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Coyote News In Brief

Military recognition
Photographs of military personnel from Warm Springs and their addresses are offered. Letters from members of the military in 1946 may also be of interest.

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Powwow activities, winners listed
Lincoln's Birthday Powwow, held February 8-10, drew many visitors.

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MHS seniors look to future
Two MHS students, Rachelle Smith and Edgar Boise, discuss their high school years and the dreams they have for the future.

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Championship Wild Horse Race set for February
Professional Wild Horse Racers will compete for world championship title at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madras, February 22 and 23.

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Children magnify their problems
Stress in children can have serious consequences if unrecognized.

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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 1

Pick up some home baked goodies and help the Desert Storm Support Group Monday, February, 25 10 a.m. to ??

Admin. Building Lobby

Weather hasn't been available recently because of a broken weather gauge at the BIA Fire Management office.

Patriot's Parade March 2 in Warm Springs

Spilyay Tymoo calendars are in. \$2.00



Dancers showed much emotion as they circled the floor during honor dance for military personnel and their families during Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow held at the Simnasho Longhouse.

Family activity fair scheduled

A family activity fair is scheduled for February 23 at Madras High School. "A Celebration of the Family: Adults and Children Playing Together" is the theme for the fair which runs from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Parachute games, family blood

pressure checks, swamp stomping, dance demonstrations, fat trap, and a story corner are just a few of the activities already scheduled. An adult guest is required for children to be admitted to the Fair which is being organized by the Jefferson County Council on Child Abuse Prevention.

Infant mortality rates decline in Warm Springs

Infant deaths at Warm Springs have decreased dramatically during the last 50 years. This was the primary conclusion of a study recently conducted on deaths to infants less than one year of age on the Warm Springs Reservation since 1940. The study was sponsored by the Vital Statistics and Human Services departments with funding by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

During the 1940's, there were 12 infant deaths for every 100 births at Warm Springs. Over the next 50 years the rate dropped consistently to a level of 2.7 infant deaths for every 100 births which is a 78 percent reduction in infant mortality. In comparison, with the rest of the country, there were 4 infant deaths for every 100 births in the 1940's, and 1 infant death for every 100 births in the 1980's.

Much of the decrease in infant mortality at Warm Springs is a result of the control of deaths due to infection. In the 1940's, there were about eight times more deaths due to infection than for the rest of the country. By the 1980's, deaths from infection were the same as the national rate. This improvement is probably the result of improved sanitation, improved standard of living, and improved access to health care which occurred during

this time period.

Examining the current causes of infant deaths gives clues on how to reduce infant mortality at Warm Springs. Since 1980, 17 of 27 infant deaths in the community were a result of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Previously called crib death because it typically occurs when an infant is found dead during a period of presumed sleep; SIDS has no known cause. However, risk factors for SIDS have been identified which include: low socioeconomic status, a young or single mother, substance use in the mother, premature birth, anemia in the mother, or a previous SIDS death in the family.

To address these risk factors, an organized approach was developed by Tribal Government and IHS which focuses on providing home visits by a public health nurse after deliveries; a separate family planning clinic; a school based program to provide social and financial support to keep teenage mothers in school; and referrals to Early Intervention for at risk children. With the development of these more intensive health and social services for infants, the community can expect results which continue this reduction in infant mortality at Warm Springs over the next ten years.

DUII law is tough

Want to do something dangerous? Try drinking and driving.

Want to do something illegal? Try drinking and driving.

Want to do something expensive? Try drinking and driving.

Oregon's DUII law is tough

Oregon has one of the toughest drunk driving (DUII) laws in the nation. If you're under 18 years of age, the maximum blood alcohol content (BAC) you are allowed

under Oregon's implied consent law is zero. If you're 18 years old or older, you must have a BAC lower than .08 percent, unless you're driving a commercial motor vehicle. Commercial drivers must have a BAC lower than .04 percent. And remember, just three drinks can take your BAC to .08 percent.

If you're stopped

If you are stopped on suspicion

Plan helps manage resources

On May 11, 1987, the Warm Springs Tribal Council passed Resolution 7410 which directed forestry and the natural resources department to jointly develop management plans for each watershed in the forested areas of the reservation. This joint analysis of reservation natural resource values will serve as the basis for the forest management plan, effective January 1, 1992.

Since the passage of Resolution 7410, numerous public meetings have been held at which input was

gathered to help formulate the Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP). A final draft of the IRMP is expected by mid-1991.

The IRMP team meets weekly to develop a planning process that uses a "systematic and interdisciplinary" management approach. They have defined resources of value, documents, issues and concerns, evaluated management policy alternatives and identified preferred alternatives which are responsive to tribal goals and objectives.

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Voters go to polls Feb. 26

The third time around for the health and wellness center referendum will hopefully be the charm as tribal voters go to the polls Tuesday, February 26. Two previous elections, held in June and July, 1990, failed because not enough voters cast their ballots. However, had there been adequate voters, the wellness center would have been overwhelmingly approved.

The referendum asks voters to approach the appropriation of \$1.25 million in tribal funds and to

authorize the tribal government to secure the remaining funds, totaling \$3.75 million, from various grants, bonds and loans.

The 35,000 square foot facility will be located near the Agency Longhouse. The new building will be nearly four times larger than the existing 55-year-old building. The facility may offer expanded hours for medical and dental services plus an eye care clinic complete with the latest diagnostic equipment.

**Health and Wellness Center referendum
February 26
Please remember to vote**