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## News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation



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### Coyote News In Brief

#### Loomis goes to Area Office

After 19 years in Warm Springs, IHS Service Unit Director Lee Loomis moves to Portland.

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#### Water quality important to future

Water and Soil Resources Department makes certain water on the Warm Springs Reservation is maintained at high quality.

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#### Holistic resource management looks to future

Economic values as well as environmental values are included in holistic resource management.

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#### Stepfamilies need to communicate

Lack of familiarity and different histories require new families to talk.

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### It's CARNIVAL time at

Madras Elementary

Friday, March 8

6-9 p.m.

Buff Elementary

Culture Fair

Thursday, March 7

6:30 to 8 p.m.



Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is March 18

### Weather

FEB. HI LOW

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27 60 22  
28 62 22

MAR. HI LOW

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2 49 32  
3 54 36  
4 45 38  
5 43 28



Seven-year-old Rodney Estimo joined others in the Patriot's Victory Parade held Saturday, March 2. His sister, Shauna Queehpama-Craig, is currently stationed in Germany.

## Drought conditions vary across state

The latest snow survey, taken at the end of February, shows the reservation snow pack to be less than half of the past 17 year average.

Tribal watermaster Dee Seghal says the minimal snow pack, at 45 percent of average, may cause springs and livestock watering holes to dry up and streams to drop to sub-normal levels.

Seghal says the northwest, in particular the reservation, has been in a drought cycle for the last three years. This year will be a "bad deal unless we get a lot more" moisture, preferably in the form of snow in the mountains, says Seghal.

Drought conditions can be expected in many areas of the southern counties this spring and summer. Streamflow forecasts are extremely low in those counties. In the northern half of the state, the streamflow is expected to be better, but still much below average. February's snowpack, which is less than January's in many areas, ranges from 25 percent of average in Lake County to 77 percent on Mt. Hood. January's precipitation was less than half of what it usually is throughout most of the state. Reservoir storage continues to be very low at only 57 percent of average.

Major decreases in the mountain snowpack was noted through the month of January on the east and west slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The Mt. Hood area has the best snowpack in the state at 77 percent, however this is 21 percent less than it was on January 1. Similar drops in snowpack were seen in the headwaters of the Willamette River where it is currently 58 percent of normal, a 34 percent decrease from January 1. In the Rogue and Umpqua Valleys where snowpack is only 34 percent the decrease was 20 percent. On the east slopes of the Cascades feeding the Deschutes River, the snowpack is only 45 percent which is 5 percent less than last month. In Klamath County snowpack is only 35 percent of average. Lake County also showed a decline in the snowpack and is currently the lowest in

the state at only 25 percent of average. The rest of Eastern Oregon showed slight increases but still the snowpack ranges only from 49 percent to 69 percent of average.

January's precipitation was much below average throughout Oregon. The highest percentage was in the Umatilla area at 65 percent of average and the lowest was Harney County with only 29 percent of average amounts being received. Precipitation for the first four months of the water year, which began on October 1, is much below average throughout the state. The highest is 85 percent in the Mt. Hood area and the lowest is in the Lake County at 34 percent of average. The water year precipitation in the southern half of the state is, at best, half of what it is normally.

Currently 22 principal irrigation reservoirs contain 1,065,900 acre feet of stored water. This is 57 percent of average. The increase in reservoir storage during the month

of January was slightly more than what usually occurs. Nine of the 22 reservoirs are less than 50 percent of average with the lowest being Ochoco Reservoir at only 7 percent.

All stream flow forecasts throughout the state decreased from last month's forecasts. The decrease ranged from 7 percent in Harney County to 18 percent in Klamath County. Most of the forecasts in the southern half of the state are below 50 percent of average. The lowest forecasts are in Lake County where they range from 15 percent to 41 percent of average. The northern half of the state has forecasts ranging from 50 percent to 89 percent of average.

Adequate water supplies should be available for most users in the Mt. Hood area this spring and summer. Mt. Hood has the highest streamflow forecasts in the state. The current forecasts range from

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## Low salmon returns prompt recommendations

The 1991 returns of spring and fall chinook to the Deschutes River are expected to be very low. Return estimates, based on 1990 jack returns and anticipation of a normal Deschutes River harvest rate of approximately 35 percent at Sherars Falls, show the escapement for brood requirements to be below necessary to maintain the stock.

The desired escapement goal for wild fish above the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery is 1,250 adults. This is the number of fish needed to maintain maximum wild production. However, the expected return to the hatchery weir is 1,100 adult fish.

Hatchery returns are also expected to be a low of 350 adult fish. Brood stock needs are 750 adult fish.

