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## Law and Order a big concern

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# General Council Meeting Takes Unexpected Turn

by Cynthia Stowell

The arrival of fifteen uniformed, off-duty tribal policemen at Tuesday night's general council meeting had more than a striking visual impact.

It served to force an issue that was on everyone's mind and divert the focus of the gathering from Tribal Council delegation reports to community law and order.

The Tribal Council's original purpose for the general council was to report on its recent trips, in particular the outcome of the National Congress of American Indians convention in Rapid City, South Dakota September 18-22.

People listened with varying degrees of interest as the delegates detailed the results of their committee involvement at NCAI. Several people thanked the Council for bringing the information back and sharing it with the membership.

It was the first delegation report since last year's general council on the Dallas NCAI convention. It was also the first general council meeting in several months and the 93 people had a

lot on their minds.

George Clements commented on the importance of the national issues that the Council delegates had been facing in their travels but added, "Let's clean up our own backyard before we start traveling all over."

The community problems identified by Clements and others revolved around the lawlessness among both juveniles and adults especially in the area of alcohol and drugs.

Although some faulted the law enforcement program, Clements noted recent improvements and wondered if the council was not undermining these strides and setting the program back. Tribal Council, in reviewing the budget, had deleted the Assistant Police chief position along with one juvenile officer and the juvenile narcotics office. In addition, several other police department positions and the whole juvenile justice program are being questioned.

"Is it the money?" Clements asked, answering his own question by saying that councilmen

had assured him that money was not the problem. "When I talk to people, everybody says, 'Money is not worth a life,'" said the law & order committeeman who lost a son to violence last winter.

Bernice Mitchell felt she was speaking for many when she urged the policemen to "be a friend to the kids. They fear you and they want to know if you can

be their friend." Referring to their "fancy uniforms," she said that their position entitles them not to hassle kids but rather to help them. Bernice apologized if she hurt any of the policemen's feelings, but hoped that they would come to her and be as honest.

Eleven term law & order committeeman Linton Winishut

seemed concerned about the reason for the policemen's presence at the meeting and challenged Assistant Chief Dick Montee to speak for them.

"Why are they here?" Montee echoed. "Because they are concerned."

He noted that his men were

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## Boulders Crash Down On Highway 26



ROLLING STONES - Fortunately traffic was light and no cars were hit when these huge rocks crashed down the hillside and landed on Hwy 26 Monday, October 9. Rangila Photo

## Studded Snow Tires Okay November 1st

State highway engineer H. Scott Coulter announced that effective November 1, Oregon drivers may put on their studded snow tires for the winter. Under

state law, studded tires will be permitted from November 1 through April 30 of next year.

Since the studded tires are hard on the road surface, drivers are asked to delay putting on the tires until they become necessary. Coulter explained that the effect of studded tires on bare pavement can be extreme. Pavement markings, which are badly needed this time of year, suffer heavy damage from studded tires because reflectorized glass beads used in pavement markings are crushed by the studs.

Studded tires also digs ruts in the road surface, allowing water to collect. Collected water on the road surface contributes to the increased hazard of hydroplaning and causes extra splash and spray during wet road conditions.

If necessary, the Transportation Commission has the power to lengthen or shorten the statutory period for the use of studded tires in Oregon.

Both westbound lanes of Highway 26 were blocked for an hour Monday, October 9, after massive boulders cascaded down the hillside and thundered across the grade.

The "rock event" happened at about 11:40 a.m. on the grade just past the school, and was reported to the Warm Springs police by three passing CB'ers. Fortunately traffic was light at the time and no cars were hit.

"They're the biggest rocks I've ever seen come down onto the highway," exclaimed State Highway maintenance employee Walter Knox. The boulders were so large that they could not be

picked up with a scoop. They had to be twisted from side to side and gradually pushed over to the edge where they were scooped off to the side of the highway.

Knox anticipates that the highway department will later blast the rocks with dynamite since they are too big to be hauled away. While they were at the scene removing the rock from the road, maintenance workers also noted several other large boulders that appear to be teetering on the hillside. "I wouldn't be surprised if some of those come down onto the highway by next spring," commented Knox. "All it'll take is one

good rain."

Warm Springs police estimated the largest boulder to be about five feet high, and perhaps seven to eight feet across. Sgt. Ray Calica was posted there until the rock was removed so that motorists wouldn't run into each other while gawking at the boulders.

The only apparent damage done by the boulders was to the highway itself. The impact of the rocks hitting the highway created two fair-sized dents in the road and a crack across the westbound lanes. The road damage was not deemed serious enough to warrant repairs at this time, however.

### Weather

OCTOBER	HI	LO
5	78	42
6	79	36
7	77	43
8	8	48
9	84	42
10	80	43
11	74	42
12	68	33
13	70	30
14	72	30
15	74	38
16	72	51
17	77	37
18	74	40

The average high for the past two weeks was 77, the average low was 37, with only a trace of precipitation