



# Spilyay Tymoc

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## Tribes celebrate Treaty Days

The Confederated Tribes' celebration of sovereignty – Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days – is this weekend, Friday through Sunday, June 28-30.

The event includes dance contests and Grand Entries, the parade on Saturday, softball tournament, stick games, the Fry Bread Golf Tournament, the Road Warriors Pi-Ume-Sha Run, and a boxing tournament, among many activities.

The food and gift booths at the powwow grounds are also popular among the people who attend this occasion.

For the dancers, the Pi-Ume-Sha celebration pays between \$16,000 and \$17,000 in dance-contest prize money, in adult and children categories.

Pi-Ume-Sha this year will have a new contest, an Owl Dance contest, sponsored by Yvonne and Charles Nathan of Warm Springs. The prize is \$1,000.

Thomas Morningowl, of Umatilla, will return this year as the Pi-Ume-Sha Master of Ceremonies.

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## July 4 parade, fireworks set

The Warm Springs community will be celebrating the Fourth of July with a parade, barbecue and fireworks.

The line-up for the parade begins at 9 a.m. at the campus area by the schools.

The parade is set to begin at 10 a.m. A map of the route – generally from the campus over to the community center – will be posted around the town next week.

After the parade will be a barbecue and family games at the Community Center grounds. The fireworks start at dusk.

The theme of this year's Fourth of July events in Warm Springs is "United We Stand."

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## \$13.8 million award in timber case

The Confederated Tribes received very good news regarding a long-standing tribal lawsuit against the federal government.

The trial judge in the McQuinn Strip blow-down timber lawsuit last week awarded the tribes \$13.8

million. The money is to compensate the Confederated Tribes for BIA mismanagement of the sale of timber harvested from the McQuinn Strip in 1990. The \$13.8 million award is a great deal larger than the judge's ini-

tial award in 1999 of less than a quarter million dollars.

In the 1999 decision the judge in the case, Judge Robert Hodges, agreed with the tribes that the BIA had breached its trust responsibility in the handling of the 1990 McQuinn Strip

blown-down sale.

However, Hodges also concluded that the tribes' request for compensation – \$18 million – was speculative, and he awarded the tribes about \$225,000. This ruling came nearly two years after the 1997 trial of the case. The tribes last year appealed Hodges' decision to the Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C.

The appeals court agreed with the tribes that the request for higher damages from the federal government was justified, and not overly speculative.

The case was sent back to Judge Hodges for a determination of damages. Last week he handed down a ruling in favor of the tribes totaling \$13,805,607.

"This is a very strong decision in our favor," said Charles Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes.

"The ruling," he said, "validates the claim we initially made back in the mid 1990s."

Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti said the \$13.8 million award "is more in line with the amount we were led to believe was reasonable from the beginning."

In his recent decision, Judge Hodges also used strong language in regard to the BIA breach of trust responsibility in the McQuinn case.

"The government failed to use proper procedures in practically every phase of this sale," Hodges wrote.

The BIA, he wrote, "has not cooperated with the court or with the Confederated Tribes in resolving this case, despite many opportunities to do so."

As a result of mismanagement by the BIA in 1990, the Confederated Tribes lost the opportunity to sell 14.8 million board feet of standing green timber in a favorable export market, the judge wrote.

Tribal Secretary-Treasurer Jackson said that, while the ruling is very strong in favor of the tribes, there is the possibility that the BIA could appeal the decision. The case potentially could end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Pi-Ume-Sha Court



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Pi-Ume-Sha Court Candidates have been hard at work selling raffle tickets over the past several weeks, raising thousands of dollars for the powwow. Pictured counter-clockwise from left front are court candidates Ada Polk, Elyse Bagley, Katrina Blackwolf, Ashlyn Danzuka and Lyia Davis. Davis, along with Deidra Johnson (see page 10) are the Senior Court candidates. Polk, Bagley, Blackwolf and Danzuka are the Junior Court candidates.

## Summit focuses on languages

Tribal members gathered this week to discuss the challenges the Confederated Tribes face in preserving the native languages. As the fluent speakers of the languages are growing older, the tribes face the real possibility of some day losing the languages.

"In 20 years our languages could be gone," said Myra Shawaway, director of the Culture and Heritage Department, which sponsored this

week's Tribal Language Summit. Discussion during the summit included suggestions from community members and Language staff regarding how to preserve the languages of the Confederated Tribes.

