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Coyote News In Brief

AIDS to be discussed

History, modes of transmission, and precautions are discussed at Education Forum March 11 at Mt. View Hospital.

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Sign-up begins for Head Start Program

Parents wishing to enroll young children in the Head Start Program for Fall 1992 are encouraged to do so now.

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Clements selected Education Branch manager

Ken Smith recently announced the selection of Mike Clements as Education Branch manager.

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Survey being conducted

Information for a Needs Assessment Survey continues to be gathered by the staff of KWSO.

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Buff girls prepare for State

After defeating the Ontario Tigers, White Buffalo girls begin practice for State Tournament.

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Face debts

When crises occurs and the bills can't be paid, talk to creditors.

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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 13, 1992

Visit the MJH Science Fair March 10 7-9:00 p.m.

Attention nominees!

Spilyay Tymoo requests that Tribal Council nominees submit their campaign statements before March 20 to be included in a special edition. Nominees may stop by the Spilyay Tymoo office to have photos taken if that has not already been done.

**Exploring new worlds**

SMILE students Clzyvin Herrera and Nicole Charley explore the microscopic world of one-celled animals during recent club meeting at Warm Springs Elementary.

Education Program policies topic of community meeting

Concerns regarding the Warm Springs Education program were discussed March 2 as community members gathered at the Agency Longhouse. Those attending voiced their feelings about financial aid, the selection of an Education Branch manager, and regarding the quality of education for tribal members in the 509-J School District.

The meeting focused, primarily, on improving the individual funding policy for the Higher Education Scholarship Program.

In February 1991, Tribal Council directed the Tribal Education Committee to resolve issues created by current educational policies. The Committee presented recommendations at the meeting:

The Committee's recommendation to create a separate Education Branch has been fulfilled. The Education Department is no longer a part of the Health and Human Services Branch. Interviews for an Education Branch manager and an Education Services manager is currently taking place. The Committee also reports an effort being made to resolve complaints by community members, parents and students regarding the need to separate personal feelings

from student financial aid applications.

Tribal Council has recently increased funding for the scholarship program because of increased costs. According to the Education Committee Recommendation report these increased costs result from increased tuition and book fees; an increased number of people seeking higher education; and, the impact of Measure 5 increasing costs of higher education on an annual basis.

The Committee is currently working with the Tribal Credit Committee to produce an adequate educational loan policy and it continues to work on reviewing and updating the present Scholarship Program guidelines.

A Tribal Scholarship Incentive Program recommendation was presented: A student who receives a grade point average of 3.00 (B average) or better with 12 or more credit hours toward completion of a degree will be given an incentive award of \$500. The incentive award would be presented for outstanding academic achievement.

Encouragement to students to seek other financial aid funding is sug-

gested. Other grants and scholarships are available for Native Americans and the Committee recognizes that students should take advantage of that. Although students who qualify for other financial aid would receive less from the tribal fund, other students would then have that available to them. Some colleges and universities will match dollars to educate tribal members, it was pointed out.

Better networking with colleges, universities and local education pro-

grams is needed to meet students needs. The Committee recommends a 1-800 telephone number to answer student questions and to provide tutoring or academic counseling.

The meeting progressed to include individual concerns regarding tribal education policies with mention of incidents or situations that have caused discontent, ranging from denial of supplementary scholarship

Upcoming pinemill closure results from log shortage

Just when lumber prices are at an all-time high and U.S. housing starts are climbing, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries is closing the large pine sawmill. The closure will be effective during the week of March 9. Twenty-seven WSFPI employees will be laid off as a result of the shutdown. Of those laid off, six will be tribal members, four will be married into the tribe, one will be Indian not affiliated and 16 will be non-owners.

Consultant Clyde Hamstreet cited a shortage of logs as the reason for the shutdown. Warm winter weather prevented anticipated logging, the consultant said. Earlier this year, logs, that could have been processed in the saw mill, were sold because the price for raw logs was so good.

