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Spilyay Tymoo

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Coyote News In Brief

Flutist to perform
R. Carlos Nakai will demonstrate his expertise on the flute during a concert at COCC Pinckney Center March 11. 2

Powwow canceled
The 1996 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow was canceled but the junior and senior queen candidates continue to sell raffle tickets. 2

Kalama working as liaison
Foster Kalama is currently working with Jefferson County 509-J School district as liaison, helping middle- and senior-high school age students adjust. 3

Photos show destruction
Kah-Nee-Ta Village was severely damaged during flood. Work has begun on clean-up and reconstruction. 3

Language lessons continue
Learn the numbers with the help of this issue's Sahaptin lesson. 5

Bufs lose two
The Madras White Buffalo boys basketball team outdid itself this year. They retained the number-one spot in the league throughout the season. 5

Flood information shared
OSU has plenty of information concerning flood damage control and how to deal with flood hazards. 7

Grand opening set
Indian Had Gaming Center will celebrate its grand opening throughout the week of March 10-17. Plenty of fun events are planned and promise to keep everyone happy. 7

Indian Head Gaming Center Will Be Open From 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. M-F 12 noon to 4 a.m. S-S Effective March 1

Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, March 8, 1996

Flood waters recede; clean-up, rehabilitation begin



Damaged furniture taken from Village cottages is piled near housekeeping building. Some items will be salvaged and given to needy families.

The Flood of 1996 will be remembered by most much like the Flood of 1964—destructive, disruptive and expensive. Two weeks worth of sub-freezing weather in late January were followed by several days of rain, 60-degree temperatures and high winds. The snow was soon gone and replaced with bubbling, murky waters and muck. After all was said and done, the Flood of 1996 caused over \$14 million damage plus another \$5.2 million in lost revenues and long-term rehabilitation needs.

The Village at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort was hardest hit, having sustained over \$10.5 million in damage. Five feet of water inundated the Village area and not one building at the Village went untouched by the raging waters. Officials feel it is important to get the Village back in operation quickly because so many visitors are drawn to the area by the hot springs, swimming pool, bath houses, guest cottages and camping facilities. Landscaping, sidewalks, roads and parking lots were also
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Flood of '96 has little impact on reservation snowpack

Warm temperatures and rapid melt-off plus additional rain, all in a period of 10 hours, helped to produce the Flood of 1996 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. However, according to Water and Soils director Deepak Sehgal, the reservation's snowpack should be largely unaffected. The melt-off came from snow below 3,800 feet. The actual "snowpack" is that amount in elevations above 4,000 feet. This provides the basis of flows for creeks,

streams and rivers on the Warm Springs Reservation in the summer months.

The appearance of the snowpack can be deceiving since the warm temperatures did reduce the depth from four feet to two feet. However, the water content did not change from before, merely compacted.

Sehgal also added that the ground on the reservation is totally saturated, and would not be able to absorb any water if there were additional melt-off or rainfall anytime soon.

Organization "fine-tuned"

The tribal organization has once again experienced some "fine tuning", according to Secretary/Treasurer Raymond Calica.

The process began in August, says Calica, and takes advantage of each individual's strengths and expertise. Garland Brunoe, once Human Resources general manager, is now director of managed care and compensation and benefits. Benson Heath is now personnel director.

The Office of Information Systems (OIS), once under the finance umbrella, is now separate from that branch. OIS continues to operate under the leadership of Lloyd Phillips. Finance general manager is still Miles King.

None of these recent changes are "set in stone", says Calica. If things aren't working, Calica expects to hear from employees. "Feedback will help further fine tune" the organiza-

tion. "Feedback is welcome from any level."

In other reorganization, Charles Jackson, on loan to Indian Head Gaming during construction, is once again at the helm of Business and Economic Development, effective February 1. Sal Sahme, former Human Services general manager, is economic development director. Long-time credit manager Bob Finch is special projects manager.

Additionally, Jeff Sanders, tribal budget officer, has been "temporarily appointed" acting Public Safety general manager while a grievance between management and Public Safety is being settled. Also, the Tribe is using a "search firm" to locate a new chief of police for the Warm Springs Police Department. It will be the responsibility of the new chief to identify and train a tribal member as successor.

Realty offers tips to future homeowners

Only an enrolled tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation (CTWSR) of Oregon may gain permission to place a home on the Warm Springs Reservations of Oregon, and must comply with the tribal and federal laws and ordinances.

Before a home can begin to be constructed on the Warm Springs Reservation, the tribal member home buyer must have the finance agency contact Realty Department via a letter stating that they are willing to finance the buyer, and then a homesite lease may be processed by the CTWSR. It is important that the tribal member have a copy of the legal homesite lease may be processed by the CTWSR. It is important that the tribal member have a copy of the legal homesite lease in hand to show the

lending agency before closing the home loan contract.

There are two types of homesite lease processes on the Warm Springs Reservation. The Realty Department has mailed a copy of each type to the Central Oregon manufactured home dealerships.

Committee seeks donations

Hooray for Hollywood! That is the theme of this year's Honor Seniors Day Celebration.

Donations are being gathered by committee members, Faye Waheneka & Helena Jackson for the annual event.

Perhaps you have a string of beads, handkerchief, hat, blanket, pillow, etc. something that can be donated to the committee to be used as a prize.

If you need more information with homesite lease process on the Warm Springs Reservation, you can contact Greta White Elk; Realty Specialist or Delson Suppah, Sr.; Realty Technician by calling (541) 553-2419 or 553-2420.

Items donated will be used for prizes during games throughout the day. Items will also be used to honor royalty for the day.

If you have an item to donate and need it picked up, please call the Senior Citizen Center at 553-3313 or call Helena Jackson at 553-1128.

If you would like to be on the committee or have any questions, please call the Senior Citizen Center at 553-3313.

Turnout low for proposed timber sales meetings

Public meetings held on the proposed Triple Creek and Mill Creek timber sales planned for the Warm Springs Indian Reservation had a minor turnout. The last meeting was held February 15th at the Simnasho Longhouse. The meetings are part of the initial scoping process, and are an opportunity for members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to voice their opinions on the proposed timber sales.

Each meeting began with a slide show of harvesting treatments. The project leader for each sale gave a brief background of past actions and existing conditions in the area. This was followed by a question and answer session.

One action taken was to ask for suggested names for the timber sales,

because the geographic area the scoping process covers is so large. As a result, the Triple Creek sale is being renamed Nine Creeks. This area is on the south end of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, south of Whitewater River. The Mill Creek sale will be within the Mill Creek watershed, everything west of the B-200 road. The precise location of the exact harvest blocks has not yet been determined.

In the scoping stage foresters take the initial steps of making maps, examining past harvesting processes, and integrating issues and concerns identified at the public meetings. Then, the timber sale team will determine which area will be harvested. Areas that contain overstocked stands and insect or disease ridden trees are

given first priority.

In a few months, the Natural Resource team will develop a Draft Project assessment. This document will identify more specific areas of proposed logging and other related activities. The tribal public can then review the timber sale, and provide additional input before the plan is presented to the Natural Resources department and Timber committee.

Anyone with questions or concerns about these two areas or about the timber sale process should contact Willy Ray or Rich Lohman in B.I.A. Forestry, 553-2416. Comments on the proposed 1997 Nine Creeks and Mill Creek sales can also be taken to any Natural Resources employee working on timber sales.