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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 l'nawa mish'kaau

Question: If you had a magic wand, and could have our community look any way 20 years from now, how would it look?

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Beware of cell phone fraud

Norma Smith found out the hard way that hackers have a sneaky way of using your cell phone services.

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Calica takes job with Deschutes County

Floyd Calica is currently working for the Deschutes County Sheriff's office.

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Moody studying to be CNA

Keith Moody changed his career choice and is now working to attain his CNA degree.

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Language Lessons

Sahaptin and Paiute language lessons are offered.

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What's important

Forty proven points to ensure a young person's success.

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Simmnasho students perform

Simmnasho students performed stories, songs and dances taught to them by language instructor Susie Slockish.

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Fire fighters keep in shape

Warm Springs Hot Shot Crew members do duty at the Community Center to help get them into and keep them in shape for the upcoming fire season.

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Deadline for the next
Spilyay Tymoo is
Friday,
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Symphony Trio perform at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and elementary school—



Symphony Trio Encore from left to right, Peter Frajola, (Violin Connie Whelen, (Viola) and Naomi Blumberg (cello).

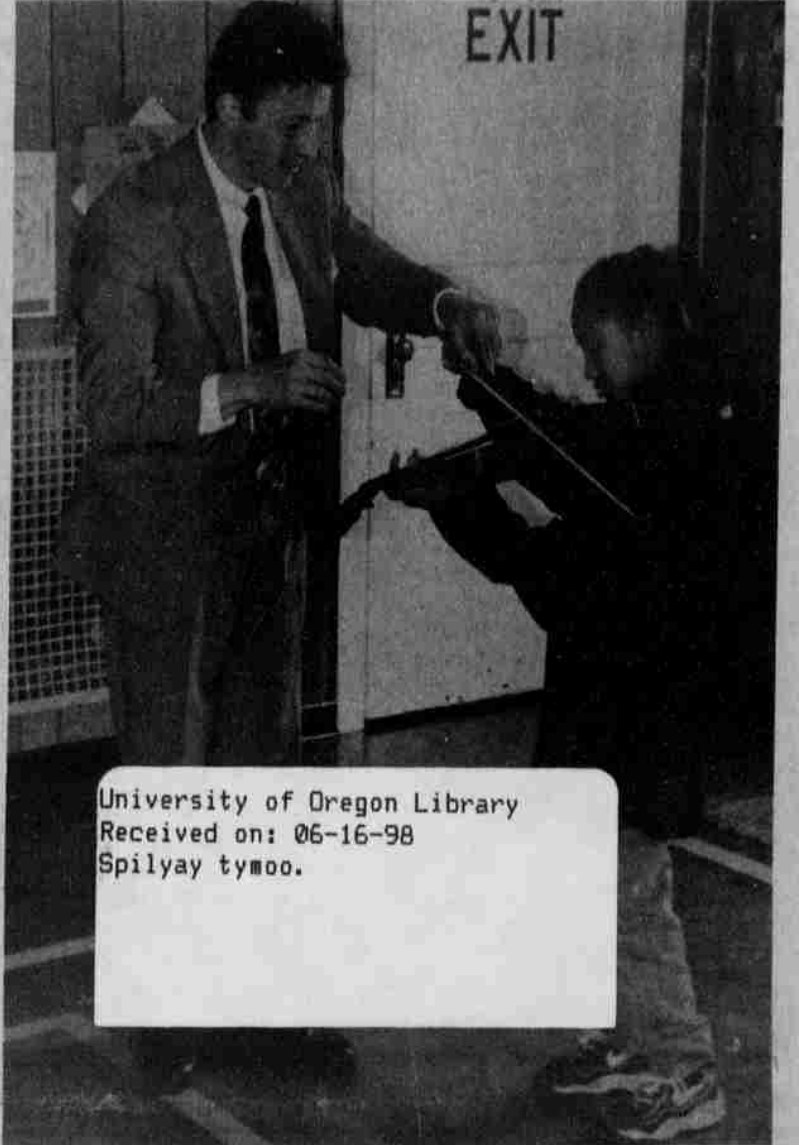
Warm Springs welcomed back Oregon Symphony Resident Conductor Murry Sidlin, members of the Oregon Symphony orchestra and Conducting Apprentices Tim Hankewich and Itai Daniel for concerts and educational/community activities May and early June as part of the Symphony's first "mini tour." The Symphony presented a free community concert in Warm Springs (June 3) and youth concerts in Redmond (June 4) and Madras (June 4) as well as pre-tour educational/community activities (May 26 and 27).

