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Coyote News in brief

Four seek Miss Pi-Ume-Sha title
Seeking the Miss Pi-Ume-Sha title, four girls have entered the competition. They are Althea Henry, Ina Jim, Rena Suppah and Serina Winishut.

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Students introduced to natural resources
Field trips and classroom activities have provided a way for students to increase their awareness and appreciation of the natural resources on the Warm Springs Reservation.

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Optimum fluoride levels maintained
Fluoride has been held at standard levels since October, 1986, in the Warm Springs domestic water supply, according to a Public Health Service report.

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Fathers becoming more involved
Fathers are finding more opportunities to enjoy and care for their children.

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Rodeo results listed
Results from the Tygh Valley All-Indian Rodeo and the Warm Springs Jr. Rodeo are available on the sports page.

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Native American contributions are many
Numerous contributions to contemporary society have been made by Native Americans. They range from dentistry techniques to democracy.

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Warm Springs tribal Education banquet postponed until further notice.

Weather

MAY	HI	LOW
18	67	44
19	68	48
20	77	45
21	85	46
22	82	56
23	78	41
24	77	46
25	77	48
26	78	44
27	72	55
28	60	50
29	58	32
30	65	34
31	59	40



A Close Look

Wildflowers are closely examined by Warm Springs Elementary first grade students (left) Lillian Heath and (right) Marie Kalama during Bear Springs field trip. Springtime offers students many new experiences in the outdoors.

Thoughts and concerns shared at district meeting

by Pat Leno-Baker

During the Seekseequa district meeting May 17, district members shared thoughts and concerns with Seekseequa Tribal Council representatives. The meeting was called because members expressed a desire to meet with their representatives. Two items on the agenda for the meeting were a proposal to enlarge Kalama Cemetery and the possible resignation of the ride boss, Joe Moses. According to Council representatives, Joe Moses discussed the fact that since he had moved to another district perhaps it was time for Seekseequa to consider selecting a new ride boss. District members stated they would prefer to have Moses submit his resignation before they considered replacing him. The proposed range plan was discussed and people wanted to know when it would go into effect.

The meeting was then open for any concerns and problems that district members wanted to share. Jazy Wewa made some comments on the present rate the timber is being cut, he asked if the Tribes were looking at other ways to increase income without cutting timber. Tommy Kalama spoke about his concerns on getting the scouting program started and explained that Scout representatives from Bend had not been able to come to Warm Springs to get the program started. The Wewa family suggested that the second item on the agenda was the cemetery. Tommy Kalama proposed enlarging the present Kalama Cemetery because some family plots need more space. It was briefly discussed and family members of the Kalamas were asked how they felt. They all agreed they could see a real need for enlarging the cemetery.

It would be a good time to look at the other cemeteries to see if they would require enlarging. They asked if anyone from the Paiute tribe was consulted when the remains that were found near Lakeview recently. They felt because it was in the territory of the Paiute tribes that the remains should have been placed in the Wewa cemetery. They asked that when such remains are found, Paiute members should also be asked about internment. Warm Springs Forest Products Industries was discussed. One member asked if it was possible to have paydays changed, to also have payroll deductions taken out of their earnings, if there was a possibility of the tribe hiring an efficiency expert to find ways to cut any wastage at the mill. He also reminded people that the union contract will come up for review in July. Carol Wewa asked about the salary administration project and what was expected from the employees' input. Representatives said that the project was one way to review all jobs and their descriptions. Carol then asked of what value last year's audit survey was to Council and the reply was it didn't really help in making decisions. The presenting of incentive awards to tribal employees were discussed. Carol Wewa felt the present way was not doing much in the way of giving employees any incentive. She said it was depressing to eat a meal that seemed thrown together and then be expected to leave as soon as the award was given to a person. She thought an upgrading the banquet into a more positive ceremony would put value back into the banquet. Tribal Council representatives Ellen Johnson and Karen Wallulatum and Paiute Chief Vernon Henry thanked the people for their input and concerns. It was decided that another meeting would be held in the near future.

