Warm Springs. "What a pleasant surprise for us to find that Anita Jackson advocated for us in finding a computer. It's nice to know there are people like that," Quaid said. "Of course we want to thank Senator Wyden, and his staff, for obtaining this computer for us." The Early Childhood Education Director said she would be meeting with others in a few days to try and secure space in the old Health and Wellness Clinic at Warm Springs for the library. Quaid said this would be a family resource, and if she could obtain the building, it would enable her to seek larger dollar amounts in grants. This would decidedly improve the time frame of achieving a use full library in Warm Springs.

Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow raffle winners	
Buckskin dress	Carolyn Lawrence, Warm Springs
22 rifle	Levi VanPelt, Warm Springs
\$300 cash	Agathe Jim, Warm Springs
\$200 cash	Deb Scott, Warm Springs
Shell dress	Angel Hugs, Lapwai, ID
VCR	Ernestine Morning Owl, Pilot Rock
Pendleton blanket	Eileen Frank, Warm Springs
\$100 cash	Wilma J. Wahsise, Toppenish
\$100 cash	Rachel Winishut, Warm Springs
\$100 cash	Illon Wahsise, Warm Springs
\$100 cash	Allen Wheeler, Lapwai, ID
Mountain Bike	Arthur Lewis, Jr., Warm Springs
Bicycle	Lilya Davis, Warm Springs
Long bone necklace	Freida Brown, Bishop, CA
\$50 cash	Wanda Adolph, Plummer, ID
Walkman	Donna Rodgers
\$50 cash	Lenora Seelatsee, Beverly, WA
\$50 cash	Karen Donahue, Bayside, CA
\$25 cash	Whitney Buck, Lapwai, ID
Necklace	Alta Strong, Clackamas, OR
\$100 cash	Duane Winishut, Warm Springs
\$100 cash	Blanche Sandberg, Bend, OR
Beaded hat	Ursula Little, Warm Springs
Gourd (rattle)	Ida Jack, Warm Springs
Eagle statue	Candace Barr, Burns, OR
Jewelry basket	Joyce Quinn, Warm Springs
Pottery	Stuart Harris, Pendleton
Jewelry	Kandee Rhoan, Warm Springs
Jewelry	Vee Whitehorse, Eugene, OR
Picture	Angel Hugs, Lapwai, ID

## Resort extends thanks

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort would like to recognize and thank the following people for their services as cooks and dancers at Kah-Nee-Ta over the last few years.

Roma Cartney, Lucinda Green, Starla Green, Daisy Ike, Geraldine Jim, Wilford Jim, Jr., Mary Ann Meanus, Alfreda Mitchell, Charlotte Shike, Wiggy Sooksoit, Lisa Stevens, Joe Tuckta, Louisa Tuckta, Wilson Wewa, Jr., Sheila Frank, Sandra Greene-Sampson, Mona Howtopat, Kate Jackson, Nathan Jim, Sr., Elizabeth Johnson, Adeline Miller, Myra Shawaway, Suzie Slockish, Eileen Spino, Lucy Suppah, Margie Tuckta and Neda Wesley.

We are in need of more dance groups for 1998. Any groups who are interested please contact Cindy Schmidt at 553-1112, ext. 3436.

## 3-on-3 toumey held

Annual Tar Stars 3-on-3 Tournament was held June 27 at Elmer Quinn Park.

First place was won by Tar Stars team James Scott, Kahseuss Jackson, Reemo Smith and Kelly Wechter. Tar Stars holds the championship for the fourth year in a row.

Second place went to a team from Linn-Benton, third place Jaime Jim team, and fourth place went to TJ Foltz team.

### Legal Fireworks

Any fireworks which produce only smoke, sparks or fire and which do not explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air or travel more than twelve feet on smooth ground.

### Illegal Fireworks

Any fireworks which explode, fly into the air, or behaves in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner.

# Wildland fire suppression, control changed over the years



as observed on the Simnasho fire which cost in excess of \$5 million and the Jefferson fire which costs also exceeded \$2.5 million. In also observing the poor health conditions of the nations forests, fire programs realized that some fires are desirable and many forest ecosystems require periodic burning to maintain their health. Warm Springs Fire Management is a leader in the use of fire within the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Tribal lands. This year Fire Management conducted three (3) large underburns in the timbered area of the reservation, One in the Tenino Bench area for 902 acres, the Twin Buttes area for 276 acres, and another burn near Walker Creek. The objectives for the burns were to reduce the risk of a large wildfire, reduce brush competition with commercial timber and reintroduce fire into a fire evolved and dependent ecosystem.

Other burns are presently being completed in the North Butte and the Quartz Butte areas. Fire Management is burning approximately 3500 acres of natural fuels each year and plans are being developed to increase this effort to 5000 acres per year within the next several years.

As the years progress, statistics are indicating that more people are moving out into the country to live which has created concerns with Fire

Programs in determining whether to fight the fire or to assist in protecting structures. The protection priorities that Fire Management follows in wildfire suppression are: (1) human life, and (2) property and natural/cultural resources. If it becomes necessary to prioritize between property and natural/cultural resources, this is done based on relative values to be protected, commensurate with fire management costs.

The outlook for the 1998 fire season has contributed to the concern, with the abundant rainfall that has occurred, a heavy grass crop has grown in all parts of the reservation. Fires could be fast moving but not as intense in certain areas because of the lack of juniper trees, sagebrush, and down/dead wood.