Mini-tours are designed to enhance the impact of the Symphony's Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT)/NEA Regional Tour Program, which takes the orchestra to each of three established zones in the state and region on a three-year rotational basis. This first mini-tour is co-presented by the Museum at Warm Springs and by Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

On May 26, at 12:20 p.m. Sidlin, along with Principle Horn John Cox and Trio Encore (Naomi Blumberg, cello; Connie Whelen, viola; and Peter Frajola, violin) conducted a range of educational activities, beginning

with a band clinic for 70 seventh-grade students at Jefferson County Middle School.

On the evening of May 26, at 6 p.m., the Trio Encore presented a special performance at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. The Trio Encore, also performed for elementary students at Warm Springs Elementary on Wednesday, May 27. Following a 30-minute performance, the students were invited to participate in an Instrument Petting Zoo, which allowed them to touch and play the musicians' instruments and ask questions of the ensemble members.



Besides the music, kids enjoyed the petting zoo also.

Sidlin conducted the full Oregon Symphony orchestra in a free community concert at the Warm Springs Community Center Wednesday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. The classical program

will feature Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and "Swan Lake" Suite, Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espanol," Bela Bartok's "Rumanian Dances" and Jean Sibelius' "Finlandia."

Hospital Idea Sharing Forum deemed a success

Fifty people attended the Idea Gathering Forum sponsored by Mountain View District Hospital at the Madras Senior Center May 19. The purpose of the meeting was: "To create an interactive forum involving those served by Mountain View Hospital District, the Board of Directors, Medical Staff and other health care providers, to share ideas on building a sense of ownership and partnership between communities through the services that Mountain View Hospital District provides."

Mountain View District Board Chairman, Tom Kirsch, welcomed those in attendance and introduced hospital employees, Board members and Medical Staff present. The Chairman gave a brief history on current issues at hand and stated that the Board accepted full responsibility for issues with Warm Springs and other communities served by the District.

Garland Brunoe gave an opening prayer followed by Clint Jacks, from the OSU Extension Office, introducing ground rules for the meeting. Three sub groups were formed with each group having a facilitator. Orthelia Patt, Ron Suppah and Julie Lopez were the facilitators.

Each group was asked to respond to three questions which were: From your perspective what are the weaknesses of Mount View Hospital District; What are the strengths of MVHD; and, What are the opportunities that MVHD has for improvement?

Some of the comments regarding weaknesses were as follows: Accounting problems and inconsistencies; lack of awareness of the Warm Springs community—historical, political, cultural; and lack of physician/specialist choices. Comments on strengths included: Wonderful nursing home facility; community outreach—wellness education and corporate citizenship; quality of Board members—willingness to take responsibility and adapt to change. There were a number of encouraging responses to the question of what opportunities are available for improvement. Respondents felt there was an opportunity to resolve weaknesses and implement solutions. One suggestion that had support was form-

ing hospital community advisory groups; another was reaching out more to all communities, and having more of a presence in those communities; increasing opportunity for ethnic groups to be involved in leadership positions such as the Board of Directors.

Rob Fuller, Director of Community Relations for the hospital, said, "It was a tremendous beginning for communication to be more open between the District and the communities it serves. The Board of Directors

is very committed to being more open and responsive." Fuller said that Clint Jacks should be commended for his leadership in facilitating the meeting. "Clint and the others did a very good job in collecting information from the people in attendance." Fuller mentioned that the Board Chairman, Tom Kirsch, showed a great deal of leadership in his opening comments to the group, apologizing for not being more responsive to the concerns of Warm Springs in the past. "I enjoyed working with Garland and

Managed Care in this project, and I also thank them for their assistance in putting together a purpose statement for this meeting," Fuller said. "The hospital appreciates their involvement in this process."