The expected return to Round Butte Hatchery is 533 adult fish. Brood stock needs at that hatchery are 300 adult fish, leaving 233 adult

fish above brood stock requirements. Fish from other hatcheries are not, however, used as brood stock.

Poor hatchery returns and the low return of wild stock has made it necessary to consider alternatives to current seasons and limits.

For spring chinook salmon, the Warm Springs Natural Resources department recommends the fisheries at Sherars Falls remain open and direction given to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce production to a level that could be supported by the expected returns. The recommendation includes continuing to allow a 10 percent infusion of wild stock into the hatchery brook, that is, 30-35 adult fish, unless the wild return falls under 1,000 fish. If that should happen, no wild stock should be infused into the hatchery production.

The fall chinook fishery, because

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## New Warm Springs Superintendent not new to Bureau of Indian Affairs

He may be new to Warm Springs, but he's definitely not new to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As the most recent superintendent in

Warm Springs, Gordon Cannon has worked for the BIA since 1961. Cannon, a Kiowa born and raised in Anadarko, Oklahoma, began

his BIA career at the Portland Area Office title plant as an assistant identification analyst. After nine years, Cannon was the conveyance officer, a job in which he examined land titles for Indians living in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, northern California and part of Minnesota.

In 1970, Cannon transferred to the Everett Agency in Washington where he was really specialist for two years. For about a year, Cannon was really officer in Hoopa, California. From Hoopa, Cannon went to the Colville Agency in Washington where he was really officer and acting Natural Resources Officer for three years.

Cannon's first superintendent appointment came in 1978 at Ft. Totten in North Dakota. In May of 1980, he began a one-year stint as superintendent at Red Lake, Minnesota. Cannon then transferred to the Rosebud Sioux Agency in South Dakota as superintendent. While at Rosebud, Cannon also served as acting superintendent at the Cheyenne River Agency in Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Following more than two years at Rosebud, Cannon transferred to the Spokane Agency as superintendent for three years. About four and one-half years ago, Cannon was named superintendent at the Northern Idaho Agency in Lapwai. Experience gained in his previous appointments will no doubt provide Cannon with the expertise necessary to conduct business with the Confederated Tribes.

Economic development and employment opportunities are com-

mon concerns among all tribes with which Cannon has worked. Tribes are striving to "attain as much self-sufficiency as possible."

he said.

Warm Springs is known across the country as being very progres-

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## Celilo Feast, powwow on tap

The 1991 Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast and Powwow is set here April 12-14 at the historic site on the Columbia River.

On Friday, April 12, the memorial and giveaway begins at 10:00 a.m., with the grand entry at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 13, a flea market will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m., with bingo at 11:00 a.m. The grand entry begins at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, April 14, Washat

Services will be conducted at 9:00 a.m., the salmon feast at noon, and the grand entry at 5:00 p.m.

There are limited concessions, with the first three to pay for the entire weekend a \$100 per day. Arts and crafts rates are \$35 for Friday, and \$50 for Saturday and Sunday.

The committee is seeking Queen, Junior Princess and Brave candidates for the Wyam Feast.

For more information contact Bobby Begay at (503) 298-1559 or 296-8732; Maggie Jim at 206-8732; Maggie Jim at 296-4092; Marcella Jim at 298-1410; or Gloria Jim at (509) 848-2451.

Among raffle drawing prizes are these: .22 caliber rifle, jingle dress, Indian blanket coat, 1-dipnet webbing, miniature picture frames, \$300, \$100, full beaded cap, two Pendleton blankets, ice chest of Pepsi, hand-painted shawl, \$50, Pendleton shawl, beaded bag, \$50, \$200, turquoise bracelet, mosaic earrings, \$101, turquoise silver bracelet baby set, \$50, gameboy, wall clock, a case of salmon and other items not yet listed.

The committee has determined that no drum-hopping will be allowed, and no alcohol and drugs. The committee is not responsible for accidents, theft, short-funded travellers, divorces, or children who fall off cliffs.

## Conference set for resort

A Multi-Cultural Success Conference is being held March 18 and 19, 1991 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. The conference is sponsored by Community Counseling and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Topics being covered at the two-day conference include success through cultural strength, teamwork in multi-ethnic groups, a student panel and the sharing of diverse values. Arts and crafts will also be displayed. There will be a powwow and a dance as well.

For more information, contact the Community Counseling Center at 553-3205. Registration fee is \$25.



Gordon Cannon is Warm Springs newest superintendent. A Kiowa Indian, he was born and raised in Anadarko, Oklahoma.