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Coyote News In Brief

Help your kids with SMART
Volunteers are needed for the Warm Springs SMART program. 2

Museum offers classes
The Museum At Warm Springs is offering a full array of classes this winter as part of their cultural education program. 2

Red truck has new owner
Local resident, and tribal member, Myra Shawaway, was the winner of the 1995 Ford Ranger offered by Indian Head Gaming. 2

Warm Springs' newest royalty
Twenty-year-old Sunmiet Minnick was selected Miss Warm Springs at ceremonies January 5. 3

Vets to be studied
Persian Gulf veterans may have specific health ailments. A governmental study is underway. 5

Snowpack low
Warm Springs snow surveys show reservation snowpack at 37 percent of average. 5

Bufs on a roll
The Madras White Buffalo boys and girls basketball teams are doing well this season. 6

Have money problems?
Set limits on your spending and aim to be debt-free. Self-discipline is necessary when curbing spending. 7



Local ladies do the Willow Dance as an exhibition dance while contestants ready themselves for the next category in the Miss Warm Pageant.

Charter school program discussed

Oregon Department of Education specialist Leon Fuhrman met on January 11 with tribal department heads from the Education Branch. Fuhrman was at the meeting to discuss charter school programs. Public charter schools may develop new entities, or be conversions of existing schools. The Oregon Department of Education has received funds from the U.S. Department of Education to assist local school districts and community-based partners in developing and implementing public charter schools. The State Board of Education is planning to award at least 32 planning grants of up to \$5,000 each in April. Applications must be into the Oregon Department of Education by March 1.

The basis for grant awards will be based on several criteria, including the indication of need based on current student performance outcomes with the district.

Several tribal education officials at the meeting voiced their support in applying for the initial planning monies for a charter school.

Towe elected to committee

Sam Brown, County Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) reported recently the ballots have been counted for the recent Jefferson County FSA Committee election.

A total of 2,597 ballots were mailed to the eligible voters in Jefferson County and on the Warm Springs Reservation, but only 338, or 13 percent, valid ballots were returned. Voter return was lower than in past years, Brown said.

The following candidates were elected to the committee:

Representing Area 1 for three years as committee member will be Irene Towe. Evans Spino, Sr., is first alternate, and Gordon Scott, Sr., is second alternate.

Representing Area 2 for two years as committee member will be Lynn Carroll. Jim Nartz is first alternate and Jim Simmons is second alternate.

Jerry Zistel will represent Area 3 for a period of one year. Lee Alley is first alternate and Carol Locke is second alternate.

Teens/traditions workshop Jan. 25

Please join us for the sharing of information in our Teens and Traditions Workshop on January 25, 1996 at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse by our distinguished speakers.

Topics include Traditional ways, protocol of behavior, attitudes, social expectations, positive reinforcement, enjoying good competition and fun peer-pressure.

- The agenda is as follows:**
4:30 to 5:30 Registration
5:00 Supper (Dining room)
6:00 Mini-workshops open
6:00 Invocation
6:10 Grant Waheneka-Traditional Dancer
6:30 Arlita Rhoan-Traditional Dancer
7:00 Ellen Thompson-Protocol, attitude, behavior in a positive way
7:20 Arlissa Rhoan-Positive peer influence on the powwow trail
7:30 Kenneth Scabby Robe-Grass Dancer; Black Lodge Drum

Sap Si Kwat Winter Camp

The Sap Si Kwat Winter Camp will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse on Friday and Saturday, January 19 & 20, 1996.

Activities include legends, Indian language, sewing, loom work, chokers, dream catchers, doll making, doll boards, shawl making, earrings, barrettes, and others. Please bring sleeping bag or bed roll, change of clothes, towels, shampoo and toothbrush.

For more information call Charlotte Herkshan at 553-3205.

New faces, positive changes for housing

The Warm Springs Housing Department starts 1996 with some new faces and high expectations.

In 1995 the Housing department underwent several staff changes. Chet VanPelt Jr. assumed the position of Executive Director in mid-October, moving up from the Assistants position. In mid-November, Ray "Captain" Moody was hired on as the new assistant. Rudy Clements was promoted to Maintenance supervisor in April of 1995. Dorothy Kalama accepted the Tribal Secretary position in mid-November. Harold "Toot" Pennington transferred to a maintenance position in July.

