

Spilyay Tymoo

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Coyote News In Brief

Drive a success
Numerous individuals and corporations joined the Museum At Warm Springs during the recent membership drive.

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Students offer advice
Two Madras High School seniors advise constituents to try hard and to not mess around.

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Council Agenda offered
Tribal Council has a full agenda for January.

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ECE and WSE relate news of interest
Early Childhood and WSE news features information on nurturing, enhancing learning efforts and achievements.

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Lessons enhance learning
Sahaptin continues to be the focus of current language lessons.

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MHS Basketball featured
White Buffalo hoopsters have already made a name for themselves among 3A league members.

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Smith Russia-bound
Long-time boxing coach Gerald Smith was recently in Russia coaching the USA team in anniversary tournament.

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Gift ideas spark imagination
Looking for a clever last-minute gift? OSU Extension has ideas that may fit the bill.

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Recipes make for delicious goodies
Easy recipes are given for cookies and sweet bread.

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Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, December 29, 1995



A gaggle of not-so-sleepy-heads converged on Warm Springs Elementary December 19 as part of a challenge issued students by school staff.

Students at Warm Springs Elementary got into the giving spirit this holiday season by overwhelmingly meeting and exceeding a challenge issued them by school staff. If students could raise over \$300 for the Jefferson County Meals on Wheels program, the staff agreed to come to school dressed in their pajamas. The students raised \$400 for the program. In addition, seven boxes of food items were collected at the Christmas Carnival.

Proposed salmon recovery plan "inadequate..."

"The salmon recovery plan proposed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is inadequate and illegal," said Ted Strong, Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). Final comments on the plan were released December 11. The NMFS is expected to release a final version sometime next year.

Strong joined tribal officials and environmental and fishing industry representatives in denouncing the proposed plan at a new conference last week in Portland. "According to scientific remodeling, if NMFS follows its own recommendations—and so far it hasn't even done that—the Snake River salmon stocks might be able to be taken off the Endangered Species list sometime in the latter half of the next century," Strong said. "That is unacceptable."

"The plan ignores both the survival needs of salmon and equity for the Indian people," said Eugene Greene, Sr., Chairman of CRITFC and the Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committee.

The tribal statements given today included the following criticisms of NMFS' proposed plan:

- It violates the tribes' treaty-reserved rights allows state and federal laws dealing with water quality and habitat protection to be broken.

- It allows salmon to be killed to protect hypothetical genetic purity standards.

- It will continue the practice of taking fish out of the river and

transporting them in barges and trucks, despite lack of proof that it helps.

- It adds unnecessary new layers of bureaucracy.

- Instead of calling for immediate action, its highest priority is to spend millions of dollars on research.

"Even though the scientific debate will continue, we must act decisively, immediately and intelligently," Charles Hayes, Chairman of the Nez Perce Fish and Wildlife Committee. "We must observe what we are doing and how it is working. And when our actions do not produce the expected results, we have to change them."

Lynn Hatcher, Fisheries Program Manager for the Yakama Indian Nation, referred, in his statement, to the science in NMFS' plan as "the science of extinction." Rather than continuing NMFS's "perilously wrong" recommendations on genetics, Hatcher said that the tribes are "calling on the NMFS to look at the techniques that have restored other endangered animals."

The inadequacies of the proposed plan "show that the agency (NMFS) lacks the will to use the authority entrusted to it," said Alphonse Halfmoon, Chairman of the Umatilla Fish and Wildlife Committee. "The responsibility for salmon recovery is too great for NMFS to bear alone."

"There are three competing plans for salmon restoration," Hayes said. "Two are in substantial agreement: the states' fish and wildlife program adopted by the Northwest Power Planning Council and the tribes' plan. The third, the NMFS/Clinton Administration plan that we have discussed today, is seriously out of step with the others," he said.

"The NMFS recovery plan needs to be changed so that it aligns with the other two sovereigns' plans," said Strong.

"We are proposing that state and federal officials sit down with us to begin developing a unified and credible strategy for Columbia Basin salmon restoration," Hayes said.

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Gaming center notes recent big winners

John Elkinton, lifetime resident of The Dalles, won a progressive jackpot worth \$17,008 at Indian Head Gaming Center. December 17 proved to be Elkinton's lucky day as he played and won on a Red, White & Blue, one dollar, progressive slot machine.

Elkinton and his wife have been visiting Indian Head Gaming Center on a weekly basis since September. He is currently a corrections officer for the Hood River Sheriff's Department. When asked what he will do with his winnings, Elkinton stated, "I will pay debts, put the rest in the bank and pay taxes." He plans on visiting Indian Head Gaming Center January 10 to try his luck again, trying to win the 1995 Ford Ranger 4x4. Those persons winning \$50 or larger jackpots are eligible to win the pickup. The January 10 festivities will kick off a week of grand opening activities.

Another recent "big" winner was tribal member Danny Martinez. Playing a \$5 Triple Diamond machine, Martinez hit it big time, walking away with \$9,000. Martinez said he was going to "put the check in an envelope and give it to his wife."

The "soft opening" for the permanent Indian Head Gaming facility was December 4 and work continues on a deli, gift shop, poker and blackjack room.

A gala grand opening of the facility is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17. Football Hall of Famer Dick Butkus will be a featured speaker as will National Indian Gaming Association Executive Director Tim Wapato. State Representative Bev Clarno has also

expressed interest in attending the affair.

Indian Head Gaming has featured slot tournaments over the last several months. The winners of the nightly tournaments were invited back to participate in \$1,000 jackpot grudge match December 18. Local Dana Smith, racking up 28,000 points, walked away with the winnings.



Danny Martinez, left, walked away from a \$5 slot machine at Indian Head Gaming Center \$9,000 richer earlier this week. Slot manager Zane Fink presented Martinez with the check.