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Coyote News In Brief

1990 reviewed

The year 1990 included events which will help shape the future for the community of Warm Springs.

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Geothermal resource provides energy

Geothermal power can be obtained from heat at the Earth's interior.

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Policy applies to woodcutting

Tribal woodcutting ordinance is presented.

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Wood stoves require caution

Most stove fires occur in the chimney. Inspect and repair chimneys if necessary. Other precautions should also be taken.

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Traditional Treasures market aimed off-reservation

Traditional Treasures, a small craft-making enterprise, provides employment on the reservation and public relations opportunities and crafts off-reservation.

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Warm Springs Power Enterprises will hold an open house January 18 from 1-6:00 p.m. Please attend.

Spilyay Tymoo calendars are in. \$2.00

Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is January 4, 1991

Weather

DEC.	HI	LOW
10	46	32
11	2	23
12	31	18
13	35	17
14	38	17
15	40	19
16	35	26
17	26	N/A
18	N/A	N/A
19	N/A	N/A
20	N/A	N/A
21	30	-8
22	6	-13
23	12	-7
24	20	-4
25	32	12

Accident results in amputation

A long-time Warm Springs Forest Products Industries employee, Charles M. (Mickey) Stensgar, was injured December 19, 1990 while working as a clean up man at the new small log sawmill. As a result of the accident, part of Stensgar's lower right leg had to be amputated.

The accident occurred when Stensgar's right foot went into the chain of the conveyor belt that carries products to the chipping bin. Local medics responded and called for Air Life for transport to St.

Charles Medical Center in Bend. Due to bad weather, Air Life could not make the trip and Stensgar was transported first to Mt. View in Madras and then to Bend.

Stensgar has worked at WSFPI for 35 to 40 years, said General Manager Bob Macy. He worked as a trimmerman for many of those years and most recently as a clean up person.

Macy said an investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

Tribal woodcutting policy amendments rescinded

Tribal Council rescinded amendments recently added to Ordinance 451, the woodcutting ordinance, because of misunderstanding among community members and enforcement personnel.

Amendments to the ordinance had been written by the tribal Timber Committee and approved by Tribal Council in October 1990. Strict interpretation of the revised ordinance by law enforcement officers resulted in citations issued that the public felt were unwarranted.

Tribal Council heard complaints from tribal members about citations for trespass issued to non-Indian woodcutters who were married to tribal members and because of increased permit fees.

According to Jeffery Sanders, general manager of Public Safety, "a control is necessary on the woodcutting process," but it is essential that both enforcement

officers and the public "understands the purpose and intent" of the policy.

Representatives of Warm Springs Natural Resources, the Public Safety Office and the Timber Committee will be meeting through the end of March 1991 to revise the woodcutting ordinance and "to enhance definitions in the policy as well as provide understanding of the purpose and intent of the policy as it relates to non-Indians," explains Sanders. "No drastic revision" will occur, he adds.

Until the new woodcutting ordinance is revised and approved by Tribal Council, law enforcement officers will enforce Ordinance 451 as it currently stands with citations issued "only for flagrant violations," says Sanders.

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Business development grants available

Warm Springs Superintendent Bernard Topash announced recently that the Warm Springs Agency is now accepting applications for grants under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Indian Business Development Grant Program. He said that the Portland Area received \$580,250 for fiscal year 1991. Since the Portland Area services Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana, competition for these funds will be very keen. Topash said applicants should get their applications in as soon as possible.

The BIA can provide grants up to 25 percent of the project's cost. The applicant must show that they

have or can get the other 75 percent. First priority will be given to economic enterprises on the reservation that will create jobs and stimulate the local economy.

Anyone wanting more information concerning business development grants can call Frank Alby at 553-2429. Application packets can be obtained from Alby at the Administration Building. The BIA will assist applicants in getting grant funds, said Topash, but it is up to the applicant to provide a sound business development plan. Completed applications should be in by January 31, 1991 if a person wants to get in on the 1991 funding cycle.

Surface exploratory tests to show geothermal potential on reservation

Geothermal energy is becoming an increasingly important resource as the Northwest's energy needs continue to grow. By extracting

heat from the earth and converting it into energy geothermal production promises to help satisfy consumer demands.

Encouraged by studies outlining future energy use and by a recent exploratory survey of possible geothermal sites on the Warm Springs Reservation, the Tribal Council is pondering the potential for geothermal energy production within Reservation boundaries.

Surface exploration by California Energy, a geothermal development company, "shows encouraging information to consider the next phase," says Jim Manion, chairman of the tribal Energy Committee and Warm Springs Power Enterprises manager.

California Energy, after receiving the go-ahead from Tribal Council

last January, began surface exploratory research. It asked for the opportunity to examine the area because the characteristics of the land looked good for geothermal resources.

Surface exploration included visual inspection of the area, soil and water samples, and testing for presence of particular gases. California Energy completed its reconnaissance during the months of August and November. They were able to ascertain that the area shows promising geothermal potential.

The next step requires the drilling of four-inch core holes at two sites. A core sample would be taken from depths ranging between 3,000 and 6,000 feet below the earth's surface.

