



# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Adoption vote approaching

The adoption election held in October of this year is scheduled for a re-vote on Jan. 21.

The October election did not see enough voter participation for a valid election, so Tribal Council rescheduled the vote for Jan.

There are 76 candidates up for adoption. In the October vote, all of them received more yes votes than no. However, only 857 tribal members cast their ballots, 230 votes short of the necessary 1,087.

This edition of the Spilyay includes information on the candidates. The information, also published prior to the October vote, is on pages 7 through 14.

Not counting the failed October vote, the most recent adoption election was in 1976, when 137 new members were enrolled. The candidate list in that election included 162 names. For the upcoming vote, residency is a requirement, along with the blood-quantum and lineage requirements.

## Newspaper founder to retire

### Miller led for 25 years

By the Spilyay staff

This edition of the Confederated Tribes' Spilyay Tymoo newspaper marks the end of an era.

Publisher Sid Miller, who established the paper back in 1976, is retiring.

The Tribal Council has given Mr. Miller the title of Publisher Emeritus.

He will remain an advisor for the paper, and will continue to write his popular column, Spilyay Speaks.

"I'll still be around," said Miller.



Photo by Dave McMechan

Sid Miller

In March of 1976, with help from a young J.P. Patt, Sid Miller put together the first edition of the "Spilyay Tymoo," Sahaptin words meaning "Coyote News".

Even with this first publication, the name of the paper was not completely established.

A note from Miller in the first edition states, "The choice of Spilyay Tymoo as the title for the paper was an arbitrary one by the newspaper staff." He then asks for other suggestions from tribal members.

The original name stuck, though, and has proven to be a good one.

Another tradition established right at the start was the Spilyay publication schedule of every other week.

With the first edition, Miller was not sure how often the paper would come out. He was thinking it might be a monthly publication.

"But after J.P. and I got the first paper out, we decided we had enough news for a second paper after two weeks," said Miller.

Then J.P. went away to college,

"and I was left holding the bag," Miller recalled.

### New staff members

About that time, a young woman from the East Coast paid a visit to Miller, asking if she could work for the paper. She wanted to learn about life on the reservation.

At first Miller had to say no, because he already had J.P. working for him. But when J.P. left, a job came open at the paper.

Miller contacted the young woman, Cynthia Stowell, who was teaching at Warm Springs Elementary School.

Stowell readily accepted, and became a great reporter for the Spilyay. She became an excellent photographer and writer. In time she would publish the acclaimed book, *Faces of the Reservation*.

Her photography can be seen at several sites around the reservation, including at The Museum at Warm Springs.

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## Gaming will likely be a key issue of new year

### Opinions differ over where to build casino

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Staff

The year 2002 may prove to be one of the more important years in recent history for the Confederated Tribes.

Facing long-term financial difficulties, tribal leaders in the new year are hoping to finalize a site for expansion of gaming.

Tribal members in 2002 likely will face the key referendum question of where the new casino should be built.

Of the available options, a casino at the Columbia Gorge would generate by far the most revenue.

For this reason, the question of where to build the new casino would at first appear to be an easy one.

To generate the most money for

the tribes, build at the Gorge.

The issue, though, is more complicated than that.

Interviews with several tribal members show that a referendum on a Gorge casino proposal at the present time would be too close to call.

A rough estimate might be that a third of the people support building at the Gorge, and a third support building on the reservation.

Others have not yet made up their minds.



"I believe a casino would do well on the reservation. And to keep the jobs local, we need the casino here."

— Daisy Ike



"The Gorge makes the most financial sense. People say a casino at HeHe would create jobs, but we already have casino jobs."

— Brigitte Whipple

"I haven't been thinking much about it yet," said Dallas Winshut Jr.

"I've been thinking more about the new (Warm Springs Elementary) School. That's an important issue for the tribes right now."

While some people are still undecided, a good number of tribal mem-

bers have fairly strong feelings about where to build the new gaming facility.

The two main choices mentioned most often are at the Gorge, or along Highway 26 on the reservation, probably in the HeHe area.

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## Arson suspect arrested

By Selena Boise  
Spilyay Staff

Minnie Yahtin lost her home and belongings in a fire that investigators believe was arson. Warm Springs Police arrested a suspect in the case.

The fire happened on the morning of December 17, at the Yahtin residence on Schoolie Flat at Simnasho. The Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department responded to the incident.

