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Coyote News in brief

NCAI Conference

An estimated 1,500 tribal representatives, including 16 from Warm Springs, gathered in Tampa, Florida for the annual NCAI conference.

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High school vocational classes

Madras High School offers vocational forestry classes for students interested in forestry and related fields.

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Concerns expressed

Forester John Kelley appeals to tribal members to get more actively involved in natural resources management.

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Woods safety

Planning tips are given for trips to the mountains during hunting and firewood gathering seasons.

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Extension

The Warm Springs Extension office offers tips on family life and announces a "Coping with Caregiving" workshop scheduled for Tuesday, October 20.

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Rodeo a "go"

The Western States Indian Rodeo Association will hold the regional finals October 17 and 18 in Chiloquin.

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Education

Vocational programs and alternative education keep students interested in schools.

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General Council Meeting

November 12,

Agency Longhouse

Topic: 1988 Budget

WEATHER

Sept.	High	Low
23	91	48
24	82	51
25	70	48
26	63	45
27	72	32
28	79	38
29	83	40
30	89	41
Oct.		
1	88	43
2	87	44
3	78	49
4	78	42
5	81	40
6	80	39

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Young dancer at the Warm Springs Elementary powwow held Friday, October 2.

Petition presented to Tribal Council

With the signatures of 36 tribal members in hand, Shirley Sanders and a constituency of concerned tribal members presented to Tribal Council October 5 a "petition" that lists various issues to be addressed by Council. The petition calls for public hearings to "allow aggrieved tribal citizens to present testimony addressing real or believed problems of the Tribal Council, tribal court and tribal police department."

The second paragraph of the petition states that the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Indian Civil Rights Act and the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws all say that federal or tribal governments cannot pass any law that disallows freedom of speech, freedom of the press or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the "tribal government for a redress of grievances."

The paragraph continues stating "we believe the above said documents allow all tribal citizens the right to criticize any tribal government official, no matter how important that official may be, and to support peaceful changes in how tribal government is run."

The petition cites problems in the tribal court, the police department, lack of Tribal Council minutes and dissatisfaction with chief judge Richard Frederick.

The petition calls for a eleven (11) percent reduction in the police and court budgets. "If they are not reduced, we will petition the 1988 annual budget."

The petition questions the necessity of posting \$500 cash for advance bail out of jail, "especially where it has always been the practice to have to pay only ten percent of the bail and be released until trial." The two-page document also states that the "tribal court and police department seem to have a collaborative understanding that each charge for which an individual is arrested be written on separate citations so that each citation requires a \$500 cash bail amount, making it impossible for many individuals to post bail."

Supporters of the petition also

claim that the civil rights of some individuals who have been arrested have been violated because the court is not operating under the law.

The petitioners suggest that the present police department organization be realigned to "meet our community protection and security needs." They also charge that the Tribal Council acted improperly in "continuing the employment of the chief judge. Based on our knowledge and understanding of the agreement by which the judge was employed, he should not have been rehired."

The petitioners asked that Tribal Council publish Council minutes. "We feel very uninformed and unable to be involved in tribal business and affairs of the tribe... We feel we could be of help and an asset to the Council if we could get informed and involved in a timely manner."

They questioned the annual budget and program review and evaluation process, claiming the present process "does not allow the tribal member community to be 'really involved enough' to allow it to logically indicate its priorities and to 'know' what is really occurring at the program level."

The petition signers also feel that Ordinance 44 and resolution 4729, which pertain to petition for tribal elections, are "unconstitutional because they restrict individual freedom to do something."

At the October 5 meeting Sanders also gave to Tribal Council copies of statements made by tribal members who have had dealings with the court and police department. She also stated that some people "were afraid of losing their jobs" if they signed the petition. "They need some kind of guarantee that they're not going to lose their jobs" if they speak up.

Sanders asked for public hearings for the people to discuss problems. "It's up to the people to come up with the system of the courts and police. These things belong to

us," she said.

Council chairman Zane Jackson stated that not all problems could be taken care of by the end of the year. He asked if they could "delay until after the end of the 90-day budgeting period."

Myra Shawaway stated she knew "changes weren't going to happen with just budget cuts. It will come with working with those people."

George Clements stated that he "thinks the police department has gotten out of hand." He suggested that there be only three supervisors and that the rest of the enforcement personnel be "patrolmen." He advised Council to "take a look at the titles."

One person at the meeting intimated that there was too close a connection between the court and Tribal Council. The chairman stated that there "has to be a separation between the court and Council. We give the judges the Law and Order code and tell them to enforce it. We can't question all their decisions."

Jackson continued, "If they're not doing their jobs, we need to know that."

Neda Wesley suggested that Simnasho does not receive adequate police and fire protection. "There are a lot of elderly and handicapped people living there. It would be good to have someone check on them."

While some are calling for a reduction in the police department budget and personnel, others are calling for improved services. Jackson noted, "It's a matter of dispersing what we have."

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at the Agency Longhouse. The hearing will provide a time for Tribal Council to hear peoples' concerns and questions raised in the petition. The meeting will run from 11 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. A follow-up meeting to answer questions raised at the October 22 meeting will be held Thursday, November 5.

Two community meetings have been scheduled to discuss the proposed Early Childhood Center. The first meeting will be held at the **Simnasho Longhouse Thursday, October 22**. The second meeting will be held at the **Agency Longhouse Thursday, October 29**. Both meetings will be held in the evening.

Second annual Information Fair to be held Oct. 20

Second Annual Information Fair will be held October 20, 1987 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse. The public is invited to attend and comment on the services available to community members.

All local government agencies will be represented to provide information on the purpose and services available to community members. Community members are encouraged to write or voice their concerns, both pro and con, of these services.

The purpose of this Information Fair is for the public to be aware of offices and programs primary purpose and the services that are provided to community members. This will be an opportunity to educate and promote services.

Information will be based upon existing services and those in the proposed 1988 budget. All Tribal Members are encouraged to ask questions and make comments.

This public forum will allow community members to interact on a one-to-one basis with supervisors and other employees.

