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Spilyay Tymoo

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Coyote News In Brief

Tribal member art show to open May 12
Nineteen tribal member artists will open a show at The Museum at Warm Springs. 2

Students advise hard work, tenacity
Two Madras High School seniors offer words of wisdom to remaining underclassmen. 2

Courtneys celebrate long marriage
Terry and Catherine Courtney, on April 9, passed a milestone not hit by many. 3

Retail Center soon to be open
Five businesses will soon open their doors at the new Village Retail Center across Highway 26 from the Museum. 3

Eggs dropped in competition
Warm Springs Elementary students participated in an egg-dropping competition to test their self-made shatter-proof egg cartons. 5

T-Shirts silk-screened
Madras High School art students helped produce T-Shirts for WSE students. 5

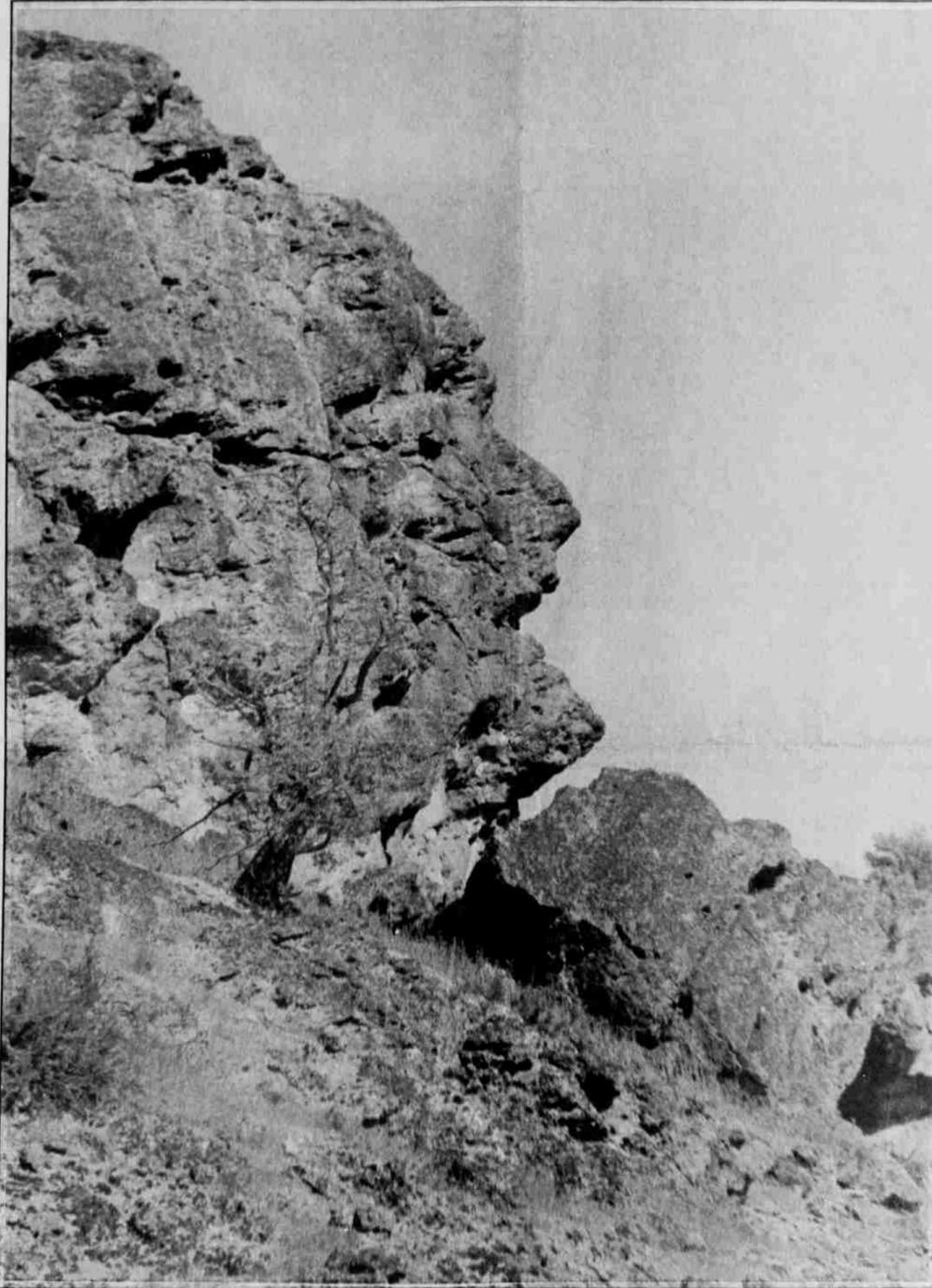
United Tribes win tourney
A Lapwai, Idaho basketball team won the seventh annual prevention tournament held in Warm Springs. 6

Camp volunteers wanted
Numerous positions are currently open for the annual 4-H Wilderness Enrichment Camp held at Trout Lake for the past several years. 7

It's not too early to start thinking about Mom for Mother's Day. Her special day is Sunday, May 14.

Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, May 5, 1995

Temporary gaming facility to open Monday, May 1 with ceremonies



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Bob Medina

Indian Head Canyon, for which the gaming facility is named, remains a beautiful and awesome site on the northend.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will officially open the temporary Indian Head Gaming Center May 1.

Opening ceremonies will begin for members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at 7 p.m. with doors opening to the general public at 9 p.m. The temporary facility is located on the second floor of Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge in the former Wasco and Paiute Rooms.

A buffet, speeches, traditional ceremonies and ribbon cutting will mark the opening for tribal members who will then be welcome to play on the 137 video slot machines within the temporary facility. Machines available include Wild Cherry, Red, White & Blue, Double Diamond, Slam Dunk and many more. Nickel, quarter and dollar machines are available and live Keno will be added in June. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily.

Indian Head Gaming Center currently employs approximately 70 individuals, the majority of whom come from the Central Oregon area.

The 20th Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be sworn into office Monday, May 1, 1995 beginning at approximately 9 a.m. A reception will immediately follow. All community members are encouraged to attend.

Columbia fishery closed

In light of reduced projections for the 1995 Spring Chinook run, members of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) voted Tuesday, April 25, to suspend all tribal subsistence and ceremonial fishing by Friday, April 28.

The closure was announced after the U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) downgraded the Spring Chinook run size from 12,000 to 9,800 fish for the season. According to an earlier agreement, the Columbia River treaty tribes signaled their intention to harvest up to five-percent of the upriver Spring

Chinook return and to use gillnets to provide for ceremonial needs. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a biological opinion recognizing a treaty Indian Spring Chinook harvest rate of five-percent of the run.

The new TAC estimate to 9,800 Spring Chinook reduces the tribal harvest to 490 fish.

In a conference call April 25, the CRITFC voted to end all hook and line and platform fishing on April 27 and close all gillnet ceremonial fishing April 28 in an effort to stay within the five-percent harvest target. Closures are effective at 6 p.m.

Magistrate to handle non-Indian offenses

Tribes move to bring in federal magistrate court allows for prosecution of non-Indians who commit misdemeanor crimes against tribal members.

The Warm Springs Tribal Council, on April 18, 1995, passed resolution #9066 that will bring a Federal Magistrate Court to the reservation.

The purpose of the Magistrate Court is to provide a forum for prosecution of misdemeanor crimes committed by non-Indians against Indian victims which are exclusively within Federal court jurisdiction and over which the Tribal and state courts lack jurisdiction under current United States Supreme Court rulings.

As a result of a Jefferson County District Court opinion last year, non-Indians who commit misdemeanor crimes no the reservation against Indians are vir-

tually exempt from criminal prosecution in Oregon state courts. This, coupled with the fact that the United States has limited its prosecutions of cases arising on the reservation to major crimes, there wasn't a forum readily available to try misdemeanor cases when the offender is a non-Indian, the victims is an Indian and the offense occurred in Indian Country.

With Tribal Council's approval of the Warm Springs Federal Magistrate Court project, there is a trial forum to litigate non-Indian misdemeanor prosecutions. It also allows the United States to exercise its trust responsibility without diminishing the governmental powers of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

According to Anita Jackson,

the Confederated Tribes' Public Safety General Manger, Kris Olsen, the US attorney for the District of Oregon, came up with the idea. Turning the idea into reality "was a joint effort between the US Attorney's Office, the US District Court of Oregon, the Clerk's Office, Tribal Judges, and Public Safety," Jackson said.

The Magistrate Court will be in session one or two days a month. "We expect to prosecute between 20 and 30 cases a year," Jackson said. "This sends a strong message that Warm Springs is not a haven for criminals." Jackson said having the Magistrate Court on the reservation will offer more protection to the community.

Federal probation and pretrial service officers already utilize the Warm Springs Parole and Probation facilities and it is anticipated that this will continue without any significant impact to Tribal Court operations.

The target date for having the Federal Magistrate Court on line is early June. Tribal Council will review the project six months after it is inaugurated.