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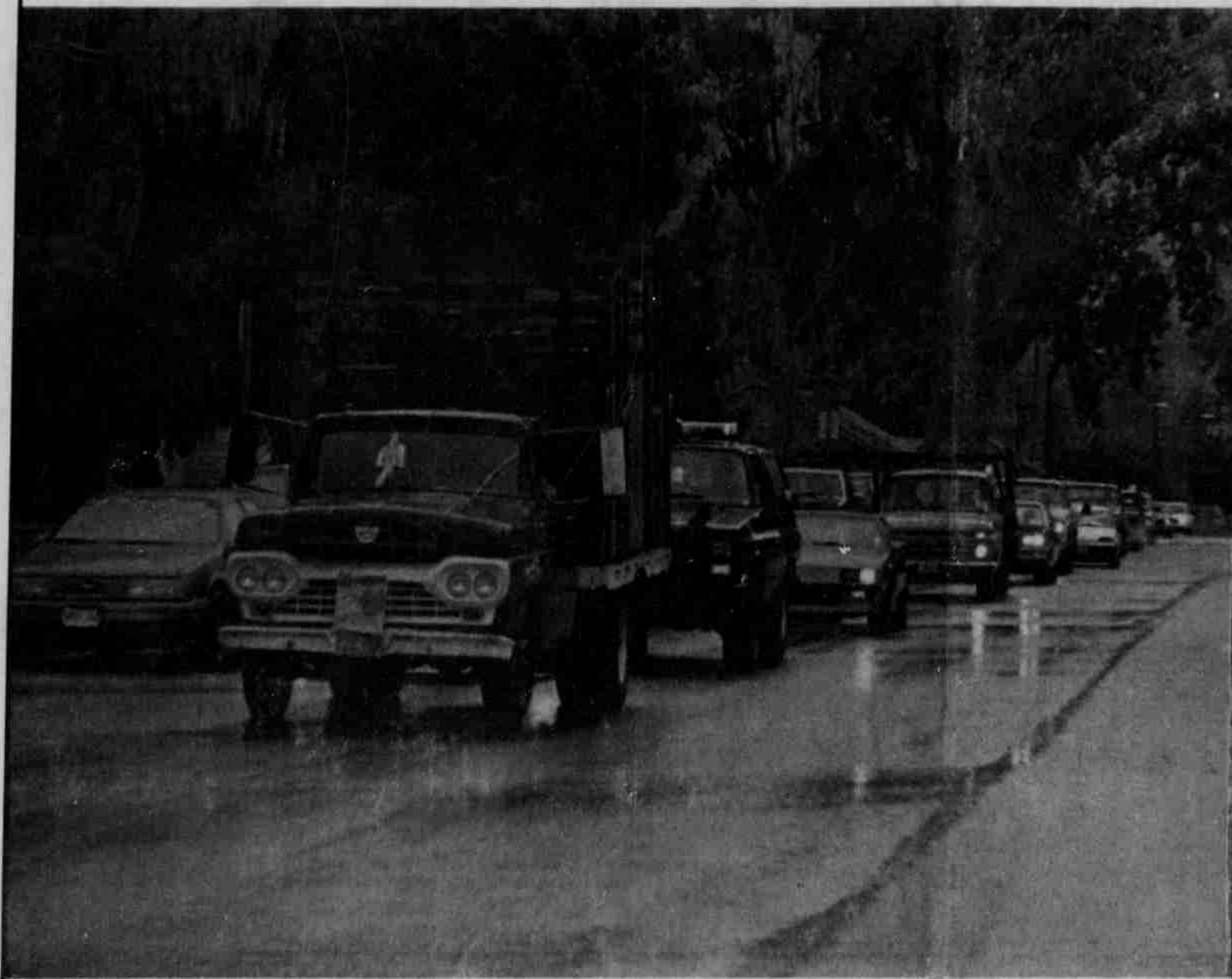
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(Coyote News)

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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"My Car's A Star"



Here they come!
Thirteen participants of the "Rez Car" Parade. With pride these drivers show off their cars.
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Voter information day is October 24

Voter information day is October 24, 2000 at the High Lookie Lodge from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this nonpartisan event sponsored by The Women's Resource Association at Warm Springs. You are encouraged to bring your questions to ask the candidates.

