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Coyote News In Brief

Veterans program offers counseling

Vietnam veterans and their families can receive the benefit of counseling through the Veteran's Outreach Program.

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Veteran's Conference set

"Healing from the Trauma of Wars" is the theme for the quarterly board meeting of the Portland Area Indian Health Service and the Northwest Indian Veterans Association set for April 17-19 in Portland, Oregon.

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Programs added to KWSO

New music and informational programs are filling the KWSO airwaves. Blues, country and reggae music can be heard along with Native American news, music and cultural information.

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Celebrate the Earth

Earth Day 1990 is set for April 22. Take time to do something for the planet on which we live.

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Take care when exercising

Many common exercises may be risky.

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Save money with fun projects

Projects that don't cost money can be fun. Stretch your money by reading, bartering and exchanging goods and services.

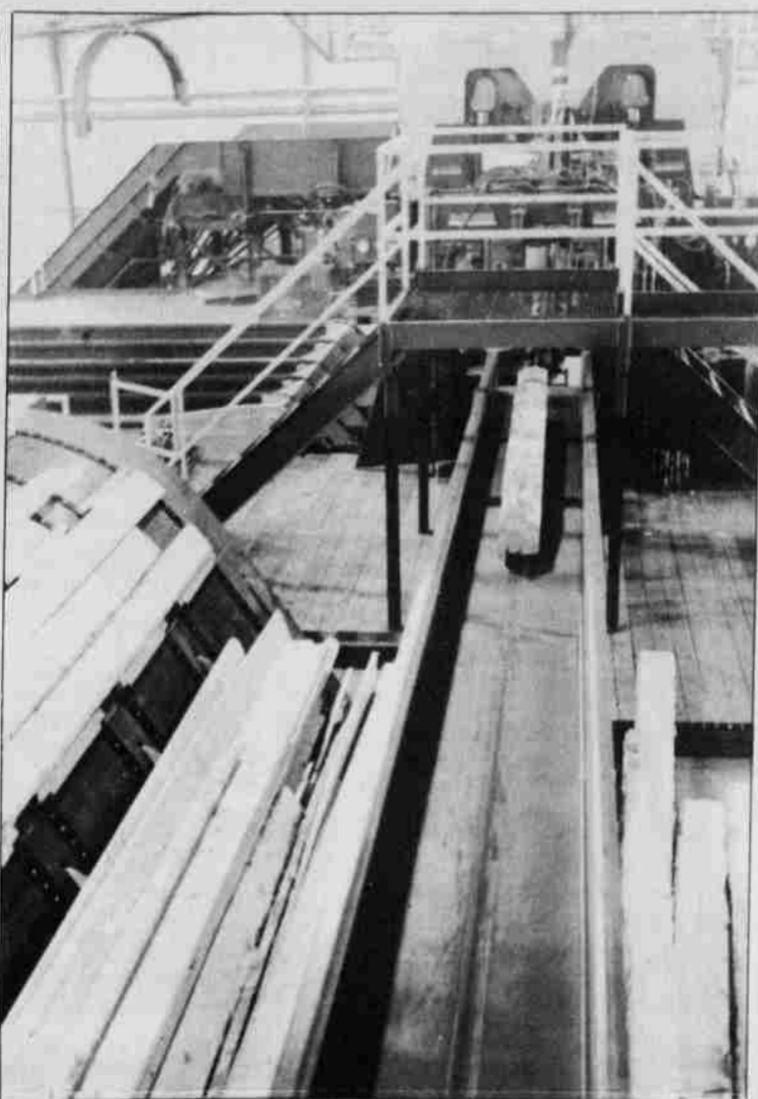
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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is April 13, 1990

New mill processing small logs



Earl Squiemphen operates the End Dogging Log Feed system at the new small log saw mill. The EDLF is the primary log breakdown system at the mill.



After leaving the EDLF, planks go to the resaw. The new operation manufactures wood products efficiently.

The first few days of operation of the new small log sawmill at Warm Springs Forest Products did not go without a few glitches. So it goes with anything new. Mechanics, employees and electricians scrambled as circuits blew and lumber got hung up on the new machinery.

But WSEPI general manager Bob Macy is optimistic about the future. "It's going to come up to speed faster than a lot of people expected."

The new sawmill started up Monday, April 2, a full month in advance of the projected schedule. The mill is designed to process all species 13" and smaller in diameter. The mill is currently processing white fir. When the bugs are ironed out and the mill is running at full capacity, 110,000 board feet of logs per day will be processed.

More than 20 employees will work at the new \$12 million mill, which Macy says is the most modern small log facility in central Oregon.

The new mill, says Macy, is "going to work better than we predicted. We're firmly convinced the new mill will meet or exceed our projections."

Topics of discussions varied

Though the tables weren't exactly round, the first-ever roundtable discussions held March 29 and 30 drew numerous community members and tribal employees to meet informally with Chief Executive Officer Ken Smith. There were no set agendas to follow and attendees mentioned subjects ranging from communications to law enforcement and from natural resources to the employee merit rating system.

"Our organization isn't communicating," said Smith at the Thursday evening session scheduled for community members. "We want to develop a better way to communicate." He said information is available through Spilyay Tymoo, KWSO and KWSI, but to complete the two-way communication cycle, community input is important. And, because some people may be uncomfortable speaking at larger district and general council meetings, the roundtable discussions may provide a more relaxed atmosphere through which they may offer input. Smith urged "better communication, not only for ourselves, but for our children, too... Any decisions made today have an affect on the future."

