

# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Coyote News In Brief

### Aguilar recalls the past

George Aguilar, Sr. recalls life in Warm Springs as a young person.

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### Veterans have service officer

Community member Keith Baker is currently working at the Jefferson County Veterans service office.

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### Senior activities keep 'em hoppin'

In lieu of the annual senior citizens walk, elders gathered at the Agency Longhouse for a morning of exercise and fun.

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### Resolutions offered

Tribal Council recently passed several resolutions pertaining to the AAC and appropriations.

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### Language lessons offered

The Tribe's three languages are featured in regular lessons.

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### On Patrol returns

Tribal Investigator Don Courtney relates news of the Warm Springs Police Department.

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### What's Miss Warm Springs up to?

Susan Guerin recounts the activities of Miss Warm Springs Sunmiet Minnick.

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### Girls tromp Sisters

MHS JV and Varsity girls ran away with the show at the season's debut December 3.

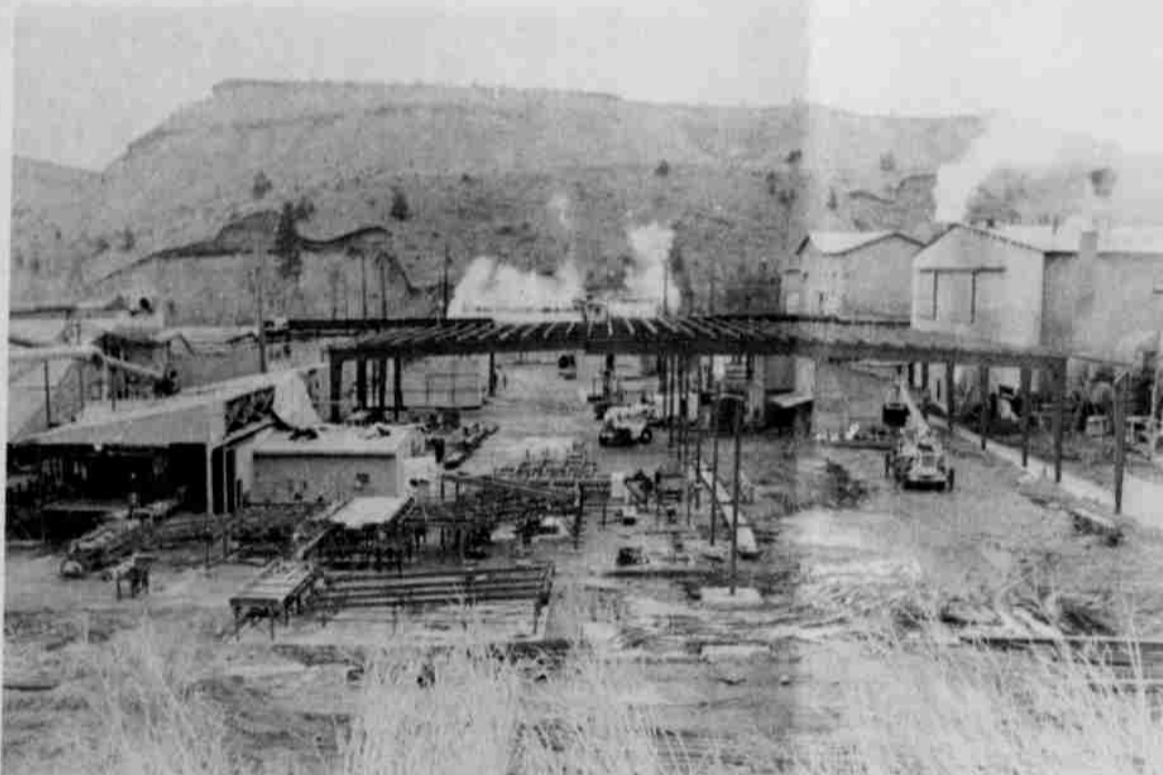
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## Have a very safe holiday season!

