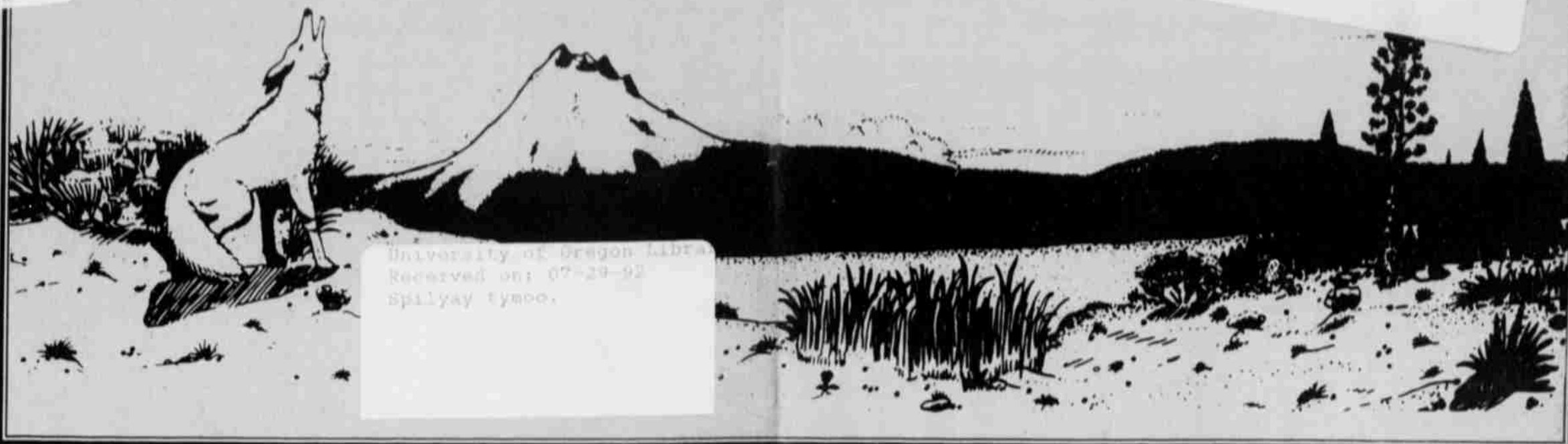


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Coyote News In Brief

Tiles available

Donations to mural mosaic at Early Childhood Center will enable contributors to have their names on a tile.

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Thirty homes planned

Housing and Urban Development funding will make new homes available to Warm Springs residents.

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Donations needed

The Jefferson County chapter of the American Red Cross requests donations for victims of the fire at the Woody Smith residence.

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IRMP becomes effective

Two years of work by resource managers has resulted in a comprehensive Integrated Resource Management Plan for reservation forested areas.

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Public information campaign planned

Programming to provide information on the harm of drinking alcohol while pregnant will be aired during August by KWSO.

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Department weaknesses revealed

A recent employee survey points out weaknesses in tribal departments.

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Jefferson County Fair runs July 23-26.

"Harvest and Heritage" is the theme for this year's Jefferson County Fair and Parade.

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Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is August 31, 1992

Budget Workshops
July 23
Simnasho Longhouse
July 28 & 30
Agency Longhouse
at 7 & 2:30 p.m.
respectively
Offer your suggestions to help set priorities for next year!



Coby Tewee beats the heat with a cool drink of water. Conservation of this valuable resource is particularly important during this year's drought.

Drought mandates conservation

Given the fact that we're presently seeing the worst drought in history, water conservation should be on everyone's mind. Wells in outlying areas of Warm Springs have dried up and homeowners have had to find alternative water sources, namely hauling water. To help alleviate the extremely dry conditions in the future, we can only hope for an exceptionally hard winter with lots of snow. However, there are certain measures residents can take now to help reduce water consumption.

- *Take short showers. Get wet, then turn the water off while you shampoo and soap up, then turn the water on again to rinse.
- *Don't use the faucet or shower at full pressure.
- *Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth, shaving, washing vegetables or washing dishes by hand. A small tub or partially filled sink work great for rinsing vegetables.
- *Check for leaks. For instance, put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank and wait 15 minutes. If color appears in the bowl, there is a leak.
- *Water the lawn for longer periods of time but less often. This encourages the lawn to grow longer roots, which makes the grass more drought resistant. It is recommended to water the lawn long enough to penetrate the ground four to six inches once a week. Measure this by putting a tall cup in the area being watered.
- *Water in the early morning or in the evening, preferably when there is little or no wind. High temperatures and wind cause evaporation.
- *Don't let sprinklers run overnight and always have a sprinkler or nozzle on the hose.
- *Replace shower heads, toilets and other facilities with low-flow units. This can reduce consumption up to 75 percent.

Water conservation measures will benefit the entire community now and for the future. Conservation is the least costly consumption reduction measure and represents the community's commitment to the future and the environment.

Locals putting Futures training to use

Local community members have participated in "Futures for Children" training held at Kah-Nee-Ta in June. Those who received training have put to use those skills gained and have helped develop ways to motivate individuals to become involved in their community and special projects.

