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Coyote News In Brief

Lucei animal specialist

Edward Lucei was recently hired by IHS sanitarian to work as the Animal Specialist for the Reservation.

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Housing receives grants

The Warm Springs Housing Authority announced recently that a \$700,000+ grant was awarded them for development of a new Mutual Help program.

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Curriculum developed for kindergartners

Warm Springs kindergarten students are currently taking Sahaptin lessons as part of their regular daily schedule.

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Museum struggles to bring in operating funds

The Museum At Warm Springs must raise over \$300,000 a year to cover operating expenses.

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Title IX survey needs completion

Parents, teachers and students are asked to complete a survey to help plan district-wide educational services.

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Language lessons continue

Sahaptin, Kiksht and Paiute language lessons are offered.

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Human Services notes

accomplishments
As part of the Comprehensive Plan update, Human Services notes activities since 1983.

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Cousins complete degrees

Alice Sampson and Guy Wallulatum recently received their Associate of Arts degrees. They are both now employed at the Community Counseling Center.

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Madras wins Tri- Valley opener

Madras was victorious in their first Tri-Valley league game September 19 against LaSalle.

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**Deadline for the next
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Warm Springs dump legal only until October 8

The Warm Springs refuse pit (the dump) has become more visible from Kah-Nee-Ta highway (Hwy. 3) during the past few years. That's because it's been in the same location for the past eighteen years serving a community of over 3,000 people. It's hard telling what's been dumped there throughout all those years.

"The pits were opened by the BIA, November 2, 1979," says Nancy Collins, Warm Springs Tribal Sanitarian. "An extension will be requested by Tribal Council through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but I don't think one will be issued to continue dumping trash there," says Collins.

According to the Federal regulations and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, we have until October 8 to legally dump garbage at the present location," says Collins. If the Tribe decides to continue to dump in the same pits, they are subject to a 30-year post closure monitoring period" says Collins. That means that for the next 30 years, the dump will have to be monitored closely to make sure no underground liquid or rain water leaks will occur.

"As far as I know, the existing dump has never been closely monitored since it was opened in 1979," says Collins. With the 30-year post closure monitoring, the community must make sure that different trash items such as tires, metals, plastics and flammable materials are separated for recycling purposes. "There are three alternatives," says Collins. We can continue to dump at the present location and follow the Federal 30-year rule, contract an outside company to haul trash off the reservation, or we could move the pit to a different location on the reservation and start over again.

"There's already another site picked out in the Dry Hollow area," says Collins. "But it has not been approved yet. Even though a new area has been picked the other problem we face now is the existing road has no right of way. After road rights have been decided, the next important issue is to gain road access into the new location for all-weather travel."

Another option is to place transfer stations, including recycling drop boxes at every existing pick-up site at \$30 a month per household. The transfer stations can be placed in the areas of Sidwalter, Simnasho and Seekseequa and the Agency. "The problem I see there," says Ron



Eighteen-year-old Warm Springs landfill will come under 30-year post closure monitoring if not closed by October 8

Suppah of Realty, "is that a lot of trash will not make it to any of the transfer stations." At the present, not all the trash is making it to the dump. "Just take a look around the Reservation and see where people have taken their trash," says Suppah.

"It's sad to see where some people are dumping their trash now days. One of the areas that I've noticed the past years is beginning to look like a regular dumping area on the B-160/B-170," says Suppah. "I'm sure every hunter or berry picker has seen it on their way into the woods."

A new garbage truck capable of lifting 93-gallon trash containers with wheels has been ordered, says Collins. The tribal Sanitation department, along with the Housing department, have already purchased some of the 93-gallon trash cans equipped with wheels and have placed them in the Tenino apartment area. "We plan to place more of them near all of the other rental units and new tribal houses. The 93-gallon trash

containers will allow tenants more trash room and will also make it easier for trash collectors to wheel the containers to their trucks."

If the Tribe decides to close down the existing location, steps will follow to place a final cap on the pits with three feet of clay or top soil then to reseed, says Collins. The cost of hauling trash and dumping it at any Oregon refuse pit has gone sky high. "Just in the Madras area alone," says Collins "the cost has gone up to \$68 per ton."

"The deadline for the closure of the dump, is coming up on October 8" says Collins. "The Warm Springs community needs to know and act on the subject. If Environmental Protection Agency will not allow us another extension to continue to put more trash in the existing pits, a decision will have to be made."

"If anyone has any comments, input, concerns or ideas, please feel free to give me a call at 553-4943," concludes Collins.



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Residents continue to discard tires, cars, and other non-biodegradable items at the dump.