All candidates interested in participating should contact Anita Jackson at 553-3230.

All voters should have been registered and postmarked by October 17 to cast your ballot on November 7.

Exhibit opens November 3

"Starlight Holiday Exhibit," opening November 3rd at The Museum at Warm Springs celebrates creative abilities and holiday images shared by the community.

The Museum staff invites community members and employees of the Warm Springs Reservation to create items related to the Holiday Season for the exhibit. All items submitted must remain throughout the exhibit period from the submission deadline of October 23rd through January 5, 2001. Items may be for sale. The Museum receives 10 percent commission on all items sold.

If you have holiday items you

have made and would like to share with everyone through the exhibit, please submit them during regular business hours to the Curator, Natalie Kirk. Examples are beaded stockings, wreaths, tree ornaments, decorated mini-Christmas trees and any other holiday related items.

The deadline for submitting items for consideration is October 23rd, 5 p.m., with no exceptions and no late entries. A maximum of two items per person applies.

The Museum At Warm Springs, 2189 Highway 26, is open 362 days a year, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the summer and until 5 in the winter.

Safety is important, wear your seatbelts

Safety is important to the Health Promotion Team at the Health and Wellness Center and this is the reason there was a car seat survey at Early Childhood Education Center Tuesday, September 12. There were 67 cars observed with 40% using car seats. There was 54% not using car seats.

People were asked if they were aware of the seat belt law on the Reservation and most said yes. Some reasons were given for not using a seat belt was: the car seat is in a different (parent's) car, we are late, and it is a short distance.

FACTS:

Children who ride in safety seats survive 75% of the crashes that would otherwise be fatal.

Every 12 minutes someone is killed in a traffic accident and more than 900 of those people a day are children.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to children age 0-15.

If a driver is wearing a seatbelt, 86% of the time toddlers will also be restrained.

Most car accidents occur within 20 miles of residence and at low speeds.

Wearing your seatbelt takes three seconds and could save your child's life. Please remember to buckle up.

Thank you,

The Health Promotion Team
Warm Springs Indian Health Service

Drug arrests made

On October 4, 2000 Donald Courtney, Chief of Police, Warm Springs Police Department announced the arrest of two individuals known to be involved in the trafficking of illegal narcotics to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Courtney said the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement team working with Warm Springs Narcotics Detectives made two key arrests in Madras, Oregon on the evening of October 3, 2000.

Jorge Jimenez Cervantes, age 27, and Julio Bravo-Lopez, age 20 were arrested following a lengthy investigation. Both of these individuals had been identified in the trafficking of illegal narcotics on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. A considerable amount of methamphetamine, cocaine, and two illegal firearms were seized in connection with the arrests. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service have placed

detainers on both individuals.

On October 11, 2000 Narcotics Detectives with the Warm Springs Police Department, assigned to the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team, arrested Tiffany Smith, 29 of Warm Springs, on an outstanding arrest warrant for Possession and Sales of Methamphetamine on the Warm Springs Reservation. Ms. Smith was lodged in the Warm Springs Jail awaiting arraignment on these charges.

On October 12, 2000 Narcotics Detectives with the Warm Springs Police Department, assigned to the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team, arrested Sally Smith, 26 of Warm Springs, on an outstanding arrest warrant for Possession and Sales of Methamphetamine on the Warm Springs Reservation. Ms. Smith was lodged in the Warm Springs Jail awaiting arraignment on these charges.

Flu season is upon us. . .

It's almost that time of year again! You know, the time when sniffles and coughs and colds are everywhere. Those pesky germs are passed through the community on hands, sneeze droplets and coughs. You can help prevent these germs from latching onto you and prevent passing them onto others by washing your hands often using soap and water. Always sneeze into a Kleenex or handkerchief. And make sure you turn your head when you cough.

