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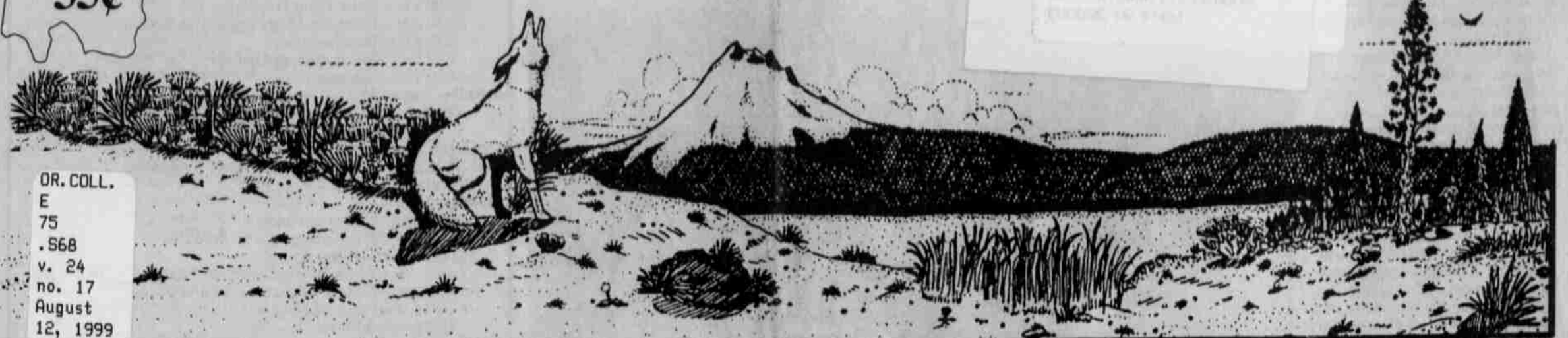
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Heavy Thunderstorms create fires on reservation grasslands



Heavy thunderstorms starting August 4, continued with very little rain through the week and have left over 1,000 reported down strikes on the Warm Springs reservation. The storms, mostly towards the evening hours has left over ninety fires confirmed. The fires were suppressed by Fire Management personnel. The largest fire reported during the thunderstorms, has been contained at 300 acres in size.

Graffiti vandals on the prowl



Vandals display their graffiti behind the Early Childhood Education building and kitchen area. Graffiti vandals have targeted other tribal buildings including vacant homes. In the past few months, vandals have included newly constructed homes as well as abandon or unoccupied houses. Abandon or parked vehicles have also been vandalized in the past few months.

Car Crash Investigation continues

Police continue investigating the cause of a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred around 5:30 PM, Sunday along US Highway 26 about 8 miles north of Warm Springs.

According to a witness following the westbound vehicle, it appears the driver drifted off of the right shoulder. It then appeared that the driver over-corrected the vehicle causing it to roll.

The female driver was dead on arrival of local Police and EMS personnel.

The passenger was airlifted to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend where he remains in stable condition.

With the highway closed, traffic was re-routed around the crash for several hours.

Investigation is continuing by Warm Springs Police.

Agency District Meeting

Agency Longhouse
Wednesday, August 18, 1999
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: 2000 budget, open agenda

Simnasho Elementary School closed due to low enrollment of students

The Board of Directors of School District 509-J has passed a motion to close the Simnasho School for the 1999-00 school year. This action was taken during the Board's regular meeting on Monday, June 28. In suspending operations, the Board emphasized its willingness to consider reopening the school when potential enrollment reaches a higher level. Superintendent Phil Riley will discuss drafting guidelines the Board could use in considering reopening Simnasho in the future.

Down South, Warm Springs El-

ementary School Principal has been asked to make plans to relocate District equipment and supplies from Simnasho School to Warm Springs Elementary.

The District understands that under the reversion stipulation in Lease 3570, all land and appurtenances at Simnasho revert to the Confederated Tribes within six months. However, since the District plans to vacate the premises by July 31, they are hereby requesting that the tribes assume responsibility for the facility on August 1, 1999.