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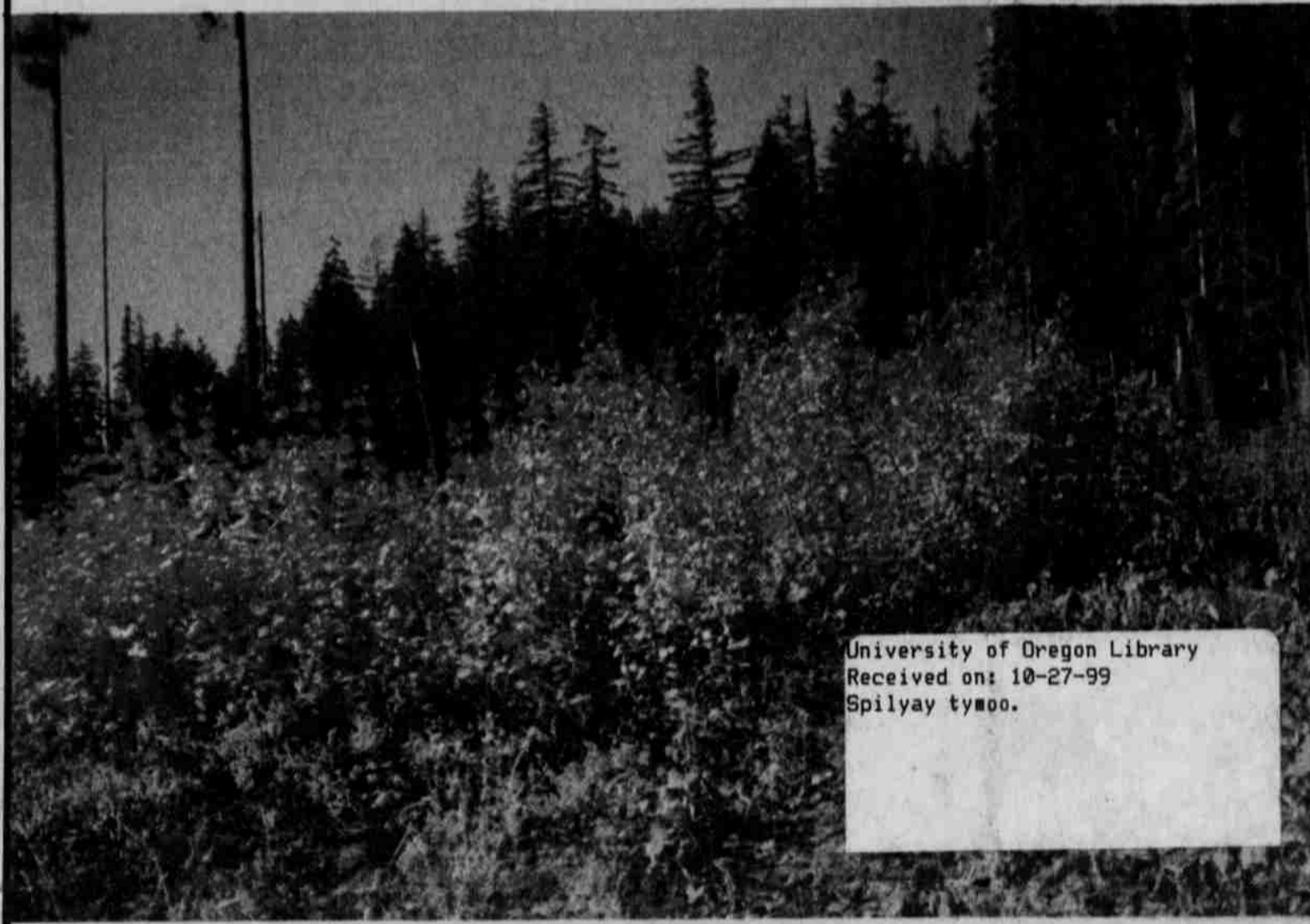
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Autumn leaves beautify the reservation



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The beauty of autumn is spreading all across the country where once all the green leaves fluttered in the summer breeze now are all turning red and yellow and soon will be falling off the trees and a blanket of snow will cover the country side. It's always a welcome sight when all the green leaves sprout in the spring time and you know the warm weather is coming back.

Snowflake to be held Nov. 5

Snowflake Boutique is busy planning its 24th year as the largest, most established arts and crafts show in Central Oregon. This year's theme will be "Footprints in the Snow."

