

Life line unit proven beneficial

Already activated twice, the lifeline unit worn by Ellen Heath has proved beneficial. The signal unit worn around her neck enabled Ellen to notify Mountain View Hospital of her need for assistance.

Recently introduced in this area the Lifeline system provides a way for elders who often choose to live by themselves to have a sense of security.

A receiver located at Mt. View Hospital in Madras receives the signal activated by the neck signal unit through a private telephone line. The subscriber's service unit number is flashed on the hospital monitor, his card pulled and a hospital attendant calls a listed responder to check on the client.

When the responder reaches the subscriber's home he will push a reset button on the telephone unit informing the hospital that he has arrived. The hospital immediately calls the subscriber's residence. Additional assistance is dispatched if there is no answer indicating the responder is busy with the client.

The Lifeline home unit is checked once a month to make

certain it is working correctly.

Although the unit does provide a sense of security when Ellen is alone, she says the unit around her neck makes her feel

she is always in danger.

She also mentions she would like a modified version of the neck unit allowing a more comfortable necklace. Ellen adds

she should like to see the units activated when an abrupt movement is made such as falling. Now, the unit is activated only when the button is pushed.



A lifeline signal unit worn around Ellen Heath's neck can activate an electronic receiver which in turn alerts Mountain View Hospital attendants in case of an emergency.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

IHS there to help with health costs

by Donna Behrend

Health care costs are rising and there appears to be no end in sight. A five-day stint in the hospital in a semi-private ward costs about \$2,700 plus the physician's fees and operating costs, if any. If a person has no insurance and is not eligible for welfare or Medicare, what's the answer?

For IHS eligible Indians, the solution is simple—IHS will pick up the tab as long as the services rendered are either emergent and preauthorized.

But, for health care that is not considered priority I, IHS can not pay. For instance, if an elderly person needs to be confined to a nursing home for an indefinite period of time, IHS is not considered the source of funding. All other alternate funding resources, such as the Vets, Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and in some instances, car insurance and Workmen's Comp, by law, must be investigated and utilized.

"We will not purchase custodial care," said Warm Springs Service Unit Director Lee Loomis. "However, we will purchase care related to recovery and recuperation." Throughout the country, health care pro-

grams exclude custodial care. Public Health observes the same policy. "This is by regulation. It is not a local ruling."

If an eligible person requires hospital care and has insurance coverage, IHS pays the deductible and the insurance pays the remainder. In the same manner, if the person has no insurance and is not eligible for any other assistance, IHS will cover the expenses. . . there is no limit.

IHS also has a deferred services roster. This roster names people who are identified who are in need of procedures such as cataract surgery, hip replacement and crown and bridge work. These procedures are not considered priority I. "IHS has a priority system," said Loomis. "We deal with the most medically critical things first."

Loomis explained that the overall operating budgeting of IHS is about the same as last year but that priority I items, so far have been higher. Deferred services come only after priority I needs are met. Some deferrals are delayed an indefinite period of time and some people voluntarily withdraw from the roster for personal reasons. "We provided every deferrable service applied for last year. So far, this year, it's a different story. Money's tighter."

U.S./Canada treaty ratified—Continued from page 1

If not looked at as a package the tribes involved would not support it.

The importance of protecting and rebuilding the salmon resource and the need for this treaty was summed in testimony submitted by Delbert Frank,

Sr. on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Prior to the bills ratification in the Senate, "To this day, our culture and religion revolve around salmon, especially the chinook salmon. For our 1855 Treaty and our way of life to

have meaning, we must have salmon."

The treaty, which was first introduced to Congress January 16, 1985 will be signed by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and President Reagan in Quebec City March 17.

Culture to be added to curriculum

A committee made up of teachers and community representatives have begun meeting to develop a program of activities to teach Indian Cultural Awareness to students at Warm Springs Elementary School. The first meeting was a productive one. The end result of the work of this committee will be to develop a package of activities to be used by the classroom teacher with assistance from community resource people. Each grade level's activities will be planned to build on the activities which will be presented at the previous grade levels.

This building project will compliment the work that is presently being done at the district level developing a Multi-Cultural Awareness Guide for teachers. The activities developed will later

be incorporated into the outline of activity topics developed for the District Multi-Cultural Awareness Curriculum.

