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Coyote News In Brief

22nd Annual Lincoln's Powwow
Powwow to begin tomorrow night with grand entry at 7:00 p.m. 2

Spilyay I'nawa mish'kaau
Question: "If the tribe did decide to build a casino off the reservation, what should become of the existing building?" 2

Miss Warm Springs Pageant held
Rebecca Soliz crowned Miss Warm Springs 1999. 3

Boise receives promotion
Randy Boise accepted position as Maintenance Worker. 3

Language Lessons
Sahaptin and Paiute language lessons are offered. Classes are also being offered. 6 and 7

IHS Celebrates five year anniversary
An open house held to celebrate five years in their new building. 8

Meeda Miller finalist in 1999 Idaho National Teen Contest
The National Teen Scholarship Program contest will begin May 7. 8

Sharice Johnson makes State Elks Hoop Shoot Contest
Johnson will compete in the State Regional Championships, February 13. 10

Deadline for the next issue of Spilyay Tymoo is February 19, 12:00 Noon

Spilyay Tymoo once again has Date Logs. Call 553-3274 to get yours!

Tribal Council sets date for Referendum on Gaming



Should gaming continue in Warm Springs?

The Tribal Council set March 10, 1999 as the date for voters to go to the polls to decide whether or not to continue gaming as a tribal enterprise.

On December 27, 1994, the eligible voters of the Confederated Tribes voted 606 yes, to 229 no, to approve Tribal Council Resolution No. 8986, authorizing gaming for a period of 5 years.

Indian head Casino was established as a result of the 1994 vote. The business venture has been profitable and has provided employment to tribal members and affiliates.

In passing Resolution No. 9675, Tribal Council stated that they believe that Tribal Gaming provides a significant profit to support tribal government programs and services and that continuation and expansion of Tribal Gaming is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

The question that will be submitted to eligible voters

on March 10, 1999 will read: "Shall Tribal Council Resolution No. 9675 be approved?" A "Yes" vote will mean that the Tribe will continue in the business of Indian Gaming. A "No" vote will mean that Indian Head Casino will close and the Tribe will no longer be in the business of Indian Gaming.

If approved, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be authorized to continue Tribal Gaming indefinitely.

Gaming meetings on the Referendum to extend authorization to be in the Indian Gaming business have been scheduled. The first will be the Agency District Meeting, Monday, February 22nd at the Agency Longhouse. The Simnasho District Meeting will be on the 23rd at the Simnasho Longhouse. The Seekseequa District Meeting will follow on the 24th at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be at 6 pm with meetings beginning at 7 pm.

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Happy Valentine's Day from Spilyay!

Tribal Council Report 1999

There was a flurry of activity to begin 1999. Tribal Council made some integral decisions in very key areas. The Public Safety Branch overshadowed other important issues before Tribal Council. The Referendum on January 26 dominated much of the month. The election was a request of three tribal councilmen to the BIA Superintendent. The Referendum, calling for the suspension of the 1999 Public Safety Budget until changes are made, passed by 23 votes. Even though the Referendum passed by a narrow margin, Tribal Council, sworn to uphold the Constitution, accepts responsibility for the safety of the community. With the passage of Resolution No. 9674, Tribal Council authorized continued funding through the end of February. The Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer were directed to work with district representatives on Tribal Council to arrange District Meetings during February. These meetings are to communicate with community members, to hear their views, and to convey what changes are being made. The Chief Operations Officer had formulated a number of changes even before the Referendum. One significant change is hiring R. David Malkin, the former Bend Chief of Police to make needed changes in the Warm Springs Police and Fire departments. People on both sides of this issue are concerned about our community. Every member of Tribal Council is concerned. All of us want a better, safer community. We will make changes as promised. All of us must realize

that there is a time for healing. This issue split the community down the middle and now may be the time to reach out to each other. We are one people, even though we are three tribes. This may be the time to reach out and say "How can I help?" rather than criticize good efforts by people trying to bring change about. The Confederated Tribes and Portland General Electric (PGE) are in the process of filing competing applications to operate the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric project. The current license expires December 31, 2001. Tribal Council Resolution No. 9662 approved the development of an agreement between Warm Springs Power Enterprise and Portland General Electric to pursue further negotiations. Senior management for PGE has indicated they are interested. The final stage in the relicensing process will include the filing of either competing or joint applications, or both, depending on how the settlement negotiations progress. Cal Mukomoto met with Tribal Council to present his findings of a study completed in 1998 about loggers and the timber industry on the Reservation. A group of tribal loggers also attended the session. The loggers had concerns about the future of logging on the Reservation. A number of loggers are having difficulty reaching profitability because of the changing forest and other factors. The categories of small logs and large logs both utilize different machinery, and many loggers are finding themselves over extended in equipment. Forest management practices are also changing the way

logging is accomplished. The Warm Springs Department of Forestry presented its 1998 annual report and 1999 priorities and plans of work. Tribal Council is working with Secretary-Treasurer Charles Jackson to develop a set of goals and objectives for the term of the 21st Council. At the same time, the S/T and COO will work with their branches to produce similar priorities. Coordinating our efforts from Tribal Council throughout the organization should produce more cohesive results. An Elder-Care report was given by Norma Smith. The Purchasing department is soliciting proposals by advertising for contractors for the Elder Care facility, in the Daily Journal of Commerce. A number of issues surrounding the initial bid process mandated re-soliciting. An addition of a Tribal Room to the original design caused the project to be over budget. To stay within budget some modifications have to be made. The current Request For Proposal will have a list of alternate deductibles. The LRS architects, who did the original design, recently won a preconstruction award for the design of the Elder-Care facility. The Tribal Room, which is to be used for services, is a large room, that added significantly to the cost. The Elder-Care facility will have two wings, an assisted living wing and a convalescence living wing. John Copenhaver was approved as Pro Tempore Judge for 1999 with Resolution No. 9671. Dates have been set for district meetings on the Gaming Referendum. The Agency District Meeting will be Monday, February

22nd at the Agency Longhouse. The Simnasho District Meeting will be on the 23rd at the Simnasho Longhouse. The Seekseequa District Meeting will follow on the 24th at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner will be at 6pm with meetings beginning at 7 pm. The Gaming Referendum will be March 10, 1999. In passing Resolution No. 9675, Tribal Council stated that they believe that Tribal Gaming provides a significant profit to support tribal government programs and services and that continuation and expansion of Tribal Gaming is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members. The question submitted to eligible voters on March 10, 1999 will be: "Shall Tribal Council Resolution No. 9675 be approved?" A "Yes" vote will mean the Tribe will continue in the business of Indian Gaming. A "No" vote will mean Indian Head Casino will close and the Tribe will no longer be in the business of

Indian Gaming. An update on the 30,000 acre Pine Creek Ranch near Clarno was presented by Terry Luther. Approval was given for funding the property appraisal that should be completed by the end of February. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) would provide funding to purchase the property with the land held in title by the Tribe. The Tribe would manage for fish & wildlife and watershed values. This is a part of mitigation BPA owes the Tribe due to Columbia River dams. Resolution No. 9660 was passed permitting the Tribe to join in a Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, and the Burns Paiute Tribe. The agreement calls for all parties to work cooperatively in wildlife mitigation under the Northwest Power Act of 1980.

Tribal Council Meetings
February 11, 1999 Simnasho District Meeting, RE: Public Safety. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Gaming Referendum Meetings
February 22, Agency District
February 23, Simnasho District
February 24, Seekseequa District
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Upcoming in March
March 3, 1999, General Council Meeting RE: Gaming Referendum
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m.