

# Spilyay Tymoo

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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## Coyote News In Brief

### Colonel Sanders in Warm Springs?

Jokingly called "Colonel Sanders" while attending the BIA Police Academy in Arizona, Pixie Sanders is now at work as the Warm Springs Police department's newest investigator.

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### Pair travels to Wisconsin for conservation training

Lester Poitra and Harry Miller attended a six-week conservation warden training seminar in Ashland, Wisconsin. The pair learned the importance of officer safety and other items of interest.

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### Red peonies subject of artwork

Stuart Paul, Jr. created a masterpiece that earned him a first place award in the Condon Area Arts Council bi-annual art "hanging" June 29.

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### Young woman keeping busy

Stara Green, soon to be a senior at Madras High School, has school and work activities that keep her exceptionally busy.

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## Don't forget! Employee Picnic Thursday, July 26

Behind the Community Center 6:30 p.m.

Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is August 3, 1990

## Weather

JULY	HIGH	LOW
10	98	65
11	100	70
12	97	64
13	98	66
14	98	68
15	100	64
16	102	62
17	92	55
18	95	66
19	94	66
20	92	60
21	100	64
22	100	66

## Governor announces State grant for Museum

Governor Neil Goldschmidt announced July 12 that the State of Oregon has awarded a grant to the Warm Springs tribal museum for \$465,000. The grant was awarded under the State's Regional Strategies program which is designed to stimulate economic development throughout Oregon.

The Governor learned of the museum project during a visit to the reservation in November, 1988. "His support and that of the Central Oregon Strategy Committee was crucial to the state's decision to fund the project," said Delbert Frank, MOIHS chairman. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the committee of seven and the people of Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties who have supported our

funding effort."

"With the regional strategy grant, the state joins a partnership of federal, tribal and private funding agencies who have contributed to the museum effort. To date, \$4,391,000 have been committed by the various sources," said Dr. Duane King, MOIHS executive director. "We are now closing in on the campaign goal and should reach it by the end of 1990." The fund raising goal is \$4.5 million.

"The capital campaign for the museum has gone according to plan and we will soon realize the long awaited goal of an outstanding tribal museum on the Warm Springs reservation," said Zane Jackson, Tribal Council Chairman.

## Extensive blow-down found in McQuinn Strip

Salvage operations have begun for 19 million board feet which blew down over the winter on the McQuinn Strip. An undetermined amount is also being salvaged on the Warm Springs block.

According to assistant forest manager Cliff Walker, the blow-downs occurred next to clear-cut and shelterwood-cut areas as well as in saddles through which winds are funneled. "Extra strong winds and saturated soils" also contributed to the blow-downs. Walker explains that blow-downs are not uncommon, but this year the toll

was high for these areas.

Forestry crews fly over Reservation forested areas each spring to determine the condition of the forest. The Forestry Office encourages its crews and tribal members who find blow-down areas to report them. These areas are then mapped. This year's blow-down areas "are easy to find because they're concentrated," says Walker. But that isn't always the case.

Salvage activities begin soon after the blow-down is reported in order to recover the greatest value for the timber.



The weather may be hot, but these little guys are COOL!

## Hot Shot Crew fighting blazes in Arizona, Alaska

The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew joined the ranks of hundreds of other firefighters from throughout the nation to battle the lightning-caused blazes in Arizona, Alaska and Washington.

The crew's first assignment took them June 26 to the Dude Fire in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. The crew worked nine days on the 23,000 acre fire. The day before the crew arrived in Arizona, six people were killed while fighting the Dude Fire. A thunder cloud above the crew caused a sudden shift in the wind and caught the fire fighters by surprise. According to

Field Operations Liaison officer Mike Gomez, the Dude Fire was "fairly secure" until the winds hit.

On July 5, the crew flew to Fairbanks, Alaska and then rode by bus to help battle the 44,170 acre Tok River Fire. The fire has continued to burn and has now consumed 54,000 acres. While at the Tok fire, the crew was sent to the nearby 2,000 acre Porcupine Fire.

On July 13, the 20-member crew went to Washington to help with the Lake Wenatchee Forest Fire. They provided the initial attack on a small five-acre fire. Tired crew members returned to Warm Springs

Monday, July 16 for a much needed rest.

On Saturday, July 21, the crew was sent to the 680 acre Torso Butte fire in the Deschutes National Forest. The fire threatens a planned timber sale in the area. The crew is expected to return to Warm Springs by the weekend, however, they may be dispatched to another fire directly from the LaPine area.

Gomez explained that the local Hot Shot crew is one of 60 crews in the nation. The Warm Springs crew is the only self-supporting crew in the nation. As well as fighting fires, crew members work on forest-

related projects, such as tree planting, fuels inventory and fuel break construction.

As a Type I crew, the Warm Springs team is a "national resource," says Gomez. The local team gets its orders from the coordination center in Portland who gets its orders from the Boise Inter Agency Fire Center in Idaho.

Warm Springs also has a Type II Hot Shot crew. George Williams, a former member of the Type I team, supervises the Type II team. The Type II team helps suppress reservation fires and "takes care of the work projects" while the Type I crew is gone. The Type II team does not respond on a national level.

The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew originated as a Type II team in 1984. The crew, at that time, responded to low-priority fires. Over the years, the team gained experience and earned a good reputation, and in 1987, the team gained Type I status.

Gomez explained that temporary crew members have a beginning wage of \$5.98/hour. For the

first two years as a permanent crew member, employees receive \$6.23/hour. After two years of employment, the hourly wage is \$6.98. While fighting fire, crew members receive an increase in pay that equals 25 percent of their wages. They also get overtime for any work above 40 hours per week.

Though the travel may be attractive to some, Gomez stresses that the "work is tough." Long, hot hours may take their toll on a person. Heavy packs, boots and clothing make the job even more difficult.

Individuals who have participated in the most recent fire fighting efforts are Gomez, Luther Clements, Vernon Tias, Sr., Emerson Culpus, John Deluna, Laurence Heath, Aldwin Keo, Bridget Kalama, Eydie Switzler, Billy Redfox, Audrick Chapman, Henry Yahtin, Elias Yallup, Sheldon Sutterlee, Arrington Atencio, Dean Jackson, Tony Thompson, Eugene Smartlowit, Leander Williams, Marcella Tish, Morris Johnson, Warren Clements, Jeff Brisbois, Sheri Olney and Joseph Smith.



Hot Shots—The Warm Springs Hot Shot Crew has been busy since the end of June assisting other firefighters battle blazes in Alaska, Arizona, Oregon and Washington. Those participating and available for a photograph (back row, left to right) Luther Clements, Tony Thompson, Aldwin Keo, Morris Johnson, Arrington Atencio, Dean Jackson, Emerson Culpus and Jeff Brisbois. In front are Henry Yahtin, Elias Yallup, Leander Williams, John Deluna, Billy Redfox, Joseph Smith, Sheri Olney, Bridget Kalama and Mike Gomez.

## Volunteers selling coupon books

By spending a little, you can save a lot! Plus, you can help a local volunteer group with organization expenses.

The Victim's Assistance volunteers will be selling chubby coupon books through the end of August for just \$5.

The books feature money-saving coupons that are good at various businesses in Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Madras and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Contact the Victim's Assistance office at Tribal Court or any volunteer to purchase a book of savings!