The next step will be to develop the list of activities that might be included in the program. Your assistance in this would be greatly appreciated. If you have

some feelings about the kinds of activities you would like to have considered in the planning, please list your thoughts and drop them by the school. We will review all suggestions at our next committee meeting, March 18, 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary library.

Funds to be held

The solicitor's office advised Warm Springs superintendent Bernie Topash recently that the recent land claims judgment monies can not and will not be released from minor's accounts until they turn 18 years of age.

Topash stated that he has had

several requests from the parents or guardians of minors.

The funds are being held in a separate account and they will draw interest. If a child dies before the age of 18, the monies will go to the heirs (parents or brothers or sisters) as determined by the administrative law judge.

Happy birthday Spilyay Tymoo

On March 19, 1976, Spilyay Tymoo made its debut with its first issue. Earlier that year, the Tribal Council decided it was about time we had our own newspaper.

After everything was all set, the staff was hired, with the first office located in a very small room on the northeast corner of the building of the old girl's dorm. The first thing to do was to name the paper, so an announcement was put in the weekly newsletter of a name contest for the newspaper. We didn't get any response, perhaps, because the first prize was not a trip to Hawaii or something like that. Well, anyway, there had to be a name of some kind, the staff thought it should be something unique, with an Indian name and all.

So they formed a committee to look into the possibility of

starting one. With the help of the public relations office, W.W. Marsh, the tribal management and the journalism teachers from Madras High School and other key personnel, it was agreed that it was feasible to have a newspaper here in Warm Springs, which would be published once a month, in tab size.

Becoming pressed for time, we came up with the name "Spilyay Tymoo." It was an arbitrary one by the staff. One reason was that years and years ago, legends were that Spilyay (Coyote) had a lot to do with the creation of the lifestyle for the Indian people. Spilyay was an educator, an informer to the people, he taught them how to survive, he taught them right from wrong. He warned them of harmful things, always keeping them up on the latest happenings.

And so, with the Spilyay (Coyote), the mountains and the desert scenery are symbolic of the reservation landscape; thus the title "Spilyay Tymoo." (Coyote News).

This was the Tribal Council's attempt to keep the tribal members informed of reservation activities as well as state and national news that is pertinent to the tribe.

As time passed, there have been a lot of disappointments and some slow times but on the brighter side of things there have been a lot of accomplishments since its origination. And hopefully in the future, better and brighter things will happen.

Smith returns with new career—Continued from page 1

old very fast. I think that four years at that type of a job and going at that pace, it's better to get out when you can." An average day for Smith was 11 hours long. "I felt that there was just so much to do. I had to put in the extra work."

Not that consulting work is going to be any easier. Smith stated that the "consulting field is a tough business. You don't get rich. You make a decent salary if you're busy. But you

usually have to generate twice as much as your salary." Smith said that if you take two weeks off, you lose two week's salary. "When you're not working, you're not making anything."

One thing that will hopefully alleviate working 365 days a year is for Smith to become involved in another business. "Not working for someone, but maybe get into business on my own...I wouldn't mind putting a project together on a reserva-

tion, and say, contract with the tribe" to manage the project for 10 years or so "until we can train someone to take it over." Smith also mentioned gaming, something that has really caught on on various reservations. "These are the types of things I'm going to be taking a look at. But in the mean time, I probably will continue to consult and do that for a long time, because I think there are a lot of things to do out there. There's still a big need."

Scott takes clarinet title

Bridgette Scott, 16, was selected as the winner in the district solo instrumental contest held in Bend March 2. The high school sophomore won the bass clarinet solo competition. She competed against students from high schools throughout Cen-

tral Oregon.

Bridgett will compete in the state finals held in Ashland, Oregon, April 27. She will compete against students from various districts in the state.

Bridgette is the daughter of Gordon and Brenda Scott of

Warm Springs and the granddaughter of Nick and Viola Kalama and Elmer Scott.

Greg Hastings also of Madras High school took second place in the bass clarinet solo competition.

