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Coyote News In Brief

Miss Warm Springs interviewed

Jocelyn Moses
expresses her opinion
and more in an
interview.

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Spilyay 'nawa mish'kaau

A new feature begins
with this issue as
residents, employees
and others are asked to
express their opinion on
different topics.

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Fifth annual Children's Art show opens

The Museum At Warm
Springs is featuring the
popular Children's Art
Show.

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Girls give helping hand during holidays

Local Girl Scouts and
Brownies got into the
holiday spirit.

5

Language Lessons

Paiute and Sahaptin
language lessons are
offered.

6 and 7

OSU Education Needs Assessment summarized

Last summer, Oregon
State conducted an
education needs survey
among reservation
residents. A summary
notes the results.

8

Lapwai wins holiday tournament

The 39th annual Holiday
Basketball Tournament
featured fast action
among the nine teams.

9 and 10

Watch for signs in the community announcing rescheduled district and general council meetings.

Spilyay Tymoo is once again selling

Date Logs.

\$3.50 each or
3 for \$10. Call
553-3274 to get
yours!

Deadline for the next
Spilyay Tymoo is
Friday,
January 23, 1997

Reservation under blanket of white stuff

Someone must have sung "Let it snow" one too many times this winter. Warm Springs, like much of the Northwest, was deluged with toe little bit snow earlier this week. The white stuff began to fall Saturday, January 10, and didn't let up until we were enveloped in an 18-inch thick blanket of white, fluffy down.

The Confederated Tribes cancelled work on January 12 as roads were questionable, at best. Work was delayed two hours on January 13 as a slow melt began.

Drivers must continue to be cautious as icy conditions persist, especially in the mornings.

The forecast? More winter.



Traffic on US highway 26 was slow due to poor visibility during a heavy snow storm.



Fire and Safety gets assistance clearing away snow from emergency vehicle's garage doors.



Leo Hellon digs his car out of two feet of snow.

Upcoming Deschutes Basin forum to define visions for the future

The Deschutes River Basin is an especially pleasant and productive place to live. For thousands of years Native Americans have called this Basin their home. The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon have successfully maintained their cultures and traditions while developing productive timber, tourist and hydroelectric enterprises. Throughout this time the natural resources of the Deschutes Basin have remained central to the Tribes' way of life.

During the last one hundred years many changes have reshaped the Basin. Most significant are the actions that have altered the natural flow of water. Benefits have accrued from these changes to most of the long-time residents and certainly to the many newcomers and the seasonal visitors. However, some changes have been made at a high cost to other natural resources, especially fish and wildlife.

The pressures of our modern society are continuing to cause change, requiring people within the Deschutes Watershed to reassess and adapt. To understand the dynamics of change, more information is called for, stimulating waves of resource studies and data gathering. Reams of information sit on shelves and in files. Natural resource planners from numerous and varied agencies have tried to stay ahead of changing events, resulting in at least 41 management plans and environmental impact assessments attempting to provide future direction.

The Confederated Tribes are concerned about the absence of a unifying principle or conceptual framework in the fish and wildlife resource research and planning efforts to date. A scientifically based unifying methodology has yet to be applied which allows natural resource management decisions to be made that are not only of the highest priority

but can be implemented in the most effective sequence. Actions taken need to be accountable and sustainable. The Confederated Tribes clearly recognize that without such a holistic approach, critical decisions about the future of natural resources in the Basin will continue to be made piecemeal in the absence of an agreed to management framework.

The Confederated Tribes, therefore, extend an invitation to you, along with other persons who have a passion for the Basin, to take part in a two-day gathering to share your visions and values with us regarding the future of its wildlife habitat and resources. The Confederated Tribes called a similar meeting a year ago that has successfully initiated work on a fisheries management framework for the Basin. Some of you were involved in the visions and values gathering for fish, but for most of you, this will be a new experience.

Visions and values, often called goals, will evolve during group discussions within a forum of the watershed's wildlife community. Discussions will develop around the following five considerations:

Cultures—Beliefs, behaviors, and ways of life
Livelihoods—Now and for seven generations
Participation—Everyone having an equal voice
Commonalities—What can be accomplished working together
Choices—There is always more than one way

This two-day session will be the first step in a year-long series of events utilizing a methodology for developing a science based conceptual framework that will allow community goals to be implemented into accountable and sustainable actions. This is a first in watershed management. The method is called Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT) and will be explained further during

the Deschutes Watershed Forum.

The Visions and Values Gathering will be facilitated in Open Space, a process that is oriented to begin with the community and work up, not starting with the regulators at the top and working down. Open Space is a process similar to traditional tribal council encampments and pioneer town halls. It is distinguished by having no prior agenda. In the opening hour, the participants, also known as stakeholders, collectively create an agenda that represents their passions (critical issues) for which they are willing to take responsibility. The author of each agenda will be responsible for leading a breakout session around that issue and report back in writing to the full group. There will be a full gathering the final day to review the commonalities around each agenda issue and allow for a prioritization of goals to guide the EDT technical workshops to follow. The product from the Open Space process will be an inventory of concerns, hopes, and expectations rather than a forced consensus. Open Space is a self-organizing way of facilitating communication and action, and bringing out the inherent creativity and leadership in a diversity of people. Open Space is a highly participatory process.

The Tribes welcome your involvement with others in the Basin community by bringing passions for the future of the wildlife habitat and resources. The visions and values you bring will apply basin-wide. The

Tribes look forward to using the relevant portions of this Basin work in their Pelton Relicensing application knowing that it reflects the desire of the Basin community now and for seven generations.

If you are unable to attend this session but have a vision, a value or an issue that you would like to see addressed concerning the future of wildlife within the Deschutes Basin, feel free to contact Heather Shaw or Bob Rose at (541) 553-1046 so that your input can be included in the discussions.

You will be individually contacted by the TWFF to discuss expectations and how they will be met. The Confederated Tribes are pleased to share our visions and values for the Deschutes Basin with you and then work together in crafting local solutions for a healthy watershed and strong economies into the future.

As the tribes will be providing refreshments, two lunches and one dinner, it will be important for those wishing to participate to contact The Deschutes Watershed Forum before January 23 to make reservations. For this forum to be successful, we would like to stress the importance for all of the participants to attend the conference for both days.

A block of rooms have been set aside at Kah-Nee-Ta at a special rate. To reserve your room call Kah-Nee-Ta directly by January 23, 1998 at 1-800-554-4786. Please tell them you are attending the Deschutes Watershed Forum.

When: Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3 and 4, 1998
Where: Kah-Nee-Ta, Warm Springs Reservation
What: The theme: Deschutes Basin Wildlife—Defining Visions for the Future
Who: All those in the Basin community who hold a passion for the above theme.
How: By facilitators trained and experienced in Open Space from The Watershed Forum Foundation



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