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## Coyote News In Brief

### Election nets new Council

The April 2 Tribal Council election results in the re-election of four Council members, while four others are replaced.

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### Education Branch begins work

Reorganization and revamping has begun in the newly-formed Education branch under the leadership of a new manager.

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### Winshut completes apprenticeship program

Joe Winshut completes a four-year apprenticeship program through which he gained the position of journeyman millwright at WSFPI.

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### Early Childhood Education program offers parenting advice

ECE, in this issue, begins its regular column on parenting.

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### Earth Day is April 22

OSU Extension offers tips on how to be more "earth conscious". Remember the "Five Rs".

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### Root Feast Rodeo kicks off 1992 season

Contestants from throughout the Northwest vied for the prize money in the annual rodeo.

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### Lapwal takes tournament championship

The fourth annual Suicide Prevention tournament drew 16 teams for tough competition April 10, 11 and 12.

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The deadline for submitting information for the next issue of SPILYAY TYMOO is April 24



Nancy Johnson prepares xaus prior to Root Feast which was celebrated April 5 at both Simnasho and Agency Longhouses. Root Feast signifies the opening of the root digging season.

## Public meetings scheduled to discuss cattle industry proposal

"Let's Beef Up Our Community" is the newest slogan to be heard throughout Warm Springs these days. Tribal voters, on April 28, will decide through referendum if \$1.5 million in tribal funds will be appropriated to establish a "cattle industry financial aid fund".

After hearing concerns about economic development projects on the reservation during annual budget hearings, Tribal Council directed the Range and Agriculture committee to work on developing a cattle industry proposal. According to information provided, one-third of the total reservation rangeland is currently utilized for grazing cattle.

Voters will answer the following

question:

"Shall there be appropriated from the funds of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon for the purpose of loaning \$1.5 to qualified members of the Warm Springs Reservation for the purchase of cattle; and shall the Confederated Tribes be authorized to borrow up to \$2.5 million for operating such funds, by issuing tribal bonds or by other borrowing upon such terms as may be approved by the Tribal Council. The above appropriation from tribal funds and borrowing authority shall be reduced by any funds available through Farmers Home Administration and operating loans to individuals, grants

or congressional appropriations."

In a letter to the voting public, Range and Ag committee chairman Wilson Wewa, Sr. states, "Our people have consistently recognized the need for economic development on our Reservation, which they feel will improve the quality of life for all of us. The 1984 Range and Agriculture plan and Integrated Resource Management Plan both provide for orderly response to current and future tribal member interests in agricultural enterprises, particularly, reservation cattle industry. The need exists for \$4 million of investment and operating

capitol for expansion of this industry.

"Come to the public meetings scheduled for the Agency and Simnasho Longhouses."

The Agency Longhouse meeting is set for Wednesday, April 22 and the Simnasho Longhouse meeting will be held Thursday, April 23. Both meetings will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. The Range and Ag committee, natural resources and Economic development will provide detailed information about the proposal during the meetings.

## Council to consider constitution issues

Questions of whether the Tribe has been following Constitutional provisions closely enough has been the subject of recent discussion by Tribal Council. On March 4, Chief Nelson Wallulatum, in calling for review of Tribal Council nominees, stated, "If you know your constitution, you'll know there are qualifications for serving on Tribal Council...and there are residence requirements for district representatives and the voters of the District." Wallulatum contends the Tribes have informally amended the Constitution through precedence.

It was the feeling of Chief Delvis Heath that the Simnasho District nominations were carried out in their customary way, and they were not concerned with the way the other districts carry out their nominations.

The issue was again reviewed March 12, at which time new nominees for the 1992-1995 term were confirmed with the understanding that a review of Constitutional provisions in several areas would be conducted. Though no formal process for doing so was defined at this time, the possibility of a legislative committee was mentioned. Council, by motion, agreed to discuss the issues.

Areas of the Constitution in need of review and discussion as to the specific provision and what is actually in practice of where desire for change has been expressed include: All residence requirements (enrollments, service on Tribal Council, voting, etc.); Election laws and procedures (i.e. Tribal Elections, Secretarial Elections, including Ordinance 44 provisions); Adoptions; Tribal Council Compensation; or any other areas where our practice differ from Constitution provision.