Current staff and titles are: Chet VanPelt, Jr.-Executive Director; Captain Moody-Assistant Director; Rudy Clements-Maintenance Supervisor; Carolyn Johnson-Bookkeeper; Bill Caudle-Project Coordinator; Lana Leonard-Occupancy Specialist; Carol Craig-Tribal Housing Counselor; Stella Langley-HUD Housing Counselor; Toot Pennington-Maintenance; Morningstar Spino-HUD Secretary; and Dorothy Kalama-Tribal Secretary.

In 1995, the Housing Department had budget problems with the situation escalating to a point that on September 27, 1995, a memo was sent by the Finance department stating that no further payments would be made from Housing departments tribal budgets. According to tribal

finance reports that at the end of 1995 the Housing department had an accounts receivable of \$360,744 on Tribal rentals. The accounts receivable include rent owed to the tribe from current accounts, old vacated accounts and accounts going through probate. As of January 10, 1996 only 33% of our tenants are current on their rent.

In order to improve, the Housing Department will need to reduce the accounts receivable. In 1996 the Housing department will begin to utilize collection processes, that are available, to reduce or limit the money owed to the Tribe. These processes include, eviction for non-payment, eviction for excessive tenant damage, enforcement of repayment agreements signed by tenants or if the situation requires, the Tribal Court.

Problem areas such as abandoned or broke down vehicles (at Tribal and HUD units), stray dogs WILL BE TARGETED FOR REMOVAL IN 1996.

There are positive aspects to what Housing is involved with such as the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP) that has targeted 52 units in West Hills for remodeling with 13 units completed and work progressing on the next five. The Block Grant project in Elliot Heights that has targeted 13 homes for renovation is 60% completed with the sewer line portion completed. In

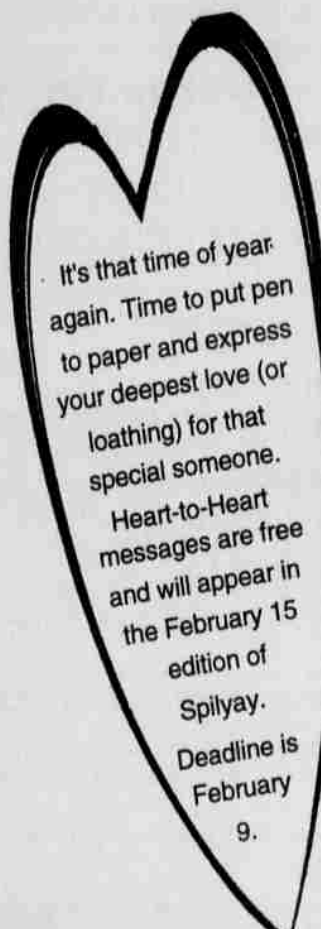
late December, the Housing Staff presented eight maintenance requests for Senior Citizens to the Tribal Health & Welfare Committee and received approval and we are now processing the necessary paperwork. The Home Improvement Program (HIP) has been assigned to Captain and Rudy. The difficulties that the Housing Department faces in 1996 are not new and have been around for some time but with a new staff aboard the Department hopes to make the changes that will better meet those expectations of the Tribal Members.

Tribal bathhouse gets new facelift

Plans are underway to remodel and make anew the Tribal Bathhouse. The Tribal bathhouse will be closed January 15 1996 through February 15, 1996 for this remodeling.

Several features are being changed to make the bathhouse safer and a more enjoyable room for all Tribal members. Some of the changes taking place are: non-skid tile on the floor, addition of a wall clock, installing re-enforce fiber glass panels to making easier cleaning and decreasing mildew, painting the inside and enlarging the cement walk way. Richard Macy has volunteered his time and talent to paint petroglyphs around the inside.

We are asking Tribal members to bear with us. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but know all will understand when the bathhouse is reopened February 16, 1996.



Indian language classes starts Jan. 15

The Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Language Program would like to invite those interested in learning language to attend one of the classes scheduled.

We are looking for those who are sincere about dedicating one evening a week to learning language. With the curriculum being developed, it is important to be at all of the classes. This is extremely important, so a person is able to develop language skills along with the rest of the class.

Classes will be going on in sets of sevens. Meaning there'll be a set of seven lessons developed, where one lesson will be taught weekly. And when one feels they've become accomplished at that, they can move on to the second set of sevens. And a classes continue, the lessons will become more advanced for those who continue with the classes.

Language will take a lot of time invested to become fluent or semi-fluent. However, the Language Program would like to "ENCOURAGE, NOT DISCOURAGE" those willing to invest the time in a major priority for the community of Warm Springs.

We believe language to be an im-

Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, January 26, 1996