

# Spilyay Tymoo

(Coyote News)

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## Coyote News In Brief

**Video prepared**  
Local residents were interviewed for a video concerning the update of the Comprehensive Plan. **2**

**Spilyay l'nawa mish'kaau**  
Question: What do you think about the proposed Elder Care facility? **2**

**ATNI holds winter conference**  
Lincoln City was the place to be for the annual winter ATNI conference. **3**

**Seniors speak out**  
Warm Springs high school seniors express their hopes for the future in the continuation of our senior profiles. **5**

**Language Lessons**  
Sahaptin and Wasco language lessons are offered. **6 and 7**

**Words of wisdom**  
The Tribe's archival files are full of interesting, and useful information that may be used to guide the actions of today. **8**

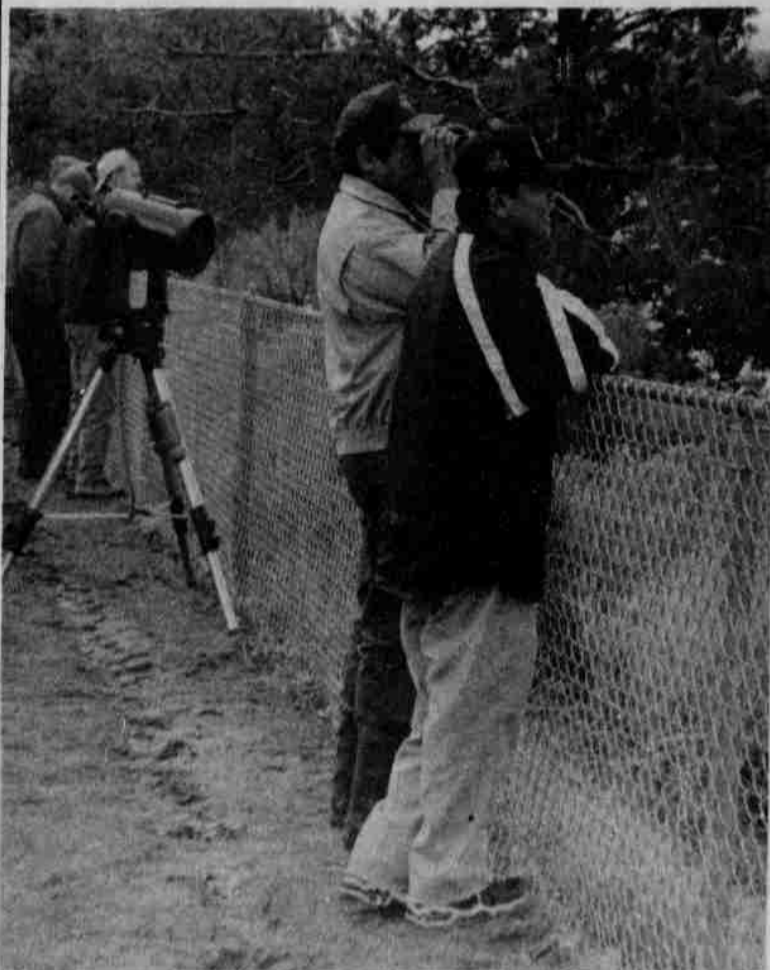
**"Morning News" premiere**  
Carey Pedersen's second grade class at Warm Springs Elementary worked as Spilyay "Cub" reporters for a special edition. **9**

**Smith wins national title**  
Long-time wild horse racer Jason Smith and his team mates took the national championship title earlier this month in Rapid City, South Dakota. **10**



Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, March 6, 1998

## Eagle Watch 98: eventful, successful and interesting for all ages



Viewers brought their binoculars and telescopes to see the eagles.



Joe Tuckta performs the eagle dance at Round Butte Observatory.



Rudy Clements spoke about the eagles.

Eagle Watch 98 was a successful event with many eagle watchers to view the eagles migrating to the Lake Billy Chinook area.

Presentations were given on live birds of prey, eagle raptor biology and behavior, Native American legends and eagle dancing and near the end a summary and data report.

Information was handed out about the eagles in the Lake Billy Chinook area.

The Bald eagle, in danger of extinction throughout much of its range 30 years ago, has made a tremendous comeback. The obvious presence of bald eagles in the vicinity of Lake Billy Chinook bears witness to the remarkable recovery of the species. The eagle population at Billy Chinook consists of three primary components—nesting pairs, fall migrants, and winter migrants.