Fire and Safety staff spent nine

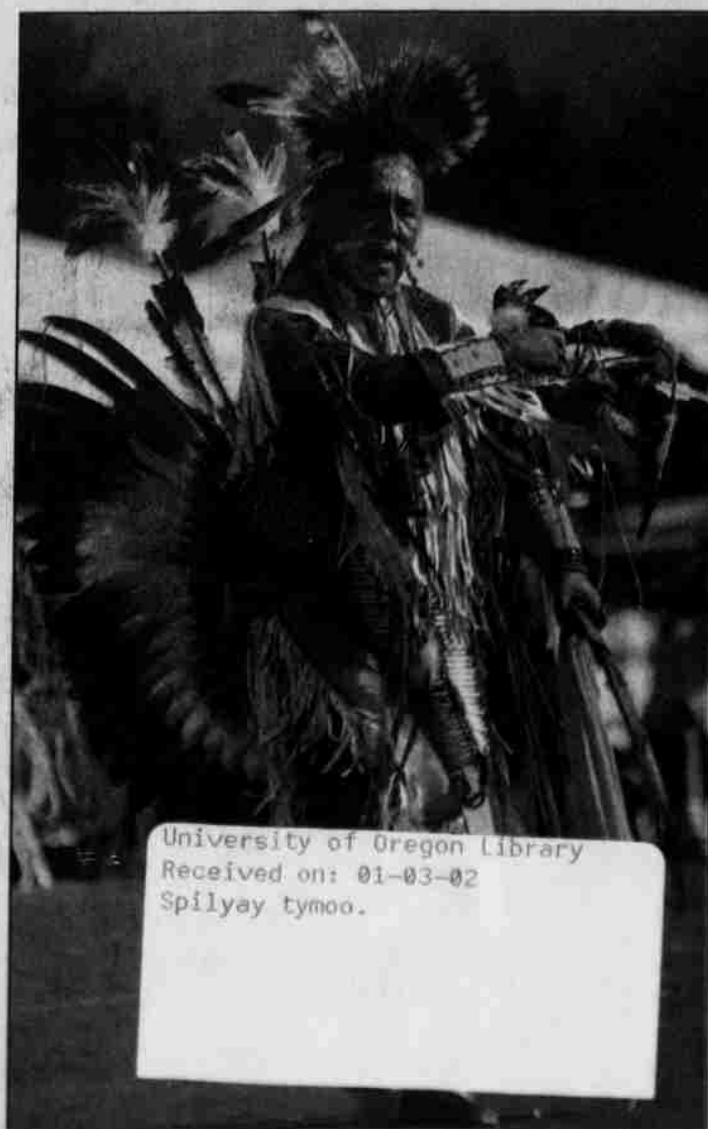
hours fighting the structure fire. The investigation indicates that gasoline had been poured throughout the house, so the blaze kept re-igniting itself.

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"Given the time of the year..., it's even harder to accept the facts."

Fire Chief Martinez

## Tailfeathers to MC powwow



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Charles Tailfeathers Sr.

Photo by Ben Marz

(The following narrative is by Charles Tailfeathers Sr., who will announce the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow in February at the Simnasho Longhouse.)

I was raised up with many wishes from my elders of my community on the reservation of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation of Montana.

I speak fluent Cree language and earned my place with my people of the Rocky Boy's in many cultural and tribal spiritual gatherings.

I have worked in Indian Judicial Law for many years and served in the capacity as a Juvenile and Family Coordinator and Adult tribal Prosecutor for two tribes, Browning Montana and with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Currently I'm contracting and working with the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation of Montana with their tribal Judicial Law and Order.

Working with Mr. Billy Rodgers of Norman, Oklahoma on issues concerning Indian people on the Wellness Program has been a great experience for me.

The goal is help our people to better themselves to be productive and healthier families.

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## Calica leaving for Idaho

### Brunoe again to serve as department manager

Charles Jody Calica, general manager of the Confederated Tribes' Natural Resources Department, has announced his resignation.

Calica is taking a job as superintendent of the BIA Northern Idaho Agency in Lapwai, Idaho.

He will be working with the Nez Perce, Kootenai and Couer d'Alene tribes of northern Idaho.

As Calica is leaving Warm Springs, Bobby Brunoe will assume the position of general manager of the Natural Resources Department.



Jody Calica

In 1997, Calica began serving a three-year term as the Confederated Tribes' Chief Operations Officer.

Before that, he had been general manager of Natural Resources. While Calica was serving as COO, Brunoe served as Natural Resources general manager.

After the tribal election of early 2001, Willy Fuentes became the COO, and Calica returned to his former position at Natural Resources.

Calica has worked extensively on Deschutes River fisheries issues.

Calica wrote a letter explaining some of the issues related to his leaving for Idaho. The letter is on page 4 of this newspaper.