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Spilyay Tymoo

(Coyote News)

News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Meetings held for millworkers

The layoffs of 65 workers at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industry (WSFPI) announced on December 1, 2000 will take effect on February 2. Currently depressed prices in the lumber industry coupled with high prices for raw logs necessitated the mill's cutback to one shift a day - a measure designed to cut costs and insure future profitability of the plant.

In anticipation of that date, WSFPI executives are working with Tribal and State Agencies in an effort to assist displaced workers. WSFPI is not the only Central Oregon timber products company to recently announce layoffs. Consequently state agencies such as Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council are involved in the search for governmental funds to aid in training and relocation of workers.

An informational meeting was held at WSFPI on January 25, 2001 for employees facing termination. Agencies in attendance, their recommendations and contact numbers will be reported in the next issue of *Spilyay*.



Attentive audience: Students at Warm Springs Elementary School listen to "Cinderella" from the Portland Opera Company. Story and photos, Page 9.

Spilyay moves into new quarters, adds staff

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The new year has launched a buzz of activity at *Spilyay Tymoo*. Last week the staff, with the help of the Utilities Department, moved the paper's headquarters to the trim white house at 1100 Wasco Street which had formerly served as the EAP Office. The new offices are not only bright and airy compared to the paper's old space, but are also wired with the communications lines necessary to run a top-flight operation.

The staff received some welcome moving help from Marvin Meanus, Jimmy Wesley, Lee Johnson, Levi Greene, Paul Veath, Cecil Bruno, Charlie Strom, Austin Smith, and Kenny Sahme. No sooner were the boxes unpacked than Russ Winkler, Jim Weatherby and AJ Atencio of OIS arrived to set up the computer networks.

In addition to *Spilyay* veterans Sid Miller, Selena Boise and Tina Aguilar, Mike Van Meter has joined the staff as its executive editor. Mike's background includes reporting for Bend's *Bulletin* and teaching journalism at Central Oregon Community College. Martha Lawrence, author of *Lightship Baskets of Nantucket* and *Scrimshaw, the Whaler's Legacy*, will assist with reporting and photography assignments. Bill Rhoades will continue as media advisor.

Selena Boise, who began her career with the *Spilyay* in 1990, will continue her role as publisher-in-training.

The *Spilyay* will also begin a program of for journalism interns in coming months.

Under the guidance of Rudy Clements, director of tribal relations, the *Spilyay* staff



Spilyay's new offices located at 1100 Wasco and Winter Street.

looks forward to maintaining the paper's goal of comprehensive coverage of the reservation's governmental and tribal activities as well as introducing new features that will provide in-depth treatment of stories of interest to tribal members.

The group is also creating a fresh look for the publication to enliven its appearance and readability.

In addition to providing a more effective form of communication within the Warm

Springs community, one of the editorial goals is to produce a competitively contemporary publication that will attract the advertising revenue of local businesses as the paper moves toward its vision of eventually becoming self sufficient finan-

cially.

Although still in the middle of unpacking boxes, the staff hopes that people will drop by to say hello and check out our new facility.

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