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# Spilyay Tymoo

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation



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## Coyote News In Brief

### Management plan discussed

Deschutes River users gathered at public meetings to express their concerns about the River. The majority of users wanted unlimited access to the resource.

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### Comments requested on IRMP

Tribal members are encouraged to complete the Natural Resources questionnaire to be used in Integrated Resource planning.

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### Hugs successful

Wellness Office hugs resulted in money for the Fire and Safety Kids Program and in good feelings.

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### Powwow provides good drumming, dancing, activities

Results of the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow are listed along with photographs of the three-day event.

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### Money attitudes should be discussed

Before getting married, financial concerns should be discussed. A common understanding about money is necessary.

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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 2, 1990

### Attend the

**Buff Elementary Culture Fair**  
Thursday,  
March 1, 1990

at Buff Elementary School in Madras

### Fire as a

**Management Tool**  
February 23, 1990  
9 a.m.

Senior Citizen's Building

Featuring fire ecologist Boone Kaufman

Call 553-2421 for more information

Spilyay Tymoo calendars are available after March 1. The price is

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A popular feature of the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is Intertribal dancing.

## Mailings begin March 23...

## Census to count all Americans

Every 10 years, since 1790, U.S. residents participate in the Census. The Census, which helps determine the number of seats each state will fill in the House of Representatives, officially begins March 23, 1990, with the mailing of questionnaires to all U.S. households.

Two types of questionnaires will be mailed; long-form, which take about 45 minutes to complete; and, the short-form, which requires 15 minutes to complete. Half of all reservation households will receive the long-form questionnaires. Officials explained that the long-form will give a better picture of life on Indian reservations. One out of six non-reservation homes will receive the long-forms.

Every residence on the reservation will be visited by a Census enumerator. Enumerators will be community members and familiar with the community. All completed forms are to be given to the enumerators. If residents have trouble filling out the form, the enumerators are prepared to offer assist-

ance. All forms are due by April 1, 1990.

Local prospective enumerators are currently being tested, with the latest tests being conducted February 21. Further testing is expected. If interested in working as an enumerator, contact the Vital Statistics office at 553-3252 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The 1980 Census determined the total Warm Springs reservation population was 2,244 while the total Indian population on the reservation was 2,004. The median age was 19.6 years and 251 Indians were under five years of age. Just over 50 percent of the Indians on the reservation had graduated from high school while 84 percent of the Indian families were below the poverty level. Nearly 65 percent of Indian males were 16 years of age and older were in the work force. The median annual income of Indian families was \$16,434. Total U.S. population in 1980 was 226.5 million. The 1990 total population is expected to exceed 250 million.

## Compact adopts gillnet season

The Columbia River Compact adopted the following winter treaty gillnet season: February 1, 12:00 noon to noon March 21. The spring chinook run-size will be evaluated on March 2 to see if additional fishing days are advisable.

The area designated is Zone 6 which is Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools. There is no mesh restrictions.

For sale will be sturgeon, steelhead, salmon, shad, and walleye. All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries apply with the exception of Spring Creek Hatchery, which is not necessary at this time of year. Scaffolds will remain open.

All fishing dates for Columbia River commercial fisheries are set by the Oregon/Washington Columbia River Compact which considers proposals from the tribes as well as from the federal government, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and the public. Please consult your tribal Fish and Wildlife Committees for details on your tribe's regulations. Please wear your lifejackets for safety.

## Over 500 eligible members register

The Secretarial Election concerning tribal borrowing authority will be held Tuesday, March 6, 1990. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Of the 1,762 eligible tribal members, 550 registered to vote by the February 14, 1990 deadline. One-third of those registered must vote to validate the election.

## Registered Voters:

**CAST YOUR BALLOTS**  
**Tuesday,**  
**March 6**  
**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
Community Center

## Commission adopts wild fish protection policy

On January 19, 1990, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission unanimously adopted a far-reaching wild fish protection policy.

The new policy replaces one adopted by the Commission in 1978. "The old policy didn't go far enough" said Bill Bakke, Oregon Trout executive director, adding "the 1978 policy was poorly implemented because it didn't control

hatchery programs or harvest; all it did was designate streams for exclusive wild fish management."

Bakke says, "The new policy is aimed at protecting wild trout, salmon, and steelhead populations wherever they are found and to conserve the genetic characteristics of populations."

Oregon Trout's Bakke met with agency officials and Jay Rasmussen,

director of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, to reach agreement on a policy that would protect the state's wild fish populations upon which so many economic and social benefits depend. "The state agency," says Bakke, "has set standards through this new policy for fisheries management that cannot be implemented until basic information about wild fish populations is collected. Getting the information will require a joint commitment from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, conservation groups, and sport and commercial users to develop a strong fish management budget in the 1991 legislature."

A controversial provision in the new policy would allow the fish and wildlife commission to exempt a wild population in order to achieve short-term economic benefits.

Bakke says, "Oregon Trout doesn't support the exemption of any wild population because doing so would likely set a population up for extinction. However, we worked hard to get an exemption process on the books that would provide public notice and a chance to comment."

Too many salmon and trout populations have gone extinct or are heading in that direction, but the public is unaware of it and has had no opportunity to make themselves heard.

Oregon's wild salmon and trout resources are subdivided into breeding populations genetically adopted to the environmental conditions of their home streams. The only way to maintain the productivity of the resource as a whole is to protect

these individual populations. They are irreplaceable and productivity of each species is dependent upon careful protection of individual populations. Bakke believes this concept is the foundation of the new wild fish policy. Implementation of the policy is the only way we have to secure a future for the resource and it is the best way to assure the next and future generations of Oregonians the economic and cultural benefits these fish represent.

## Community meeting notices

March 1, 1990

Agency Longhouse

Supper: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7-9:30 p.m.

March 8, 1990

Simnasho Longhouse

Supper: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7-9:30 p.m.

Subject: Proposed official zoning maps, including Warm Springs Community's traffic circulation plan

act sites.

## CHAMPs seek artwork

Community Health Action Mobilization Planners (CHAMPs) is seeking local artwork for their logo contest. First prize will win \$150. The artwork will appear on the cover of the Community Resource Manual.

Artwork should fit CHAMPs philosophy and should fit inside a 10" to 12" circle. Following is the CHAMPs philosophy.

We, the people of Warm Springs, believe that all individuals are capable of making decisions when informed and provided with factual information, and that all individuals have a right to, and a responsi-

bility for, their own health decisions. We subscribe to the preservation and protection of our traditional beliefs and values for multiple generations. We believe that by putting the needs of the people first we will regain trust, respect and compassion for each other. Through the community working together, taking ownership of its health and striving to improve the quality of all our lives, we will become a healthy community, enhance our self-esteem and preserve our way of life.

Deadline for art submission is March 15, 1990.