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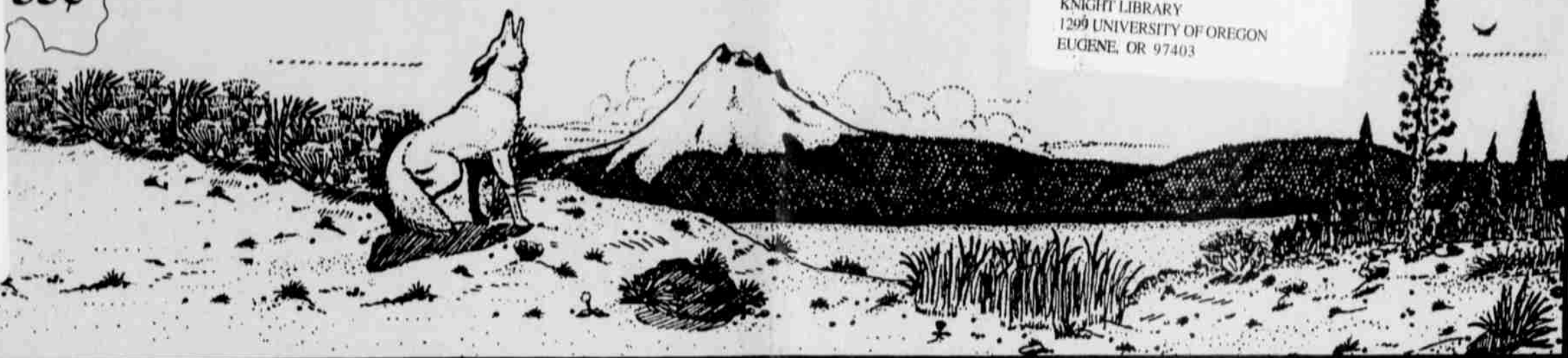
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Coyote News In Brief

COCC offers classes during fall term

Television classes, GED/ABE and community ed classes are sure to pique the interest of many Warm Springs residents this fall.

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Head lice can be prevented

If head lice are identified and properly treated, the pesky little buggers can be eliminated from your home.

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COBRA offers training

Central Oregon Battery and Rape Alliance will offer "Skillful Means" training in Madras beginning September 22.

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Healthy Nations hosts visitors

Numerous Robert Wood Johnson Foundation officials visited Warm Springs September 4 to 6.

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Neighbors can help break cycle of crimes in the home

The Warm Springs Police Department urges reservation residents to form neighborhood watch programs.

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Language lessons continue

Sahaptin, Kiksht and Paiute language lessons are offered.

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Warm Springs Elementary welcomes new teachers

Three new teachers joined the faculty at Warm Springs this year.

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Comprehensive Plan teams working to inform community

Eight planning teams are currently setting up meetings to inform the community of the Comp. Plan update.

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Opener finds Madras victorious

The Madras White Buffaloes were victorious over the tough LaPine Hawks 17-7 in season opener September 5.

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Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, September 19, 1997

Summer vacation has come to an end, Teachers and students anticipate first day of school



The staff at Warm Springs Elementary School stopped for a photo during their preparation day, September 2. Warm Springs Elementary welcomes three new teachers to the staff, Chad Monson, Sarah Bennett, Anne Jasa.



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Before going to their new classrooms students must find out what classroom they are in.

Gorton's statement astonishes Yakama Tribe

The Yakama Indian Nation responded with both amazement and sadness to statements made earlier on the Senate floor by Senator Slade Gorton (R-Wash.), wherein the Senator analogized a 1994 accidental vehicular death involving a Tribal police officer responding to the call regarding an urgent armed robbery in progress to the intentional brutal beating and sodomization recently inflicted by New York City policemen against Haitian immigrant Abner Luima.

In what appears to be an attempt to justify a far-reaching amendment he has inserted into an appropriations bill that would eradicate tribal sovereign immunity, the senior Senator from Washington has chosen to exploit the victimization of Abner Luima and a tragic car accident that occurred on the Yakama reservation.

The facts of the case cited by Gorton should be brought to light as should the point that a close associate of the Senator Yakama County Prosecutor, Jeff Sullivan, declined to pursue a criminal prosecution (for "Disregarding the safety of others") against the tribal police officer involved in the accident.

On October 25, 1994, Tiffany Martin, a fully trained police officer of the Yakama Indian Nation responded to an emergency call for

assistance from the Yakama County Sheriff's office. There was a burglary in progress at a convenience store and the closer police force in the city of Wapato had not responded. Officer Martin proceeded in her police vehicle northbound on Route 97 with both sirens and overhead flashers on. During her response a second call came in indicating that gun shots had been fired and the situation was clearly quite urgent. As the officer approached a particular intersection, where she initially had a green light, she slowed her vehicle down (she estimates to between 30 and 35 miles per hour), noticing a van stopped at the intersection with its turn signal on. Apparently next to the van and hidden from the officer's line of sight was another vehicle. Confirming that the stopped vehicle was aware of her presence, she accelerated and went through the intersection as the light turned yellow and then red. The van remained stopped the vehicle next to it, being driven by 18 year old Jered Gamache went forward and his vehicle and the police car collided. Gamache died as a result of injuries suffered in the collision. The tribal police force has expressed great remorse to the Gamache family and the officer herself has suffered tremendously and emotionally as a result of the accident.

