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## Coyote News in brief

### New schedule posted

KWSO issues new broadcast schedule focusing on local news and events and cultural-educational programs.

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### OSSOM club formed

Madras High School students form Oregon Student Safety On the Move (OSSOM) club. Students stress traffic safety and youth prevention activities.

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### The effects of smoking discussed

Effects of smoking on the heart is discussed along with tips to quit smoking.

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### 4-H Clubs looking for members

New 4-H clubs offered through the Warm Springs Extension Service offer everything from boy's cooking to care of rabbits.

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### Warm Springs finishes first

Warm Springs Boxing Club finished first in the Silver Gloves Boxing tournament held in Warm Springs. Results of the event are listed.

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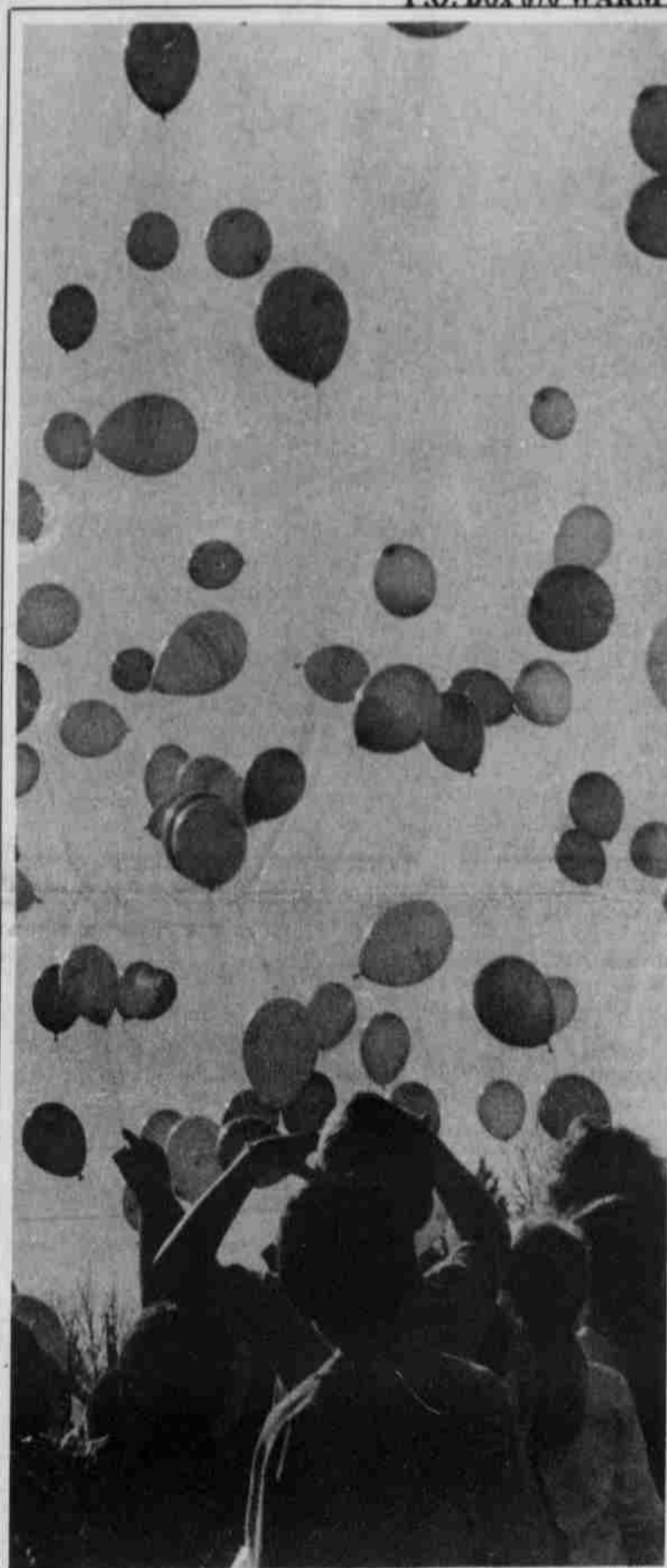
### Indian Students organize

Students organize Madras High School Native American Student Union. Learning leadership, cooperation and more about Native American culture are some of the goals.