Reservation residents eligible for National Flood Insurance

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recently joined over 18,000 communities nationwide who are allowed to purchase Federally-backed flood insurance. This availability follows the community's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Tribal Council, in July of this year, adopted

Controlled burns begin

Smoke-Smoke-Smoke This is to make everybody aware that there will be smoke in the air and it most likely be a prescribed fire. If you see smoke you can call Fire & Safety or Fire Management, we can give the locations of the prescribed burns. Some of the burning will take place in the Mill Creek, Bear Springs, and Mt. Wilson area's.

This time of year is used to achieve specific forest management objectives. Such objectives include fire hazard reduction, control of competing vegetation, creation of seed beds and planting spots. Prescribed fire is also used to enhance diversity and stability in natural areas.

Two major types of prescribed burning are done in fire management:

1. Underburning-as its name implies is burning beneath mature forest canopies.
2. Slashburning-method of disposing of logging residues and other woody debris that would impede reforestation or be a fire hazard.

Ordinance 77, the "Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance" for the reservation. This recent action was jointly announced by Michael Armstrong, associate director for mitigation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Spence Perry, executive administrator for the Federal Insurance Administration.

The Confederated Tribes became eligible to participate in the NFIP effective August 11, 1997. Reservation residents will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Emergency Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect. For single family homes, this limit is \$35,000 and \$10,000 for contents. Renters can also protect their belongings though the contents coverage. For commercial properties, this limit is \$100,000. After the initial Emergency Phase, higher limits of coverage will be available.

To purchase flood insurance, homeowners should ask their insurance carrier if they represent the Federally-backed National Flood Insurance Program.

Lenders must require borrowers who property is located in a designated flood hazard area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a Federally-backed mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP, implemented through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is a self-supporting program, requiring no taxpayer support to pay claims and operating expenses.

Water settlement ready for signing....again

The Confederated Tribes, the United States and the State of Oregon will soon sign the Warm Springs Water Rights Settlement Agreement. The final negotiations session and signing ceremonies are tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 13 at Kah-Nee-Ta beginning at 9 a.m. The ceremonies are open to the public.

The Water Rights Settlement is between the Tribes, the United States and the State of Oregon. It defines and guarantees the 1855 Treaty water right for the Warm Springs Reservation so that it will always be available to the Tribes and its members. The settlement is made possible by the unique treaty that the Tribes have and the special geologic circumstances in the Deschutes River Basin.

The settlement does not deal with off-Reservation Treaty water rights. It helps avoid future disputes between the Tribes and other water users in the Deschutes River Basin. The agreement ensures that the Tribes have control of all waters on the Reservation, now and in the future and protects fish on the Reservation and in bordering streams through the pledges of all parties to the agreement to maintain instream flows. The settlement guarantees that the Tribes and its members will have sufficient water to develop the Reservation for whatever purposes they determine appropriate.

The settlement also protects the rights of allottees to develop their allotments and provides for water that the Tribes can lease to off-Res-

ervation users in the future if that is appropriate and economically feasible. The agreement gives the Tribes great flexibility in how much water it can authorize for use, the purposes for which the water will be used and who it can authorize to use it. The agreement also protects the Tribes' right to use water whether or not the Tribes choose to develop it right away and it sets the foundation for cooperative management of all waters within the Deschutes River Basin. The agreement will be finally effective when all parties sign it and it is confirmed in a court decree.

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The agreement was scheduled to be signed September 16, 1996 but due the State's misinterpretation of the validity of the 1865 Treaty and concerns raised by the federal representatives, signing was called off by Tribal Council. State, Federal and Tribal representatives have worked during the past several months to clarify the State's misinterpretation of the 1865 Treaty as well as minor word changes to the agreement.

Class of '47 holds 50th reunion

The Class of 1947, is holding it's 50th class reunion September 26 & 27, 1997, in Madras, Oregon. They are inviting the classes of 1945, 1946, 1948, and 1949, to join them on this memorable occasion.

They plan to relive a few of their M.U.H.S. memories by attending a football game on Friday night and touring both the old and new high schools on Saturday (for those who have not already done so).

Friday the group will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria Hall at the new Madras High School. They have reserved the room for 2 hours for some quick "catch-up" before the football game. There will be a section

reserved for the group at the football game and they will be recognized at half time.

Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. the group will tour the old high school to see how it is being used. And at 11:00 A.M. they will tour the new Madras High School to see where the current crop of students mark the days to graduation.

Saturday evening at 5:30 P.M. there will be a no host cocktail hour with the Dinner and Program at 7:00 P.M. The Dinner will be at Hoffy's Restaurant.

For lodging there have been a block of rooms reserved at Sonny's and at Hoffy's.

**Watch for signs announcing
upcoming meetings concerning the
proposed 1998 tribal operating
budget**