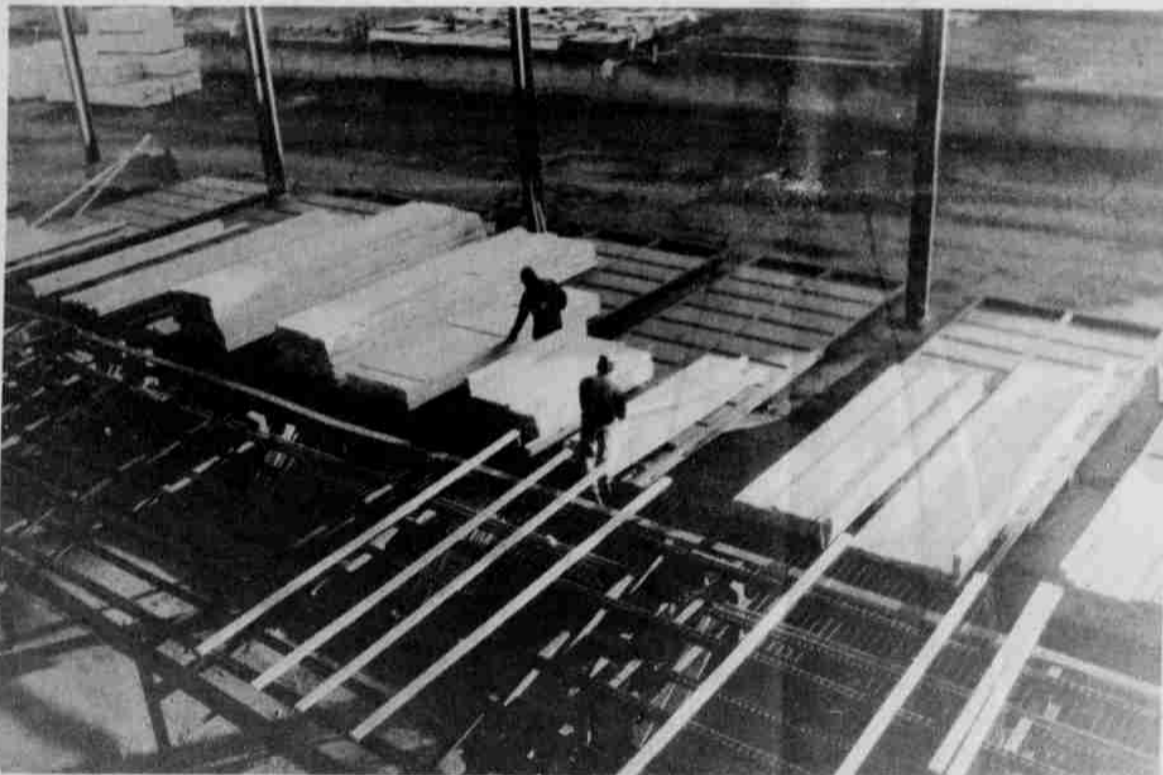
**Christmas Tree Lighting  
Community Center  
Front Lawn  
Thursday,  
December 5**

**Deadline for the next  
Spilyay Tymoo is  
Friday,  
December 13, 1996**

## Improvements bring Planer Department up to date with current technology



Newly installed in-feed section of the Planer Department to be enclosed inside a new building within a week.



New tray sorter reduces employees to two chain pullers.

During the past year Warm Springs Forest Products (WSFPI) has modified the Planer Department of the Mill. It has been 10-15 years since the Planer has been modernized and brought up to date. There are other mills putting out twice as much lumber with only one shift. According to General Manager Rick Saunders, Warm Springs Forest Products will be as good as any other mill by next summer.

"The object was to reduce our manufacturing costs and

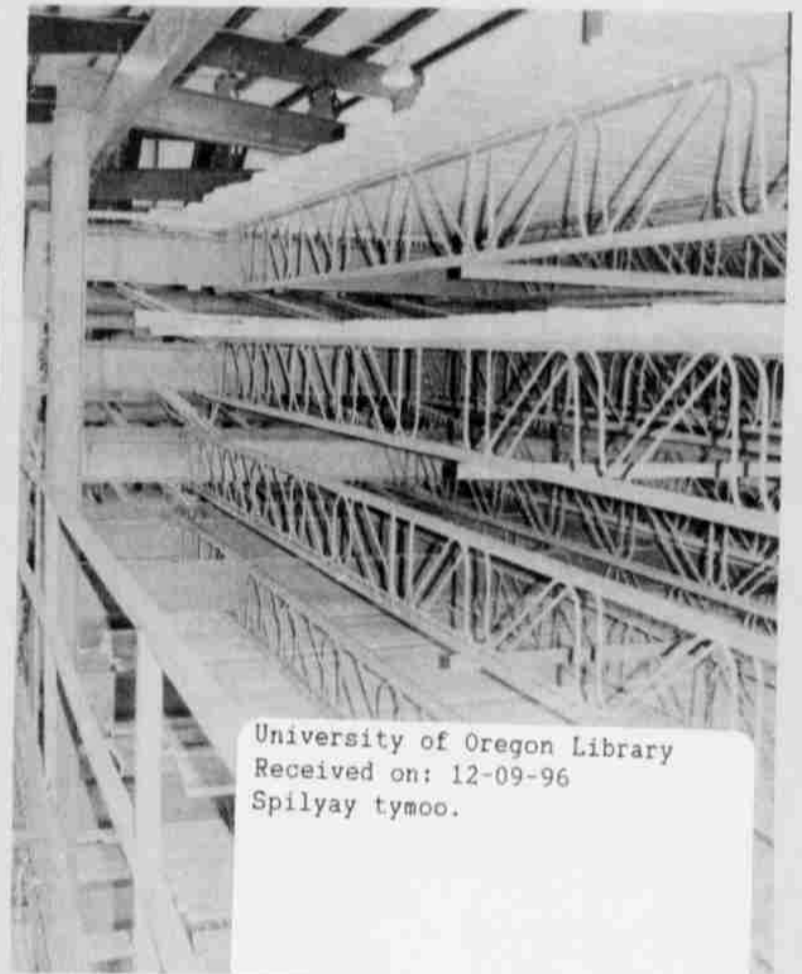
with the money we save, we can afford to pay more money for logs, to buy more logs for the mill. Some of the logs we've been selling, we can buy back," Saunders continued.