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Launching for clean air

District Elementary students released helium-filled balloons November 16 promoting the Great American Smokeout. Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, activities are aimed at reducing the number of people who smoke tobacco and preventing young people from starting.

## Tribal members voice discontent with district educational system

"If you ask if we're satisfied with the product, I believe our answer would be no," asserted Warm Springs office training services director Rudy Clements. "We could point the finger this way and that way, but we've been doing that a long time."

A school board meeting held at Warm Springs Elementary Library to discuss Impact Aid Funding furnished the opportunity for Warm Springs parents and community members to express their discontent with education for Indian students in the 509-J District schools.

Impact aid monies are paid to school districts in lieu of property taxes which are not collected on federal installations and land holdings. The 509-J School District was allocated \$2,121,137 for the 1987-88 school year.

Different amounts of money are allocated for students whose parents live and work on the reservations, for students whose parents work on the reservations and live off the reservation and for students whose parents live on the reservation and work off the reservation. The district also receives Impact money for eight students whose parents live and work on the North Irrigation District land.

A large amount of money that

is added to the district funds because of the proximity of the reservation should have better results, Warm Springs, community members felt. "Sometimes I think the old boarding school days produced a product we're proud of at very little expense," said Clements. "I believe there should be more Indian teachers, counselors and maybe an Indian superintendent."

Education, training and employment manager Charles (Jody) Calica also expressed concern for the Indian students in a statement he read to the board for the tribal education department. "The destiny of our children is at stake," he stated. "We all recognize that not all of our students are experiencing levels of success that we would like or that they want for themselves...Our choice is to either progress to our vision for our children and create opportunities or perpetuate a status quo that propagates undesirable and unnecessary youth casualties. The choice is ours, to strive for thriving self-sufficiency with our students or to continue divisive sanctions that fuel defensive rationalize and counter-rationalizations that will only impede cooperative endeavors and give cause to trample on each other's dignity."

The dissatisfaction of parents

was echoed over and over again as each speaker openly spoke his or her feelings. Many parents felt they were not included in the educational system. Tribal member Margie Earl asked for a list of programs and committees in which she and other community members could get involved. Parents "are part of them," Clements expressed. Much support to the district can be provided by parents.

"Artificial gestures of inclusion" won't solve the problem, said Clements. "I think it's time we seriously sit down with an open mind and began to communicate." He added, "We're not really included, or including." And, "Sometimes it looks like our communities are working against each other."

Much of the problems associated with education of Indian students comes from a lack of communication and understanding, it was pointed out. Just a comment by a teacher, a student or a parent can have an effect, says parent Pat Smith, "I think we need to think about what we're saying."

Students often come home not really knowing why they are getting into fights or where the hard feelings originate. In regards to comments made to her child at school, parent Jewel Minnick stated,

"This packet is beautiful, but is it any good if we don't use it right...If we're going to put this many dollars out we should get that back in services."

Phillip David was one of many Simnasho district voters speaking at the Simnasho District meeting November 4 who felt that services for tribal members are not being provided. With a \$16,204,478 budget 1988, 2.5 percent above the 1987 appropriation, the programs should be able to serve the community the way they were designed.

Two complaints from tribal members revolved around disintegration of the family because of services and the feeling that service areas were "top-heavy." Arlita Rhoan expressed her feeling that a dependency is created with someone else providing services that families should be giving to family members. People say, "You take care of her," said Rhoan. She added, "I see a large amount of money towards serving human beings. We employ bodies but never serve the need."

Along with missing the mark in services, tribal members felt that organization was "top-heavy." A job evaluation committee redefines jobs and eliminates positions while hiring more administrators, Charlotte Herkshan pointed out.

Delbert Frank feels that even with the many problems in services, money ought to stay in the human resources areas. Aiming his remarks at drug and alcohol problems among tribal members he said, "We are the parents and grandparents. It is our problem. Even the police are necessary." He pointed out, "there is something wrong with the people." Assistance through human resources departments is necessary until that problem is alleviated.

And, where are the revenues coming from in the future to fund tribal services? With only three sources on which to rely, "I want to know, is our future there?" asked Sam Starr. "We're spending our income a little more each year."

