

Energy assistance/weatherization applications available

Heating bills go up during the winter months and households with low incomes sometimes feel the economic pinch. To alleviate a little of that economic squeeze low income residents can turn to the low income Energy Assistance Program.

The program is designed with low income earners in mind. Funds are distributed through the State of Oregon from federal taxes gained through taxation of energy suppliers. Some of the money individuals pay in energy costs can then be returned to the private residents.

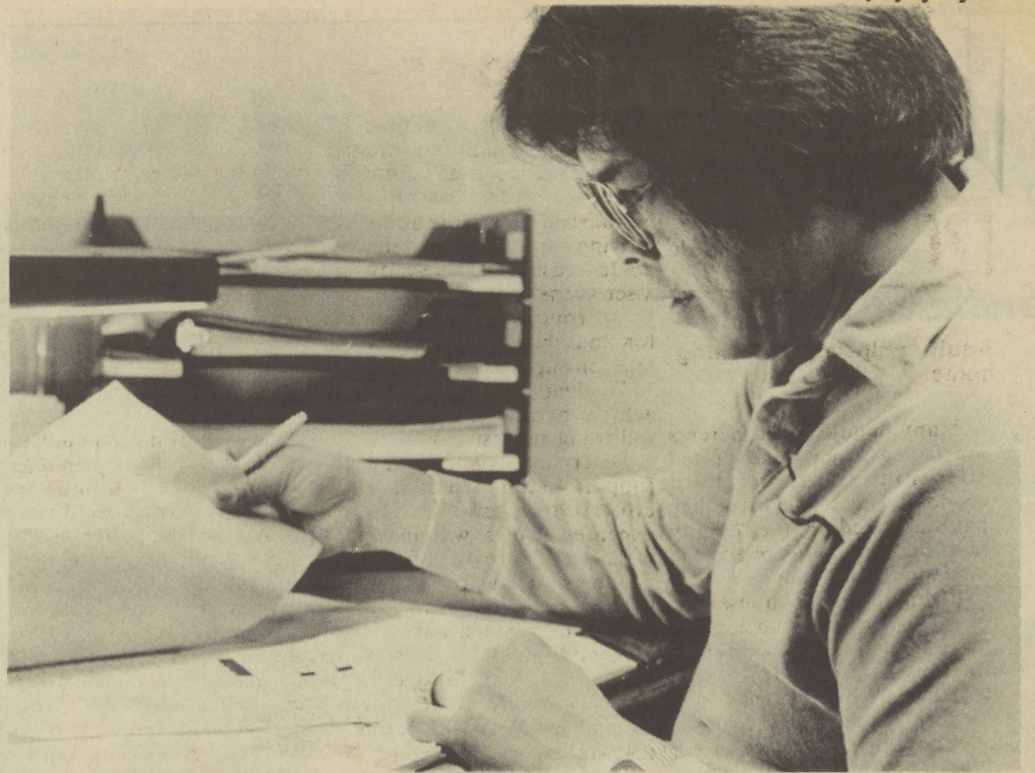
The Energy Assistance Program is a "one-time assistance" according to social services supervisor Gayle Rodgers. From \$180 to \$335 may be received per year upon

application approval. The amount depends upon the type of energy consumed.

A wage scale to determine eligibility is available through the social services office in Warm Springs. An example of an eligible family would be a family of three with a yearly income below \$9,007. Any one-time payments are not included as income.

While applying for the Energy Assistance Program, applicants may apply at the same time for home weatherization funds. This again depends on income and also on the type of dwelling needing repair and weatherization.

Applications for assistance for either programs or both the Energy Assistance Program, and Weatherization program may be made by calling Robert Miller at 553-1161, ext 235.



Paperwork for the energy assistance program is taken care of by welfare worker Robert Miller.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

End of Equine Infectious Anemia quarantine in site

by Marsha Shewczyk

The end is in sight for the Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) program on the Warm Springs Reservation. All testing should be complete by the end of June 1983.

The disease affecting equine stock has resulted in a reduction of the reservation horse population by over 2,000 head due to both positive test results on some stock and culling of uncontrollable stock.

Once the program ends and a zero positive rate is reached the self-imposed quarantine on equine stock will be lifted with state approval.

Also following quarantine removal a check system will be initiated to prevent recurrence of the disease, according to Jefferson County extension

agent Clint Jacks.

Estimated funding to complete the EIA program will total \$41,622. Tribal Council has approved \$25,000 towards this end already. Other funding sources are being contacted.

