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Coyote News In Brief

Resolution 9839 approved.

Fish hatchery fish would not count towards the 112 adult Chinook salmon cap for the fall season fishery at Sherars Falls.

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Draft Management plan available for review

The draft plans contains issues related to natural, cultural, social and economic resources.

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Halloween party held at the Community Center

Photos share fun and laughter from a night of games and activities.

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Red Cross offers safety tips

Trick-or-Treaters offered safety tips for a safe night of Trick-or-Treating.

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Celebrating the Family conference

Conference information offered. Attendees will learn about togetherness of families.

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Language lessons continue

Sahaptin, Kiksht and Paiute language lessons are offered.

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Tribal Court notes accomplishments

As part of the Comprehensive Plan update, this branch relates activities since 1983.

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Indigenous Games winners awarded

A banquet was held to honor these accomplished athletes.

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Twenty second annual Fall Run held

Eighty-two runners turn out to compete in the 10K and 2.0 mile run October 18.

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Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, October 31, 1997

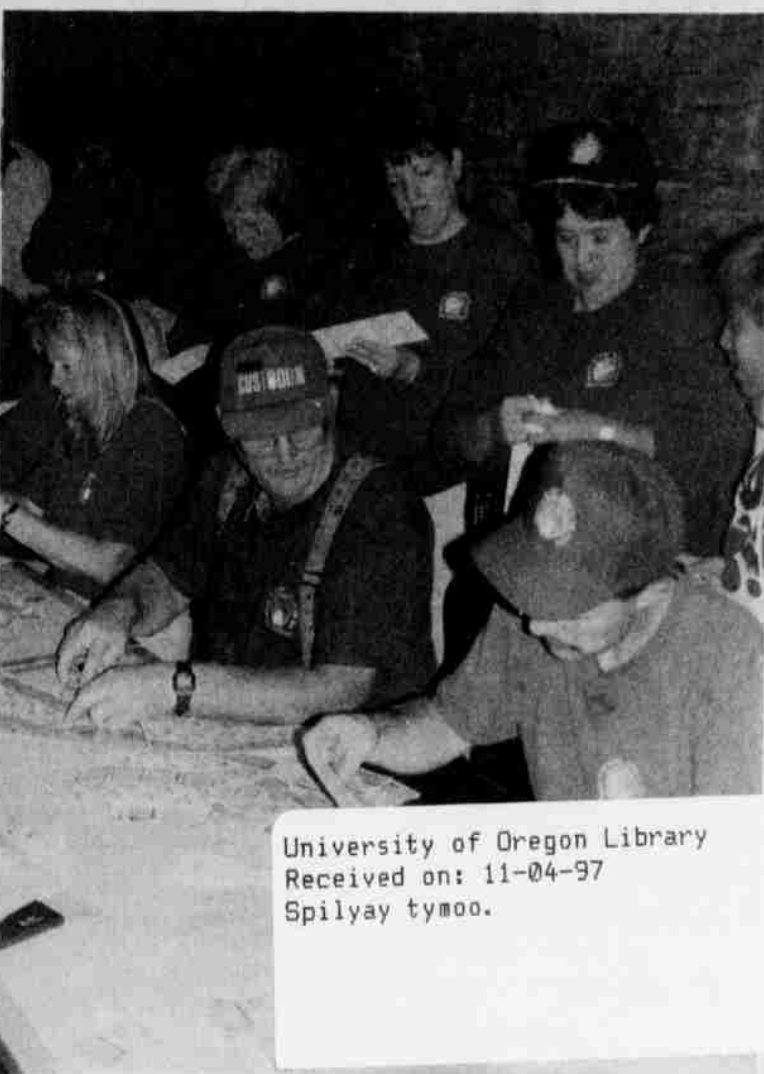
Warm Springs Elementary enters "Scratch-It For Schools" competition



Warm Springs Elementary "Scratch Team" and cheerleaders at the Columbia River Gorge Discovery Center.



Helena Jackson with \$500 winning ticket she scratched.



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After five minutes tickets were checked four times for winning tickets. Warm Springs Elementary had plenty of help.