The first of those projects are the mini-workshops sponsored by the Summer Work Program. The first segment of the four-week program, to be held July 23, will feature community members leading discussions on communications, cultural values, choices and leadership. All students employed by the Summer Work Program are required to attend the workshops, held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursdays. Topics of successive workshops include teaching youth to facilitate their own meetings, brainstorming with youth actually facilitating the session and developing a Youth Council.

Participants in the Futures For Children training also set as a priority involvement in the annual budget process. Those trained will serve as facilitators at the budget workshops to be held July 23, 28 and 30.

Public access above locked gate topic of Deschutes River meeting

The Deschutes River continues to be the topic of concern among fishermen, rafters, tribal members and private landowners. Current discussion relates to the Bureau of Land Management effort to gain access for public use of the road located through Deschutes Club property seven miles upriver from Maupin.

The Deschutes Homeowners Association maintains homes along the river at a place called Dent. Behind the locked gate which blocks vehicular access, the club members maintain the land, as one homeowner explains, "We have been good stewards of the land." The homeowners allow foot traffic in the area. They do not want to open the road to vehicles.

Most of the citizens who attended the July 14 meeting at Madras Fairgrounds had similar feelings. When the BLM director Dean Bibles considered condemning the land to acquire it for public use, the ire of many citizens became apparent for two reasons. Many people felt it was not necessary to open more roads for access causing more degradation of a scenic area and the condemning of private property for the

access was not looked upon favorably by most citizens.

The access issue became tied to jet boat use at a February meeting of the

Deschutes River Executive Review Board. The Board decided on a gradual motorboat ban upstream from Sherars Falls to be in complete effect three

years after completion of the management plan. As part of this decision the Board directed the BLM to pursue ac-

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Work on new Wellness Center to begin soon

Hopefully, by the middle of next summer, Warm Springs will have a new Health and Wellness Center. Gone will be the antiquated clinic, long too small to comfortably fit the needs of a fast-growing community.

During groundbreaking ceremonies July 17 at the site, the former rodeo grounds, representatives from various health-care agencies spoke favorably of the new venture, saying it was a step toward a healthier community and an undertaking of which all should be proud.

Human Services General Manager Sal Sahme said that Warm Springs has long been the leader in improved health care programs, heralding the Drug Free Workplace Policy and the Smoke Free workplace policy. These policies are "all examples of leadership commitment" to the goal of Warm Springs becoming the healthiest community in Indian Country by the year 2000.

Construction on the new 37,200 square foot Wellness Center is scheduled to begin July 27, with completion expected in 12 months. Tribal voters, through referendum in February 1991, authorized appropriation of \$1.250 million and the borrowing of up to \$3.750 million. Construction is estimated to be \$4.2 million, with an additional \$800,000 going toward architects, engineering, mechanical, electrical and landscaping fees. General Contractor for the project is Donald Drake Construction of Portland. Architect for the project is Frank Weiland.

Sahme explained that the need for a new facility was made clear to Congress when Tribal Council representatives made their appeal for a new facility several years ago. The

Tribe discovered that "if we waited for the government, it would be another 15 to 20 years" before a new Center was built here, said Sahme. Council, IHS and Congress struck a bargain through which IHS will provide the additional manpower and equipment to adequately run the new Center and the Tribe will provide the building. IHS will be required to pay operating and maintenance costs connected with the portion of the building they occupy. Some tribal health-related departments will also move to the facility, including the

CHR and WIC programs, Sanitarian, Health Educator, Compensation and Benefits and Human Services managers.

Service Unit Director Russ Alger, through a letter read by Roberta Queahpama, stated that the new facility "is not a clinic—it is a center that forms a partnership with the people... We celebrate with the community we serve and celebrate the Tribal support that made this day possible... We celebrate expansion of services. This groundbreaking signifies greater things to come."

Voters approve Council pay raise

Tribal members gave an approving nod to an increase in Tribal Council compensation at the July 13 Secretarial Election. Eighty-four voted in favor of the Constitutional amendment, while 40 voted against. There was one spoiled ballot. Sixty-four cast absentee ballots. Approximately 43 percent of the 291 registered tribal members voted.

The amendment went into effect after BIA Portland Area Office Director signed the document July 21. Tribal members who wished to protest the election had three business days following the election to do so.

No such protests were received. Following is the approved amendment:

"Tribal Council members shall receive as compensation for their services not to exceed \$50 while in session for up to four hours per day and \$12.50 per hour thereafter while in session, but not to exceed \$100 per day total compensation, and mileage from home to place of meeting and return at a rate used by the federal government. Expenses shall be paid from available tribal funds. The Tribal Council may establish salaries of officers and committee members."

Young Generation dancers to perform

The Young Generation Indian Club, 18 members strong, is currently in the process of raising money for a two-week August trip to Canada.

On July 26, the Club will appear at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort as part of the Sunday performance.

Club members will perform at the Warm Springs Community Center Wednesday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome.

On August 22 and 23, club members will perform at the Grateful Dead concert in Corvallis.

Numerous other performances are tentatively scheduled.

President of the Indian Club is Gary Switzler and Secretary is Jolene Boise.

For further information concerning the Young Generation Indian Club, contact Charlie Tailfeathers or Beulah Calica.



DIGGING IN—Sal Sahme, Human Services General Manager, Janice Clements, Health and Welfare committee member, IHS representative Roberta Queahpama and acting director of the Portland Area Office Tom Austin participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Wellness Center July 17.