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Spilyay Tymoo

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Coyote News In Brief

Calica new COO
Charles "Jody" Calica was recently selected to serve as the Tribe's Chief Operations Officer. 2

Spilyay I'nawa mish'kaau
Question: "Do you feel we need the Indian Language in order to maintain our tribal culture?" 2

Quilts galore!
The Museum At Warm Springs is host to more than 30 quilts created by local artisans. 3

Youth paint Campus house
A San Francisco church youth group painted a house on the Campus recently. 5

Shriner's Hospital helps Warm Springs youth
Seven Warm Springs children have been assisted by the Shriner's Hospital in Portland. 5

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

Forestry explains presale
BIA Forestry Presale explains how timber sales are organized. 8

Exerciser chosen
Lynn Tanewasha was selected Exercisers of the month for June. 10

Fastpitch softball popular
A fastpitch softball clinic, held June 25, proved to be popular among ball players.. 10

Have fun and be safe this summer!

Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, July 24, 1998

Season's first fire chars 100 acres near Warm Springs

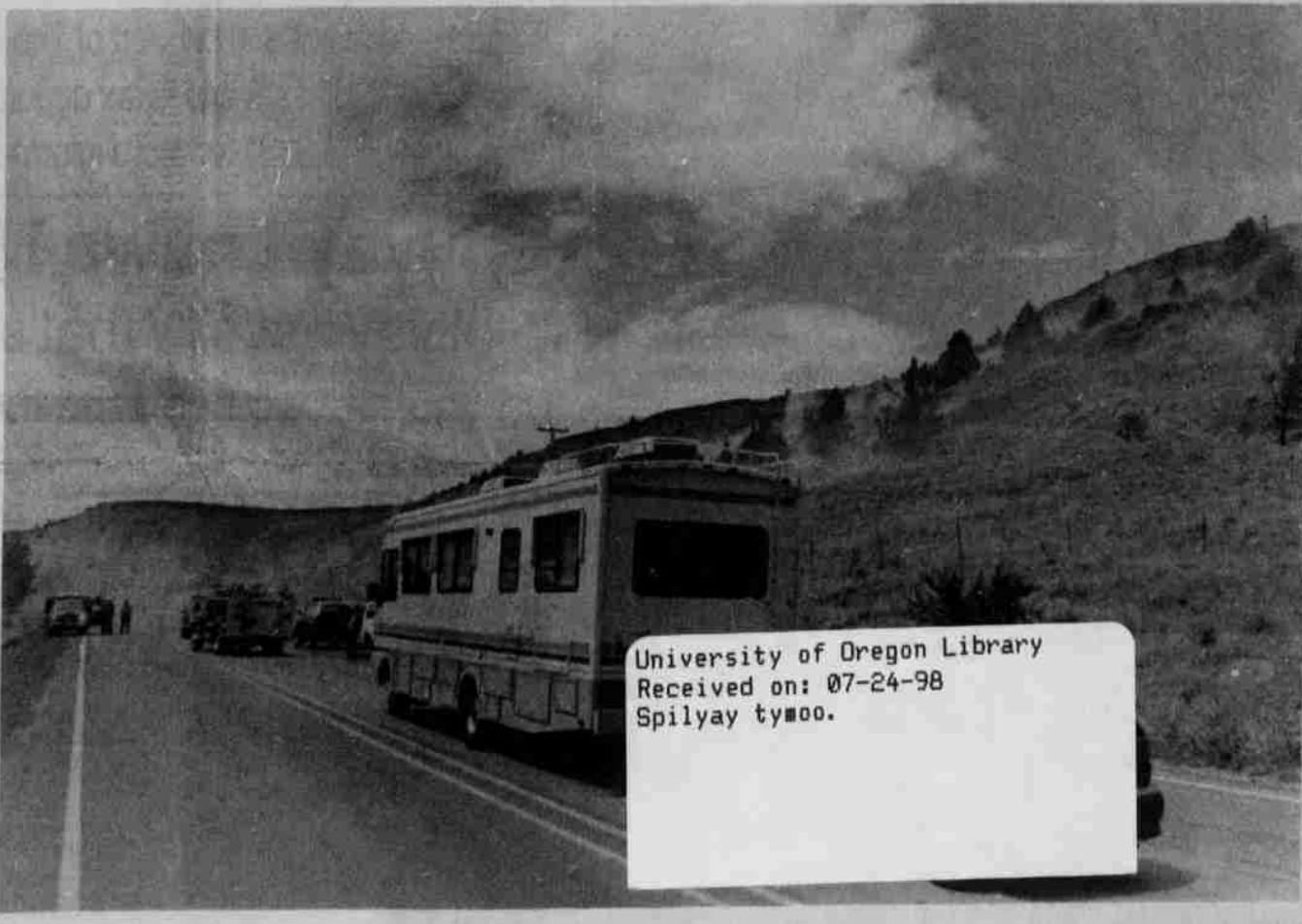


Hand crew mops up on Highway 26.



A column of smoke above Warm Springs.

Warm Springs' first major blaze had hearts racing July 14 as visions of the 1996 Simnasho Fire crossed before the eyes of residents. A 100-acre fire, reportedly started at the gravel pit about half way up the grade toward Portland, threatened the Agency Cemetery and made its way near the cliffs above Warm Springs. A BLM helicopter flew in to help local fire fighters douse the blaze. Residents are urged to protect their homes and property as the fire season gets in to full swing.



Traffic was delayed as crews worked to get fire under control.

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Report given by your Tribal Council representatives

This report is a new feature designed to update the three districts on Tribal Council action. The following report is for the first two months of the term for the 21st Tribal Council.

Tribal Council Officers
The 21st Tribal Council convened May 5, 1998. Olney Patt, Jr. was elected Tribal Council Chairman. Garland Brunoe was chosen as Vice-Chairman. The Secretary Treasurer's position was filled by Charles V. Jackson by a vote of Tribal Council. It was decided to advertise the Chief Operation Officer's (COO) position for 30 days before Tribal Council would make a determination.

