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Coyote News In Brief

Firebusters awarded
Students from Warm Springs elementary participated in Firebusters Week in early February. Award winners received sweatshirts.
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Contract Health Care explained
Qualifications and services provided in the IHS Contract Health Care Program are defined.
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History continues
The Old Days covers religious history, mode of dress reservation life.
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COCC spring schedule is out
Credit and adult community education classes are listed for the spring term in Warm Springs.
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Logging techniques pictured
Early logging methods are captured in historical photographs.
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State tournament action related
Madras White Buffalo basketball team defeated three top-rated teams to make it to the final competition where they lost by one point.
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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 29.

Preparing for the Drug-free years
April 4, 1991

The two-hour sessions continue through May 2, 7-9:00 p.m. at the Warm Springs Shaker Church. Cost is \$10.95. For more information contact Jodi Orr at 553-3272.

Weather

March	High	Low
6	47	29
7	48	22
8	57	22
9	55	30
10	45	28
11	41	20
12	49	38
13	50	34
14	46	30
15	50	25
16	56	21
17	57	26
18	44	33
19	46	31



Bosom buddies

This pair of unlikely pals is inseparable—whether it be in a field or on a couch.

Minority population has grown

According to figures in the 1990 census, Oregon's minority population has grown substantially since the last census was conducted in 1980. Hispanics comprise four percent of the state's population; Asians and Pacific Islanders make up 2.4 percent, blacks make up 1.6 percent of the population and American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts make up 1.4 percent of Oregon's population. Wheeler County has 99 percent white residents, the highest percent age in the state, while Jefferson County, at 74.2 percent, has the lowest white population.

Malheur County has the highest percentage of Hispanic residents at 19.8 percent, while Wheeler County has the lowest, at less than one percent. Jefferson County has the third highest Hispanic population at 10.6 percent. Jefferson County has the highest percentage of American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts at 19.6 percent while Wallowa County has the lowest with five tenths of one percent. Warm Springs has the second highest Indian population in Oregon, next to Portland. Total Warm Springs population is 2,287, while 2,169 of those are Indians.

Foster homes needed

CPS is recruiting for foster homes for adolescent children who have been victims of abuse and/or neglect and have been removed by Tribal Court. To qualify to be licensed as a CPS foster home, the applicant must complete a home evaluation by a CPS employee and meet the requirements as set by policy. A copy of these policies will be provided upon request. In addition the applicant must be free from the use of illegal drugs or the dysfunctional use of alcohol. There is a great need for caring

tribal members to provide family homes for the children of Warm Springs who are experiencing problems in their homes. CPS provides payments to foster parents to offset the cost of care of these children. Please contact Elina Langness or Jon Grant at 553-3209 for more information.

Idaho House ratifies water bill

The Idaho House of Representatives voted 82-0, March 6, to approve House Bill 258, which ratifies the Fort Hall Water Agreement and authorizes filing fee

payment. The bill now goes before the Senate Resources and Conservation Committee with a hearing scheduled.

If the bill fails in the senate, then the agreement would be invalid and the tribal membership will not have an opportunity to vote on it. The Shoshone-Bannock tribes would then have to determine their water rights in state court.

According to the **Sho-Ban News**, the majority of non-Indian irrigators and state officials support the water agreement for three reasons: First, a negotiation would save millions of dollars and years of litigation and would prevent increased discord between the tribes and the state. Second, a water fight could create an inter-state conflict. Downstream water users including Oregon and Washington, the lower-Columbia River tribes and other federal interests may decide to fight, seeking all unallocated water in the upper Snake River Basin which could be detrimental to the State of Idaho. Finally, the negotiation agreement gives non-Indians replacement water that would not be available in a court settlement.

Honor Seniors Day

"In appreciation of all Senior Citizens"
A very special occasion for all of us...
Thursday, March 21, 1991
Community Center Ball Fields
Warm Springs, Oregon
Noon: Opening Ceremony,
Welcoming address by Adeline Miller
1:30 p.m.: Games, Individual & team fun events!
5:30 p.m.: Picnic/Barbeque
Please come join us! Everyone welcome!
For more information, call (503) 553-3313

Drug-free alliance begins

The Alliance for a Drug Free Central Oregon is starting to implement its grassroots action plan to prevent drug and alcohol abuse in the tri-county and Warm Springs regions. The Alliance, a 100% federally funded grant program, has defined three very specific goals and objectives for its program: 1) promote grassroots action to prevent alcohol and drug abuse, 2) foster intolerance to and abstinence from the use of illegal drugs, and 3) develop a regional ethic which supports the justice system and is against the abuse of alcohol and drugs. To meet these goals, the Alliance is advocating for a continuum approach to the drug and alcohol abuse problems of the region. The Alliance's premise is that unless programs and services which address prevention, intervention, treatment and corrections are available and utilized in the entire tri-county and Warm Springs areas, the war against drug and alcohol abuse will fail.

The Alliance has recruited a Steering Committee made up of members of all communities in the tri-county and Warm Springs areas. Steering Committee members will meet to "kick off" the Alliance project on Thursday, March 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Mrs. Beasleys restaurant in Redmond. At that time, the Steering Committee will receive their challenge to identify and recruit Alliance volunteers in each community to implement and promote identified local programs in each community which fulfill the Alliance's continuum approach to drug and alcohol abuse problems.

The Alliance program is a grassroots effort based on the idea that local community members know best what kinds of programs and services should be implemented or supported in their communities. Alliance volunteers will choose very specific and defined programs which are meaningful to their personal area of interest. By closely identifying individual Alliance programs with local volunteers operating within the sphere of their own communities, the Alliance program will be successful as a whole.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Alliance project or in participating in some aspect of the project should contact the Alliance staff in Bend at 383-3058.

Third Annual Northwest Traditional Travelers Powwow
April 5, 6 and 7
Honoring veterans and alcohol and drug awareness
Simmasho Longhouse
Friday grand entry—7:00 p.m. Saturday grand entry—6:00 p.m.
Sunday grand entry—6:00 p.m.

Take care with poisons

National Poison Prevention Week will be observed this year between March 17 and the 23rd. Mountain View Hospital and Nursing Home encourages everyone to take a few minutes and do a "spring cleaning" of the family medicine chest.

1. Throw out all unlabeled bottles and those with labels you can't read because they are faded or damaged. Don't guess at what bottles might contain.
2. Check expiration dates on all prescription and non-prescription drugs. If the date has passed, throw the medicine out. Get a fresh supply when needed.
3. Throw out all medicines that show signs of old age. Signs to look for include:
 - (A) Tablets: Plain tablets that crumble easily, chipped or cracked sugar-coated tablets and all discolored pills should

be thrown out. Aspirin gets a vinegar smell when it breaks down.
(B) Capsules: Get rid of any sticky, moist or soft capsules.
(C) Liquids: Separated liquids should be thrown out. Drugs that need shaking but remain separated after agitation should also be discarded.
(D) Eye Products: To be safe for use, eye products must be fresh and sterile. Even if the expiration date is still good, throw out opened containers of eye drops and ointments when they are no longer needed. As a rule of thumb, don't keep opened containers around for more than a month. Additionally, pharmacists recommend that a one ounce bottle of Syrup of Ipecac be kept in the medicine chest for each child in the household.