Projects encourage thinking

At what temperature does mold grow best, how does color influence taste, what difference does insulation make heating a home were questions Madras Jr. High students answered as they worked on their various science projects for the 1985 Science Fair held March 5 at Madras Junior High school.

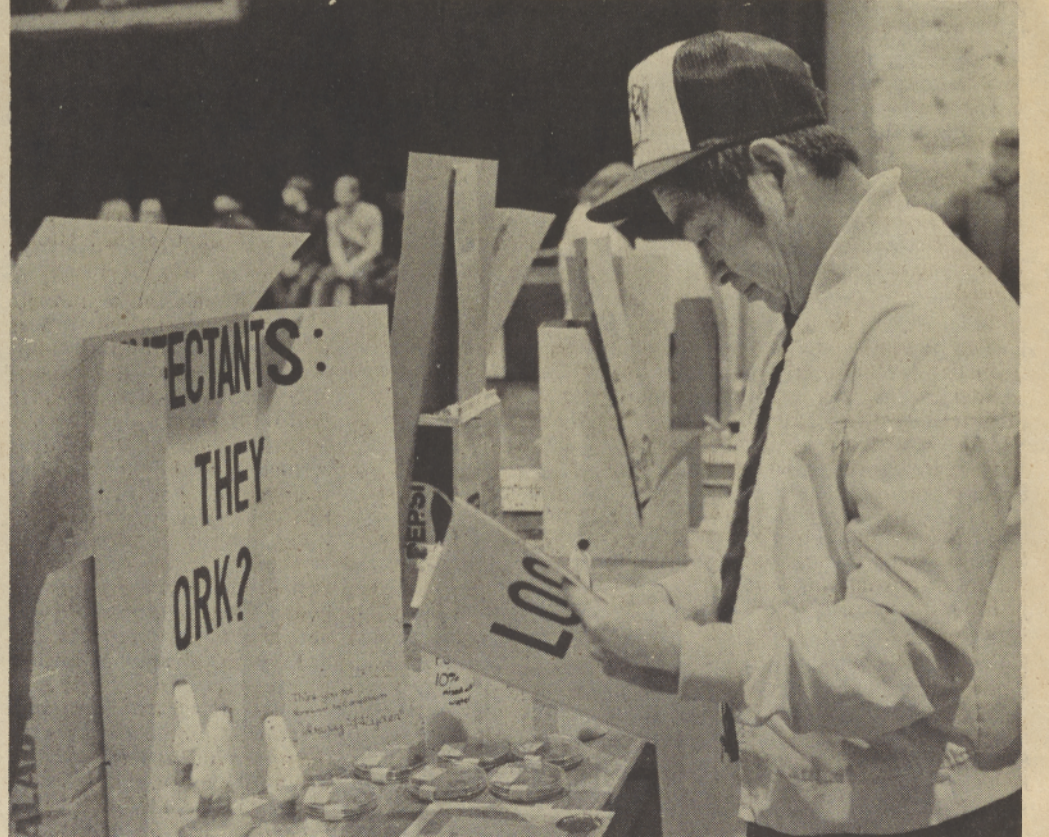
Using the scientific process students made observations and experimented to arrive at a conclusion making a graphic presentation of their work.

Community members judged the work of the students award-

ing gold, silver and honorable mention medals to them, but the medals weren't as important as other aspects of the science fair projects.

The purpose of the science fair, according to MJH science instructor Jill Rain is to encourage independent thinking. The students come up with their own ideas for a project and figure out a method to arrive at an answer. The students who participate, says Rain, have a good feeling about it. They feel a great satisfaction after completion of the science project.

Warm Springs students receiving silver medals were Saphronia Coochise and Nicole Yaw. Other Warm Springs students who participated in the fair and received honorable mentions awards were Mary Henderson, Scheldon Minnick, Kendrick Arthur, Nikki Courtney, Irwina Mitchell, Tyrone Smith, Delbert Lawson, Matt Clements, Rachel Macy, Daniel Smith, Ryan Eagleheart, Lois Tewee, Jonathan Smith, Dorothy Kalama, Norma Switzler, Rhonda McKinley, Demus Martinez and Thurman Squiemphen.



Learning about disinfectants Delton Switzler examines experiment log kept by science student.

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