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## Coyote News In Brief

**Commodities program operating**

Eligibility for Commodities Program depends on income and number of family members.

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**Your Challenges sessions to begin**

Six sessions focusing on school skills and prevention will run from March 4 to May 5.

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**Students enjoy SMILE program challenges**

Warm Springs Elementary students become more aware of science and math in their world through program.

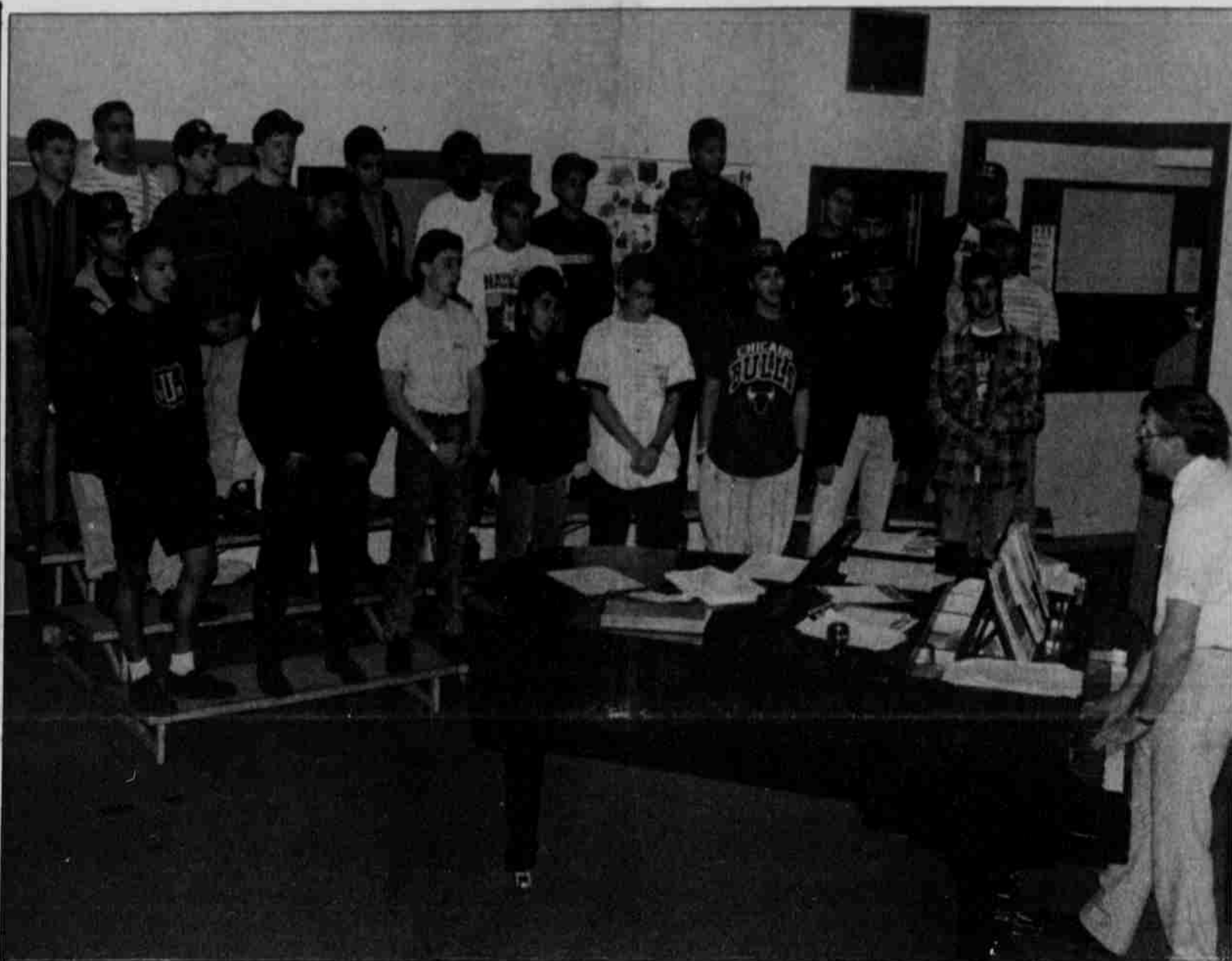
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**Zoning in the Warm Springs corridor to be discussed**

Public meetings will permit input from community members. Meetings are scheduled for March 23 and 24.

