

Spilyay Tymoo

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Take part in the planning for the future at the November 9 Community Conference at the Agency Longhouse.

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, November 13, 1998

Many goblins and spooks were found trick-or-treating Halloween night



Trick-or-Treaters found safety in numbers and safety here at the Police Department.

Warm Springs Gaming Enterprise looks toward expansion



Indian Head Casino released 3rd Quarter results that indicate a major increase over the same period last year. Gross revenues for the months of July, August and September were \$2,450,312 or \$461,605 over last year's numbers. The operation maintained a watchful eye on expenses that helped in reaching substantial gains for the quarter. Net income came in at \$1,241,685 for the 3rd quarter, 62.3% higher than last year or \$477,456 dollars more. For the year, the casino has achieved a net income of \$2,662,567 ending September 30, it is a \$953,916 improvement over last year. Although we were in our peak season months and expected to do well, the numbers posted are significant.

Our growth has been very impressive. We've already surpassed the entire 1997 year in net income," cites General Manager, Jeff Ford. While Ford remains optimistic about the future his conservative nature catches up with him. "When I reflect on the figures Indian Head has posted, I can't be happier. Yet, I don't expect to see this kind of an advance to repeat itself. There are too many variables and I suspect future growth will be smaller, more subtle. The wonderful thing about being in this position is to go out and prove myself wrong and have another big increase. In any case, be assured we'll do everything within our power to sustain a reasonable rate of growth." At the same time Indian Head Casino is having a very satisfying year, there is an eye towards the future and what gaming can possibly provide for the Tribe. By now everyone knows of the process that is unfolding in the Columbia River area. The Tribe owns trust land in the Gorge that is suitable for gaming. The Strategic Planning Committee, appointed by the Gaming Board, is slowly putting

information together as well as opening a dialogue with residents in the Gorge area and here at home. Gaming Board Chairman, Rudy Clements remarks, "A formal proposal has not been completed yet. We're still gathering information that will help us do this. I can tell you that an earlier feasibility study indicates a tremendous amount of potential for the Tribe." Clements continues, "We have an obligation and responsibility to the people to share what we've found out so they can judge for themselves. And it will be up to the people as to how we proceed. There's a lot to this, but we're hoping we can get the research being done out to the community in the very near future." In September, a mailer was sent to all community members eligible to vote regarding the plans for expansion of tribal gaming. It mentions tribal membership would first have to vote on the continuance of gaming and then a second referendum to authorize any expansion of gaming. See more information about expansion on page 8.

Managed Care Program rescinds restrictions on referrals to Mt. View Hospital

The Director of the Warm Springs Managed Care Program has notified Indian Health Service, Mountain View Hospital, and St. Charles Medical Center that the Managed Care Program would again utilize the services of Mountain View Hospital in Madras. In a letter to Mountain View Hospital District Board Chairman Tom Kirsch, Managed Care Program Director Garland Brunoe said the Tribe would remove restrictions placed on the use of Mountain View Hospital in July, 1997. Brunoe congratulated Kirsch on the direction the Mountain View Hospital District Board has taken the past few months. Referring to efforts by the Board to involve the Madras and Warm Springs communities in the process of building trust and a relationship, Brunoe said, "The 'Idea Gathering Forums' sponsored by the Board were huge steps in the right direction. The process utilized by the board in creating the '2010 Task Force' and involving it in all meetings culminating in the selection of St. Charles Medical Center to manage Mountain View Hospital was very impressive." The action could be the first step to normalizing relations between the Managed Care Program and Mountain View Hospital. According

to Brunoe many issues still remain, however with the selection of St. Charles Medical Center as the management firm to oversee the administration of Mt. View Hospital, the momentum is moving in a positive direction. Brunoe said, "The Managed Care Program is reconsidered its position because of the excellent relationship the tribe has with St. Charles Medical Center in general and Eric Alexander in particular. We look forward to building the relationship and trust with Mt. View Hospital Administration and Mt. View Hospital District Board members, with a recognition of the importance of quality care at a fair price." Erica Alexander is a Senior Vice-President at St. Charles Medical Center and will oversee the management of Mountain View Hospital. Brunoe notified Russ Alger, the Service Unit Director for Indian Health Service, that the order had been repealed effective immediately. "We must keep in mind however that 'patient choice' must always be taken into consideration. Quality care at a fair cost continues to be our guiding light!" Brunoe said patients preferring Central Oregon District Hospital or St. Charles Medical Center may still utilize those facilities.