Tribal Council is now discussing

this phase of geothermal exploration. The approximate cost is \$1 million.

Along with drilling rigs entering the area, drill pads and roads would have to be constructed. An environmental assessment may be needed as well.

This exploratory drilling would help determine the feasibility of any further geothermal studies on the Reservation. If phase II showed potential for a strong geothermal resource, additional steps might be taken to develop the resource.

Phase III would include the drilling of deeper tapered holes, 13-15 inches in diameter. If water is intercepted having sufficient temperature and pressure to operate a steam power plant for generating

electrical energy, a plant could be built.

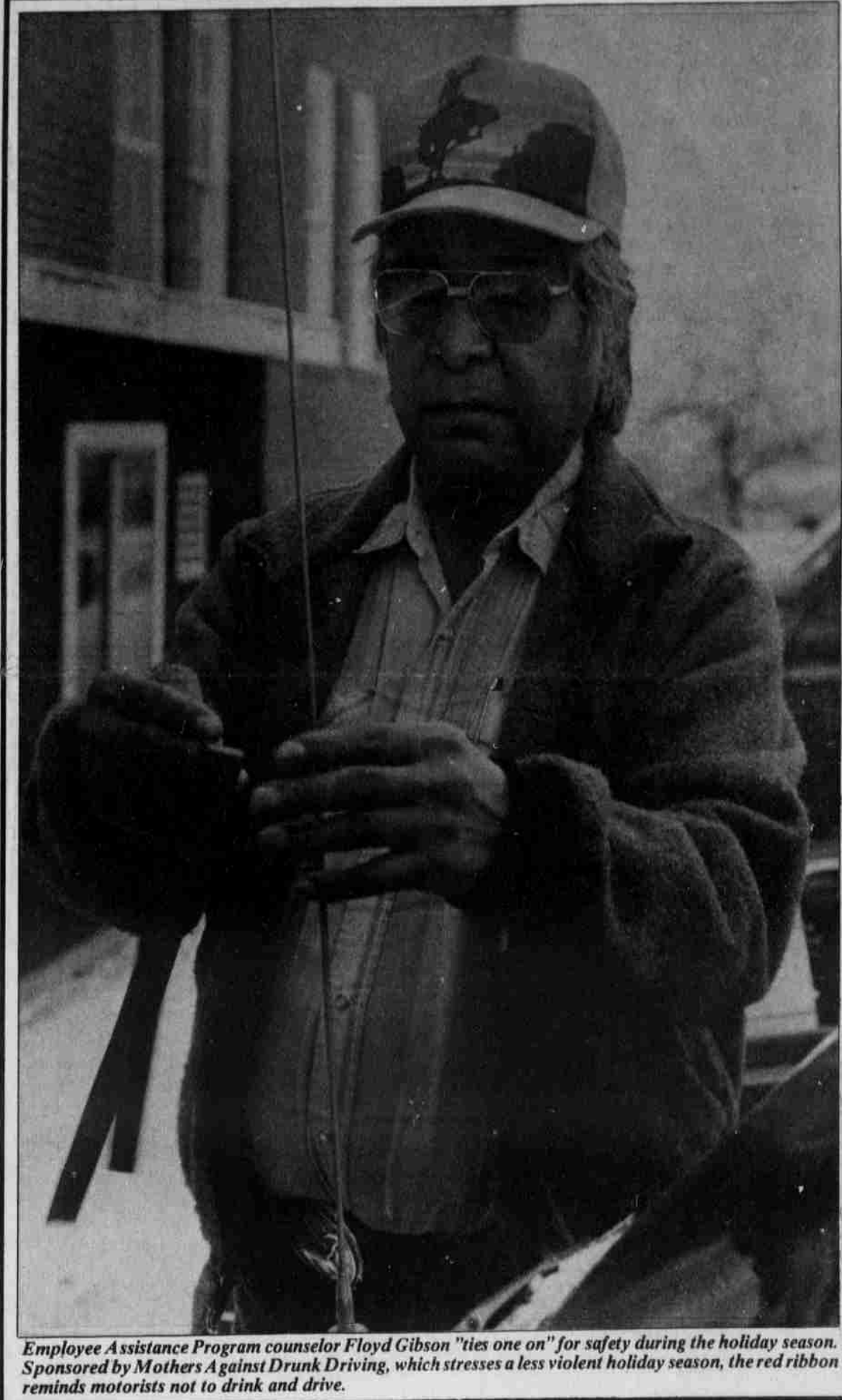
Everything regarding geothermal exploration and development is very speculative at this time. According to Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson, future steps depend on the results of analytic tests and how tribal members feel about geothermal development on the Reservation.

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Powwow set

The first annual "New Year's Eve Powwow" is scheduled to be held Monday, December 31 at the Agency Longhouse.

Festivities will begin with dinner at 5 p.m. Grand Entry will begin at 5 p.m. **Continued on page 5**



Employee Assistance Program counselor Floyd Gibson "ties one on" for safety during the holiday season. Sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which stresses a less violent holiday season, the red ribbon reminds motorists not to drink and drive.

Happy New Year!

From the staff of Spilyay Tymoo