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**Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 27, 1992.**



The Madras High School boy's choral group stands out as being unique. It is one of several choirs attracting students who enjoy music and singing. Boy's choral group students (pictured) include: Chris Watkins, Young Boise, Charlie Gonzales, Eric Vaughan, Ricardo Mejia, Mario Padillo, Walter Wolfe, Delray Thompson, Curtis Brown, Ulyssis Suppah, Gibby Kalama, Obedt Moody, William Switzer, Claude Smith III, Cimmoner Tufil, Chip Kalama, David Morrell, Mike Bettega, James Snyder, Ruben Henry, David Rivas, Viny Atencio, Michael Olsen and Robert Humble. (Related story on page 3)

## Council nominees confirmed; election set for April 2

Tribal Council nominations were held Tuesday, March 3, 1992. Seekseequa District members gathered at the Warm Springs community center social hall where Tommy Kalama, Joe Moses, Karen Wallulatam, Hank Palmer, Brenda Scott, Wilson Wewa, Sr. and Geraldine Jim were nominated by their constituents. Geraldine Jim declined 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 Squiemphen, Levi Bobb, Zane Jackson, Bob Macy, Sr., and Claude Smith, Sr.

At the Sinnasho Longhouse, Sinnasho 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. There are 1,675 eligible tribal member voters; 558, or one-third, will need to vote in the election to make the election valid. All those tribal members 21 years of age and older, or married, are eligible to vote. Any questions concerning eligibility can be directed to the Vital Statistics department.

## Wastewater committee develops resolution

The Agency Lagoons are near capacity and during summer periodically out of compliance with EPA water quality standards. A Wastewater Planning Committee has been formed to draft an action plan. This group recently met with the Joint Committee to review alternatives and seek direction. The Joint Committee decided to direct this issue to the community for review and comment on March 23 and 24, before it goes before Tribal Council. The situation can have serious consequences and needs to be considered a high priority.

The Agency community is growing at a faster rate than ever before. By the year 2000 there will be a need for hundreds of new homes and jobs, numerous commercial and industrial developments to meet the needs of the additional membership. Most of these needed improvements will be connected to the community sewage lagoons, further compounding the non-compliance issue.

Cy Katchia, while Chairing the Joint Committee meeting, insisted that a "moratorium" on all development be declared by Tribal Council, until this water quality problem is corrected. Other Joint Committee members expressed their concerns over how development has not been well planned and this is one example of how developments have out-stripped the sewage treatment capability. The Committee wanted to know what the alternatives are.

Nancy Short, Tribal Sanitarian, told the Committee that the planning committee is preparing a five (5) year wastewater plan to upgrade the lagoon facility on Shitike Creek. The draft plan is scheduled for EPA review and approval in July, 1992. The planning group reviewed the alternatives with the Joint Committee and reported that

funding through HUD and the Indian Health Service will require that this be a top priority.

The Joint Committee drafted the following resolution for community review:

WHEREAS, The Welfare of the Warm Springs Reservation is a major concern and priority of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining the water quality of Shitike Creek and the Deschutes River is of paramount concern now that water quality standards are not always being met because of the discharge of waste water from the Agency Lagoons; and

WHEREAS, The Warm Springs Housing Authority has immediate plans for 90 more units on the above system in response to the community need for housing; and

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## Head Start evaluated

Each year the American Indian Programs Branch makes a number of visits to Head Start Programs to assess their compliance with mandatory Head Start Performance Standards and other ACYF Policies. During the visit, the Head Start component areas are reviewed: education, parent involvement, social services, mental health, health-dental, medical, nutrition, disabilities and Administration/Fiscal. These components are reviewed against their Self-Assessment Validation Instrument (SAVI) which is completed locally each year. Reviewers observe center operations, examine documents and records, meet with Head Start staff, grantee representatives, Head Start parents, other community members and appropriate parties.