One of the best ways to prevent catching the "flu" is to have a flu shot. Even if you had a flu shot last year you need another one this fall, since the types of flu germs it protects against are different each year. A flu

shot taken in the fall will protect you for the entire flu season. This year the recommendation is for everyone over age 50 to have a shot, as well as anyone with a chronic disease such as diabetes or asthma.

There are delays in distribution of flu vaccine this year due to manufacturing problems. But flu vaccine administered even after mid-November will still provide protection. As soon as the vaccine arrives the Public Health Nursing Department will be scheduling flu clinics at different locations around the reservation. Watch the Spilyay for dates and locations. Call 553-2459 for more information.



Have a happy and safe Halloween & remember employee costume contest!

Financial Plan promotes long-term stability

Tribal administrators have developed a 10-year plan that promotes financial stability even though tribal government revenues are expected to drop significantly in the coming decade. These anticipated revenue shortfalls would result in significant annual deficits beginning in 2002 if nothing is done to address the situation. The plan, which has been presented to Tribal Council and at district budget meetings, offers strategies to offset future budget deficits.

The plan proposes measured cutbacks in government spending and a reduction in tribal government jobs over time, while encouraging tribal enterprises to expand and create new jobs in the business sector. A key component of this proposal would take \$2.5 million annually from accumulated general fund savings and invest it in new business ventures.

Over the past several years, tribal officials have alerted tribal members that, beginning in 2001, revenues will decrease significantly from current levels. The anticipated shortfalls stem from two major areas; declining timber harvest and prices, and short-term reductions in hydroelectric-related revenues. The proposed 10-year financial plan balances the need for tribal government to operate within these restricted means while still providing essential government programs and services.

Administrators have crafted this proposal in response to the increasing urgency of the situation. They believe the problem is bound to get worse unless immediate action is taken. If corrective action is not taken, the Confederated Tribes' could exhaust its' financial reserves as early as 2005. Some of the key elements developed for this plan are listed below:

- Reduce tribal government jobs from 700 to 510 by the year 2006.
- Invest \$2.5 million annually in new tribal business ventures that will generate additional revenue and create new jobs.
- Implement a job transition program that provides severance pay, job retraining and relocation services for tribal government employees if their job is eliminated.
- Provide financial incentives for employees over 60 years of age to take early retirement.
- Increase the number of tribal members employed by existing tribal enterprises.
- Encourage the Oregon Department of Corrections, through formal negotiations, to hire tribal members at the prison facility scheduled to be built in Jefferson County.
- Analyze investments and develop strategies to maximize financial returns.
- Initiate an aggressive effort to

secure additional federal, state and private grants to fund tribal programs and projects.

By taking the proposed actions, tribal officials hope to create a more streamlined and effective tribal government and a sound financial environment by the end of the planning period, in 2010. The proposed 20 percent decrease in government operations spending would lessen the impact of anticipated revenue shortfalls, and investments in the business sector would provide employment opportunities to help offset the reduction in government jobs.

Administrators estimate additional annual dividends to tribal government from new business ventures will exceed \$4 million in the coming decade. New businesses will diversify the local economy and reduce the need to harvest and consume natural resources. Primary objectives of a diversified economy are financial stability, security and eventual prosperity.

Vital programs within the tribal organization would be maintained under the proposed plan, including per capita payments and essential governmental services. Existing trust funds such as the Senior Pension and Scholarship funds would also be maintained. The same would be true of critical infrastructure investments such as water, sewer and housing developments, and plans to build a new K-5 elementary school. By 2010, approximately \$10 million

would be invested in vital community infrastructure improvements throughout the reservation under the proposed plan.

The 10-year financial plan, which is still in draft form, lays out a number of options for the restructuring of tribal government and managing of tribal investments. Administrators believe the plan charts an overall direction that will effectively address these issues and help preserve the Confederated Tribes' financial health in the years to come.

Some of the more detailed aspects of the 10-year financial plan will be discussed with Tribal Council in the weeks ahead. Tribal member input will be sought during budget hearings and other meetings to be held in the near future.

General Council Meeting
November 1, 2000
at Simnasho Longhouse
6:00 p.m.--Dinner
7:00 p.m.--Meeting
Agenda:
2001 Proposed Budget