

Coyote News In Brief

Senior Outlook Spilyay has their spotlight on high school seniors Anthony Brunoe and Andy Fuentes.

Spilyay l'nawa mish'kaau Question:"Do you feel a higher education is

needed after students complete high school?"

Christmas cheer spread throughout community The 23 Annual Bazaar

The 23 Annual Bazaar was held on December 12, with school programs following. 3



Education ECE receives Headstart

Language Lessons Sahaptin and Paiute language lessons are offered.

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Natural Resources Natural Resources releases final draft for 1999 Timber sales.

Buffs lose to Molalla Buffaloes lose a close game to Molalla 56-55.

Exerciser of the Month

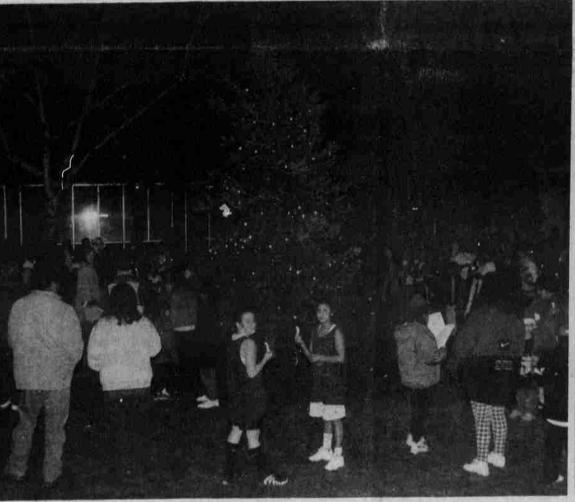
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The Spilyay
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wishes all a
safe and
Merry
Christmas!!

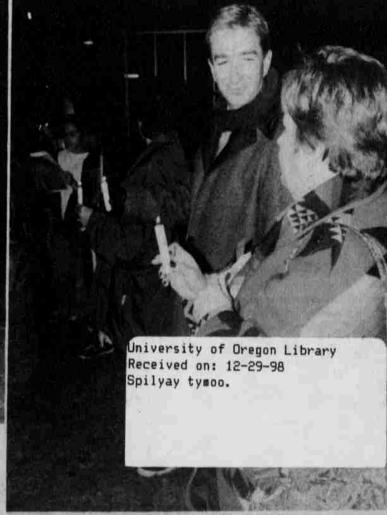
Madras neighbors join the Warm Springs Annual Tree Lighting



Santa's entrance gathered children of all ages.



Lighting of the tree was beautiful.



Christmas carols were sung by all in attendance.



The Hispanic dancers entertained in the social hall.

Survey sent to Hood River County residents

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs expects to conduct a vote this month, or early next year, on whether the tribes should continue operating it's gaming enterprise, Indian Head Casino.

There will be a separate vote, later in the year, on whether to develop a new casino, in the area of Cascade Locks in the Columbia River Gorge.

Meanwhile, Hood River Gorge.

Meanwhile, Hood River County
and the town of Cascade Locks have
mailed out ballots for a survey of
how residents in that area feel about
the tribescasino proposal.

Hood River County mailed out approximately 9,500 ballots asking, "Do you support the location of a Warm Springs Tribal gaming casino in your immediate community?"

Residents of Cascade Locks are being surveyed separately. There are between 600 and 700 residents in this town.

The reason that Cascade Locks is being surveyed separately is that residents there have expressed more support for the casino proposal than residents in the area of the town Hood River.

The survey ballots are due back by Tuesday, December 22. The vote, non binding on the tribes, would provide a good idea of how the different communities in Hood River County feel about the tribes proposal.

The tribes upcoming election on whether to continue operating Indian Head Casino is required by the referendum which the tribes passed

Residents of Cascade Locks are December of 1995, which authorized

construction of the casino.

The upcoming referendum is intended to give tribal members the opportunity to determine whether Indian Head has been a successful

operation.

Jeff Ford, manager of Indian Head, commented recently that the casino in recent years has been very successful, after a rough start due to natural disasters.

"It's been a very profitable enterprise relative to it's size and location," Ford said.

The idea for a new casino was first proposed this fall. The planned facility would be much larger than Indian Head and would be closer to Portland than any other tribal gaming enterprise.

Miss Warm Springs 1999 pageant set for December 30

Are you interested in becoming the next Miss Warm Springs? You may pick up an application at the Tribal Council office or call (541) 553-3257 for information. The deadline to submit an application is December 18, 1998.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary for Miss Warm Springs All former Miss Warm Springs are

asked to attend the pageant.

Pageant is set for December 30,
1998 at the Agency Longhouse,
6:30p.m. A dinner will be held at

5:30 p.m. (promptly). A reception

will follow the pageant.

There will be money and gift drawings throughout the pageant. The first 150 guests to the Pageant will

Join the fun, support the contestants and the future Miss Warm

There is one significant change for the contestants and that is the age requirement, from 25 to 24. This will enable contestants to participate in further royalty competition, such as Miss NCAI, Miss Indian World, This new requirement change will be in effect for Miss Warm Springs 2000.

You must be between the age 18-24 for Miss Warm Springs 2000. So, if you will not be eligible next year you may want to be prepared to participate in the 1999 Pageant.

Pick up your application at the Tribal Council office and prepare to participate in the Miss Warm Springs Pageant. There will be gifts for all candidates participating. The next issue will be Vol. 24 #1. When you submit any articles, please do so by the deadline. The deadline for the next issue is December 23rd, 1998 by 4:30 p.m.

Relicensing of Pelton-Round Butte update

Relicensing of the Pelton-Round Butte hydroelectric complex provides an opportunity to review and mitigate resources impacted by the project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requires applicants to conduct studies that assess the impacts to cultural, fish and wildlife, recreation, and other resources within the project area.

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The applicant may also suggest mitigation or enhancement measures, which the Department of the Interior will evaluate. The Interior secretary has the authority to stipulate mitigation measures for the new license. Both the Confederated Tribes and PGE are working diligently to identify potential actions that could offset the project's adverse effects.

It is important to remember, however, that proposed actions must be economically and environmentally feasible. Environmental attachments to the license are not going to cure all

the problems in the Deschutes River basin, because some are not related to the Pelton-Round Butte Project and others may be unrealistic.

There is a need to balance environmental mitigation measures with the projects economic viability.

The Confederated Tribes have used the collaborative consultation process to ensure there is input from government agencies and the general public on how to achieve this balance. One of the primary objectives in utilizing this process is to make certain available funding is put the best possible use.