Two suggestions that were mentioned often were that of language immersion, and summer language camp. Immersion is when native speakers, and students of the language, talk only in the native language

during a certain period of time. The Culture and Heritage Department, for instance, practices immersion on Fridays.

The language camps could also involve immersion. The language camp idea is still in the early stage, said Shawaway.

The camps might last for three days, and be held at areas such as Peter's Pasture, or HeHe, for instance.

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# A Positive place for kids

## Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club making a difference for youths

By Dave McMechan  
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It was a little over two years ago when the Warm Springs Branch of the Central Oregon Boys and Girls Club first began serving the youth of this



community. Since that time, hundreds of young tribal members have benefited from this program.

One way to demonstrate the changes that have happened over the past two years is to look at an important statistic.

Since the time the Boys and Girls Club began in Warm Springs, the juvenile delinquency rate among local youth – the rate of juvenile crime, truancy, curfew violation, etc. – has dropped by 66 to 69 percent.

"The important things about the Boys and Girls Club is that it works," said Frank Smith, director of the Warm Springs branch of the regional club.

In explaining why this program works in reducing juvenile delinquency, Smith referred to another statistic.

Most juveniles who get into trouble – whether it be trouble with the law, with substance abuse, teen pregnancy, etc. – do so between the hours of 3 and 8 p.m.

During those hours, Smith said,

many young people are out of school for the day, and yet they can remain without adult supervision for some length of time, for instance if the parents are still at work.

A solution to the problem of lack of supervision is the Boys and Girls Club, said Smith.

"This is the best thing that has happened for the youth of this community," he said of the Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club branch.

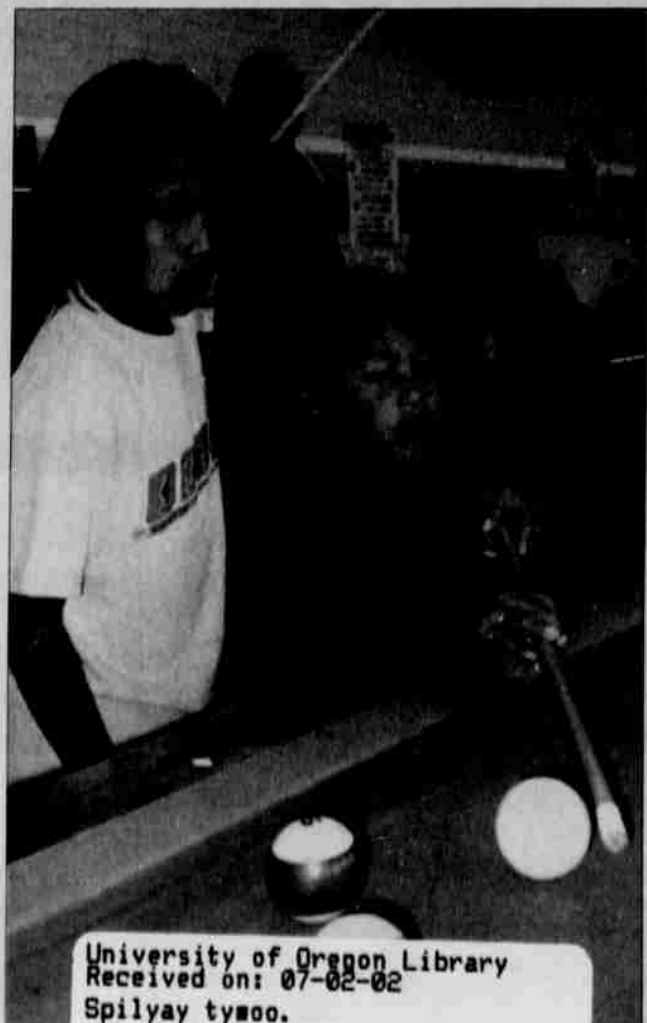
The mission statement of the Boys and Girls Club summarizes the basic goals of the program:

"To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens."

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club began in May of 2000.

The local club saw 200 young people sign up during the first month. The Warm Springs club now has 300 members, and will probably have 350 by the end of summer. The cost is \$10 per member.

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In the photo at far left, club member Patti Smith makes a move at chess. And in the photo at left, Shantell Gilbert and her brothers John (right) and Donny Gilbert play pool.

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