Snowflake began with just two ladies selling crafts out of their home. It has grown into club with 30 members and 40+ consignors. Snowflake is a nonprofit organization. Members and consignors pay a few as well as either working the show or paying a percentage. Each member must also donate items to be raffled off and sell the raffle tickets. Money received from the members and consignors is used to pay for advertising, rental and other expenses of the show. Proceeds of the raffles are donated to a charity. Last year we raised around

\$800 for the Family Access Network and hope to greatly increase that amount this year. We will also be holding a separate raffle this year in hopes of raising funds for a young local artist and mother of two in her fight against breast cancer.

Snowflake Boutique will be held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds, High Desert Activities Center. Our hours will be from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, November 5 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 6.

Please help us make this the most successful year ever by placing our boutique on your calendar of events.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Dieanna Hutchins at 923-3166 by e-mail bhutch@teleport.com or by mail.

NOTICE Artifact Purchase

The Museum Board of Directors authorized an artifact purchase for 1999.

Policies are as follows:

1. Artifacts to be at least 50 years old.
2. Items needed in collection are: Beaded Floral dresses, Sally bags, Cornhusk side purses, Dried Indian foods, Kupns, Buckskin shirts, Old sewing needle bags.

But any artifacts will be considered, including old photographs and historical documents.

3. All forms are to be complete.
4. Deadline is October 29, 5:00 p.m. NO exceptions.

Forms may be picked up at The Museum office, or call Eraina Palmer at 553-3331 for more information, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only

Law enforcement to receive share of grant monies

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will be one of several Northwest Indian Tribes to receive a portion of 8.4 million dollars in grants being allocated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The grants being allocated to Northwest Indian Tribes is being distributed as a federal initiative to reduce the crime rate among Native American Communities. The tribes share is in excess of \$600,000.

In response to a report from the Justice report showed high rates of crime among Native American, President Clinton directed the Justice Department to develop an initiative to reduce the rates of crime.

A report from the Justice Department showed that in 1992 to 1996 the average annual victims of violent crimes among Native Americans were 124 per 1,000 of persons age 12 and older as compared to 29 per 1,000 whites.

The Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission will benefit from the grant distribution as well. They'll be hiring officers to patrol the Columbia River for illegal fishing, out of season fishing and to protect the treaty rights of tribal fisherman.

Two Washington tribes, The Confederated Tribes of Colville and the Nisqually Tribes, will use the money to build correctional facilities.

Board meeting set Public Notice

The regular meeting of the Mountain View Hospital District Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center Atrium Room at 1270 Kotnum Road, Warm Springs, OR.

If you are interested in attending the Board Meeting and will require assistive aids, please contact the District Administrative office at 475-3882 ext. 2293/2350 (TTY/TDD) to request aids. Please call in advance so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Attention all Warm Springs and Simnasho-Schoolie Flats water users.

As a public water system, we are required by The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to publish the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

The Consumer Confidence Report is posted at the following locations: Post Office, Simnasho Longhouse, Warm Springs Market (Macy's) and the Administrations Building.

Copies are available by calling the water treatment plant 553-1472.

Farewell to Warm Springs

To the community of Warm Springs:

I have been a part of your community for four years and have enjoyed the many people I have come to know. You have welcomed me, been very eager to help me learn and I think you for your support.

It is with mixed emotions that I move on to the next step in my Postal career. October 22nd will be my last day as Postmaster at the Warm Springs Post Office, the following week I start work as Postmaster in Powell Butte. I hope many of you can come by for refreshments on Friday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and bid me a fond farewell.

Judy Fettig
WS Postmaster



Judy Fettig

Warm Springs Fire & Safety receives thank you for assistance

The Warm Springs Fire & Safety were instrumental in helping other agencies to fight fire and were thanked for their assistance with these letters:

Dear Chief Martinez,

On behalf of the Central Oregon Interagency Incident Management Team and myself, I would like to extend our appreciation to your fire organization for the excellent cooperation and support extended to us by your Simnasho Fire Station for the Rainbow Quarry Fire.

Allowing us the use of your station provided the location, space and

water needed to clean our equipment of the Knapp Weed acquired while on the fire. It is critical the Knapp Weed does not spread to other parts of Warm Springs or surrounding areas and your cooperation was critical to this process.

Thank you again.