Dennis Starr also wondered where the money would originate. "It seems like we're doing things backward...Why doesn't Tribal Council think up new sources of revenue," he emphasized.

Resources include more than just natural resources, asserts Charlotte

Herkshan. The children of the reservation are resources. "We should have young people going to vocational schools," she stated. These children can benefit all, "How are we going to make sure that these kids have what they need." She added, that even if young Indian students were trained, because of non-Indian administration these young people would have difficulty getting a job.

In the area of housing Arlita Rhoan felt, "we are going wrong in HUD by not following guidelines." Young people don't learn the responsibility for taking care of homes.

Neda Wesley expressed a need for more housing for senior citizens. "We're counting too much on federal funding." Seniors are having to rent. "I'd like to see senior citizens treated equally," Wesley added.

Warm Springs Apparel Industries was brought to attention when tribal member Tony Suppah made some reflections. "Let's not have another Kah-Nee-Ta or another Tektronix." He also felt there exists to cut back on consultant and administrative salaries. He complained that "management listens

## Power assistance funds cut

The good news for low income families has been that the cold weather had a late start this year. The bad news is that the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will have a 30 percent cut in funds meaning the program will only run about a month and half, according to tribal welfare worker Olivia Kirk. She said the program at Warm Springs will receive \$35,000.

Kirk stated that the program for the elderly and handicapped will start December 1, 1987 and that people eligible need to obtain the necessary documents to qualify. They will also need to bring in their computer printouts from Pacific

to outsiders, thinking we can't make decisions."

Culture and Heritage director Nina Rowe explained the work in her department which involved an archaeologist and botanist. "To me, our Indian culture is the most important thing happening." It is necessary, she explained, to document places and area uses because of competition with other resources. Before any work can take place in the forest or on any tribal land, a study or survey must be done. This is to protect, or at least document, traditional use areas.

Other thoughts at the meeting were expressed by Matilda Mitchell who felt the road between Warm Springs and Simnasho should be fenced to keep livestock off the road. A need for a mill designed to accommodate small logs and use of forest waste was noted by Raymond Moody.

Charlotte Herkshan felt much could be accomplished in social services for both the people and the tribe with a different type of leadership. "We need to get cultural people into leadership roles. That will be how our culture will be carried on."

Power and Light for yearly costs. For computer printouts call 475-6166 to Tammy or Brenda.

Appointments for senior citizens and handicapped people with tribal welfare are being scheduled for November 23, 1987.

In January, 1988, funds will be available for ONLY families with a child under six years of age. People will be served on "first come" basis. Kirk reminded people to have their paperwork ready before coming for appointments.

Appointments will be made for those people who have the necessary documents. If you have any questions contact Olivia at the Welfare office, 553-1161, ext. 291.

**General Council meeting  
Monday, November 23  
Agency Longhouse  
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting to follow  
Agenda: 1988 Operating Budget**

"I don't think I have to defend my child's right to go to school because of ignorance around us." A monthly payment for individual tribal members from enterprise profits has spurred negative comments to some students, Minnick said, "there are many who feel our children are free-loaders...I'd like to see my children spared negative remarks."

## Annual Christmas Bazaar set for December 12

The twelfth annual Christmas Bazaar is on tap for December 12, 1987 at the Community Center, and is scheduled to get underway at 10:00 a.m. and run until 4:00 p.m. There are crafts people coming from all parts of the state, even as far as from Portland, and from the

Electric Round Butte Dam on the Deschutes River, part of which rests on tribal land. Not only that, said Clements, "The tribes is the largest employer in Central Oregon."

The need for increased communication and cooperation was evident as comments from Warm Springs tribal members were voiced. Board chairman Lloyd Smith, Sr., felt "encouraged" by the comments and the involvement of Warm Springs community members in recent years.

Other board members agreed that much misunderstanding between the Madras and Warm Springs communities exists and an effort must be exerted in the direction of cooperation and working together for the best education of all students.

## Annual Christmas Bazaar set for December 12

Central Oregon area. There are people expected all over the Pacific Northwest and some from Arizona. There will be thousands of articles to choose from for yourself or for Christmas gifts. There will be all kinds of food and soft drinks on hand for the shoppers. The annual event is getting larger each year.