

Spilyay Tymoo

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation



VOL. 13 NO. 22

PO BOX 870 WARM SPRINGS, OR 97761

NOVEMBER 4, 1988

Coyote News In Brief

New chief judge selected
Don Costello, after working as a pro tem judge, was recently chosen as chief judge for the tribal court.

Page 2

Trust fund changes discussed

The head of BIA discussed changes in the current trust fund policies with Northwest tribes.

Page 2

Political candidates presented

Candidates for positions within the county and state for which Warm Springs citizens will vote on Election Day, November 8, are introduced.

Page 3

Extension Service notes Alzheimer's Disease Month

November has been recognized as Alzheimer's Disease Month to increase awareness of the disease and its impact.

Page 5

Basketball schedules shown

Madras High School varsity girl's and boy's basketball schedules are presented. The season begins December 1.

Page 6

Minnick prepares for college

Scheldon Minnick accepted a scholarship to attend Sunriver Preparatory School as his first step towards college.

Page 7

Wasco meeting November 3, 1988 6:30 p.m. Wasco medicine house

The deadline date for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is November 10.

WEATHER

OCTOBER

DATE	HI	LOW
18	68	42
19	71	48
20	71	48
21	75	36
22	66	43
23	70	31
24	75	36
25	70	36
26	68	41
27	52	30
28	53	30
29	59	28
30	70	37

Parents sponsor pro-children campaign

Members of the Early Childhood Education parent club, through an active and visual campaign October 27, urged voters to "think about our children" before they cast their ballots in the museum referendum. The parent club questioned why the ECE center was not presented to voters before the museum.

Paper plates carrying pro-children messages posted on signs throughout the community and paper dolls with learning center reminders put on many windshields delivered a strong plea—that of increased awareness of tribal priorities and encouragement to vote.

"We're not against the museum," said ECE director and parent club member Julie Mitchell. "It was our intent to encourage the learning center."

Mitchell added that it was "discouraging" to parents and staff alike, that the museum was presented first. "It was even more disheartening that it passed."

People must remember, said Mitchell, that "there are people besides those involved with ECE who wondered about priorities."

A 47,000 square foot center is currently on the drawing board and a \$4.25 million referendum for the center is anticipated early next year. Mitchell stated that the center has been in the works a long time—about the same as the museum. "The center should be given as much attention, if not more, than the museum."

Mitchell commented that the investment in tribal artifacts and in tribal children is comparable. "Our investment is just as large. Only it's alive and well and walking around."



Poncho Pedraza is one of 290 children enrolled in one of four Early Childhood Education programs. Poncho helped the ECE celebrate Head Start's 23rd anniversary.

Members approve museum referendum two to one

On Thursday, October 27, 1988, members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs approved a \$2.5 million appropriation that will ensure the construction of a tribal museum.

The referendum passed by a two to one margin despite efforts of proponents of another capital project who were concerned that a "yes" vote might adversely affect a future referendum.

Of the 1,551 eligible voters, 579, or 37.3 percent, cast ballots in Thursday's election. Of the 579, 379 voted in favor, 188 were opposed and 12 ballots were ruled invalid because they were inappropriately marked. According to tribal election rules, in order for an election to be valid, one-third of the eligible voters, or 33.3 percent, must cast ballots with a simple majority rule.

Tribal Council ratified the results of the election the morning after the election with Resolution #7689.

The outcome clearly indicates the importance of the museum to the people of Warm Springs, said a proponent of the project after the election.

"It should make the capital cam-

paign, which will be required to raise the additional money for the project, much easier," according to museum executive director Dr. Duane King.

The passage of the referendum now was very timely, added King, because of funding cycles of a number of federal and private funding agencies. One federal agency will consider a funding proposal during November and several private agencies, who have been awaiting a demonstration of support by tribal members for the museum, are now willing to review the MOIHS proposal.

The referendum represents the largest tribal appropriation for a museum project in the history of the United States. Many of the more than 100 tribal museums, built in the 1970s, were funded by Economic Development Administration (EDA) and other non-tribal sources.

The fund raising campaign for the building fund should be completed by the summer of 1989 and groundbreaking is anticipated by late summer or early fall of 1989.

Ceremonial hunt provides meat for tribal activities

Larger animals were targeted for harvest during a ceremonial hunt which took place two weekends in October. Ninety-eight deer were taken on the weekends of October 15 and October 22.

