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Paiute Chief Joe Moses was asked by a tae-kwon-do instructor to break a board with his bare hand; the tae-kwon-do demonstration was an unusual part of this year's Pi-Ume-Sha celebration. Moses was a good sport about it, and did in fact break the board.

## Northern Paiute families stand together

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Like puzzle pieces being put into place, more than 200 members of the bands of the Northern Paiutes gathered in Burns for a **Numu Apichaadu Sumunna**, a Paiute language gathering. The gathering, June 17-19, was a chance to celebrate life, share the language dialects of **Numu Yadoan**, the language of the Northern Paiute, and to connect with their **nanumu**, relatives that they knew, and many they didn't know they had! The theme of the gathering was, "Preserving our language and traditions for future generations."

"It was thrilling for our elders to be able to share the language, history and legends of our people," said Patricia Miller, of the Wadatika Band. She shared her knowledge of the traditional ways as a **Numu Yadoan Natunedyooc**, Northern Paiute language teacher, with the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department.

"A gathering was discussed many times in the past, and it is wonderful to see this become a reality, it is a dream come true for many!" she said.

Hosting this unique event was the Wadatika Band of Burns. The Elders of the Wadatika have monthly **Numu Apichaadu Sumunna**. This gathering has been a topic of the

meeting for many months. The gathering was at the Rainbow Park on the Paiute reservation. Thanks to the many people who volunteered their help!

Our history can be traced back 10,000 years, when the Northern Great Basin was a series of great lakes. These areas included Silver Lake, Summer Lake, Lake Abert of Oregon, and Upper and Lower Alkali Lakes of California. These areas were surrounded by thick vegetation and many animals were much larger than they are these days. There were horses, bison, elk, deer, antelope, mastodon and even camel that roamed the valleys and hillsides. Our people gathered the fibrous plants available to create many useful items needed for daily use, including all kinds of baskets, cordage, and sagebrush sandals.

As the climate changed and the lakes began to dry up, our people began to wander farther away, following the food sources from season to season. Our people lived a productive and peaceful life.

Have you heard of the many trails of tears of our Native Indian people throughout Indian country? The Northern Paiute went through their own during the late 1800s. The U.S. government gave the Northern Paiutes 1,778,560 acres of land in Eastern Oregon to call their own, which was known as the

Malheur Reservation. Hostilities grew between the Northern Paiutes and the white-skinned settlers and ranchers who had a voracious appetite for the land, which they wanted for their own use, mainly for settlement and livestock grazing.

This created much turmoil for the Northern Paiutes. The greed of the newcomers prevailed. After complaining to the President of the United States, the newcomers were given access to the northern portion of the reservation, thus destroying various natural resources our people survived on.

Many of our people hid in hills and caves of the area, while fighting for the land continued. By January of 1879, all Northern Paiutes to be found were rounded up and forced in the dead of a cold and miserable winter to travel over mountains covered thick with snow. They were made to cross the numbingly frigid great Columbia River during this awful time.

Out of more than 2,000 Northern Paiutes, only one-third remained. This gathering was very emotional at times, with Mo'mooatpu our Elders thanking our Paiute, Shoshone and Bannock pasts. Our people have gone through tremendous atrocities but we are a very strong-willed people and we have prevailed.

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## Twenty-five years ago this week

From the July 1, 1980  
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A masked robber armed with a homemade rifle handcuffed Bob McInturff to his car and made off with \$5,000 in one-hundred dollar bills destined for the Rainbow Market. McInturff, owner of the Warm Springs Market, was returning from the bank

on the morning of June 25 when the disguised man demanded the money he was carrying.

McInturff pulled into the parking lot south of the Rainbow Market when he saw a man wearing a ski mask crouched behind a tree. He was wearing a blue jacket and held what appeared to be a sawed-off, home-

made rifle. McInturff slowly began backing his car out of the parking space. The masked man then came up to his car and pointed the gun at him. The robber opened the car door, took the bag of money and McInturff's car keys. After handcuffing him to the steering wheel the robber fled.

## Young Achiever Addie Estimo Sponsored by Les Schwab

Addie Estimo is an exceptional summer youth worker. She is the receptionist at the Indian Health Services, and works under Veronica Baeg and Marella Sam. Addie spends a majority of her time working at the switchboard.

Her job includes answering the phone calls at the clinic and transferring them to the different departments. One of her main responsibilities is to write down the calls and which department they go to, something that is not usually done in every workplace. Phone logs are important to IHS, because they show calls coming in and going out, and are records of connection. Addie likes the office setting.

College is down the road for



this hard worker. An interesting field of study, she said, would be literature. Her other interests include playing tennis during the school year, along with some basketball.

The money she is making through the Workforce Youth Program, Addie said, will be used for school. She is the daughter of Mark Stevens and Jackie Estimo.

— By Ashley Aguilar

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