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Welcome back students of Warm Springs Elementary

New discipline program to begin at MHS

Madras High School would like to communicate better with the Warm Springs community about issues which deal directly with their students/children. The following will provide a short summary about a new part of the schools discipline program for Madras High School students.

Madras High School has added a new intervention in the schools discipline program, "After School Detention" (ASD). A review of data from the 1996-97 school year showed that Warm Springs youth served a combined 1801 "In School Suspension" consequences for their behavior at the high school. There were a total of 2784 "In School Suspensions" served for the entire school year. The two highest categories of infractions for students where "Late to School" and "Late from Lunch". This year, instead of removing students from classes to serve an In School Suspension, students will be required to serve 1-3 days after school from 3:30-5:00 p.m. This program was presented to the Warm Springs Education Committee and gain their endorsement in an effort to try to keep students in the classroom and current with their studies.

The ASD will be placed in the sequence of consequences between a lunch detention and a suspension from school. Students will be assigned to serve the ASD the day following a violation of a school rule. This will allow the student to make arrangements for any homework or appointments that might need to be changed. It will also allow an opportunity for the student to set up transportation home from school with their parent/guardian. The high school and the tribes will not provide the transportation home for students who are assigned after school detention. The tribes have determined students will not be able to

ride the activity bus home, which is provided by the tribes for students in clubs and extra curricular after school activities.

By implementing this new program, we hope to decrease the total number of suspensions from school and the behaviors of students will change. It is our intent to have parents become involved in the consequences of their students and help the tribes and the high school change student behavior.

If you have questions regarding this new program, please feel free to contact the high school for additional information at 475-7265.

Help clean up the lake

In addition to cleanup and resource stewardship activities on and around all three arms of Lake Billy Chinook, the fourth annual Lake Billy Chinook Day celebration will feature a variety of entertaining and informative events and activities for all ages. Many of this year's activities and displays will concern the significance of cultural resources and historic occurrences in Central Oregon focusing on the area of the lake itself. Presentations and displays on Native American rock art, paleontology and the Homesteading Era will be featured at the vent site.

Along with primary event sponsors—the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Portland General Electric—organizers announced that they have, for the second consecutive year, partnered with "Clean Up the World," Ltd., from Sydney, Australia. This group is part of a worldwide program in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Program: "Clean up the World," Ltd. provides organizational support for the cleanup effort and global promotion of the event. "The planners of Lake Billy Chinook Day are once again delighted in having the support of this international organization," said Paul M. Patton, Visitor Services coordinator for Central Oregon state parks.

Lake Billy Chinook Day will take place Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Cove Palisades State Park 14 miles west of Madras. Awarded the first annual SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism) Cup Award (best development of partnerships) in 1994 by Governor Kitzhaber, the event has gained a regional reputation as being a unique blend of stewardship ethics in action, natural resource education and cultural/civic celebration.

9 a.m. Volunteer Registration
9:30 a.m. Display and information booths open
10 a.m. Welcome & Event Information
Invocation by Pierson Mitchell
Cleanup begins
11 a.m. Food concessions open
1 p.m. Cleanup Activities Conclude
1:30 p.m. Events, Activities and Entertainment begin

Inspector General to audit Mt. View Hospital

Reiterating that Mt. View Hospital needs to provide quality service at a fair price to the communities it serves, Garland Brunoe, the general manager of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' Managed Care Program, announced that the Tribes' were requesting an audit of Mt. View Hospital by the Inspector General.

A press release issued by the Tribe's Managed Care Program last month stated that the Managed Care Program would be sending patients to Central Oregon District Hospital and St. Charles Medical Center in Bend until further notice. The decision to stop using the services of Mt. View Hospital in Madras grew out of an impasse over billing practices, that according to Brunoe, "resulted in unusually higher charges than other Central Oregon hospitals."

After reviewing areas of concern with official from the IHS (Indian Health Service) Portland Area Office and Ernie Ishem, Attorney for IHS in the Pacific Northwest Region, it was determined that the Managed Care Program had sufficient documentation to request an audit by the Inspector General. Brunoe notified Tom Kirach, Mt. View Hospital's Board Chairman, in a letter dated September 4, that the Managed Care Program would be requesting the audit by the Inspector General. Brunoe stated that Kirach had indicated last month that the Mt. View Hospital Board of Directors would be agreeable to an Inspector General audit.

The Inspector General Act of 1978 is the legal foundation of the IG Community. It has created more than 60

IGs in Federal agencies and given them wide authority to conduct audits, investigations and inspections in their agencies. The purpose of the IGs is:

- A) to promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness and
- B) to prevent and detect fraud and abuse.

Because the request for an Inspection General Audit was made only last week, Brunoe said he was unable to give any details as to when the audit would take place, how long it would take, and what the results might be. "Perhaps the findings of the IG will bring a resolution of some kind to this regrettable situation," Brunoe said. "We will continue to shift patients to Central Oregon District Hospital and St. Charles Medical Center for an indefinite period."