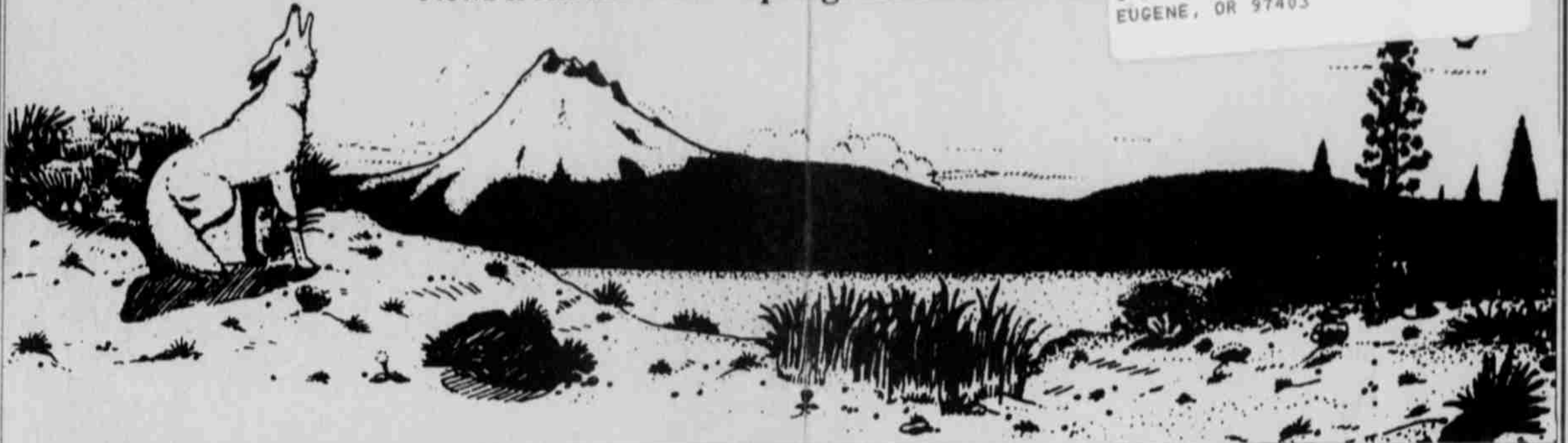


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Coyote News In Brief

The year 1992 shows change and growth. Photos throughout 1992 demonstrate the continuing growth of the Warm Springs community as new programs, buildings and ideas are incorporated.

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Forestry technicians complete training. Tina Spino and Leo Lucero recently completed training in a program which encourages tribal members to work in forestry and become knowledgeable in natural resource areas.

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Warm Springs fashions televised on Portland station. Warm Springs models and fashions recently became the focus of attention on AM Northwest.

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Rhodes scholar title awarded to Montana Native American. A philosophy student at the University of Montana was recently awarded recognized as a Rhodes Scholar.

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Oregon Athletics take trophy at Holiday Tournament. Eight teams began the play at the annual Holiday Tournament with only one being recognized as champion.

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Prevent house fires. A fire extinguisher can be worth the small investment if it saves your home from fire.

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IHS Forum has been rescheduled for January 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center

Public Meetings January 13-Agency January 14-Simnasho Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Agenda: Cattle Referendum

Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is January 15, 1993.



At the close of 1992, there were 99 cases of hepatitis in Jefferson County. A holiday potluck brought Public Health Nurse Linda Knight into action once again as she administered hemo globulin injections to employees who may have been exposed. Basic cleanliness and handwashing, especially after using the bathroom, is imperative in stopping the disease. Sharing of sack lunches and bringing home-baked goods to school are discouraged.

1992--A year of successful growth, challenges met

One year, not so long ago, was "The Year of the Child". Another was "The Year of the Cal." Well, in Warm Springs, 1992 was "The Year of Achievement and Growth." The Confederated Tribes signed agreements, began significant construction projects and accomplished many other endeavors—all the while looking to the future without forgetting the past.

In January, the new Commodities Warehouse opened. Food goods are distributed to eligible tribal families through the program.

In April, tribal voters elected a new Tribal Council, with only four incumbents returning. Simnasho representative Ray Calica was selected by his Council peers to serve as Chairman.

In June and July Tribal Council and tribal representatives signed three agreements—the Sovereignty Statement, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, the Integrated Resource Management Plan and the agricultural-related Memorandum of Understanding among the Tribe, county, state and federal governments.

On June 23 official open house and dedication ceremonies were conducted at the new 46,000 square foot Early Childhood Education Center. The new facility has room to accommodate 460 children from six

weeks to 14 years of age. In July, Tribal voters again went to the polls, this time to approve a pay increase for Councilmen. The secretarial election more than doubled Council pay, from \$20 while in session for up to four hours per day and \$5 per hour thereafter but not to exceed \$40 a day to \$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.

