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# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Coyote News In Brief

### Committee members needed

If you're interested in assisting the Tribe by serving on a committee, now is the time to get your resume in.

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### Spilyay I'nawa mish'kaau

Question: How can Spilyay better serve the community?

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### Church raising

Members of the Full Gospel church, with assistance from the Confederated Tribes and many volunteers, are constructing a new building.

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### Youth on their way to DC

Three local students, their siblings and one set of parents are DC-bound come June 8.

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### Forstry Footnotes begins

BIA Forest Manager Bodie Shaw begins a new series to help inform the public how the Reservation forest is managed.

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### Language Lessons

Sahaptin and Wasco language lessons are offered.

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### Resolutions offered

Council has passed many resolutions since the beginning of the year.

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### Story unfolds

A family grows beyond the anger and violence associated with drug abuse.

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### Ball game schedules offered

T-Ball, Softball and Baseball schedules will keep kids and their parents hopping this season.

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**Have a safe and sane Memorial Day weekend**

**Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, May 29, 1998**

## Seniors rejoice throughout their day



Visitor entertained on the harmonica.



Catching up on the latest.



Local king and queen, Wilford Jim and Margaret Buckland.



What a profile!

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## Funding choices explored for new school in Warm Springs

Discussions have occurred between 509-J School district officials and Warm Springs officials on constructing a new elementary school on the Reservation. Residents of Jefferson County and Warm Springs face explosive growth in the next few years, and the growth is going to significantly impact 509-J School District. School board chairman Jim Manion said a building site committee, formed at the request of school district leadership, identified three needed new schools some time ago. The three were the Madras Middle School, which has since been constructed, a new Warm Springs elementary school and a new Madras elementary school.

The Warm Springs school is projected to be constructed in the next three to five years. Plans call for the new Madras elementary school to come on line in five to seven years. Manion said this could present funding challenges since the district usually asks voters to approve new taxes to pay for these types of projects.

The Warm Springs school presents a unique dilemma for the school district since the school will be on the Reservation. Even though the district has received Impact Aid for many years because of the Indian student population, the Impact Aid dollars received by the district are earmarked for school services only. Impact Aid dollars for construction have never been available to the district. An unanswered question that has been discussed by the school district and Tribal Council is would district tax payers be willing to pay extra taxes for a

school built on the Reservation? There are many other questions surrounding construction of a school in Warm Springs. Aside from funding concerns, other issues to be considered include infrastructure, location, roads, architecture, etc.

In December 1997, a committee representing members of the school district and the Tribe met to discuss those questions. Tribal attorney Howard Arnett and Ed Sites, an attorney representing the school district, began working to develop an agreement outlining how the tribes and school district would work together on funding the new school in Warm Springs.

Early last month the work group charged with exploring options for the new school met with Tribal Council. Wendell Jim, General Manager of the Education Branch, told Tribal Council that he thought there were other options besides the tribe paying for one half the cost of the new school. He mentioned a school district bond election, a tribal bond issue repaid by school district lease payments, as well as other possibilities. Following the meeting, Tribal Council sent a letter to the 509-J School District addressing the possibility of the District asking Jefferson County voters to approve a bond levy. Previously, in a meeting between Tribal Council and representatives of the school district, 509-J School District officials offered to furnish half of the construction costs (approximately \$3.5 million) for the project if the Confederated Tribes and the BIA would provide the rest.

Because of numerous considerations involved in the issue, Manion said the school board would request a workshop with Tribal Council and Warm Springs education personnel. "There are so many factors that play a part in the dynamics of getting this project completed," Manion said, "before we go any further, we need

to determine what they are and how they may impact use in the future." Manion mentioned that Chief Delvis Heath made a profound statement when the board met with Council the first time. Heath commented, "The time to fight over our kids is past...it is time now to fight for our kids." With the population increasing at

a rapid rate in the 509-J School District, and a percentage of that growth being retired people, it is necessary for district and tribal officials to reach agreement on the challenges facing them in building a new school before the burden becomes any greater.

### 1999 returns projected to be poorer....

## Spring chinook return near record low

The return of spring chinook salmon is projected to be a near record low throughout the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Deschutes River. An estimated 36,200 spring chinook salmon are expected to return to tributaries above Bonneville Dam. The management goal for spring chinook salmon at Bonneville Dam, however, is 1115,000. Based on the projected upriver return, treaty Indian fishers are allowed to harvest five-percent of the upriver run or 1,810 chinook salmon. Through April 29, the four treaty tribes combined had harvested 2,110 chinook salmon or 5.8 percent of the run. The run size as counted at Bonneville Dam is still projected to be at or very near the preseason projection of 36,200. Therefore, effective April 29, the tribes took action to close all ceremonial and subsistence harvest on the Columbia River until further notice.

The wild spring chinook salmon return to the Deschutes River is pro-

jected to be 350. This compares with an escapement goal for the Warm Springs River of 1,300. Therefore, spring chinook returns will be 73 percent below the escapement goal for the Warm Springs River.

Extremely poor returns of hatchery spring chinook salmon to Round Butte Hatchery are also anticipated. The hatchery is expected to be 400 or more fish below broodstock needs. Juveniles from Round Butte are released in the Deschutes and Hood rivers.

Tribal fishing at Sherars Falls was closed because of the projected extremely poor return of spring chinook salmon to the Deschutes River. Returns above Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery indicate that the wild spring chinook salmon run size may likely be smaller than the preseason projection of 350. Through May 15, only 24 wild and nine hatchery spring chinook salmon have arrived at the hatchery weir. On average, 25-percent of the wild return has passed the

hatchery by this date. An estimated 31 wild chinook salmon were harvested by tribal fishers at Sherars Falls prior to the fishery being closed by Tribal Council Resolution No. 9527. This may equate to 10-percent to 30-percent of the wild spring chinook salmon return.

Looking into 1999, poorer returns are expected than in 1998. This is the result of so few spawners in 1994 and 1995, the two lowest returns on record.

Some tributaries to the Columbia are still open for fishing. This includes the Willamette River. To fish on the Willamette River and other rivers outside of the ceded area, tribal members can pick up a fishing tag for free at the Fish and Wildlife Department. Fishers must carry their tribal ID and the fishing tag and fish within the state limits, currently one chinook per day. For additional information on run sizes and fishing opportunities, contact the Fish and Wildlife Department at 553-3233.