The Board of Directors has been supportive in their commitment to improve the mill and keep up with technology.

The first phase of this project was the installation of the grade marker and tray sorter system in July. This system replaced the old pull chain that took seven

employees to manually pull the lumber off the chain. The tray sorter sorts lumber automatically by length, width and grade by computer. Using this system, two guys can operate and keep up.

With this phase also installed was a stacker and a new, larger building with a shed to store lumber. The stacker is operated by one person at the end of the tray sorter. The new building helps keep the lumber protected from rain and snow and keeps the sun from warping it.



New tray sorter sorts lumber by length, width and grade.

The grade marker, tray system, stacker and new building cost \$1.5 million.

The second phase is the installation of the in-feed portion of the planer and a building. The new in-feed will have a moisture meter that will automatically drop out wet boards. There is also a metal detector that will detect metal that can damage knives in the planer. Down time will be reduced with this new system as it takes 30 minutes to change the knives on the planer.

The new in-feed system will be completely enclosed by the new building. This new building will keep lumber dry that has already been dried for feeding into the planer.

The Planer Department had a shut down period at the end of November. During this shut down the stacker was overhauled and the blower system was modified with rerouting of the pipes to keep it from being plugged.

At the Planer Department a new hydraulic drive system will also be installed. "That should speed us up about

30%," says Saunders. This drive system will arrive December 20.

Saunders feels the Planer Department has been neglected as far as keeping up with technology yet production has been good. This year there is a total of 62 million board feet, which is three million more than last year. The sawmill and the planer are making profit.

"We have other projects coming up in the near future," says Saunders. The shop building will be relocated next to the truck shop in the spring of 1997. The kilns will be relocated to where the shops are now. The old building where the kilns are now located has cracks in the walls and is leaking steam. The building itself will cost as much to repair as the kilns.

Plans to add a big log addition to the saw mill were halted because the Tribe's annual allowable cut may not be enough for them to use it.

Although it has been quite a year for them with the flood and the fire, Warm Springs Forest Products continues to make improvements.

Story and photos by Selena Boise

## Common Ground Gathering set for Kah-Nee-Ta in February

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will hold the Second Annual Common Ground Gathering at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort February 6, 7, 1997.

Wilson "Jazzy" Wewa, Sr. and Grant Waheneka will chair the gathering. Wewa is the Sr. ATNI Cultural Committee Chairman and Waheneka is Culture & Heritage Committee Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Registration fee for this gathering is \$25.

All Tribes are invited to make a presentation about their programs and share how they are working to protect and preserve their Indian culture and heritage. If you would share information about the programs, the gathering will discuss how cultural issues related to our treaties, governance bodies and sovereignty. Special presentations will be available upon request.

To schedule your 15-20 minute presentation call Kristi Warner, Warm Springs Culture & Heritage

Committee Secretary, at (541) 553-3257, or fax information to (541) 553-1268.

Be sure to say your with ATNI because rooms are available at the special rate of \$40 single, \$59 double, and roll-aways for \$25. Additional rooms are available in Madras. Please make your own reservations at 1-800-554-4786 or (541) 553-1112. Rates will remain the same the weekend of Lincoln's Powwow February 7-9, 1996.

The Warm Springs Reservation is about a two hour drive from Portland on Hwy. 26, or Horizon flies to Redmond Airport 52 miles away. There will be a slot tourney on the 6th.

The Common Ground Gathering is sponsored by ATNI. For information contact Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, 222NW Davis, Suite 403, Portland, OR 97209, or call (503) 241-0070 or FAX (503) 241-0072.

There are exhibit tables available for \$30 each.

## WSE Annual Christmas Carnival set for Dec. 12

It is school carnival time again! On Thursday, December 12, 1996 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Warm Springs Elementary will be hosting its fourth annual Winter Carnival. With food, games and prizes it promises to be a fun-filled evening.

A cake walk will be one of the attractions and donation of cookies, cakes, pies or cupcakes will be need. Please drop off your donation to Warm Springs Elementary office on December 11th or December 12th.

Come out and support your school from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday December 12th in the Warm Springs Elementary Gym.

See you at the Carnival!! Proceeds go toward building a covered playground.



**21st Annual  
Christmas Bazaar  
Warm Springs  
Community Center  
Saturday, December 14**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Attend Central Oregon's largest holiday bazaar. Over 85 vendors offering a wide variety of gifts. Enjoy lunch in the Social Hall. Admission is free with plenty of parking. For more information call (541) 553-3243**