To assist in suppressing wildfires, Fire Management is planning on constructing and maintaining about 25 miles of Fuel Breaks which will generally be located around or near all of the subdivisions and communities located on the reservation. The intent of the fuel breaks is not to stop the fire completely, but to slow its forward rate of spread so that we may be able to have fire resources at the scene before any structures are threatened, and to provide an area for resources to stop the fire where low fire intensities can occur.

But Fire Management cannot do it

alone, home owners and individuals who rent houses or apartments must take the initiative to reduce the threat of a wildfire burning their homes by doing such things as cutting the weeds, removing or limbing any trees near the structure, removing any garbage, and removing any combustible material that is near the home which could easily catch on fire.

Fire Management has changed its priorities, dealing with hazard reduction around homes and buildings. The first priority is to the Senior Citizens who do not have any children, grandchildren, or relatives capable of doing the work for them or are not capable of doing the work themselves.

The next priorities are the individuals who are disabled and who also do not have anyone capable to do the work for them. Last are all of the other individuals who need assistance, but doing this service is based on the other projects that must be completed during the summer by Fire Management.

The Fire Program will continue to assist in putting in catlines or ripped lines around homes, home owners must make arrangements with Fire Management by submitting a written request, the individuals must be present when the work is being initiated so that the fire personnel doing

the work do not damage any sewer or underground cable lines.

Individuals who have questions on how to reduce the threat of a wildfire to the home can call Fire & Safety at 553-1634 and talk to Karla Tias who is the Prevention Technician. Individuals can also call 553-1146 and contact Tray Leonard or Vernon Tias, Sr. at Fire Management who will make arrangements with individuals to go to the residence and provide information to the resident/owner on how they can help to protect their home.

There is no guarantee that a home will not burn, but if homeowners make an effort to improve the area around their residence, there is a better chance of the home to survive when a wildfire is threatening, than if there was no work done at all.

Individuals who wish to burn debris that has been gathered, have obtained a burn permit, but are nervous about the fire getting away can call the Fire Management office and if available arrangements can be made for an engine crew to park at your location. The engine crew will be there in the event that your burn exceeds your control and they will

help to prevent it from spreading. The individual is still responsible for the burn and must continue to watch it and put it out after the engine crew has left.

Fire Management will continue to assist individuals in any way that we can, but equipment cannot be provided for people to use to work with around their homes.

Wildland fire is still a priority and if one should occur all projects would be secondary. As of June 21, 1998, Fire Management will begin its summer seven (7) day coverage which means initial attack resources will be available every day of the week. During the evening hours there will be two (2) engine crews that will be listed as on-call.

The current Fire Management Officer for the Warm Springs reservation is Michael Gomez. He has worked for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs since 1978, first as a seasonal fire fighter, then as a permanent Fire Control Aide. He continued to progress in the fire organization and in learning the different aspects of what the fire program consisted of. Michael was then selected to manage the program in November 1996.

**Reward offered...**  
To anyone who found a lunch box on roadway between the Industrial Park along Highway 26 and County Line Road to Mill Creek. Lunch box looks like car battery and is a sentimental keepsake. Please return to J. Greene at 4456 Upper Dry Creek.

**Elders Day Dinner**  
July 10, 1998  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
at the Lummi  
Community Center  
All Senior welcomed!!  
Honoring our veterans

**Win a Car!**  
Proceeds to benefit Mid Oregon Special Olympics  
Tickets \$2.00 each  
Ticket includes \$2.00 off a Giant Pizza at Abby's Legendary Pizza (an additional \$1.00 donated by Abby's when coupon redeemed.)  
Tickets may be purchased at  
Abby's Legendary Pizza  
413 SW Glacier Avenue, Redmond  
Look for this car at local Central Oregon events throughout the summer.  
For more information contact: Mid Oregon Special Olympics, 541-388-3965; Brett Mills, 541-548-6935; Dale Williams, 541-923-6004; Marie & Eldon Tom, 541-553-5436.  
Drawing held August 25, 1998 at Abby's in Redmond

**Let This Be A Time Of Ingathering**  
**Exodus 23:16**  
**Camp Meeting '98**  
**July 8-12, 1998**  
at the Tulalip Indian Reservation  
by Marysville, Washington  
begins Wednesday, July 8 @ 7 PM sharp!  
Thursday, July 9, Friday, July 10 &  
Saturday, July 11 @ 12 noon sharp! 7 PM sharp!  
& Sunday, July 12 @ 1 PM sharp!  
Host: Debbie & Merle Williams, Jr.  
11901 55th Ave NE #14  
Marysville, WA 98271  
(360) 659-1777  
Co-Host: Merle Williams Ministries Inc.  
(360) 658-1215  
Bring camping gear, limited housing, motels nearby, meals daily.

**Aftercare Support Group Meetings**  
Monday's 6-7:30 p.m. also Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Men's Group Tuesday's 5:30-7 p.m.**

**Open Group Meeting Wednesday's 5:30-7 p.m.**

**A & D Education Group Thursday's 1-2 p.m.**

**Women's Support Group Friday's 10-12 noon**

All at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center.  
For further information call 553-3205.

**Starr Stick game toumey won by Bush**  
Starr Stick Game Tournament was won by Hamilton Bush of Ft. Duchesne, Utah. They received \$2500 and wool jackets.  
Second place went to Tyrone Pierre of Colville, WA who received \$1500.  
Taking third place was Vincent Joe of Simnasho, his team received \$1000.  
Fourth place went to Wilson Wewa, Jr team in the amount of \$500.