Warm Springs Elementary School staff members traveled to The Dalles, Oregon to participate in Oregon Lottery's "Scratch-It for Schools," program October 14, 1997 against Hood River Middle School. After five minutes of scratching lottery tickets, Warm Springs Elementary's Scratch Team totaled \$2,522. Community Liaison, Helena Jackson, scratched a \$500 ticket during the five minutes.

Warm Springs Elementary cheerleaders" were

asked to assist in checking tickets for winners. They were to be checked four times.

Missing deadline for the first competition, in June, Principal Dawn Smith entered Warm Springs Elementary in the second competition held October 14 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. After being drawn for this competition, Warm Springs Elementary staff members entered their names a drawing to be one of eight "Scratch Team" members to scratch tickets. Staff names drawn were

Kevin Rodin, Renee Rodin, Kristen Sprecher, Ron Osterbaan, Nancy Smith, Helena Jackson, Michael Craig and Mary Beck.

Warm Springs Elementary Team did not win the \$500 bonus offered to the highest scorer, but they scratched \$2,522 worth of Oregon Lottery tickets for their school. They were presented a check and will receive the actual check in the mail in about three weeks. Oregon Lottery will scan the tickets again for any winners that may have been missed.

Resolution signed to build new elementary school in Warm Springs

After a decade of talk and planning a joint agreement was made between 509-J School District and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to construct a new elementary school in Warm Springs.

In a 1985 Memorandum of Understanding both parties stated their commitment to financing a new school on the reservation, but action was not taken for another 12 years.

The 509-J School District and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have agreed to jointly fund the construction of a \$7 million, 60,000-square-foot elementary school with a capacity to house 600 to 650 students. A resolution of intent to build was signed at the October 13, 1997 meeting of the 509-J Board of Directors.

"This starts the wheels in motion and moving toward accomplishment," said Board Chair Jim Manion.

Warm Springs Elementary

Principal, Dawn Smith, adds, "When I came here 23 years ago I was told they were going to build a new school, and now it's finally going to happen."

Saying she and everyone at the school was excited, Smith credited current leadership.

"I'm really encouraged by the support and current leadership of the district and Tribal Council. This Tribal Council has been dedicated to seeing it happen, the time is right, and it's going to happen," Smith commented.

The resolution noted 509-J's student enrollment has increased for 11 consecutive years, and Warm Springs Elementary is the only school in the district still using modular classrooms to ease its crowding. The school currently has four double-wide and one single-wide modulars in use.

The 509-J district receives \$4,500 per student from State School Support money. On top of that, 509-J receives approximately \$2 million per year in federal Impact Aid funds (based on

the number of tribal students."

Over a 15 to 20 year period, the district has been able to build up a cash reserve with some of the Impact Aid money.

"Next year he said 509-J will put \$1 million into a reserve fund, with \$800,000 of that dedicated to building the Warm Springs school. Continuing that practice for two more years should give the district its half of the funding," Brannen said.

The Tribes will be working on how to raise their half of the money, and some assistance will come from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

"The BIA will help with site preparation and running infrastructure (roads, power, water and sewer lines) to the site, and the land won't cost us anything," Brannen noted.

He said the Tribes will donate land south of U.S. Highway 26, away from the highway where the present school is located. Student safety has

always been a concern with playgrounds right next to the highway.

The present elementary school, built sometime in the 1940s, has 435 students in 39,735-square-foot of space, which includes the modulars.

"We felt it would be better to put money into a building fund than putting it into maintenance on the old building," Brannen said.

Jefferson County Middle School will also be affected by the construction of a new elementary in Warm Springs. Plans are to move fifth graders out of JCMS. Tribal students would attend the new elementary in Warm Springs. This would help ease crowding at JCMS, which is now at capacity with nearly 1,000 students.

It will take a year to iron out the 509-J Tribal funding agreement and do architectural planning, and another year for construction. Brannen estimated the school could open its doors by 1999 or 2000.

Agency District Meeting
Topic: Budgets
Agency Longhouse
October 28, 1997
Dinner at 6:00
Meeting at 7:00

Fall sports meeting

Attention all student athletes and parents. There will be a winter sports meeting to be held October 28, at the Madras high school gym. This meeting is for students interested in basketball or wrestling. Each student and their parents need to attend this informational meeting.

The meeting will start out with a general information session and then each coach will hold a session to discuss the specifics of their sport.

For more information call Margaret Sturza at Madras High 475-7265.