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Spilyay Tymoo

(Coyote News)

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

Tenth Annual Honor Seniors day hosted joy, smiles and laughter



Seniors received a warm hug from children of the ECE after their powwow.



Harold and Hedwich Jacobs from Sisters, Oregon, balance a ball between them as they learn to master the owl dance.



These "young" people were challenged to a game. The object of the game is to weave a threaded spoon through their shirts, down through their pants until it reaches the last person and then is unwoven back to the beginning of the line. The young guys were one team from being in last place.



ECE children were led into the longhouse by Miss Warm Springs Alyssa Macy, Junior Miss Warm Springs Cecelia Herrera and Lil Miss Warm Springs Elyse Bagley.

The Tenth Annual Honor Seniors Day brought senior citizens together for a day of fun and laughter May 12 at the Agency Longhouse. The children of the Head Start program at the Early Childhood Education performed several dances for the senior citizens to begin the morning session. Lunch was served to all in attendance before the games began. Fun games were the attraction for laughter and smiles on the senior citizens faces. Senior citizens traveled from afar to enjoy themselves.

Reception set for June 11

This year The Museum At Warm Springs is presenting "Artist In 2000", the 7th Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit. The exhibition of this year's art will begin with an afternoon reception June 11, 2000 2 to 5 p.m. Open to the public and will run through September 3, 2000.

The Tribal Member Art Exhibit consists of an open ended array of art created by Warm Springs tribal members 18 years old and over. All entries will compete for two awards. Judge's Choice a prestigious award given to the most outstanding art submitted as selected by the judge. The Honorable Mention Awards go to the judge's selection of outstanding work. The art submitted to the exhibit that are for sale will have the opportunity to be selected as Timberline Purchase Awards. These purchases are made by Richard L. Kohnstamm to provide financial incentive to artists to develop and pursue their art work. They will be for resale in the Timberline Lodge gift shop. The awards will be presented to the artists at the opening reception.

Please take note, the reception date has been changed from June 3rd to June 11th and the reception will be in the afternoon unlike past evening receptions.

The Museum At Warm Springs, 2181 Hwy. 26 is open 362 days a year from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day. For information on tours, workshops or the Art Exhibit call (541) 553-3331 and ask for Eraina Palmer and/or Jewell Minnick.

Retirement Dinner for Harry Phillips

Sunday, June 4, 2000,
2:00 P.M.
Agency Longhouse

We would like to present Mr. Phillips with a memory book at the dinner, and are collecting pictures and stories about his life here in Warm Springs. If you would like to include something in this book, please send to:

Angie David
P.O. Box 1269
Warm Springs, OR 97761

Community meeting scheduled

A community meeting is scheduled for the evening of May 22 at the Simnasho Longhouse. A light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting to start at about 7:00 p.m.

The agenda includes a report about the lower John Day Regional Partnership and discussion about the latest draft of the community land use plan.

Madras gaming site offers revenue fix

A new gaming facility at Madras represents the best possible answer for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as the Tribe faces projected revenue shortfalls in 2003 and beyond.

The Tribal Council has set May 23 for a vote of the people on a proposal to expand the Tribe's gaming program by developing a new casino on tribal trust land in the industrial area just north of Madras.

The proposal is aimed at adding an average of some \$9 million a year to the Tribe's revenue base to meet future costs of schools, security and other programs, and to secure Tribal sovereignty for future generations.

Tribal officials say the Madras proposal is based entirely on economic gain and on creating economic stability for the benefit of the Tribe.

Current projections of Tribal revenue over the next several years show fiscal problems beginning as early as 2001, when it's estimated

total Tribal expenditures to meet current services will exceed anticipated revenues by \$3.2 million.

A spending cut would be required in that year to balance the budget, and in any year thereafter where a shortfall is experienced.

By 2002, the shortfall of revenue compared to spending needs will rise to \$7 million and remain at the level annually on average through 2007, the last year of current forecasts.

Annual total Tribal revenues are estimated to decline from \$29.6 million in the year 2000 to \$21.67 million in 2002, and reach a low over the next eight years of \$21.3 million in 2006.

Declining Tribal revenues from timber and hydro power are the cause for the developing shortfalls. Timber revenues will be reduced by 20% to maintain sustained harvest levels after 2002.

The Madras proposal represents a short-term response to the Tribe's revenue concerns. An intermediate

facility at Madras as seen as a first step toward a long-term strategy of assuring adequate annual Tribal revenues through expanded gaming.

A Madras facility would supplement the existing Indian Head casino at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, which serves primarily as an amenity to guests and is expected to maintain modest cash flow of \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million a year.

For the long term, a Warm Springs casino in the Mid-Columbia River area is the goal. This facility is estimated to bring the Tribe net annual cash several times greater than either Madras or the existing Indian Head casino at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Oregon Governor Kitzhaber last year rejected the Tribe's plan for a Mid-Columbia casino at Cascade Locks. However, the Tribe plans to pursue this goal with a new administration in Salem.

Short-term options studied for meeting Tribal revenue shortfalls included a new facility on the

reservation. According to estimates made for the Tribe by an independent economics firm, a new gaming facility anywhere on the reservation would produce only about half the net annual cash projected for a Madras casino, and potentially fail to close the gap on revenue shortfalls.

Tribal officials also say the investment necessary to develop a new casino on the reservation would be nearly as much as a Madras facility. An intermediate facility is likely to cost about \$25 million to build for either option. Site development at Madras may bring some added costs, estimated at several million dollars.

Gaming expansion at Madras is expected to capture the growing Central Oregon market along with increases from drive-by traffic on Highways 26 and 97. With approval of the people and cooperation from local city and county officials, a Madras facility could be open in two years, Tribal leaders predict.

The Spilyay Tymoo (Coyote News) newspaper is having an art contest in search of a new look for the new millennium

Prizes will be awarded to the winner, which include:

One night at Kah-Nee-Ta, a shirt & cap donated by KNT
\$100.00 cash donated by Warm Springs Forest Products
\$10 gas donated by DMJ Automotive
\$50 cash & gift certificate donated by Warm Springs Market
and various other prizes.

The deadline for entries is May 30, 2000

Rules:

1. All rights to winning picture will belong to Spilyay Tymoo.
2. Artwork must pertain to Spilyay Tymoo (Coyote News).
3. Size of artwork is limited to 11x13 (horizontal).
4. Contest is open to the readership of Spilyay Tymoo.