Revisions In Tribal Council Business Practices
Tribal Council has implemented

some changes in hopes of better serving the Tribal membership. Tribal Council will delegate members to attend important events away from Warm Springs, and then have those delegated report back to Tribal Council. Efforts will be made to assure that a quorum is always available in Warm Springs so Tribal business can be conducted in a timely manner.

The approach to getting on Tribal Council's agenda has been changed. If you are interested in getting on the Tribal Council agenda, pickup a form from the Secretary-Treasurer's office or the Tribal Council's office. A diskette has the form on it that you can fill out. If you have E-mail, you can attach to the E-mail system, if not, you can send in the diskette or the form to the Tribal Council office. The information you send in will be

reviewed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer and placed on the agenda by priority.

Sherars Falls Regulations

Resolution No. 9527 was approved stating that from April 15 to June 30, 1998, closing the Spring Chinook fishery at Sherars Falls and other locations on the Deschutes River.

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Grant

Tribal Council also approved Resolution No. 9528. The Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to apply for, and administer, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration grant of \$120,154 for the Natural Resource Department.

Water Negotiations Update

Tribal attorney Jim Noteboom gave an update to Tribal Council on the Water Negotiation Settlement. The Agreement has been recognized as a landmark agreement both on and off the Reservation. Because of the Agreement, the Tribe has control of every drop of water on the Reservation and also control of anything off the Reservation that isn't quantified. Noteboom said that the settlement provides the Tribe in the neighborhood of 6 to 7 times as much water as before. In addition, the Tribe has the ability to market off-Reservation, a very substantial amount of water...about the amount of water used in the Portland Metropolitan area. Jim Noteboom reported that all the water rights in the Deschutes River Basin were quantified in a court case first filed in the 1930's, then later updated in the 1950's. There will now be a preceding in the Deschutes County Circuit Court. The Warm Springs settlement will be folded into the existing court decree setting out Deschutes River Basin water rights.