Sincerely, Thomas D. Andrade,
Incident Commander
Bodie Shaw, Forest Manager
Central Oregon Interagency
Incident Management Team

Dan,

I would like to express my sincere

gratitude to you and the Warm Springs Fire & Safety Department for helping us suppress the Juniper Crest fire in Madras, that occurred on Friday, September 24, 1999. Your generosity in sending the needed equipment and personnel helped us tremendously. The homes in the subdivision that were saved would not be there without your assistance. As in the past your personnel readily accomplished the assigned tasks and demonstrated the professional qualities that exemplify your department.

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Kitzhaber, WS tribes discuss casino plan

Gov. John Kitzhaber met with tribal officials from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs last week to discuss the tribes plans to build a casino on newly acquired land at Cascade Locks.

The tribes need the governor's approval of their casino proposal before they can proceed with their plans to build the casino on the 40 acre parcel of land at Cascade Locks.

At the time of the meeting, the governor did not say whether he supports or opposes the tribes plans. Gov. Kitzhaber has said in the past that he doesn't support expansion of casinos on property acquired after the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), a law passed

in the 1980's grants the governor authority to block tribal casinos on off-reservation sites.

However, the tribes do have an alternate proposal should the governor not support the proposal being presented. This proposal might include building a casino at Hood River on land already in trust land status therefore it would not be necessary for the tribes to seek permission to build a casino. The Hood River Community has expressed their opposition to having a casino built.

At the time of this writing, the tribes were waiting to hear from the governor.

Tribes awarded damages

A federal court has awarded the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs \$226,756 in damages of 1990 timber sale. However, the tribes plan to appeal the decision, arguing the \$225,756 is only a small amount of the 15 million dollars the tribes were seeking as compensation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs mismanagement of the Blowdown Timber Sale.

The tribes allege that the timber could have sold for higher price and that the BIA did not stop logging companies from harvesting old-growth trees.

Tribal Council passes seatbelt resolution

The Indian Health Service made a seat belt presentation to the Tribal Council on October 11. In the presentation, Russ Alger, Service Unit Director, said, "It is well documented that seat belts save lives and prevent serious injuries from occurring."

As part of the presentation, it was pointed out that in 1993, the Tribal Safety Committee came to Tribal Council with a draft seat belt ordinance. The directive from that meeting was to do community education. The Committee completed the community education and discovered, as is the case in the rest of the nation, that only between 15-20% of the people will comply voluntarily with wearing seat belts. In Warm Springs, the seat belt usage rate has remained between 10 and 16%, even after intensive educational efforts.

The results of a survey conducted by the Community Health Education Team and the Tribal Sanitarian were also part of the presentation. The survey was conducted in December 1997 and January 1998. People were asked two questions:

- (1) Would you favor a tribal law requiring the use of seat belts/child safety seats for:
A. Children ages 0-4.

- B. children ages 0-16.
- C. all ages.
- D. or would not favor legislation.

(2) If legislation were passed, how would you prefer it be implemented?

- A. Transition by handing out warnings first and then going to fines.
- B. no fines.
- C. Other, such as seat belt diversion classes, etc.

Of the 454 people surveyed, 324 or 71% favored a seat belt ordinance. They said if passed it should include everyone. People also recommended a transition period.

After hearing the presentation, Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 9787 calling for amending the Warm Springs Tribal Code to include provisions requiring vehicle drivers and occupants to use seat belts and child restraint devices in motor vehicles on the reservation.

Attachment "A" of WSTC Sec. 310.600: reads as follows.

Seat Belts and Child Restraints Required

(1) Any driver or occupant of a motor vehicle operated on any street or highway of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation shall be properly secured in a seat belt or approved child restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

(2) To comply with subsection (1) above, a child passenger who is under four years of age or weighs 40 pounds or less must be properly secured with a child restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

(3) The driver of the vehicle will be cited if the occupants in violation of this section are under the age of 16 years. Occupants under the age of 16 years in violation of this section shall not be cited.

(4) The offense of failure to use safety belts or child restraint system is a Class D traffic infraction.

In the presentation to Tribal Council, statistics were cited from a Mortality Review from 1991 - 1995. In the review, authored by Miles Rudd, MD, a number of startling statistics were revealed. Compared to the US population, Warm Springs tribal members are 1/5th as likely to die from heart disease, half as likely to die from stroke, 1/10th as likely to die from cancer. All of those statistics are positive indicators for tribal members. However, there are two areas that are very troublesome. The study shows that Warm Springs tribal members are almost 4 and a half times more likely to die from an accident, and over 4 and a half times more likely to die in a car wreck than

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