Brunoe was pleased with the turnout, but noted that invitations had been set to local clergymen in the communities or Warm Springs, Madras, Metolius and Culver. "There was no presence of them at the meeting," Brunoe said, "I think that the ideas that were generated was a start

and I look forward to the Idea Gathering Forum taking place in all the communities."

The Mountain View Hospital District Board of Directors, along with the current hospital administration, will review all of the comments and ideas suggested at the forum. Plans are to have additional Idea Gathering Forums in the communities within the district. If you have any comments or suggestions, you may reach Community Relations Director Rob Fuller at 475-3882, extension 2370.

Indian Head Casino out-performs itself...again

Nineteen ninety seven was Indian Head Casino's most successful year ever. The enterprise is becoming more secure with each passing month. Indian Head Casino General Manager Jeff Ford says, "Be assured, there is no letdown to the pace it has established for itself."

The first quarter of 1998 ended with gaming revenues exceeding projections for the quarter by \$297,626. Careful attention to expenses during the first quarter meant savings of \$91,552, adding significantly to the bottom line.

"We continue to see favorable results at the casino, results that are consistent. And I think it's going to continue for a long time," commented Chairman of the Board of Directors Rudy Clements. "We have dug ourselves out of the hole we were in, we've managed to establish a reserve cash account, we continue to upgrade the facility and our gaming product. In April, we will pay back over \$290,000 that is owed to the Tribe on the inter-company account. That, by the way, will be the final payment on a balance that was originally \$690,000."

So what were the actual first quarter results? Revenues for the first three months were \$1,583,925. Expenses totaled \$1,084,399, creating a net profit of \$499,525.

"The same thing took place the last quarter of 1997. Our low season months have been a really nice surprise," Clements said. "Come summer, we have some pretty big numbers to meet. But if this is any indica-

tion, I think we'll do it."

When you compare the first quarter of 1998 to the same period in 1997, the numbers jump out. The net result is a gain of \$184,861 over last year's first quarter; a 59-percent improvement.

"There are a couple of programs we are thinking of initiating. One is designing a competency-based training program for department heads and supervisors at Indian Head Ca-

sino. The second is a program that may not be novel, but is very important. Discussions have been held about implementing our own gambler's anonymous program. This program would benefit tribal members and others who may have developed gambling related issues," says Ford.

Currently Indian Head Casino employs 62 people, of which tribal members compose 37-percent. An-

other 23-percent are tribal affiliates and 40-percent are non-Indian. The Warm Springs Gaming Commission and Surveillance department employs an additional 10 people, the majority being tribal members. The Casino maintains a tribal member hiring preference and an affirmative action hiring policy. Individual interest in employment at the Casino should contact the Human Resource Department for job information and availability.

Project Assessment of herbicides amended

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Agency proposed to amend the existing Project Assessment for Controlling Competing Vegetation and Noxious Weeds on the Warm Springs Reservation, approved in January 26 of 1995, by adding several herbicides that will increase the effectiveness of current treatment efforts on the forest land, range land, the roadsides and in the community areas of the Reservations. Additionally the herbicide atrazine is being deleted from the list of previous approved chemicals.

Based on the Final Project Assessment, Controlling Competing Vegetation and Noxious Weeds, Warm Springs Reservation, Oregon April 25, 1998 as well as public comments gathered during the period of January 17, 1998 through April 15,

1998, we have determined that the proposed action does not pose a significant impact upon the human environment. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement as cited under Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4223 (2)(c) is therefore not required.

Factors Supporting a Finding of No Significance:

Atrazine, a chemical of concern that is under study by the Environmental Protection Agency, due to possible leaching into water supplies is removed from the list of approved chemicals. It should be noted that none was applied since 1995.

All new chemicals will be used according to label instructions and EPA approved uses by licensed applicators.

All BMP's (best management practices) and standard of the Integrated Resources Management Plan and Environmental Assessment-For-Reserved Area adopted June 26, 1992 will be applied to protect the water resource of the Reservation. A Hazmat Response Protocol will protect human health, water and soil resources to the maximum extent possible, should a spill of herbicides occur.

This decision will be implemented after the expirations of seven calendar days of the signing of this document.

Approval: May 21, 1998
Gordon E. Cannon
Superintendent,
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Warm Springs Agency