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Coyote News In Brief

Council makes request
Tribal Council has asked that presentations be more timely, focused and organized. Guidelines are presented.

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Parents of young children wanted
"Together for Children" has been formed to bring parents of children ages 0-3 together to discuss problems and experiences. An orientation meeting is set for December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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Evaluation indicates progress, problems
The Title IV evaluation for the 1987-88 school year indicates gains made in the Alternative Education Program but also shows absenteeism to have increased.

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Drug-free workplace proposed
The findings and recommendations for a drug-free workplace were accepted by Tribal Council. The proposed policy will be presented at public meetings.

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Churches vandalized
Two local churches were hit by vandals early this week. Damage was extensive.

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Annual Christmas Bazaar

December 10
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call Carol Allison at 553-1361 for further information.

Bazaar is open to all who are interested.

The deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is December 9, 1988.

WEATHER NOVEMBER

	High	Low
21	53	42
22	47	32
23	39	31
24	40	30
25	46	29
26	44	28
27	54	39
28	49	34
29	45	26
30	44	18



Santa Clause made the scene a little early this year and joined in the wardance.

Past due accounts to be collected

On Monday, November 14, the Warm Springs Tribal Council discussed problems associated with past due accounts in various tribal programs. It was learned that over due accounts have continually developed to an unacceptable level over the years. Tribal Council feels it is time to deal with this situation. If allowed to go unattended, the situation could drastically impact current programs and affect the ability of eligible tribal members to obtain credit.

Numerous tribal programs are affected by past due accounts and it is the Tribe's intention to reduce the number of these over due accounts. It is the general consensus among Tribal Council that the protection of all tribal members who obtain credit is vital.

After discussion, Tribal Council directed tribal management to carry out the existing tribal policies with regard to collection of past due accounts. Also, management will make recommendations to Tribal Council regarding code or policy changes that may be necessary to collect the past due accounts and reduce the over-burden of credit now carried by some tribal members.

Program designed to help people help themselves

The responsibility of attaining a healthy community lies with its members, not outside agencies or the governing body. That responsibility in Warm Springs, over the past several years, has been assumed by the tribal government. By offering an occasional "helping hand," the tribal government has created, in some instances, an unhealthy dependence on intervention rather than focusing on prevention and healthier lifestyles. Some people say the tribal government now does

what most people used to do for themselves.

In an attempt to break that cycle of reliance, Tribal Council last week, through Resolution #7719, approved a new program that will help people help themselves. The resolution authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to apply and negotiate for funding for the new health educator position.

The new position, funded through P.L. 638 contract monies, will serve as technical leader of the new strategic health plan. Tom Seidl, an IHS retiree and health plan consultant, presented the proposal to Tribal Council November 22 for their consideration. Proposed cost of the program is \$133,000 and covers the salaries of two employees and additional operational costs. Warm Springs has not had a health educator since Lee Loomis assumed the Service Unit Director's duties at the IHS Clinic.

Seidl stated that Warm Springs is "recognized nationally" as a tribe that has exciting economic development. "You're the leaders of lobbying for health issues. We need to take that energy and become one of the healthiest tribes in the country. We're not there now, but we could be."

To gain a healthy community, Seidl said, the Tribe must approach the problem in "pyramid" style. On one side of the pyramid is the health delivery system in which health education, cost effective use of resources and providing access to quality systems is included.

On the second side of the pyramid are individuals and families which are guiding appropriate attitudes and values, developing high standards and encouraging self reliance. On the third side of the pyramid is the tribal government in which monitoring community health status, providing a safe and clean environment and providing leadership and role models are included.

At the base of the pyramid is the information system through which health status progress is measured, risk factors are assessed and use of resources is monitored. The information system will define the health of the community and help measure progress.

Seidl added that it is vital to know the most current health status of the community before progress can be measured. Feedback from, and involvement by, community members is critical.