(Provided by Tribal Public Relations Office.)

**Be sure to VOTE  
APRIL 28  
CATTLE INDUSTRY  
REFERENDUM  
8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.  
W.S. COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

## Tribe/ODFW to work on fish production at Pelton Ladder

A proposal by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to increase fish production at the Pelton Ladder on the Deschutes River was approved Tuesday, April 7 by the Northwest Power Planning Council.

Meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta resort the Council discussed and finally approved the increase in production at the ladder which would include construction costs of \$100,000, and monitoring and evaluation of the project at \$220,000 per year for eight to 10 years.

The 2.8 mile fish ladder is currently used to rear 187,000 spring

chinook smolts. With new construction the ladder will produce 374,000 smolts.

Bonneville Power Administration will fund the project with administration by the Confederated Tribes, ODFW and Portland General Electric, which operates the Pelton Dam.

Also approved was a project on the Hood River which would increase steelhead and spring chinook. A portion of the fish raised at the Pelton Ladder are destined for Hood River planting.

Approval of the projects is in line with the NWPPC's 1987 Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program which calls for increased production of salmon and steelhead.

## Salmon, Longhouse request procedures explained; committee applicants sought

The 1992-1995 term Tribal Council will take office and be sworn in Monday, May 4, 1992 at the Tribal Council chambers.

If you are interested in serving on a committee during the 1992-1995 term, submit a letter with a resume attached, indicating which committee you are interested in serving on. The ten committees are: On Reservation Fish and Wildlife; Off

Reservation Fish and Wildlife; Health and Welfare; Culture and Heritage; Miss Warm Springs; Range; Timber; Education; Land Use and Water Board.

Turn letter into Doris Miller, Myrtle Adams or Lyn Tanewasha at the Council office. Deadline for submission will be announced at a later

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## President makes 1992 year of American Indian

Half a millennium ago, when European explorers amazed their compatriots with stories of a New World, what they actually described was a land that had long been home to America's native peoples. In the Northeast part of this country and along the Northwest coast, generations of tribes fished and hunted; others farmed the rich soils of the Southeast and Great Plains, while nomadic tribes roamed and foraged across the Great Basin. In the arid Southwest, native peoples irrigated the desert, cultivating what land they could. Each tribe formed a thriving community with its own customs, traditions, and system of social order.

The contributions that Native Americans have made to our Nation's history and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves. Over the years, they have added to their ancient wealth of art and folk-

lore a rich legacy of service and achievement. Today we gratefully recall Native Americans who helped the early European settlers to survive in a strange new land; we salute the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II and all those Native Americans who have distinguished themselves in service to our country; and we remember those men and women of Indian descent — such as the great athlete, Jim Thorpe and our 31st Vice President, Charles Curtis — who have instilled pride in others by reaching the heights of their respective fields. We also celebrate, with special admiration and gratitude, another enduring legacy of Native Americans: their close attachment to the land and their exemplary stewardship of its natural resources. In virtually every realm of our national life, the contributions of America's original inhabitants and their descendants continue.

During 1992, we will honor this country's native peoples as vital participants in the history of the United States. This year gives us the opportunity to recognize the special place that Native Americans hold in our society, to affirm the right of Indian tribes to exist as sovereign entities, and to seek greater mutual understanding and trust. Therefore, we gratefully salute all American Indians, expressing our support for tribal self-determination and assisting with efforts to celebrate and preserve each tribe's unique cultural heritage.

The Congress, by Public Law 102-188, has designated 1992 as the "Year of the American Indian" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this year.

Now, therefore, I George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1992 as the Year of the American Indian. I encourage Federal, State, and local government officials, interested groups and organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

(signed) George Bush

**Community Round Table Meetings**  
Employees: Tuesday, April 28  
8:30 to 10 a.m.  
Conference Room #1  
Community: Wednesday, April 29  
6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Community Center Social Hall  
Meet with Tribal, IHS, BIA and 509-J officials  
Air your concerns