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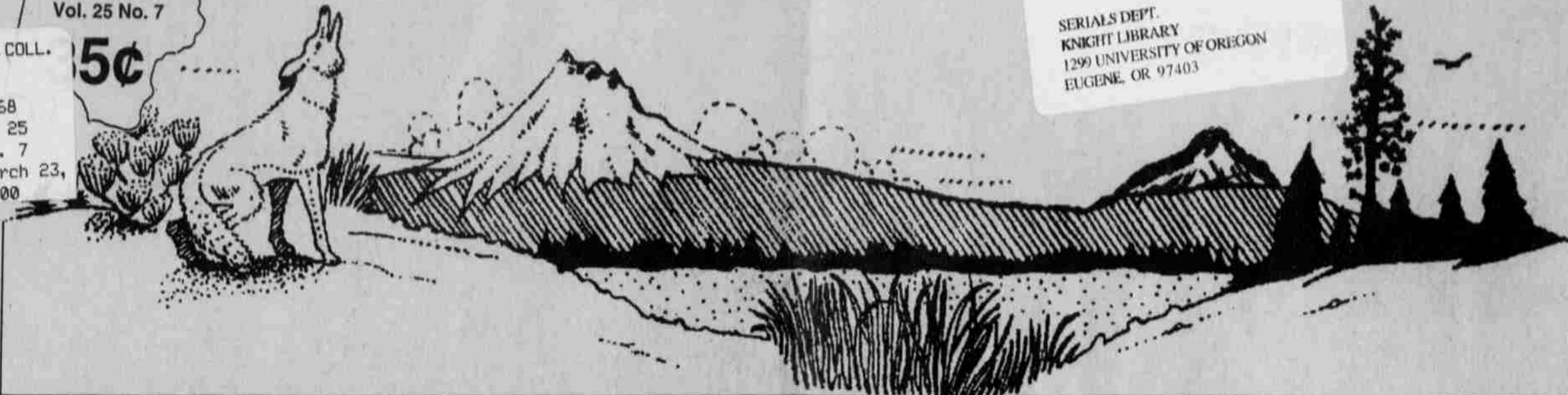
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Spring Has Officially Arrived March 20, 2000



These daffodils announce the arrival of spring and with it the root and salmon feast

Photo by Lenora Starr

Resolutions passed by Tribal Council

With a quorum of 8, the following resolutions were passed on January 17, 2000:

The Tribal Council appointed William C. Moses to the Education Committee and Alyssa D. Macy as the Student Representative with the passage of Resolution No. 9823. Both terms will end 60 days after the next Tribal Council term begins. The resolution was passed with 7 members voting in the affirmative and the Chairman not voting.

Raymond Tsumpit was appointed to the Commission On Indian Services. Tsumpit's term will end December 31, 2001. Resolution 9824 was passed by the affirmative vote of 6 members, with the Chairman not voting.

Dora Goudy was named a member of the Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors with the passage of Resolution 9825. Dora's term will end July 1, 2002. The resolution passed with 7 members voting in the affirmative with the Chairman not voting.

Robert Macy Sr. was appointed to the Warm Springs Composite Products Board. His term will end December 31, 2002. Resolution 9826 was approved by the affirmative vote

of 7 members, with the Chairman not voting.

Francelia Miller was appointed to a term on the Water Board. The term will run till October 30, 2002. Resolution No. 9827 passed with the affirmative vote of 6 members, and the Chairman not voting.

Three people were named to the Warm Springs Museum Board of

Regents with terms to run thru December 31, 2002. In passing Resolution No. 9828, 7 members voted for Terry Macy, Jeanne Thomas, and Patricia Green, with the Chairman not voting.

Three people were also named to the Fish & Wildlife (On Reservation) Committee. Leslie Bill, Tony Suppah, and Elmer Scott Jr. were

appointed to terms that will expire 60 days after the next term of Tribal Council begins. Resolution No. 9831 was approved with 7 members voting in the affirmative, with the Chairman not voting.