Smith presented an update on tribal projects. Groundbreaking for the Early Childhood Education Center, set for this spring, and the museum, set for June 3, 1990, will kick off year-long construction projects. Property along U.S. Highway 26, from the Deschutes Bridge to just northwest of the campus

area, has been zoned commercial. The possible construction of a bank building, also to house the tribal credit office, may be first part of the commercial area.

Two items to be included on a referendum, possibly a early as this May, will be the new Wellness Clinic and 20 additional housing units. (See related article on this page.)

Smith said he would like to conduct a meeting at which the financial results of 1989 could be reviewed. The meeting would also include planning for 1991.

Citing the difficulty in getting into speak with Smith, Shirley Sanders stated, "I like this idea." Smith will encourage tribal general managers to conduct small meetings as well. "I would like to hold this type of meeting on a monthly basis," said Smith.

Prunie Williams said, "people are left in a gray area. People are scared and they mistrust people. But get them in small groups, and they'll open up." Community members feel "left behind as we do business," she added.

Assistant tribal prosecutor Irene Wells spoke of the high number of child abuse and neglect cases and how little is done for the "devastated" families. "If we're going to take a family apart, we should have something available to help put them back together. We must be prepared. If not, it's senseless to go to court."

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Purchasing Conference planned

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, in cooperation with the Purchasing Management Association of Oregon, is sponsoring the first annual Northwest Native American Purchasing Conference. The Conference will be held on May 6th, 7th and 8th at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort in Warm Springs, Oregon.

This, first of its kind, conference will offer two days of workshops focusing on the unique aspects and needs of purchasing and contacting among Native American organizations.

The goal of the conference is threefold:

1. To assist Native American governmental organizations and enterprises in developing and improving their purchasing, contracting and property management programs;
2. To stimulate ongoing cooperation, communication, education and resource development among Native Americans organizations and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
3. To establish a basis for the creation of a Northwest Native American Purchasing Association as a means of maintaining ongoing education and support.

A special guest of the conference will be Mr. Donald F. Asbra, Chief of the Federal Division of Contracting and Grants Administration in Washington, D.C.. Mr.

Asbra will present the keynote address during the May 7th banquet.

Representatives from Native American government and enterprise organizations as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices are encouraged to attend. However, space is limited and interested persons are urged to register early.

For additional information regarding conference registration contact: Oregon, Purchasing department, PO Box 1169, Warm Springs, OR 97761. (503)553-3254.

Ceremonies set

The cornerstone setting and groundbreaking ceremonies for the tribal museum have been scheduled for Sunday, June 3. A full day of activities have been planned, beginning with Washut service at 9 a.m. at the museum site along Highway 26 just south of Warm Springs.

A memorial parade around the site will follow the services and the actual cornerstone setting ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. Special guests will speak prior to the salmon bake that will be held at the site beginning at 1 p.m. Entertainment, including a powwow, will begin at 3 p.m. and the day's activities will conclude at 5 p.m.

Senator Bob Packwood will attend as will Governor Neil Gold-

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Confederated Tribes considering clinic, housing referendum

The need for a larger and more modern Indian Health Service clinic and additional housing in Warm Springs is apparent. The Warm Springs clinic sees nearly 30,000 patients a year and there are currently 80 families and individuals on the tribal housing waiting list. These factors have prompted Tribal Council to consider the construction of a new health clinic and 20 housing units. Both projects will appear on one referendum this spring. Tribal Council will decide April 17 the date of the referendum.

In a lengthy briefing paper that

was part of Senate Appropriations Hearing testimony presented in March, the Tribe stated the \$5.2 million Wellness Clinic will "improve the health status of the population" and reduce future health requirements. The proposed clinic will house health facilities as well as tribal programs such as WIC, MCH and CHR, insurance, health education and promotion and health department administration.

The new clinic will replace the existing 55-year-old, 9,000 square foot facility and, if approved, will be over 35,000 square feet, or almost half again as big as the tribal

administration building. It has been proposed to build the new facility on the old rodeo grounds southwest of the Agency Longhouse.

The current plan is to finance one-fourth of the project through tribal appropriation. The remaining will be financed through the best available rates from private or public financing sources along with any available grants.

The housing portion of the referendum will allow construction of 20 units, either 20 single-family units or 10 duplexes. All units will have either three or four bedrooms and two bathrooms. The homes

will have double-car garages while the duplexes will have single-car garages. The units will include ranges, refrigerators, woodstoves and mini-blinds. All will be landscaped.

The new housing will be located near the Tenino Apartments. Rent will be determined through Tribal Housing Ordinance 60 which requires that the monthly rental rate be .006 percent of the appraised value. (If a unit is appraised at \$60,000, monthly rent would be \$360.)

Estimates show that, no matter which type of housing is selected,

the project will cost less than \$1.5 million. Single family units will be slightly more expensive to build than the duplexes because of site development.

"The project will result in relocating families currently living in rental units," said Ed Manion, public works general manager. "However, the project will open up other housing units for those on the waiting list."

Watch Spilyay Tymoo for additional information on the referendum. Also, KWSO 91.9 FM will carry information concerning the referendum.

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