In a letter to employees, the consultants stated that "those employees on the list (which was posted Monday, March 2) will continue to receive their regular insurance coverage through March 31 and COBRA coverage for an additional 60 days or less if called back to work within the 60 days..."

Additionally, employees not called back to work within 60 days are entitled to 60 days' severance pay. Employees could either accept the 60 days' severance pay and not be recalled or not take the pay and wait to be recalled.

Tribal members and those married into the tribe whose names appear on the March layoff list will be recalled first. Tribal members and those married into the tribe who were laid off in December will be recalled next. New applicants who are tribal members or are married into the tribe will be recalled next and "non-owners" will be the last to be recalled.

When it was first announced in October 1991 that closures and shutdowns would occur at WSFPI, there were 299 employees on the payroll. After next week's shutdown, there will be 158 employees. All WSFPI employees are included in these figures. Off the remaining employees, 76 will be tribal members, 29 will be married into the tribe, two will be Indians not affiliated and 51 will be non-members.

Fun day honors senior citizens

Local senior citizens will be honored with their own day on Friday, March 20, 1992.

The day will begin with lunch at noon at the Agency Longhouse, followed by special awards and games at 1:30. Dinner and special entertainment will begin at 5:30. The evening will conclude with a powwow at 7 p.m. Last year, seniors from Umatilla, Yakima, Siletz and Nisqually joined Warm Springs seniors in the celebration. Even more senior citizens are expected to attend this year.

This is a fun day for the senior. Some special prize categories are Ms. Queen For A Day, Mr. Playboy, Ms. VIP Visitor and Mr. VIP Visitor.

Each tribal department has been asked to donate an item that would be appropriate for an elder. Individuals are also encouraged to donate items toward this effort.

The event is sponsored by the Warm Springs Senior Citizens Program. Any questions about the event can be directed to Elton Greeley at 553-3313.

Not confirmed...

Council nominations held in all districts

Tribal Council nominations were held Tuesday, March 3, 1992. The following results are not official, as Tribal Council has not confirmed the nominees. Confirmation is expected early next week.

Seekseequa District members gathered at the Warm Springs community center social hall, where Tommy Kalama, Joe Moses, Karen Wallulatum, Hank Palmer, Brenda Scott, Wilson Wewa, Sr. and Geraldine Jim were nominated by their constituents. Geraldine Jim declined the nomination. According to Seekseequa District guidelines, Hank Palmer, because he was not present to accept the nomination, has 24 hours to notify the "Paiute chief or either of the two Seekseequa representatives" his intent to run or decline the nomination.

Agency District members met at the Agency Longhouse. Nominated were Uren Leonard, Nathan Jim, Sr., Daisy Ike, Alvis Smith, Jr., Irene Wells, Mike Clements, Bernice Mitchell, Rita Squiempfen, Levi Bobb, Zane Jackson, Bob Macy, Sr., and Claude Smith, Sr.

At the Simnasho Longhouse, Simnasho members nominated Tony Suppah, Raymond Calica, Pierson Mitchell, Kathleen Heath Foltz, Delbert Frank, Sr., Jacob Frank, Sr., Grant Waheneka and Prosanna Williams.

Elections will be held Thursday, April 2. All tribal members 21 years of age and over or married are eligible to vote.

Caring, patient volunteers needed

As the new Victim Assistance Program Coordinator, Ramona Baez extends an invitation to all interested people to become volunteers for the program.

The volunteers need to be caring, understanding, patient and very energetic. Volunteers will assist victims of domestic violence, assault and battery and sexual assault. Their main goal is to make sure victim(s) and their children if they have any are safe and that they get the help needed to deal with and recover from the effects of the crime committed against them.

Your only pay will be the great feeling that comes with helping someone in need. Please contact the Victims Assistance office for more information, 553-3357. We are located in the Tribal Courthouse building, upstairs.

Celebrate National Quilt Day
March 21, 1992
with a local quilt show
Agency Longhouse

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