The Tribal Council directed the Secretary Treasurer to negotiate and execute a 638 contract with the BIA for four road construction projects,

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Salvage sale scheduled for HeHe fire area

Approximately 3 million board feet of timber that burned during the HeHe Fire is scheduled for harvest this spring. Salvage crews will collect fire killed trees on 1,374 acres consumed by the September 1999 blaze. Most of the trees scheduled for harvest are located between Badger Creek and HeHe Butte, but fire-killed stands east of Highway 26 will also be harvested. Crews will attempt to salvage the timber before extensive deterioration (blue staining) caused by bark beetles occurs. Harvests resembling commercial thinns are planned for areas where the fire intensity was light to moderate,

while seed tree prescriptions are likely for stands that suffered a high burn intensity. A large area within the Badger Creek drainage has been set aside as a natural resources reserve, where all trees will be left on sight. The riparian zone on portions of Badger Creek burned intensively, so the Natural Resources technical staff established a 500-acre reserve to protect the stream from further impacts. Trees left inside the reserve will help to stabilize soil, buffer the stream from excessive sedimentation, shade recovering vegetation, and provide wildlife, habitat. The salvage operation will be conducted

primarily on flat, or gentle sloped ground, where most of the merchantable timber is ponderosa pine with a scattering of Douglas fir. It will be ground skidded on existing trails that will be ripped when salvage operations are completed to a minimize additional impacts on the burned area. A series of impact plots will be established to monitor tree survival and causes of mortality associated with crown scorching and beetle attack. The plots will be monitored over a 2-3 year period. Salvage crews are also anticipating a spring harvest of trees killed by the Rainbow Quarry Fire.

Tribal Council supports Child Abuse Prevention month with proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month is April. Children's Protective Services is aware this is a community subject. CPS will assist the people of Warm Springs acknowledging this month by providing the following:

Free pamphlets, blue ribbons, balloons, and info packages;

Video's about child abuse and neglect. Call the CPS secretary at 553-3209 and schedule a day and time you will come to view a video in the CPS conference room. Bring your own snacks or CPS will provide popcorn;

A blue ribbon to wear or attach to your car antenna;

Community survey forms. To better serve the people we require feedback. Everyone has something to say about CPS, now is the time to put your opinion on paper. This is for all community members, not just fami-

lies that have had the personal privilege of receiving this Tribal service. Stop by CPS and pick up a form.

Tribal Council supports Child Abuse Prevention Month with this Proclamation:

Whereas, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year;

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforce-

ment agencies, and the business community;

Whereas, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community;

Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and to become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Now, Therefore, I Zane Jackson do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Warm Springs, Oregon and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Signed by Zane Jackson

Should Tribes purchase part of Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project?

Reprinted from the February Special issue of Pelton Power Lines. The Tribal Council has set a referendum vote for March 28 asking Tribal members to approve a Settlement Agreement that allows for the Tribes to acquire increasing amounts of ownership, eventually resulting in a majority interest, of the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project.

The recently negotiated Settlement Agreement is between the Tribes, Portland General Electric (PGE) and the US Department of the Interior (DOI). A negotiating team, under the direction of the Tribal Council, has been formulating this agreement for over a year.

"This unique economic opportunity is a result of careful negotiation combined with ongoing regulatory issues," said Charles Jackson, Tribal Secretary-Treasurer.

The Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project, partially located on tribal lands, has been linked with the Tribes since its construction nearly 50 years ago. Over the years, the Tribes have become increasingly involved in the management of some aspects of the project. Today the Tribes own the generation facilities at the reregulating dam but the rest of the project has remained solely under PGE ownership.

Over the last year, PGE, the Tribes, and the DOI have determined that, under current regulatory and market conditions, the course of co-ownership was the most advantageous arrangement for everyone.