In 1997, seven pairs of bald eagles nested in the vicinity of the lake. Six of the pairs were successful, raising a total of 7 young. The number of nesting pairs and successful nests were the highest on record for the Lake Billy Chinook area. The number of nesting pairs has increased from just one in 1981 and two in 1989. Their nests are located in the upper branches of large pine trees and are constructed of large sticks. Finer materials such as dried grasses and pine needles are often used to line the nests. Eagles mate for life and each pair generally returns to the same site year after year to nest. In fact, it appears the nesting pairs in the vicinity of Lake Billy Chinook are year-round residents of the area. There have been at least three instances over the past several years where nests were destroyed. In each

case the eagles responded by building a new nest nearby.

Bald eagles in the Lake Billy Chinook area lay 1-3 eggs in late February or early March. The eggs hatch in about 35 days. Approximately 12 weeks after hatching, the young are able to fly from the nest. The food habits of nesting bald eagles at Billy Chinook were studied from 1995 to 1997. The results of the studies indicate that a majority of the food adults bring back to the nest to feed their young is fish; and of the fish, kokanee are by far the most common species brought back. Kokanee are the primary gamefish in Lake Billy Chinook. The study results also indicate that the bald eagles consume a variety of other food items ranging from rabbits and other small mammals to songbirds and waterfowl. A portion of their diets

also consists of carrion.

Fall migrants and winter migrants are eagles from elsewhere that join the resident eagle pairs to take advantage of abundant food supplies that are sometimes available during the fall and winter months. In most years, 15-30 migrants will join the resident birds during the month of November to feed on the carcasses of spawned out kokanee that drift back into the upper end of the lake from the Metolius River. Winter migrants appear on the scene in February-March and typically occur in larger numbers compared to the fall migrants. During the winters of 1994 and 1995, 125 and 215 eagles were counted in the Lake Billy Chinook area on a single day, respectively. In 1997, the number of winter migrants was only about 40 eagles. The number

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## Umatilla, Warm Springs tribes sponsor Summit

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will host the 1998 Northwest Indian Education Summit May 12 to 14, 1998 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort in Warm Springs.

This year's Summit will focus on the need for Northwest tribes, Indian communities and parents to unite on education issues. The agenda, which addresses items from early childhood through higher education, will include topics such as the Indian Education policy, Welfare Reform, Native American Language Preservation, legislation, budgets, regulations and legal issues. An array of tribal leaders, educators and federal/state

officials are scheduled to speak at the summit.

Hotel conference rates are \$50 single (room with one bed), \$50 double (room with two beds), \$170 suite, and rollaway beds are available for \$25 each. Room reservations can be made by calling Kah-Nee-Ta Resort at (541) 553-1112 or 1-800-554-4SUN. Please indicate you're with the Northwest Indian Education Summit. Deadline for room reservations is April 20.

The Summit conference registration is \$100 which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a traditional dinner plus conference materials. Deadline for pre-registration is May 1. On-site registration is \$105

and daily registration is \$25. Elders and students early registration rate is \$50 and on-site rate is \$65. Daily registration is \$25. For registration information and packet contact: Minnie Yahtin, Tribal Education Committee Secretary, PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Phone: (541) 553-3257. Fax: (541) 553-1924.

For agenda information and workshop proposals contact Fritz Miller, Tribal Education Committee, PO Box C, Warm Springs Phone: (541) 553-3462 or Fax: 553-1994; or, Tedi Tanawasha, Higher Education Director, PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761 (541) 553-3311, or Fax, 553-1899.



Members of Carey Pedersen's second grade class were "hired" by Spilyay Tymoo for this issue. The "Morning News" appears inside and features stories and photos provided by class members.

**Contemporary Root Bag Class**  
Class Instructor: Eraina Palmer; Sundays: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 1998 1 to 4 p.m. Kits will be available or if you don't want to purchase a kit just call for a list of supplies. Please call the Museum to sign-up now or for more information at (541) 553-3331 Everyone welcome!

## Tribal Council nomination meetings in early March

**Seekseequa District**  
Monday, March 2  
**Agency District**  
Tuesday, March 3  
**Simnasho District**  
Thursday, March 5  
Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by meetings at 7 p.m. in all districts

**Election Day:**  
Tuesday, March 31

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