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Coyote News in brief

Commendation awarded

The Elliott Palmer VFW Post #4217 has received a 100 percent membership commendation.

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Seeking to update Veteran's list

The current list of tribal member veterans may not be complete. Vital Statistics is seeking names for that list.

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Veteran's Day activities

A veteran's parade and dinner is planned for Veteran's Day, November 11 at the Agency Longhouse. All are invited to attend.

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Happy first anniversary

Warm Springs Apparel Industries celebrates its first year in operation. Contracts are coming in while the operation turns out thousands of garments per month.

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Successful trainer

Following in his mother's footsteps, Hud Estimo has made training horses his living.

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Student improvement noted

A recently completed Title IV evaluation shows Indian student improvement in most goal areas. However, drop-out rate is still high.

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Extension offers a four-page insert on money-saving matters. Look inside and learn how to save \$\$\$.

Public Meeting Nov. 12

Agency Longhouse
6 p.m. dinner
7 p.m. meeting
Agenda: 1988 budget

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Concerns discussed at meeting

Concerns ranging from unfair treatment by tribal court and police officials to overall dissatisfaction with the tribal organization were discussed at a meeting Thursday, October 22 at the Agency Longhouse. The meeting was held during the day so as to accommodate those who work at night.

Alvis Smith, Sr. suggested that future meeting be held in the evening so that "more people can attend. I feel you're by-passing tribal members."

Council chairman Zane Jackson explained that several meetings have been scheduled in the evenings and that by having a day meeting, Council did not in anyway "intend to exclude those employed during the day."

The concerns mentioned in the petition presented to Council in early October were read. The petition, signed by 36 members, notes the lack of Council minutes, lack of input into the annual budget, the bail/bond procedure and various other items, including an "11 percent reduction in the court and police budgets."

Chief of Police Ray Calica asked

if the petitioners wanted an 11 percent cut from each department or if that cut was a combined figure. He also noted that the 11 percent figure was odd. "Why the arbitrary figure of 11 percent? Why not five percent, 10 percent, or 15 percent?"

Calica explained his proposed budget, stating that the original figures were over nine percent above 1987. "We made cuts that resulted in a 1.7 percent increase." Calica also noted that the Warm Springs police department is a hard place to work. "No one is in a position that they're going to hold forever."

One member stated he thought money was being wasted in training police officers just to have them transfer to another law enforcement agency. He felt more tribal members should be hired.

Calica answered that when a position becomes vacant, the opening is advertised first on the reservation and other reservations. Most "stay here one or two years. They get burned out."

To find out why the turnover rate is high, George Clements suggested that "maybe we should ask those who aren't working anymore."

He stated that there are 20 tribal members who, at one time were policemen, but who are not now working but are certified. Clements also asked if the Tribe is still sending non-Indians to the state academy and "is the Tribe paying?"

Calica responded that while an officer is at the academy, "we pay their salary, the state pays for their training because of the Police Standards Act."

Clements criticized the present police force, stating that he didn't think any of the officers "would take a child home to Simnasho, cut wood for a senior citizen or deliver messages." He also cited a "conflict" between Indian and non-Indian officers. "When you bring these two together, there are going to be sparks. As long as we have an almost 90 percent non-Indian police force, we're going to have problems."

"The biggest complaint," continued Clements, "is the attitude of the officers. When a person is really drunk, an officer shouldn't put a person through all those tests. They're making monkeys out of our people."

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ECD center to provide for many

"Three hundred and sixty Indian students could potentially not graduate from high school." In Oregon the dropout rate is 30 percent. In this district, the dropout rate among Indian students is 40-50 percent. Early childhood education is where this process begins.

"We need to start doing some things now," says education/training/employment manager Jody Calica. "I'm not willing to say these statistics are acceptable."

Parents and educators are making the Early Childhood Development

Center a priority. Public meetings at Simnasho and Agency have reaffirmed the community's strong commitment to a facility designed to help young children learn.

Currently, children are educated throughout the community in trailers next to Highway 26, at the Presbyterian Church, at the Community Center and in the old boy's dorm. More than 89 children are on waiting lists with 215 children now being served.

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Tribes to honor veterans Nov. 10

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be sponsoring a Veterans luncheon Tuesday, November 10, in honor of all Veterans and personnel who served in the armed forces past and present.