Ideas expressed regarding burial desecration

Recent occurrences of grave digging has caused concerns among federal, state and tribal archaeologists. Although some good procedures among the involved agencies have been established, many gaps still remain. Formulating ideas for a plan of action to investigate the desecration and to respectfully reinter remains of a disturbed burial site prompted a meeting between agencies and the Tribe May 24 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. The emphasis, says Warm Springs archaeologist Dan Mattson, is aimed at a team effort. "We're all one team," he says. "We should assist in any way possible in the investigation and prosecution of the case." Each incident of grave disturbance must be handled differently. Federal and state laws do prohibit disturbance and removal of bones and artifacts from the site. Monetary and prison penalties may be

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Tribes offer support

Representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Shasta Indian Nation and Klamath tribe recently offered their support of Senator Mark Hatfield's bill that would add over 1,700 miles to Oregon's Wild and Scenic River system. Hatfield was in Bend Monday, May 30, to gather input on his proposal. The Indian representatives stated that Hatfield's bill will protect sacred tribal sites as well as fish and wildlife. The bill would prohibit dams on waterways that come under the wild or scenic designations. Some recreational development would be permitted under the scenic designation, but none would be allowed on a river designated as wild. Proposed as wild or scenic are segments of the Deschutes, Little Deschutes, Metolius, McKenzie, Sycan, North Fork, Sprague, Roaring, Salmon, Clackamas, White, North Fork Crooked, Upper Rogue, Chetco, North Fork Smith, Grand Ronde, Wenaha, John Day, North Fork John Day and South Fork John Day, North Umpqua, Joseph Creek, Lostine, North Fork Powder, Eagle Creek, Crescent Creek, Lower Williamson, Big Marsh Creek, Imnaha and South Fork Imnaha, Minam, Nestucca, Alsea, Quartz-fille, Creek, South Fork Crooked, Donner and Blitzen, Powder, Burnt, North Fork Owyhee and West Little Owyhee rivers.

Congress okays strengthening of government-to-government relationships

The U.S. Congress has passed legislation by Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Michigan) and Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) to strengthen the U.S. government's relationship with Indian tribes and put an end to any attempt by the government to shed its responsibility for Indian education programs. The Kildee-Inouye legislation, which is part of a massive education bill, H.R. 5, would make it clear that the U.S. has an ongoing, special responsibility for federal

education programs to serve Indians. Under this legislation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs could not shirk its responsibility for these programs by trying to shift the management of them to states or local agencies, as has often happened in the past. "In the past, the federal government has repeatedly tried to take itself out of the business of operating Indian education programs," Kildee said. "As a result, American Indian tribes have been put on a

roller coaster, not knowing from year to year how their program will be funded or operated. Our bill would finally put to rest the question of whether or not the United States has a responsibility to American Indians. The answer is 'yes, it does.' This legislation would also strengthen tribal authority over Indian

education programs and allow tribes to receive direct federal education grants. Furthermore, the Kildee-Inouye legislation sets a new precedent in U.S.-Indian relations by formally repudiating a 1953 Congressional resolution (passed by the 83rd Con-

gress) that called for an end to the special relationship between the U.S. and tribes. That resolution has created an ongoing uncertainty as to what the U.S. government's true responsibility is to Indian tribes.

Notice of availability

Notice of Availability of: 1) Findings of no significant impact; 2) Environmental Assessments for WSIR 4(5), Tenino Road and WSIR 4001(1), Administration Streets Road Projects. Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs. Action: None. Summary: This notice advises the public that: 1) Findings of NO Significant Impact (FONSI); 2) Environmental Assessments are available for public review.

Address: Comments and questions should be addressed to: Richard D. Souers, Roads Manager, Warm Springs Agency, P.O. Box 1239—Attn: Roads Branch, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761-0079. Individuals wishing copies of the FONSI for review should immediately contact the above individual. The Environmental Assessment is available for review at the Warm Springs Roads Office in Warm Springs, Oregon.

Youth Services seeking shelter homes

Warm Springs Youth Services is currently certifying shelter care homes for children between the ages of 0 and 12. The homes are used for temporary, emergency placement of children when there is no family alternative for their safety. If you are interested in becoming certified, contact youth services at 553-1161, extension 216, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training and compensation is provided through youth services.

Tribal Court changes hours

Effective June 6, 1988, through September 2, 1988, the Tribal Court window will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and through the lunch hour to accept payments, provide client information and accept filings.

Logging units to be discussed

A planning meeting to discuss the proposed 1990 and 1991 logging units is set for June 3 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Fire Management training trailer. Proposed sales to be discussed include Spotted Fawn, Rhododendron, Mustang Springs, Bear Sign, South Cable, Cabin, Willow C.T., North Badger II, Metolius Bench, Twin Buttes II, Seekseequa Cable, 1990-91 Rehabs, McQuinn Redeemed Land and McQuinn Cable.