The proposed monies will be budgeted to three different area programs. Mutton Mountain, the McQuinn Strip and China Hat areas still have 15 untested horses at large. At \$397 per hour, helicopter rental will total \$4,299. Per diem will total \$800 with mileage and service vehicle expenses at \$1,440. A minimum crew of five will be necessary to complete the round-up in this area.

A smaller amount of \$12,550 will be necessary to mop up the Red Lake/Schoolie Flat area. Five untested horses need a

third testing. The cost would be divided: helicopter, \$9,750; per diem, \$1,000 and mileage service vehicle, \$1,800. A minimum crew of six will be required.

The helicopter fee for the Webster Flat area is estimated at \$2,600 with per diem totaling \$300 and mileage-service vehicle cost at \$540. A minimum crew of six will be necessary to do the third testing on 40 horses.

Over the two years testing period the highest percentage of positive EIA stock was found in the Mutton Mountain area. Some horse bands were found to be 70% positive. The percentage for positive stock for the reservation overall was 17 percent. As the program continued through 1982, this

percentage was reduced due to removal of positive stock from the reservation and the culling of uncontrollable stock making testing on these animals unnecessary. The percentage by June should be zero.

The testing of 3,212 horses throughout the reservation resulted in the removal of 2,142 head of stock. According to areas that total is divided: Northend (Log Springs, Simnasho), 746; Northend (Mutton Mountain), 650; Sidwalter, 188; Southend (Metolius, Dry Hollow), 229; Boulder/Dry Creek/Webster Flat, 224; and, Tenino, 106.

The incurred costs through 1982 for testing and removal of stock included: \$322,816 for helicopter service; \$66,571 for transportation; livestock

service costs (construction scales, holding pens and chutes), \$22,189; Hay, \$39,996; blood testing, \$65,217; personnel and payroll costs, \$279,600; trap corrals, \$22,935; and miscellaneous, \$6,257. The total for the entire program at the end of 1982 was \$825,581.

Funding has come from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal and State monies. Personnel employed by various departments have cooperated by assisting in the program and the man hours spent are calculated in the total. Of the total amount \$590,778 is actually special EIA money with the in-kind services not budgeted specifically, totalling \$234,803.

Promotions announced in credit department

CREDIT DEPARTMENT
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THE MONEY-LENDING GANG—The Tribal Credit Department, which employs seven women and one man, has had internal promotions recently to help the department realize its goal of being more and more managed by tribal members. Shown in this photo in back from left to right are assistant credit manager Nellie Spino, accounting clerk and data processing officer Laurie Fuentes, office manager Serena Raboin, loan interviewer and insurance clerk Ursula Gibson and senior loan examiner Joann Bryant. In front are clerk/steno Susan Guerin and cashier Cassie Rhoan.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

by Donna Behrend

When you need to borrow money, where do you go? To a local bank, a wealthy friend? Most people in Warm Springs go through the tribal credit department to acquire money for buying a home, car or for personal loans.

The credit department currently employs eight people—one non-member male, manager Bob Finch, and seven tribal-member women. Six of the women, Nellie Spino, Serena Raboin, Joann Bryant, Ursula Gibson, Cassie Rhoan and Laurie Fuentes are all busy raising children as well as holding down full-time jobs. Another employee, Susan Guerin, is working temporarily as a clerk/steno until she goes to school.

Finch announced recently that inter-departmental changes and promotions have occurred. Nellie has been promoted to assistant credit manager. She was the loan manager prior to the promotion. Serena, who was accounting clerk, was promoted to the office manager's position vacated when Kathleen Foltz retired late last year.

Joann, who was the loan interviewer and insurance clerk, moved into Hazel Seyler's senior loan examiner

position following Seyler's retirement last year. Ursula was promoted into Joann's position.

Cassie continues to be the cashier, handling all incoming collections. Laurie is again working full-time as accounting clerk and data processing officer.

Finch says he is "proud of everyone who works" in credit. He is also appreciative of the many years of service given to the Tribe and department by Hazel and Kathleen. Both worked for more than 20 years in the department.

The credit department is much different from other tribal departments—their wages are paid through loan collections. "We have about \$11.5 million in outstanding loans to tribal members. Except for the U.S. Bank, we're probably the biggest lender in the territory," says Finch.

The major thrust for loans over the past few years has been housing. There are 260 homes currently being financed through credit—more than half of the outstanding loans are in housing.

The major goal of the credit department is to make credit a more and more tribally-managed office. The recent promotions have helped the department achieve that goal.