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Coyote News In Brief

Suicide conference held

The Second Annual Suicide Conference held in Yakima, Washington discussed many reasons for suicides.

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Scott joins ODFW

Carmela Scott utilized her training at Warm Springs to get a job with the State. She encourages minority women to enter natural resource fields.

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Resource goals, objectives listed

Working groups listed resource goals and objectives in efforts to develop a Total Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Reservation.

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Renovation begins at WSFPI

Photos show changes in WSFPI's log yard as work begins to make way for a small log mill.

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Wheels keep on rolling

Antiquated modes of transportation create appreciation for today's vehicles.

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Attention!
To call the BIA, dial 553-2 and the extension you wish to reach.

The last day of school for local students is Wednesday, June 7. WSE end-of-school powwow will be that day.

Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is June 9, 1989.

Weather

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17	75	45
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25	67	46
26	69	44
27	61	50
28	66	35
29	63	41
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Celebration commemorates 25 years' ownership of Kah-Nee-Ta



Warm Springs chief Delvis Heath and Paiute chief Vernon Henry after the Silver Anniversary parade.

by Tina Aguilar

Sunny, warm weather greeted Kah-Nee-Ta employees, Warm Springs residents, guests and dignitaries as they celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Tribes' purchase of the Kah-Nee-Ta property. The activities on Tuesday, May 29 kicked off a week-long celebration to commemorate the occasion.

A parade started the day off at 11:00 a.m., which was led by Elliot Palmer VFW Post #4217. The parade started at the parking lot and ended at the concert area. The following are the winners of the parade's categories. First place for the vehicle division, Lana Adams. Second place, Aurolyn Stwyer. The Elders division are: first, Matilda Mitchell; second place, Nettie Shawaway; third place, Bernice Mitchell and fourth place went to Sylvia Wallulatum. The horse division award went to Wilson Wewa, Jr. The children's division are as follows: first place, Prunincia Van Pelt; second place, Eliza Kalama; third, Eugene Bill; fourth place, Jenny Van Pelt and fifth went to Neda Sam.

The agenda was changed when the key note speaker, Owen Panner, could not participate as planned, allowing several visiting dignitaries adequate time to speak. The Lord's prayer was given in sign language by two past Miss Warm Springs, Lana Shike Adams and Aurolyn Stwyer. The song was sung by John Halliday.

A salmon bake was held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a powwow following shortly after at 7:00 p.m. with Nathan "8-Ball" Jim as emcee.



BIA Portland Area Director Stanley Speaks congratulates the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes on ownership of the Kah-Nee-Ta Village for the past 25 years as visiting dignitaries look on.

Increased IHS expenditures result in changes

The contract health service program of the Portland Area Indian Health Service has experienced significant increases in expenditures to this point in the 1988-1989 fiscal year that runs from October through September. At the current rate all funds will be gone some four or five weeks before September 30. Were this to happen the Warm Springs clinic would have to shut down and deny all services due to lack of funds. By law, IHS is not allowed to spend more than it has in its budget.

For this reason, steps have been taken to conserve funds so that the clinic may be able to continue to provide care to the end of September. This means that there will have to be some major changes in the coverage that has traditionally been provided to patients.

An emergency meeting was recently called by Dr. Terry Batliner, Area Director, to discuss this crisis and to develop a strategy to deal with it. The measures described are necessary to ensure the continuation of the most critical aspects of providing essential care to patients.

Each service unit in the Portland Area has been directed to implement the following measures that are now in effect.

1. All refraction, eyeglasses and

hearing aids will be deferred.

2. All hospital admissions must be limited to the most strict interpretation of Priority I (necessary for the preservation of life, limb or organ function). Deferrals will be made whenever it is possible.

3. A strict interpretation of Priority I will also apply to skilled nursing care, medical equipment purchases, physical therapy, prosthetics, ambulance and mental health services.

4. Increased use of alternate resources is essential. Review of IHS patient eligibility for possible Medicare, Medicaid and other resources will be done by IHS staff. Failure of patients to apply for an appropriate alternate resource will be reason for denial of payment by IHS.

5. Every emergency room visit will be reviewed by IHS physicians. Denial of payment will be made for non-emergency visits.

6. Strict adherence to contract health service administrative rules will be followed (especially pre-authorizations).

7. Contract Health Dental care will be limited to emergency only.

8. Prescriptions purchased through contract health funds will be directed to pharmacies utilizing Medicaid formulary and fees.

Expenditures of CHS funds this

year at Warm Springs are running 18 percent greater than last year for the same period. Reasons for this include medical inflation, a larger number of eligible patients, a decrease in the number of patients carrying other insurance and an extremely high usage rate. Unfortunately, a large number of the cases paid for by CHS funds are for reasons that are preventable. Cases related to abusive behavior, alcohol and substance abuse and the accidents associated with them have

consumed a disproportionate amount of limited IHS funds.

The staff of the Warm Springs service unit realizes that these changes will impose hardship on some patients. However, under the circumstances, there is no choice. The clinic is held accountable to ensure that these rules are strictly enforced. The clinic and the Portland Area office cannot spend money that they do not have. Providers, such as doctors, hospitals and clinics, have been informed of these changes.

Landslide may delay Cove Park traffic

A landslide on the road to a portion of the Cove Palisades State Park, 15 miles southwest of Madras, may delay traffic or make travel difficult for large vehicles.

Crews from Jefferson County have been working on the county road for the past several days, according to Jerry Winegar, park manager and may be working on the road throughout the summer. The slide is located near a bridge crossing the Crooked River arm of the reservoir.

Slide action has required closure of the road to vehicles towing boats or trailers at times, Winegar said.

Such conditions may recur at any time, he noted.

Winegar offered several options to visitors heading for the 272-unit campground during road work:

—Camp in the campground section known as E-loop near the park entrance. This section offers 90 campsites.

—Enter the park from the western access. Take Highway 22 from Salem to Forest Service Road No. 11 west of Sisters near Black Butte. The road sign indicates Indian Ford Campground. The park is approximately 40 miles from this junction, and about half the distance is on a

Voters to decide on 509-J levy

Jefferson County voters are being asked to approve a one-year special levy for operation and maintenance of the District's education and supporting service program on the June 27 ballot. The levy amount requested is \$4,161,535 for the 1989-90 school year.

Approval of the levy will result in an estimated tax rate of \$12.28 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The levy amount is a 7 percent increase over last year's levy amount.

Also on the ballot will be two state measures. The first will ask

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