Hunters participating in the ceremonial hunt on the Les Schwab ranch near Post, Oregon were responsible for skinning and cleaning the deer which were then put in a refrigeration truck. Fish and Wildlife Committee members Claude Smith, Sr. and Gene Greene monitored the hunt. "They made sure everything was done properly," says Warm Springs wildlife biologist Terry Luther.

The harvested animals were transported back to Warm Springs where they were bagged and frozen. Fifteen of the deer were taken by Culture and Heritage Department representatives and dried. The approximately 200 pounds of dried meat is stored with the Natural Resources department. Frozen and dried meat will be used during tribal activities upon approval by Tribal Council.

The number of tags issued for the ceremonial hunt depends upon the number issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. A negotiated agreement allocates 10 percent of controlled hunt tags on ceded lands to the Tribe.

1989 proposed budget posted

The proposed 1989 tribal operating budget, with expenses totalling \$17,984,973, and estimated revenue at \$25,909,900, was posted recently and denotes a 10.7 percent increase in expenses over the 1988 operating budget of \$15,821,056. 1988 revenue was 21,411,800. It is anticipated that the expense portion of the budget will be reduced substantially following public hearings on the matter.

Increases in the proposal can be attributed to additional programs and positions in various departments within the organization. Twenty-eight new full- and part-time positions are proposed.

Of particular concern among members of management and Tribal Council is the current level of drug and alcohol abuse. To combat these problems, drug testing,

on a random and cause basis among all employees is being proposed. Also, a program to assist employees get the proper help before job loss occurs is proposed. A reservation-based outpatient treatment program, to compliment off-reservation treatment programs, is anticipated.

In addition, police patrol and corrections for traffic safety and burglary detection will be continued. To assist in proper law enforcement, an assistant prosecutor position is proposed.

The proposal contains no pay increases for employees. However, a new salary administration system, planned to begin during 1989, will hopefully bring the current pay rates up to par and provide fair evaluation of employee performance.

Also, to ensure employee improvement, training funds directed at performance appraisal, supervisor training and customer relations is proposed. In addition, incentives and recognition for good performance are anticipated. Working on improved communication among employees and supervisors will be a priority as will be insisting that good work attendance is required.

Of concern to management and Tribal Council is protection of the future. Additional monies have been included in the proposed budget for professional help to assist Tribal Council in federal legislation pertaining to jurisdiction, gambling, taxes, fishing, water and federal budgets.

Also of concern is the current license on the dams that will expire in 2001. Tribal Council must ensure that the Tribe is ready to protect the investment and property rights. Because of changing forest resources, a "neutral" professional forester is needed to advise the Council on what is needed in the future to make the most of the current resource. Strict financial management is necessary to ensure adequate financial resources for the future. This will be done by setting aside funds, controlling expenses, spending now to get return later and setting priorities.

Future economic development on the reservation is another way in which the Tribe can ensure suc-

cess for its members and the organization. An assessment and proposed economic development plan have been completed and the 1989 proposal contains funds to move the plan along to improve what the Tribe already has, to review new reservation business and to assist members getting into their own businesses. An economic development counselor, Robert Raimondi, began work last week and will be counseling individuals already in business and those wishing to get into business.

Other increases in the budget can be attributed to the continuation of a half-time public relations person for the justice services department. Also, public works costs have increased because of additional buildings requiring services and more hookups to the domestic water system. To curtail costs, the utilities department will no longer repair private homes.

Other increases include additional staff and funds for the education department to help people prepare for jobs in pre-entry and apprenticeship programs. Total funding for all work programs is over \$1 million. A professionally trained judge in Tribal court is now responsible for all court staff and an assistant juvenile coordinator is proposed to help with the ever-increasing caseload. It is proposed to re-establish the personnel office by combining policy compliance and employee records. Job opening advertisements and employee recruitment will remain with education services. Seven new positions have been added in the financial services department to assist with the increased volume and complexity of the workload.

Another major increase in the proposed budget includes enterprise subsidies totalling \$1,112,323, of which \$810,000 is for Kah-Nee-Ta; \$267,779 for KWSI and \$34,544 for the information center. Tribal Council has expressed they would like to see the tribal garage and information center turned over to tribal members as private businesses. Staff positions, transferred in 1986 to the secretary/treasurers office, will be transferred back to finance and administration departments.

Remember to vote November 8

Vote at the Community Center between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Continued on page 3

Continued on page 2