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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Coyote news in brief

Community members request Simnasho School to be reopened
A petition signed by 300 community members at a 509-J School Board meeting asked that Simnasho School be reopened to accommodate children who live in that area.

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Holiday Tournament set for December 30 through January 2
The 34th Annual Holiday Tournament begins Wednesday, December 30 at 2:00 p.m.

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Warm Springs men to work in Central America
Six Warm Springs men will be changing residence as they work with the Kekchi Indians in Belize, Central America.

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MHS seniors encourage students to stay in school
The Senior Focus looks at MHS students Waylon Beymer and Sheylene Greene-Boise.

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Fire and Safety personnel receive water safety training
Firefighters and medical personnel at Warm Springs Fire and Safety were involved in water safety training. Community members were able to learn about available resources at the campus workshop.

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Community Calendar lists upcoming activities
Community Calendar activities through April include such events as the upcoming tournaments, Holiday Bazaar and Christmas Tree Lighting.

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Tips offered for handling turkey before cooking
Questions are answered about buying, preparing and storing a holiday turkey.

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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is December 4, 1992

Happy Thanksgiving from the Spilyay Staff



Early Childhood Education Thanksgiving Powwow brought children and their families together for dancing. Powwow was held November 20 at the Agency Longhouse.

Vote scheduled for January 19, 1993....

Council sets agriculture referendum date

On November 10, 1992, the Tribal Council approved resolution 8561 by majority vote. The resolution for the Livestock and Agricultural Referendum calls for the appropriation of \$2.5 million from Tribal funds to be used by qualified Tribal Members for the development or expansion of

livestock and agricultural enterprises.

The referendum, sponsored by the Range, Agriculture and Irrigation Committee, will be put before the voting public of the Warm Springs Reservation on Tuesday, January 19, 1993. The money appropriated would cover such things as, but not limited

to: 1) existing livestock herd expansions; 2) new livestock and agriculturally based ventures for Tribal, private or cooperative entities; 3) home base development (corrals, buildings, equipment, improved pasture development, etc.); 4) irrigation

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Operating budget discussed at numerous district, general council meetings

Planning for the future is essential for everyone. If you don't look ahead, the outcome will most probably be disastrous. To avoid financial and organizational difficulties in the future, preparation must be done now. That's why Tribal Council and the tribal management team have been working on the 1993 operating budget since April. The most important part of that work has included district meetings during which members have expressed concerns pertaining to the proposed 1993 operating budget.

The proposed budget requests that a total of \$21.2 million in tribal funds be expended. Another \$4.4 of tribal resources will be expended, if the proposal is accepted, on the tribal Scholarship, senior citizen and fire crew programs, and fees and services. Total tribal funds proposed is \$25.6 million. Another \$25.1 million comes from federal and state sources such as the Department of the Interior, (\$8.4 million); Health and Human Services (\$9.9 million); Department of Education (\$2.8 million); Department of Transportation (\$1.9 million); and other federal sources including the Department of Agriculture, the commodity program, economic development, JTPA, EPA and Department of Justice (\$1 million). A total of \$1.1 million comes from the state of Oregon in the form of welfare, mental health and early intervention funding. Total resources, including tribal, state and federal, equal \$50.8 million.

Total revenue, coming from timber, interest monies, hydroelectric leases and other sources such as court fines, fishing permits and refunds, is anticipated to total over \$27.5 million.

Over the past several years, community members have complained that they have little chance for input concerning the tribal budget. The people have historically been the last to have a say in how tribal funds are spent. Hopefully, the input gathered this year at the district and general council meetings will be reflected in the proposed budget. Already, the management team has trimmed \$210,000 from various budgets and another \$728,000 may be cut. Close to half of the proposed increase has been or may be cut.

A general council meeting was held November 18 at the Agency Longhouse and another general council meeting was held November 24, for the first time in recent history, at the Simnasho Longhouse. Many concerns aired at the first general council meeting echoed those concerns mentioned at district meetings. Though most feel the budget should be pared down, no one wants to threaten the quality of services already offered. Council chairman Ray Calica said that "services look good on paper, but in reality, the services aren't there." He added that "Tribal Council has yet to endorse this budget. We will do so by the end of this month."

Tribal Chief Executive Officer

Ken Smith encouraged teamwork among the Council, management, committees and community members. "You have to be in power to deal with these issues. We can't do it by ourselves...Community has to pitch in and work as a team to address the problems." He drew an analogy

between an alcoholic and involvement in the annual budget process. People may not like the budget and they may want to change it; just as an alcoholic does not like the fact he drinks and wants to stop. Proactive involvement is required among all to make effective changes.