Off-Reservation Properties Update

Mr. Noteboom also updated the Tribal Council on off-Reservation land purchases. The purchases dated back to 1979 when the 304 acre Schoen Hagen property was purchased for \$471,200 and took us to our current situation where we have considered or are considering off-Reservation land close to the Reservation. There will be a future article in the Spilyay Tymoo addressing our off-Reservation purchases.

Elder Abuse Code

Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 9562, adopting the Elder Abuse Code. Judge Lola Sohappay spoke of the Family Abuse Prevention Code that is already in existence, and proposed to add the Elder & Adult Protection Code to that as Chapter 331, Section 900. Judge Sohappay explained that one of the things motivating the group to work on this code is a problem of having elders who are abused not sign a complaint when the abusers are family members.

IHS Program Changes

Russ Alger, the Service Unit Director for Indian Health Service, reported to Council on some program changes. The Tribe has a 638 contract with IHS where we contract to provide a number of services at Warm Springs. The 638 contract calls for a statement of work which outlines the programs and services to be provided by the Tribe to the community. Recent changes in the Indian Self-Determination Act have allowed tribes more flexibility in defining those programs and services that are provided using IHS funds and more flexibility in the use of carryover and savings. Program modules will replace the statement of work in the existing contract. This provides some increased flexibility for the Tribe in the operation and management of those programs and services.

Artificial Wetland
An important challenge for Tribal Council is addressing waste water.

The Tribal Council passed resolution 9546, directing action to be taken by creating a temporary "artificial wetland" facility. Tribal Council directed the Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Operations Officer, BIA Superintendent and IHS Service Unit Director to locate \$1.3 million in additional funding to construct the new sewage treatment facility.

Road Inventory

The Portland BIA Area Office requested we update our road inventory. What this means for the Reservation is that for every mile of road we have on the system, we get money to maintain them and that factors into how much money is available for road construction. Last year updates were prepared but because there was no Tribal Council resolution authorizing their transmittal, the Portland Area Office ignored the 48 miles we

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Lillian Pitt to give talk & slide show

Through a grant from the U.S. West Foundation, The Museum At Warm Springs will host artist Lillian Pitt on Friday, July 17, 1998 at 6 p.m. for an artist talk and slide show. This presentation is free and open to the general public. Lillian Pitt is a tribal member of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Lillian's art includes ceramic masks, prints, and she works with silver. Art collectors, galleries and art enthusiasts from Oregon and from many countries are avid followers of Lillian Pitt's art. The artist lecture and slide show will be held in the education room of The Museum At Warm Springs at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come meet artist, Lillian Pitt and listen to this free presentation sponsored by the U.S. West Foundation. For more information, call (541) 553-3331.

Fire safety, prevention responsibility of all

The Fourth of July went well this year. Fire personnel were dispatched to five fires this year, a significant decrease from years past. There are a couple of things responsible for this decrease. First thing is the moisture content is higher for this time of year and the weeds and grasses have not yet cured. Secondly, there was better supervision of fireworks being used and most of the fireworks were used at proper locations where fires were less likely to start. The community deserves a big thank you for using fireworks safely and responsibly.

The controlled burning around housing subdivisions has started. Sunnyside was started first. Fire and Safety will be doing Wolfe Point, Agency and Simnasho, if the weather, manpower and other fire activity allow. If you see smoke and fire management vehicles in the area, it's most likely a controlled burn. If you

see smoke and you are unsure whether or not it's a controlled burn, call Fire Management at 553-2413, Fire and Safety at 553-1634 or 911.

Fire precaution levels have gone up and this means that the grasses and weeds are drying out and will burn easily if given the chance. Debris burning is still allowed with burn permits only. Follow all instructions on the permits. Take every precaution not to let a fire get out of control.

Be aware. If there is a fire burning out of control near your residence and you are there, some synthetic material clothing ignites very easily and will stick to your skin while burning. This is very dangerous and could cause serious injury. Just a tiny ember could cause your clothing to catch fire. Let's all do our part and keep ourselves and our property safe from wildfire.