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An ideal place to study on a nice day

People mourn loss of Byron Patt

Grief and shock were etched on the faces of the many community members, fellow rodeo enthusiasts and family who gathered at the funeral of Byron Patt on Wednesday, December 9.

Patt, age 40, was found dead at the scene of a two-car accident near Tygh Valley on December 5 at 9:52 p.m.

Patt's pickup was traveling south on old Highway 197 when it left the south lane and entered the northbound lane, colliding with a pickup driven by Mike McHoney of Maupin. Patt was pronounced dead at the scene. McHoney suffered injuries and was transported to a hospital in The Dalles.

Patt worked for the BIA Roads Department as a civil engineer. In recent years he had also worked on assignment at

Umatilla Agency.

He attended schools in Warm Springs and Madras. He graduated from Madras High School in 1959 where he lettered in football. During the '60s Patt played basketball with the Warm Springs Magpies. He was well known throughout northwest reservations for his basketball ability.

In recent years he gained recognition in the rodeo circuits for his roping. He a member of Western States Indian Rodeo Association for which he held the office of Oregon State Representative. He was also a long-standing member of the Warm Springs Rodeo Association.

(See Howlak Tichum on page 12 for surviving family and funeral information.)

Warning—Brucellosis found in area cattle

Cattle owners should be aware that brucellosis has been found in a great number of cows at the Hay Creek Ranch near Madras. The disease has not as yet been found in any Warm Springs cattle.

State veterinarian Lee Wallace said the seriousness of the disease at the ranch has caused its owners to cease cattle production. They are in the process of getting rid of their entire herd.

Brucellosis was discovered in Warm Springs during the 1960's and a number of cattle had to be destroyed. If preventive measures are not taken it can become a serious disease. Vaccination of calves is necessary and mandatory in this state, according to Wallace.

Brucellosis, also known as Bang's disease or contagious abortion, is a costly disease which can also affect humans. It's main threat, however, is to cattle and swine.

Decreased milk production, weight, loss of meat animals and loss of young make it a very serious disease of livestock. The rapidity with which it spreads and the fact that it can be transmitted to humans makes it all the more serious.

In cattle the disease usually localizes in the reproductive organs or the udder. Bacteria are shed in milk or leave the body with the aborted fetus, the afterbirth, or with discharge from the reproductive tract.

Not all infected cows abort but among those who do it usually happens between the fifth and seventh months of pregnancy. Infected cows seldom abort more than once. Calves born from later pregnancies may be weak and unhealthy. Infected cows continue to harbor the infective organisms and should be considered dangerous.

Transmission of brucellosis occurs by direct contact with infected animals. It is also transmitted to susceptible animals in contact with an environment which has been contaminated with discharges from infected animals.

The general rule for transmission of the disease is that it is carried from one herd to another by an infected or exposed animal. This occurs when a herd owner buys replacement cattle which are infected or have been exposed to infection prior to purchase.

Oregon abides by the "Recommended Uniform Methods and Rules" set forth to eradicate the diseases of livestock. According to Wallace, it is mandatory that calves receive a vaccination for brucellosis between 4 and 12 months age.

Infected cattle are often discovered at slaughterhouses and then traced back. Dairy cattle are tested three times a year, as the disease can be transmitted through milk. Adult cattle are often subjected to a blood sample upon change

of ownership. These methods are helping to eradicate brucellosis.

Other cattle owners in the vicinity of the infected herd are notified as required by law.

Attempts to develop a cure for brucellosis in cattle have failed. Commonly, the

symptoms of the disease disappear but the animals remain diseased. These animals are dangerous sources of infection for other animals.

Animals with brucellosis have the ability to infect humans. Humans are most likely to contract the disease by

coming in direct contact with a diseased animal or diseased carcass, especially at slaughterhouses.

Undulant fever, as the disease is known in humans, is difficult to diagnose. Recurrent

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'82 budget presented to members

by Donna Behrend

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Agency Longhouse December 1 to discuss the 1982 tribal operating budget. Due to the absence of Tribal Council Chairman Delbert Frank, vice-chairman Zane Jackson chaired the meeting.

Councilman Mike Clements told the group that "Council has taken time to make hard decisions." He said that last year many questions were raised about the court and police departments. "We took tribal-member input from last year's meetings into consideration" when making decisions.

The Council directed management to limit the '82 budget to a maximum of five percent increase because of revenue projection and the current economic trend. Management met the objectives, but with capital improvements, such as a new water system for the Elliott Heights area, the 1982 budget is six percent over the 1981 operating budget.

The budget calls for expenditures in 1982 of \$16,003,148 and the tribal revenue forecast, considered conservative, is \$16,023,038. Potential revenue not included is: 1) Pelton Dam rental income was maintained at \$100,000 pending the second ruling by the FERC law judges. The judge awarded the tribe \$1,003,000 in his first ruling, with retroactive payments and interest back to January 1978. The second ruling is expected early next year but it is unknown when the Tribe will receive the monies.

2) The Round Butte Dam rental fee is presently being negotiated. The re-negotiated figure will be retroactive back to August 1979. 3) An adjustment to income from the sale of additional power is being explored by the Tribal Council. 4) Stumpage income reflects the BIA and WSFPI's best estimates in view of the continued projected depressed lumber market. Council has yet

to receive the Stumpage Review Committee recommendations.

Also not included in the actual budget, but included in the budget resolution #6074, were an additional \$1 million appropriation for loans to the Warm Springs Power Enterprises and \$4 million for the purpose of the loans to WSFPI. Both are contingent upon the availability of funds from revenue in excess of budget projections, or other sources, including borrowing, but not from existing general fund balances.

The meeting went late into the night. Many questions were asked and Council and management attempted to answer them all. It appeared that the people wanted to be kept better informed about tribal activities. The question was also raised about this year's bonus. Jackson said the bonus will be the same as last year, made in two payments, one December 18 and the second paid January 8.