



Merritt Youngdeer and his wife, Luli, left and center, recently visited Warm Springs during their vacation and were the guests of Ralph Minnick, right, and his family. Youngdeer is currently assistant area director of Aberdeen, South Dakota and served as Warm Springs superintendent from 1981 to 1983.

Indians living longer now

Life expectancy at birth for American Indians and Alaska Natives has experienced the largest increase in 30 years, according to data released today by HHS Secretary Margaret H. Heckler.

"This is further dramatic evidence documenting longer, healthier life for all the people of America," Secretary Heckler said in announcing the Indian Health Service (IHS) data.

Life expectancy at birth for American Indians and Alaska Natives was 71.1 years for the period 1979-1981, up six years from the period 1969-1971.

The trend in life expectancy for American Indians and Alaska Natives has moved upward for the past four decades. But the latest increase was the largest since the gain of nine years between 1939-1941 and 1949-1951.

Between 1969-1971 and 1979-1981, the American Indian and Alaska Native population showed increases in life expectancy at birth of 6.4

years (to 67.1 years) for males and of 3.9 years (to 75.1 years) for females. Also, in the 10-year period studied, infant mortality decreased from 24.7 infant deaths per 1,000 live births 1969-1971 to 13.8 per 1,000 (1979-1981). Despite these gains, life expectancy at birth for this group still lagged behind that for the total U.S. population in 1980 (73.7 years for both sexes, 70 years for males and 77.5 years for females).

Concerned over the gaps that exist between the health status of minorities and the total population, Secretary Heckler, earlier this year, commissioned the Task Force on Black and Minority Health. The task force is charged with studying the problem and making recommendations for improving the health status of minorities.

In preparing the 1979-1981 tables, demographers used mortality data and population estimates of the American

Indians and Alaska Natives residing in the 28 states in which the IHS has responsibilities. The IHS is part of the Health Resources and Services Administration, one of the agencies of the Public Health Service.

Bomb threat received at mill

A bomb threat was received at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries office on August 10 at about 6:30 a.m. according to Manager Bob Macv. He said that the chance there was a bomb were 99-1, but management chose to close the mill because they couldn't take a chance with worker's safety.

The Warm Springs Police Department was called in to search for a bomb. Ray Calica, chief of police stated that 14 officers were used to search the mill. Officers from WSPD, volunteers from Jefferson County's Sheriff's department and supervisors from the mill staff were used in the five hour search which "didn't turn up any bomb."

Upon receiving the call, the day shift crews at the mill were sent home with pay. According to Macy, the log center crew stayed while that area was searched and upon finding no bomb in the area they returned to work their regular shift. The

mill reopened at 5 p.m. for the swing shift crews.

"Bomb call hoaxes effect the entire tribal membership, because in this case, the mill is the main source of income to the Tribes," commented Calica. He went on to say that people need to be aware that when these calls are made the monies used to pay the police department is monies out of the pockets of tribal members. For every hour a tribal enterprise is shut down it is costing the Tribes through loss of income, wages for personnel and interruption of work production. He asks that if anyone has any information concerning the call should contact the police department.

The matter is under investigation by the tribal police.

The call to the mill was the third such call in the Warm Springs community within the last 18 months.

C/O Arts Festival on Aug. 25

You are especially invited to the Central Oregon Arts Festival to be held here in Warm Springs on Saturday, August 25. The Visual Arts, Crafts and Performing Arts will be held outside this summer, at the Warm Springs Community Center. (If it rains we will hold it inside).

The Community Center will

be open at 8:00 a.m. for setting up. Concessions stands are welcome! There will not be commissions taken on sales of Art work or concessions! Our tables are very limited this year. Therefore they will be for Warm Springs Community people only. There will be a charge of \$3.00 per table. Reserved tables will be held only until 9:30 a.m.

We are planning an International Art Fair to be held August 24 and 25 next year. We invite your ideas and suggestions on making this an outstanding fair.

Please contact the Community Center at ext. 243/244/302 or 553-1161 for more information between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Headstart registration, Sept. 12, 13

The procedure for Headstart registration will be somewhat different than previously advertised in the weekly newsletter. Registration for Head Start will be on September 12 and 13 in the Community Center Arts and Crafts room. Your child must turn either three or four years old by November 15th to be eligible. Following is the registration procedure:

1. Make an appointment for a physical. Forms, including the physical form to be signed by the doctor, immunization record (to be filled in and signed by the Community

Health Nurse), and dental history records are available now in the Head Start office. All children who were not enrolled last year must have a physical.

2. Come to registration on September 12 and 13 and bring the following: **Proof of Income**-May be a pay stub, W-2 form, etc. Unemployment and social security count as income and require a check stub. Per capita does not count as income.

Social Security Numbers-Numbers are needed for all adults over age 21 in household who contribute to the family

income.

Completed physical, Immunization, and Dental Forms.

The first day of Headstart preschool is Monday, September 17th. Children will be allowed to begin on that day only if all registration forms have been completed and reviewed by the Head Start office staff. A short video presentation will be part of the registration procedure on the 12th and 13th of September. For additional information call the Head Start office, 553-1161, ext. 241 or 242.

August 27

Slides to be shown

The second showing of Pi-Ume-Sha slides taken by Spilyay Tymoo staff photographers takes place Monday, August 27 at the Community Center arts and crafts room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Powwow and rodeo slides are included in the showing along with a few stick game

photos.

Orders will be taken that evening for duplicate slides or color photographs. Orders must be accompanied with payment.

Color payment prices: 5x7-\$4.50; 8x10-\$6.95; 11x14-\$12.95; 16x20-\$38.50. Duplicate slides are \$.65 each.

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Navajos visit mill

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

A Navajo delegation was at WSFPI office recently to investigate and study the computer equipment at the office. Navajo Forest Products, located in Navajo, New Mexico, has 320 employees, five of whom are non-tribal members. They cut 36MMbf per year as compared to WSFPI's 84.5 MMbf.