The program will get underway at 10:00 a.m. featuring the playing of the colors by the VFW Post No. 4217. A memorial service by the VFW will also be held. There will

be 17 tribal representatives to speak, a representative from the Veterans and a speaker from the VFW Post. There will be a roll call of all veterans starting from the earliest wars up to the present time.

The luncheon is open to the public and all veterans are urged to attend. The event will be held at the Agency Longhouse, 1100 S. Main St. Confused with the Veterans of Foreign Wars day and program on November 11th.

Elders help document ceded lands

Elders join with the Culture and Heritage committee and Culture and Heritage department to document past use of ceded lands. Tours of these areas have created a library of historical information.

"Our young kids don't know all the things we had to go through. We never had any money."

Camp would be set up near Dayville. The men would go work for sheep ranchers and the women would work their way up the valley, digging roots. On the way back in the fall there were choke cherries to be picked.

When the Treaty of 1855 was signed in The Dalles, the Warm Springs people were vested with rights to hunt, fish, dig roots and gather food on the ceded land. But private ownership and numerous fences on the land has recently acted as a barrier to these activities. Little time is now spent visiting the ceded lands.

Over time the memories and history of the Warm Springs, Paiute and Wasco people is fading. Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department with the Culture and Heritage committee is making a vigorous effort to document the stories, people and places of which elders can recall. Anything, no matter how small, is recorded.

Recent trips to ceded lands in various parts of Oregon has acted as a catalyst to elders who have related many stories. Community members who participated in the tours showed their knowledge in different areas and representatives from all three tribes have contributed on these journeys through Tygh Valley and The Dalles, Prineville and Shaniko.

The Columbia and Hood River were included on the tours along with the area near Willamette Falls and Estacada. A three-day trip to Burns, Paulina and Lakeview prompted numerous stories and jarred many memories. The last trip to John Day was as eventful in bringing colorful stories to the surface.

Over 100 audio cassette tapes and 40 video tapes store the collected information. The tapes will be indexed for future use says, curriculum developer Art McConville. If the Culture and Heritage Department obtains editing equipment the department, then, can make educational tapes for classroom use. Those who wish to see a presentation about the people of Warm Springs will also have the opportunity to do so.

Warm Springs tribal archaeologist Dan Mattson, working with botanist Richard Helliwell, will map the places to which the elders traveled. Indian names will be used in many of the locations. Mattson will also return to some of the sites with elders to get a more complete record of the people and places—who traveled there and who used the land.

The documentation of the ceded areas has brought people together says Culture and Heritage department director Nina Rowe. A few interested people began the tours and many others have joined as time passed. "The more they find out what we're doing," says Mattson, "the more they want to contribute." Tribal Council too has

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Warm Springs elders tour ceded areas for documentation project.



Tribal elder Cy Katchia relates memories of Big Summit Prairie to tribal archaeologist Dan Mattson during stop-over near Prineville.

Comparison shows differences in patrol agencies

The Warm Springs reservation has 8,000 acres in community areas with another 1,000 acres in rural housing. Approximately 3,000 people live on those 9,000 acres. The Warm Springs Police department employs 17 people in fish and game, patrol and police supervisory positions. They provide 24-hour law enforcement support and protection for reservation residents. How do these figures compare with the law enforcement agencies in neighboring Madras and in Jefferson County?

There are three law enforcement agencies that provide service to Warm Springs/Madras area residents in addition to Warm Springs. Approximately 12,000 people reside in Jefferson County excluding Warm Springs. There are over 660,000 acres within reservation borders while the acreage in Jefferson County totals 904,320, excluding the reservation.

The Oregon State Police employ four troopers plus a sergeant. Also employed is one game officer. During the summer, two cadets are hired to work on the Deschutes River. Four officers are hired to work at Cove State Park during the summer as well.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's department employs nine including six patrolmen, a sheriff who also patrols, a deputy at Camp Sherman and a temporary marine deputy. The County also uses ten reserve officers for special events. The County Agency has no fish and game officers nor an investigations divisions.

The city of Madras has five full-time officers including the Chief of Police. Six reserves are called on occasionally. They provide patrol services within Madras city limits. The population of Madras is approximately 2,300.

The ratio of full-time officers to residents in Warm Springs is 176.5 people per officer. The off-reservation full-time officer ratio to residents is 750 people to one.

Jefferson County offers 24-hour coverage while the State does not. Madras has 24-hour coverage six days a week. The State police maintain a minimum of 16-hour coverage. Those officers assigned to the Madras area are responsible for coverage as far south as the Crooked

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