"The agreement calls for a purchase price that is considerably below market value. It's a very good investment in the future," explained Jim Manion, General Manager of Warm Springs Power Enterprises.

"In short, PGE has determined that it's better to sell a majority interest in the project to the Tribes than to risk losing the entire project in the ongoing regulatory process in which the Tribes intended to challenge PGE for full ownership rights," continued Manion. "And we believe that a majority interest, rather than full ownership at this time, is a good match with tribal economic goals."

"Hydropower is an enormous tribal resource. The only way to realistically move toward our goal of economic self-sufficiency is to have control of tribal resources that generate revenue. Taking share of own-

ership of the dams achieves control of our resources," Jackson elaborated.

Approving the Settlement Agreement will result in many benefits for the Tribes, as well as ensure a stable revenue source for decades to come. This stability takes on an increasing urgency as revenue from tribal timber operations is projected to decrease sharply in coming years and potential income from a new gaming facility will not be realized, if ever, for years into the future.

Hydroelectric power generation is an extremely low-cost source of power. Already, the difference between the cost to generate power and its price on the wholesale market is large. This difference is likely to grow advantageously in coming years as the power market continues to be deregulated and competition in the electric industry is phased in. Demand for low-cost power will be high for decades, especially considering Oregon's projected population growth.

"Majority ownership of the project will also result in greater control over the management of natural resources in the Deschutes watershed," said Bobby Brunoe, General Manager of the Natural Resource Branch. "The Tribes have always argued that responsible environmental stewardship can be integrated with profitable hydro project operations. A majority ownership would allow for a demonstration of such beliefs."

Ownership also increases the possibilities for tribal employment; a critical issue as tribal population is growing quickly and new jobs for future generations will be required.

The Tribes will gain majority ownership over the next several decades, with the first purchase of a one-third interest occurring in 2002. Over the next three decades, the Tribes will have the option, not the obligation, to purchase additional interests in the project bringing ownership up to 50.01 percent of the total.

The Tribes already have experience financing and operating hydro projects because of the reregulation facility. Costing nearly \$30 million, the generation facility at the reregulating dam was wholly financed through tribal appropriations and loans in 1981. The power from the tribal owned generation facility is sold directly to PacifiCorp under long-term contract.

A "yes" vote means you approve the Settlement Agreement under which the Tribes can acquire a majority interest in the Pelton Round Butte project from PGE.

A "no" vote means you disapprove the Settlement Agreement with PGE and the Tribes' ownership of the Pelton Round Butte project is undecided.

Heart Smart Dinner rescheduled

The Heart Smart dinner has been rescheduled for Monday, March 27th, 2000 at 5:30. It will be held at the Agency Longhouse. The menu will be Cajun boil shrimp dinner, coleslaw, French bread & ice cream. There will be door prizes,

healthy food, skits, live music, dancing and lots of fun! The Heart Smart dinner is brought to you by the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center, Diabetes Program and the Warm Springs Senior Center. If you have any questions, call 553-2478.

Calling all Indian Artists Win \$300 for your Artwork.

Local Indian artists are encouraged to submit a "logo" that will be used in all promotional material for the upcoming JAM FEST 2000 event. The event is scheduled for August 26, 2000.

What is JAM FEST 2000? It's a day of fun!

Food vendors, Art displays and exhibitions, Jam Fest Youth Powwow, Evening in the sun: Comedian Act, Other Exhibition performances: Dancers, Actors and Musicians, Fun for the family. (Showcasing our own local Native American talent).

Deadline: April 3, 2000 at 5 p.m. Get your entry in now! For more information, call: (541) 553-4922. Community Health Education Team or visit us at the Vern Jackson Home on Campus.

Notice

There will be a public meeting held in the Madras High School Library at 7:00 pm, March 30, 2000

The discussion will be on the Tri-mester, which is scheduled to begin next year.

The public is invited to attend and ask questions or just to listen

What this all boils down to is that there will be three semesters, instead of two as it is today.