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## Coyote News In Brief

### EAP has new director

Vicki Decker explains the EAP department and the changes that have occurred.

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### Stressed out this holiday season?

Don't sweat the little stuff is one tip that helps us get through the bustle of the holidays.

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### Girls vying for holiday tournament court

Local girls are currently selling tickets for the annual Indian Basketball Tournament scheduled for January 1-4.

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### Are you a member?

The Museum At Warm Springs is currently conducting a membership drive. Have you joined yet?

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### Language lessons offered

Get into the spirit of the season and learn the carols of Christmas in Wasco and Sahaptin.

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### Hazel retires

Working with Warm Springs children over the past 18 years has been rewarding for Hazel Williams. She will retire December 31.

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### What to do during Christmas break

The Recreation Department has many, many fun activities scheduled for youth.

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### Boys win tourney

The White Buffaloes were victorious in their bid in the championship game against Henley during the Bob McKenzie Memorial Tournament.

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## Last Minute

### Bazaar

Monday,

December 23

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community

Center

Call 553-3243 for

information

Deadline for the next  
Spilyay Tymoo is  
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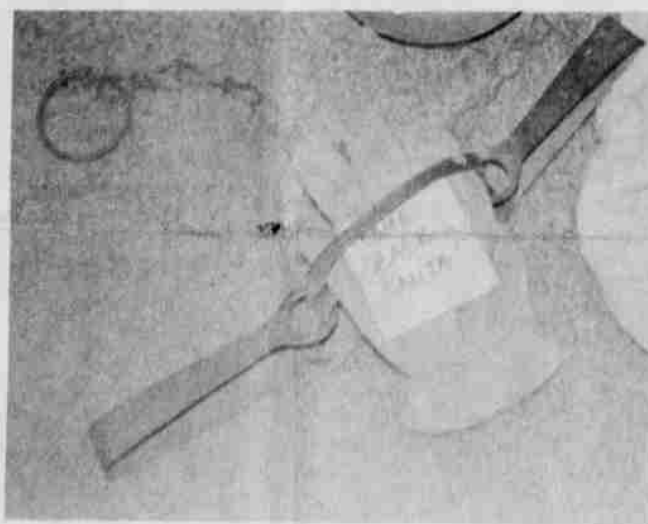
Stage fright appeared to get the best of students participating in the Winter Program at Warm Springs Elementary.



Proud families and friends gathered to watch the school's Winter Program. Kindergarten through fourth grade sang the season's best.

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Bazaars, programs and parties are held when Warm Springs jumps into the spirit of the season as Christmas and the new year approach.



Santa got caught, or at least his glove did, during a recent visit to the Water and Soil office. Visitors are encouraged to take a look at the tree and accompanying decorations.



The Simnasho School students performed the Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language. The 13 students were a hit with the audience.



Topped with an empty Coke bottle, the Water and Soil Christmas tree is truly a comment on the times.

## 1997 operating budget posted; fine-tuning work continues

The Warm Springs Tribal Council approved the tribe's 1997 operating budget November 27, 1996. The tribal Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Operations Officer and the Personnel Director are currently working to "finalize the details" of the budget. Finalizing and fine-tuning the document is essential, as more than 20 jobs, mostly held by tribal members, are threatened if alternative funding cannot be found, says budget compliance officer Jeff Sanders. The 1997 budget is nine-percent lower than the proposed budget posted in October and is about one-percent lower than the appropriated 1996 budget.

Officials attribute the budget reduction to a poor timber market and a reduced annual allowable cut. The 1997 cut will be 50.3 million board feet (Mmbf), plus or minus 10-percent. The Tribe's cutting contract dictates that the annual cut be reduced substantially—ten years ago the cut was 75.5.

The 1997 budget continues a three-year downward trend and includes very few of the 22 "new initiatives"

proposed by general managers and management at budget time. The original new initiatives totaled \$2,289,526. Following Council review, that list was whittled down to just over \$700,000 and includes gaming surveillance (\$250,000); Rose Garden Skybox (\$139,077); professional/technical for Ken Smith (\$45,000); Tectonics joint venture (\$226,400); groceries and meals for police department corrections (\$16,240) and an analyst for Office of Information Systems (\$62,400).

The operating budget for 1997 comes in at \$24,013,887, excluding per capita. Per capita payments, approved through resolution # 9292, total approximately \$4,560,000. Next year's budget, including per capita and new initiatives and accounting for \$3 million in reductions, totals \$28,537,887.

Turn to page 2 for chart detailing 25 years of revenues and expenses

## Profits vs wildlife: Energy plan will fail if regional entities don't come to agreement

"The Comprehensive Energy Review isn't really comprehensive," said Wendell Hannigan, Yakama Fish and Wildlife Committee members. "It doesn't adequately deal with fish and wildlife issues. The Steering Committee acknowledged that in its report to the governors."

Hannigan was among the representatives of the four Columbia River Tribes with treaty-reserved fishing rights to meet with representatives from other Columbia Basin Tribes in Spokane last week. They discussed the final report of the Comprehensive Energy Review that the Steering Committee submitted to the governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

"What remains to be done is to develop assurance that adequate fish and wildlife restoration consistent with tribes' treaty rights and benefiting all citizens of the Northwest will occur even under this utility deregulation proposal. The power system has provided benefits to all, but at great cost to fish and wildlife. We need to be certain that the power

system will fulfill its unmet fish and wildlife obligations," Hannigan continued.

"The Steering Committee also recognized that it lacked the expertise to make recommendations for a river governance structure," he added. "We appreciate the Steering Committee's candor. Consistent with the Steering Committee's recommendation, we agree that the states, tribes and federal government should begin government-to-government consultations immediately to determine an effective Columbia River management structure." Hannigan also noted that this is the approach defined by the governors at the outset of the energy review which called for consultation between the sovereigns to begin upon completion of the report.

Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committee member, Olney Patt, Jr., added that when the governors requested the energy review, they asked the Steering Committee to produce a plan that would keep the benefits of the federal hydropower generation system and the federal power trans-

mission system in the region while protecting natural resources. He told other tribal leaders that failure on the part of the region to do both could prove costly: "We have already seen the folly of managing the river primarily for power production at the expense of the salmon. The Steering Committee report does not adequately address the ecosystem of the Columbia River. We can't afford to repeat that mistake. If profits from the hydrosystem are placed above the needs of the fish and wildlife, we will not achieve regional consensus. Realistically, for a regional plan to move forward, all stakeholders, the sovereign governments of the region along with environmental organizations and those who advocate for energy conservation and low energy income assistance must concur. Without that consensus, as Senator Hatfield has already told the Steering Committee, the region will lose its opportunity to shape its energy future. We stand to lose both the benefits and the natural resources."

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