On July 17, IHS and tribal officials gathered to break ground for the new Health and Wellness Center near the Agency Longhouse. The new 40,260 square foot facility replaces the existing 50-year-old clinic. Completion was expected by the end of May, but due to inclement weather conditions, actual occupancy may be delayed until June or July.

Work proceeded through the summer on the \$2 million extension of East Tenino Road. Completion came at the end of October. The 1.4 mile stretch leads travelers out of Warm Springs on the skirts of Greeley Heights, away from congestion near the post office and Macy's Store.

Phase I of the Shitike Creek Park Project came to an end in November. Phase II will be completed in 1993. The park will be complete with basketball courts, benches, picnic tables

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Snow levels up, surveys show

Even though all this fluffy white stuff may be a pain in the fender now, the newly fallen snows have definitely had a positive impact on the prospects of future water availability for human and wildlife use.

According to tribal water and soil manager Dee Sehgal, ground snow surveys conducted between December 30 and January 4 show that current snow levels are at 163 percent of average. Compared to 1992, "we now

have over two times what we had this time last year," he said. If snow levels remain similar to what they are this year for the next two or three years, "we should be back to normal" and groundwater, such as springs, should be popping back up.

Ground surveys are conducted at sites located at Bald Peter, Racing Creek and Beaver Butte. Surveys are also conducted by air when weather permits.

Be sure to vote January 19....

Voters asked to consider cattle business referendum

We can all recall the vote last spring on the "Beef Up Our Community-Beef Cattle Referendum." While it did not pass because there were not enough total votes cast, the overall response was favorable. This was an encouragement for the Range, Agriculture & Irrigation Committee to continue pursuing the passage of the referendum. The referendum is coming again, with voting date set for January 19, 1993.

REVIEW

The Warm Springs Indian Reservation has approximately 624,582 acres that can be used for grazing. Of this, 330,000 acres are in open lowland range and 294,582 are in the timbered areas. These acres translate into approximately 107,270 AUM's (114,270 if the McQuinn Strip is included) available for grazing by cattle and horses. Of this total, only 60,683 AUM's are being utilized by the six grazing districts. For those who may not know, an AUM stands for an Animal Unit Month which is the amount of feed required to sustain a 1000 pound cow for one month. This is approximately 800 pounds of dry forage. A mature horse will consume about 1.25 AUM's per month.

According to those figures, range on the Reservation is not being utilized to its fullest potential. Some areas are not being grazed at all and actual range conditions in these areas are beginning to deteriorate as the old, dead grass begins to choke out the new growth. Currently on the range lands there are approximately

1400 cows and 1400 horses. It has been projected that an additional 6228 head of cattle could be run on the range. This number will obviously vary if additional horses are run on the range.

Many of the elders will remember what it was like several years ago. There was a lot of farming taking place on the Reservation as well as cattle and horse production. If we look around today, much of that farmable land is idle and is now a haven for weed production.

THE REFERENDUM

So what would it take to begin utilizing this valuable range and agricultural land? Two things are absolutely necessary. The first thing that must be available is an interest in potential producers to move into the areas of horse or livestock production or into some type of farming enterprise. This interest extends to those current producers who may wish to expand their operation. The second thing necessary is the fund availability for those interested in new startups or expansion. Thus, the Livestock and Agricultural Referendum. The Range, Agriculture and Irrigation Committee feels as though there is enough interest on the Warm Springs Reservation to warrant the consideration of the referendum.

The committee feels that the framework for the referendum is in place, some of which include, but are not limited to:

1. Existing range district grazing plans governed by the district opera-

tors themselves.

2. The existence of the Credit Committee, Credit Department and Credit Codes.

3. Technical resources and assistance through the Natural Resources Department, OSU Extension Service and others. These departments would be the educational source for interested producers.

4. The available AUM's.

5. A heritage that supports this way of life for Warm Springs people. This will contribute to family stability

and overall well being of the reservation.

6. A positive vote for the referendum last spring, thereby indicating support.

7. The referendum now encompasses all agriculture enterprises.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Range, Agriculture and Irrigation Committee (RAIC) has set public meetings to answer questions regarding the Referendum:

Wednesday, January 13, at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner served

at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 14, at the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m.

O.S.U. Extension is in the process of designing educational programs for producers. A calendar and description of training will be out before the referendum goes to vote on January 19.



Warm Springs Forest Products Industries new board of directors consists of (left to right) chairman Mike Clements, vice-chairman Ed Willis, Charles Calica, Jim Manion, Rick Saunders (non-board member), Zane Jackson, Enos Herkshan and secretary/treasurer Ralph Minnick.