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In a late night fire at the Warm Springs Records Center located at the Warm Springs Industrial site, records which are of vital importance to the Confederated Tribes were in danger of being lost forever. The fires started in the restroom in the Records Center due to a faulty fan. The Warm Springs Fire and Safety department and the Warm Springs volunteer firemen managed to control the fire before a great deal of material was lost. Records that were damaged by fire and water were Fish Commission and Education records. Records clerk Linda Bagley said the work is now to salvage those records which suffered from smoke, water and fire. The microfilm will be sent to Portland to be reproduced to make certain that none of the material will be lost.

## Genealogical training

A genealogical training course is being co-sponsored by Bear Chief and Associates and the Missoula Vocational Technical Center. The course begins on June 6, 1983, and will continue until August 12, 1983. It will be conducted in Missoula, Montana. Students will earn 20 credits and will be certified as genealogical researchers upon successful completion of the course.

We are certain that the course objectives are most important to Tribes and Indian people in general. We are confident the course will be completely filled once the word gets around. A deposit of

\$100.00 will assure a person's enrollment in the class.

Individuals desiring to enroll should forward the deposit of \$100.00 to Missoula Vocational Technical Center, Missoula, Montana 59801, payable to payable to Missoula Vocational Technical Center. Upon receipt of the deposit, a receipt and a personal data form will be returned. It is requested the personal data form be completed and returned to the Center.

If you are interested write or call Bear Chief and Associates, P.O. Box 8202, Missoula, Montana 59807, (406) 728-2363.

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## Tribes must pay excise taxes

The Supreme Court rejected an appeal from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs March 21, leaving the Tribes liable for \$81,000 in excise taxes owed to the federal government.

The justices let stand a ruling that the Confederated Tribes are not a governmental entity free from federal tax restraints.

Since 1967, the Tribes have owned and operated WSFPI processing and marketing timber from the reservation. As part of its operations, tribal members own several trucks using diesel fuel.

Until 1978, the Tribes paid the excise taxes on the fuel used by the trucks and the excise tax

on a truck chassis tribal members assembled.

But in May 1978, the Tribes filed for a refund, claiming the same exemption from the federal taxes that states and their political subdivisions enjoy. The Internal Revenue Service counterclaimed for additional sums it said the Tribes owed in taxes.

A federal district court ruled the Tribes had no exemption from paying the taxes.

Upholding the ruling, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the confederation is not a political subdivision of Oregon because it has no authority from the state.

The appeals court, which is based in San Francisco, suggested that the Indians seek relief in Congress, not the courts, to escape paying the taxes.

In its Supreme Court appeal, the Tribes argued the exemption for governmental entities included tribal governments. It noted the high court had ruled in 1980 that an Indian tribe in Arizona was exempt from state excise taxes while operating its sawmill.

The Tribe said that although Congress passed a tax exemption for Indians in 1982, the high court should resolve the case because the Tribes owed \$81,231, plus interest, for taxes through 1977.

## New post office in the works

The U.S. Postal Service has notified the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that they are now able to develop a new post office in Warm Springs.

They need approximately a 1/2 acre site with space for at least a 15-car parking lot. The modular building will be approximately 1,700 square feet in size which is several times larger than the existing

post office currently located in Macy's store.

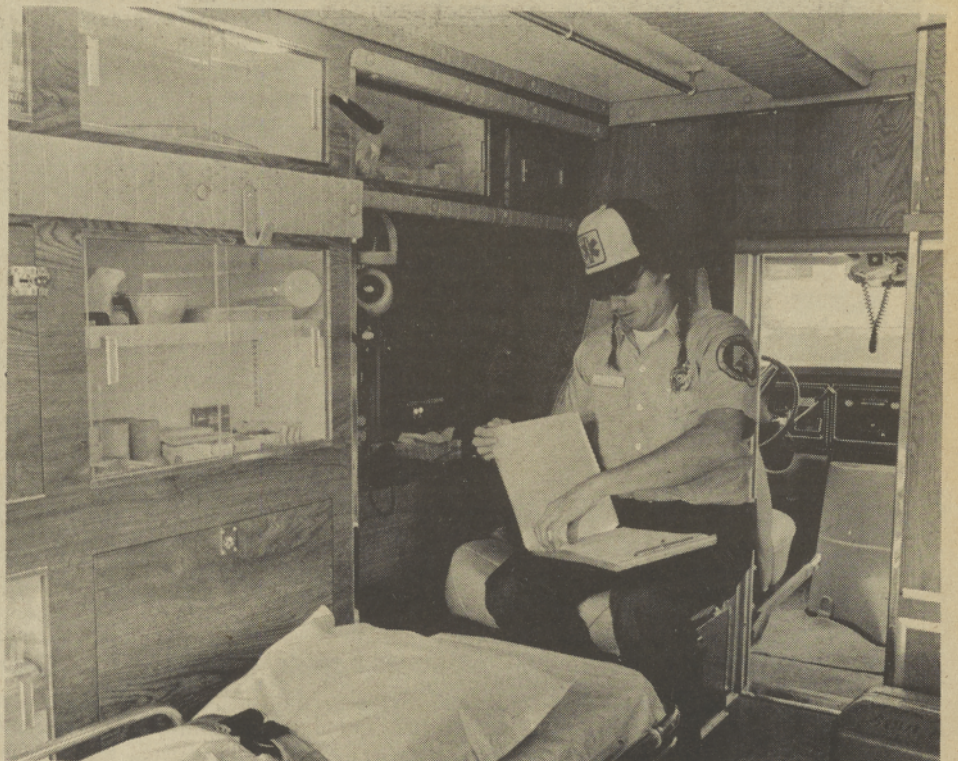
The unit can be installed within 90 days after the site is selected, says tribal planner Ray Rangila. The postal service is requesting a land lease from the Tribes.

An April 12 meeting is planned at which the Land Use Committee and planning department staff will be reviewing two concepts for the

post office that have been developed. The purpose of the meeting is to gain input from the community to assist the committee and the planning department in recommendations to Tribal Council. One site proposal is west of the new administration building. The other proposed site is on the campus.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on April 12 at the Agency Longhouse.

## W.S. has new ambulance



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Firefighter Fred Muniz sits inside new, roomier ambulance which replaces a 1974 model.

A much newer and more reliable ambulance has recently replaced the 1974 Chevrolet previously in use.

"It was time we got a new one," says Firefighter II Fred Muniz. The previous ambulance was always breaking down and had electrical problems. When that happens and it interferes with patient care, it becomes time to replace it.

The new Ford ambulance allows room for the Emergency

Medical Technician or team to work. There is also more storage space and it is set up much better, adds Muniz.

The ambulance can transport up to four people and has extra outlets for use of equipment.

Besides the new ambulance housed in Warm Springs a second ambulance is located at Simnasho. Use of the emergency vehicles at both stations vary from month to month. In January 1983, 41 ambulance runs were made.

Fire and Safety personnel man the ambulance during runs. They include Jerry Huff, Fred Muniz, Danny Martinez, Harvey Yordy, Dean Seyler, Bill Carter, Eldon Tom and Sharlayne Garcia.

Volunteers making the ambulance runs are: Mark Hammond, Jeannie Neuman, Bruce Yeo, Phillip Selam, Dennis Martinez, Bob Medina, Dan O'Brian and Walt Langnese.