Where applicable, technical assistance will be provided on-site in areas where improvements need to be made. Further assistance may be required through the use of our program's training and technical assistance services.

At the end of the visit, a summary of the findings is presented as well as specific recommendations for improving certain areas of the Head Start program. A full written report specifying the findings, required actions and recommendations will follow within 30 days of the on-site visit.

March 2-5, 1992, the Warm Springs Head Start program had their on-site visit by the following Head Start Bureau representatives: Warren Harris, Program Specialist from the Washington, D.C. Head Start Bureau; Cheryl Wilson, I.H.S. Consultant from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lolita Spencer, Parent Involvement/Social Services Coordinator from Sleeps Springs, New Mexico; Lolita Ellsworth, Education/Disabilities Coordinator from Chinle, Arizona; and Jerry Whiterock, Support Services in Administration/

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## Tribe seeking funds.... Unified record system needed

TRIBES SEEK FUNDS to establish a tribal census and consolidate data bases into a unified system. The initiative would establish a way to "measure the results" of the many programs and projects operated to benefit the community. Needs of the community have often been defined with inconsistent and incomplete data. A tribal census will provide accurate and current information on the community such as population, age, family size, income, housing and employment. A uniform data base would help tribal and non-tribal programs to better plan, focus and coordinate their services with the community.

The project is also designed to improve records management. By networking computers and linking them with a storage and retrieval system using laser optic discs, the Tribes could reduce costs and improve access to records. Currently, records are stored in a 5000 sq. ft. warehouse which is full and very time consuming to obtain information. The new system could store information on a laser disc similar to those used for CD compact discs.

Tribal Council has requested the Secretary/Treasurer to include all resolutions and minutes into the system. This information would be used by Council to research past actions to assure consistency in policy matters of the tribal government.

Other data (information) which could be stored include that of Vital Statistics, Accounting, population/census, realty, cultural resources, natural resources, budgeting, reservation economy and employment. The system will provide for controlled access, yet enable tribal government to accurately define the needs of the community and measure the results. The tribes hope to receive over \$100,000 to initiate this project.

## New preservation program designed to help families

There is a new program starting called Family Preservation. This program will work with substance affected families with children at risk and with families of juvenile status offenders by offering services that build upon the tradition of the Indian extended family system and by offering a variety of appropriate cultural, spiritual, and community resources.

The Family Preservation Program is funded by several Federal Grants and is guided by Jon Grant, Director of Children Protection Services. Regarding the program he developed, Mr. Grant states "The program will apply some unique yet basic concepts that concentrate on a family's strengths and wisdom."

Family Preservation is based on the philosophy that the greatest source of strength to address a family's concerns is the family itself. It is the program's belief that each member should be understood individually

while working with the family as a whole. The program is designed to utilize resources which have traditionally been expended on one family member to be more wisely invested in treating the entire family.

At the heart of this new program's philosophy is the Family Preservation Meeting. This meeting is designed to allow the family to decide what concerns need to be addressed and how they will work together to resolve them. The meeting is based on the beliefs that: families have strengths and can change; they deserve respect; they have wisdom and solutions; and that families, relatives, and the community are the best resources. Grant states, "The main goal of this program is to strengthen families. We believe children are best protected and nurtured when families are strong. It is our desire to provide the families with a proper forum that will strengthen and empower them."

treatment services will be provided to the family in a single setting. The Program Coordinator working with the day treatment services will be Carol Wewa. Wewa is an enrolled member and lived on the reservation most of her life. Carol joined the program after working at the Police Department for many years.

The second part of the program will provide home-based services designed to prevent intervention by the court system and at the same time help the family to be self-sufficient and strong. The Family Preservation Specialist providing services is Nellie Hall, a Hidatsa/Sioux from North Dakota. Hall served as the Director of Indian Education for the largest school district on her reservation.

Related to this program is a separate grant which will provide intensive services to families experiencing concerns revolving around

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