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Coyote News in brief

Play scheduled

Madras High School drama class will be presenting Finnian's Rainbow. Times and admission prices are listed.

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Diabetes information given

Diabetes among Native Americans is due to changes in lifestyle, particularly changes in eating and exercise habits.

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Run successful

Results of the Kah-Nee-Ta Mini-marathon are listed. Over three hundred runners participated.

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Nah-Nah Land visited

Spill Way News offers a "foolish" look at Nah-Nah Land.

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Informational meeting

regarding elimination of long distance charges between Madras/Culver/Metolius/Warm Springs

at Madras Elementary 7:30 p.m. April 13, 1988

Representative from Pacific Northwest Bell and Public Utility Commission will be available at the meeting to answer all questions.

Weather

March	High	Low
23	50	38
24	49	31
25	65	41
26	63	49
27	48	30
28	56	28
29	61	32
30	55	32
31	66	28
April		
1	75	32
2	61	49
3	55	41
4	52	32
5	70	34



Following the Root Feast, held April 3, many community residents began gathering roots. Piaksi is already beginning to wither but is still abundant as is Luksh. Although xaush matures a little later, root gatherers are able to collect it at this time.

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Woman dies from stab wounds

A 42 year-old Warm Springs woman died from a stab wound to the heart following an altercation between the woman's niece and a 29 year old hispanic male in Bakersfield, California April 1, 1988, according to Warm Springs Bureau of Indian Affairs investigator, Rob Moran.

Moran stated that his department was informed of the death by police officials from Bakersfield, California. According to police reports, Barbara Annie LeClaire, 42, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs died Friday afternoon, April 1 of a knife wound to the heart. Bakersfield police related to Moran that the LeClaire women and her niece, Regina Leslie LeClaire, 28, were involved in an altercation with a 29-year-old hispanic man in a pool hall in Bakersfield.

According to reports both Barbara and Regina receive knife wounds during the altercation with Roberto Gomez Guerrero, address unknown. The stabbings which occurred about 4:30 p.m. April 1 at Lazo's Ringside Club. When police arrived at the club they found Barbara LeClaire dead and Regina LeClaire injured. At that time the

hispanic male had fled the scene on foot, according to reports.

A short time later police received a call of an attempted armed robbery at a used-car dealership located about four blocks from the club. When police arrived at the car dealership they found Guerrero walking down a street with an eight-inch blade. At that time the police ordered Guerrero to stop. He attempted to run away from police and was wounded by police. Guerrero was shot in the leg by police.

Police placed Guerrero under arrest at that time in connection with the stabbings. He was charged with murder, attempted murder and armed robbery.

Regina LeClaire was taken to Kern Medical Center where she was treated and released.

Guerrero was reported to have undergone surgery at the Kern Medical Center and was listed in stable condition.

It was reported that the stabbings occurred after Guerrero and Regina LeClaire began arguing at the pool hall. Barbara LeClaire was stabbed when she attempted to intercede and stop the argument.

The incident is still under investigation by the Bakersfield police.

Plant seminar begins

A Cultural Plant Seminar is scheduled for April 7 and 8 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort on the Warm Springs reservation. The seminar is sponsored by the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department, Culture and Heritage Committee.

Workshops for the two day seminar include: explanation of ceded areas and traditional use areas; overview of culturally used plants; significance of traditional

food plants in contemporary culture; range and ecology of culture food plants; impact of land management practices on plant range; legal protection aspects of cultural plant management.

A field trip to various cultural food plant areas on the Warm Springs Reservation is included in the agenda along with a traditional dinner.

Body discovered

The body of a Warm Springs man was found in the Dry Creek housing subdivision early April 6. Warm Springs police were alerted by the man's family that he was "down and not breathing." Upon arrival at the

scene, police discovered that the man, whose identity has not been released, was dead. The incident is under investigation by tribal and BIA officials. Details will be made available for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoos.

Telephone customers to receive "toll free" ballots

An additional \$2.14 will be added to monthly telephone bills if local telephone customers decide to approve a line hook-up to the Madras system for the cities of Metolius and Culver.

The two towns are currently connected to the Redmond line which results in their having to pay long distance charges for calls back and forth to Madras and Warm Springs.

Two years ago the Metolius City Council circulated a petition asking Culver and Metolius residents

if they would like to join the Madras system. Over 1100 signatures were collected. However, because a charge increase was not mentioned in the petition the Public Utilities Commission requires approval by customers that would be affected.

A ballot has been prepared by the PUC and Pacific Northwest Bell to submit to telephone customers. The ballot asks the 4200 customers to vote yes or no for the hook-up. A charge of \$2.14 per month for 10 years for all custo-

mers will be charged for the service.

According to PNB representative Esther Nelson the cost of additional equipment necessary for the service totals \$370,000. The telephone company will be losing long distance revenue with the system change. The company is asking residents to help recoup at least three years estimated lost toll revenue.

Metolius City treasurer Ginger Morrison says, "Metolius and Culver want to be part of Jefferson County." The connection would save tax payers money as well. She points out the county offices often call the two cities. The school district offices also communicate frequently with the schools in Metolius and Culver. Morrison also points out that Metolius is only four miles from Madras while Culver is just 10 miles away.

Although many people do not call Metolius and Culver, Madras mayor Rick Allen feels the connection is important in unifying the community. Traditionally costs for services to members of communities is spread over the entire population. The telephone connection for Culver and Metolius "would be good for the community as a whole," he feels.

An informational meeting is scheduled for April 13 at Madras Ele-

mentary beginning at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from Pacific Northwest Bell and the Public Utility Commission will be available to answer all questions.

Ballots will be mailed to all telephone customers. It is important that they returned with a yes or no vote.

Introduction to the "toll-free" ballot includes an explanation:

"The Oregon Public Utility Commission is seeking your vote on an important issue affecting your local telephone service.

"You are asked to consider a proposal by which Pacific Northwest Bell would install the neces-

sary equipment to provide toll-free calling between customers in Culver/Metolius (546 prefix) and those in Madras/Warm Springs (475/553 prefix). Telephone service for Culver and Metolius would be provided from the Madras/Warm Springs telephone exchange, and Culver/Metolius customers would receive telephone numbers that begin with the 475 prefix. The 546 prefix would be discontinued.

Toll-free calling between these communities would become a permanent service. To pay for this service, an additional monthly charge of \$2.14 would be billed on every

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Notice of Community Meeting

The Land Use Planning Committee and planners have scheduled a community meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 1988. Pending Tribal Council approval, the meeting will be held in the Agency Longhouse and include dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Review of proposed Primary Zone Maps (Community, Forest, Range, Agricultural, Wilderness and Special Protection Zone).
- II. Review of Agency Traffic Circulation Plans
- III. Status report on rural area plans and capital project priorities.
- IV. Questions and Suggestions.

Take Pride in Warm Springs

April 18-25
Spring clean-up time