Tribal values are the foundation of community health from which with four ladders stem. The ladders include all aspects of the pyramid as the basis of the ladders. The ladders include several rungs that will eventually lead to a healthy community. Some of the work required to gaining success has already been done, such as the Five-Year Health Plan that was approved by Tribal Council in March of this year. "When all steps are filled and we reach the top of the ladders, then we'll have a healthy community," Seidl said.

Like the alcohol demonstration project, in effect on the reservation since 1983, the strategic health plan will be a model project which other Indian tribes can follow.

During discussion of the program, Council member Delbert Frank recalled that the "old people used to say, 'sickness of the community is a sickness at home'...we need to hit the problem where it starts. Traditional law held every parent responsible for their child's behavior and actions. They were dealt with harshly...Passage of the reso-

FROSTY plans community winter activities

FROSTY is planning some community activities for the winter months. The Family Recreational Opportunities (during) Snow Time (including) Youth is an all volunteer group whose goal is to provide community activities for the entire family. The group was formed following a successful night of family Halloween activities which the group planned and coordinated.

Winter has a higher depression rate, suicide rate and domestic violence rate, according to reservation statistics. Warm Springs Search & Rescue Cadet & Adult Volunteer Group, Community Center Staff and Community Counseling Center staff are cooperatively attempting to offer family recreation in an attempt to prevent the problems the community faces in the hard winter months.

Plan 1: Ice Skating Rink—A skating rink to be located in the park area across from the Community Center on west side of Shitike Creek is in the Committee's plans. This is to be a temporary setup for this winter only. A one-day construction day, Saturday December 3, 1988, is scheduled. Preparation involves building a four to six inch berm approximately 20 feet by 40 feet, a bonfire pit, seating area for skaters (a log or two), sealer for the rink that is environmentally safe

and "skate at your own risk" signs. All of the work is to be done by hand (shovels), built on the top of the ground (for better freeze and easy tear down). The tools will be borrowed for the construction day and will include float pumps or a water truck for filling and tools necessary to build signs and complete sealing.

Plan 2: Winter Sledding—Still in the planning stages, the Committee has already given some work assignments for the sledding run. Planned date for construction of the run is the end of December. A planning meeting will take place at 2:00 p.m., December 6.

Plan 3: Neighborhood Parties: Also in the planning stages are some neighborhood parties. The proposed site for these is the "old rodeo grounds," and the planned date is Monday, January 2, 1989.

The Committee is also reviewing the possibilities of getting people together to make food packages, collect toys, go caroling and make wreaths.

FROSTY committee members include Community Center director and Search & Rescue Board member Elton Greely, Community Prevention trainee and Shaker Church member William Moses;

and Warm Springs Fire Medic and coordinator of the Warm Springs Search & Rescue Program Keith Baker.

Columbia River docks planned

The Army Corp of Engineers is now required to build docks, boat ramps, campsites, fish-cleaning and curing facilities and provide hookups and sewage treatment at portions of 23 sites along the Columbia River for use by treaty Indian fishermen.

With passage of HR 2677 the traditional Indian fishing sites on

All community members are encouraged to attend planning meetings and participate in activity days. FROSTY needs your help.

Watersheds focus of planning

The health of watersheds is being analyzed to determine the direction the Warm Springs Forest Management Plan will proceed. Inventories of the reservation's resources in forested areas will help to determine the annual allowable cut for upcoming year and help in managing the forest on a sustained-yield basis.

Not only is the forest a woodlot for timber production, but it is also a home for large and small mammals and birds. Fish utilize the streams for spawning and as residents. Most of the water used in homes and for recreation originates in the forest.

Historically, many parts of the reservation forests provided shelter for travelers and sites for camps. Artifacts from these inhabitants are found in numerous locations. Forests also have an emotional and aesthetic sense. A spiritual, serene feeling is often experienced in the midst of the natural forest setting. Some of this should be preserved for future generations.

Tribal Council has decided that all resources found in the forest are important. The Council has directed the Bureau of Indian Affairs

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