According to tribal Constitution and By-Laws, the final budget must be posted by December 1. Copies can be found at the Administration Building, the IHS Clinic, Macy's Store and the Agency and Simnasho Longhouses.

Completed census questionnaires still needed

The following people are needed for the 1992 Tribal Census. It is important that these people call as soon as possible, as it is Vital Statistics goal to get 100% tribal membership counted for the statistics. There is no longer an 800 number available so if you're on the list call collect to Vital Statistics 553-3252 through the end of this year.

These people need to call:
Craig Charley, Melanie Colwash, Lydia Crane, Josephine De La Rosa, Lucy L. Gadberrry, Grace M. George, Clayton G. Gibson, Lewis Henry, Jr., Tamera Henry (Colwash), Donald Holliday, Anthony Howtopat, Valeda Jackson, Patricia James, Lyman Jim, Wilbur Johnson, Sr., Elmina L. Johnson, Julia Johnson, Byron Kalama, Francis Kalama, Jacqueline A. Kalama, Darrel Kampstra, William Keo, Dennis Leonard, Richard C. Leonard, William Leonard, Ernest Lillie, Marvin Martinez, Jr., Angela Martinez, Henry D. Martinez, Linda Meanus, Lucille Miller, Meleah S. Miller, Gloria C. Moody, Allen Mosequeda,

Scott A. Nathan, Olney Patt, Sr., George Queahpama, Sybil Queahpama, Arnetta R. Saludo, Avon Scott, Eugene Scott, Joseph Scott, Melvin R. Scott.
Julianne Seelatsee, Grant Smith, Jr., Vernon E. Smith, Sr., Daniel A. Smith, Jamie Smith, Mona L. Smith,

Richard Smith, Eunice Spino, Debora L. Still, David P. Suppah, Loren Suppah, Sheldon D. Sutterlee, Nanita Tahkeal, Tyrone Tewee, James Tolman, Arnold Tufti, Richard Walsey, Gloria Warner, Timothy H. Williams, Aleatha Wolfe, Nancy Zamora.

Officials note increase in violence among local youth

The newspapers are full of stories concerning gang violence. Not a day goes by that we don't read about drive-by shootings, gang-related violence and other crimes suspected to be vengeance-caused. While we read these accounts, we often think, "How terrible. That could never happen here."

Unfortunately, this is not the case. The Warm Springs Police Department has identified four distinct gangs in our community. At first thought to be "wannabe" gangs, these groups of individuals are now full-blown cliques. They wear the colors, initiate their members in cruel and distinctive ways, obtain weapons through theft and commit other illegal acts—all in the name of their affiliation.

There have been at least four drive-by shootings in Warm Springs over the past several weeks. In one incident, a Warm Springs Police officer narrowly escaped injury when a bullet entered his car. In another case, a woman in West Hills awoke to shots and a bullet in her bed. Another drive-by shooting in West Hills, though not believed to be directly gang-related but very much gang-like, left a garage with four bullet holes and young children too frightened to play outside during the day. Another incident involving a gun left a Warm Springs resident more angry than scared when a young man, drunk at the time and

out of jail on bail, pointed a gun at her because of a petty confrontation with a member of the woman's family. Police and court officials are alarmed at the number of juveniles involved in violent activities.

Warm Springs Police Captain Don Courtney said recently that the number of juveniles involved in violent crimes is on the rise. The gang members have "recognized leaders who prey on young people to do their dirty deeds with some unknown reward system attached." He cited the youth are promised alcohol, money, recognition or power.

In a recent interview with an alleged member of a local gang, police learned how new gang members are recruited, how prospective members are beaten, where weapons are obtained, how members are required to shoot someone to prove their loyalty to the gang and how cars are stolen so the gangs can cruise. Many of their activities are related to the movie, "Colors".

Courtney also reported that a group of boys attacked a 50-year-old man in West Hills and that groups of boys are impeding traffic by walking on roadways. During the first 10 months of 1992, 18 juveniles, twice as many than in all of 1991, were arrested and charged with assault and/or assault and battery charges. Vari-

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*Tired of the violence that seems to be monopolizing the community?
Concerned about the future?
Attend the
Gang Strike Task Force Meeting
Monday, December 14
Warm Springs Community Center
7 p.m.
Open to all concerned citizens
Presented by Dick Stein of the
Portland Gang Strike Force
No Charge--Refreshments will be served*

24th Thanksgiving Mini-Powwow
November 26, 27 and 28
Agency Longhouse
Specifically for those 17 years and under
Grand Entry 7 p.m. each evening
Thursday--All Kids
Friday--Girls Team & Women's Night
Saturday--Boys Team & Individual Men's
Sponsored by Geri and Wilford Jim