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Students celebrate Indian Day
American Indian Day, October 4, was celebrated at Warm Springs Elementary with a powwow. All students joined in the grand entry opening ceremonies.

Board approves budget cuts

In a 3-2 vote the 509-J district school board decided to approve budget cuts of \$83,416 during a meeting held September 30.

These cuts in the budget would bring the levy scheduled for vote in a special election November 5 to \$2,823,502. Taxpayers would pay \$9.54 per \$1000 assessed valuation.

The two members of the board opposing further budget cuts were Lloyd Smith, Sr., and Steve Earnest. Both felt students would suffer with any more cuts to the budget beyond those made prior to the last election.

Budget cuts proposed by board member Guff Thorpe which were approved include: \$18,173 from

the food service program as the result of resigned employees being replaced by probationary employees; \$4,622 by the consolidation of one bus route; \$28,500 through deletion of a budgeted school bus; \$4,125 by dropping Madras Jr. High's girls' softball program; and, \$28,000 by reducing teacher's aid hours each by one hour.

Board members approving these cuts were Thorpe, Betty Wallan and Don Aitken.

Should the levy fail to pass at the November 5 election 509-J superintendent Darrell Wright said he will request the schools close November 6. To operate, he explains, schools must have funds in the bank.

Head Start to celebrate

The Head Start program will celebrate the program's 20th birthday by participating in a nation-wide synchronized balloon launch on October 24, 1985. Children currently enrolled in Head Start will participate by launching balloons from the Community Center where the majority of classes are held. The

launch is scheduled for 10 a.m. and will be synchronized with launches in the Eastern, Central and Mountain time zones. Parents are needed to volunteer to help fill, tie and string over 200 balloons. Birthday cake and coffee will be served in the Head Start office after the launch. Everyone is invited to attend

Tribal operating budget finalized, posted

by Donna Behrend

With the financial picture looking much better in 1986, Tribal Council approved a 1986 tribal budget which estimates a 32 percent increase in revenue and a 15 percent increase in expenses of the 1985 estimates.

The estimated revenue, in excess of \$20 million, is due to higher rental income from Round Butte and Pelton dams and the hydroelectric project power sales, which are expected to continue to do better. Increased interest earnings from the treasury have also contributed to the increased revenues.

Dress for Halloween

Halloween categories for this year's contest to be held October 31 at 4:00 in the administration building consist of: spookiest, gangster/bad guys, circus-circus, Roman empire, and most original.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in all categories. Those who wish to donate prizes please contact Winona Strong, 553-1161, ext. 270. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes the entire day.

Tribal Council had directed that expenses be held at the 1985 level. A larger population, new programs delayed in previous years and the costs of electricity, building maintenance and insurance made this goal difficult to achieve. The result has been a cost estimate of \$19,881,837. The electricity and building maintenance portions of the budget have been increased by \$375,000. General insurance costs have increased \$109,000.

Even though the tribal revenues are much better, the Tribal Council is aware that costs need to be controlled for the long term financial health of the Confederated Tribes. It is expected that the emphasis on cost controls will continue through 1986 into the consideration of the 1987 budget.

An important note concerning the 1986 budget is that the

format has changed. In previous years' budgets, department costs were offset by other income (federal, state, fees, etc.), reducing that department's costs. Now, Tribal Council has asked that all income be shown as revenue and then offset by actual costs for ongoing programs.

Acting secretary/treasurer Larry Calica stated that 22 positions, some already vacant, were deleted in 1986. Affected employees will be considered for new and vacant positions. In total, 57 full and part time positions have been added. Many in areas such as janitorial, Head Start, radio stations and corrections. However, services will not be hindered. For instance, the fish and game portion of the police department's budget were deleted. Enforcement duties will be absorbed by natural resources field staff and shared with

existing police staff. Cooperation between the two departments has been encouraged.

A three percent cost-of-living increase for tribal employees has been allowed. No additional monies were appropriated in the 1986 operating budget. The cost of this allowance is expected to come from salary savings resulting from vacant positions. "We're trying to keep the purchasing power of paychecks somewhat in stride with inflation," said Calica. The 1986 increase would bring the employee dollar four to five percent below the rate of increase in inflation.

Other increases shown in the budget are: senior citizens' pension, up \$26,000; youth employment, up \$60,000; per capita payments, up \$67,000 and workmen's compensation, up \$100,000. Due to an increase in the number of Head Start-aged children, Tribal Council appropriated an additional \$190,000 for early childhood education.

Though not termed reorganization, some departments will be taking on a new look in 1986. The personnel office will be split into three segments. Personnel director Benny Heath will be personnel compliance officer, two field positions will be working out of the office of education and training and two

clerical positions will be retained. Two or three positions have been deleted in the personnel office.

Also, the public works branch, currently under the direction of Jeff Sanders, will be deleted, at Sanders recommendation. All public works offices, except for utilities and building inspection, will be under the direction of enterprise branch manager Delford Johnson. Sanders will be staff analyst for the secretary/treasurer and will analyze non-financial records and systems as assigned.

Some people have expressed concern that entire programs were cut upon Tribal Council direction. This was not the case, stated Calica. Tribal Council direction was "to hold expenses to 1985 levels." Calica added that programs were prioritized and that a different approach

was taken to make available the best services possible. "In an effort to do that, it may look like entire programs were cut."

During the past year, Tribal Council has looked at the long term financial position of the Tribe. The present favorable position will be subject to the increased need of the future for more homes, jobs, services and facilities such as a learning center, health center, museum and nursing home. To meet those kinds of needs, the Tribal Council will be considering ways to increase revenues and control the costs of tribal government.

Agency and Simnasho District meetings to discuss the 1986 budget are scheduled for Thursday, October 17 beginning at 7 p.m. A date for the Seek-squa District meeting has not yet been set.

Station on hold for awhile

KWSI FM is on hold for the time being due to delays "beyond our control," according to station manager Nat Shaw. Commercial station KWSI, one of two FM stations owned by the Confederated Tribes, was scheduled for FCC testing in mid-September and due to be on the air by the middle of October. The delay is due to the lack of a

transmitters and tower, says Shaw. Both pieces of equipment should reach Warm Springs by mid-October.

Because of the delay, an additional extension on the FCC license was requested by the Tribe. The FCC acknowledged the receipt of the extension request, but as of yet, no action has been taken.

Signs posted at Sherars

Signs listing regulations and fees have recently been posted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at Sherars Bridge. These signs follow a plan for management of the area outlined in May 1984 through Tribal Council resolution 6651.

The Sherars Bridge property owned by the Tribes includes approximately 888 acres adjoining the Deschutes River purchased in 1979 from Deschutes

Falls Power Company. The purchase of this traditional fishing site was made so the Tribes could manage and preserve it for future generations.

The Tribes have adopted regulations for the use of the Sherars Bridge site because the lands are not under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the State Parks Department. For uniformity the regulations are similar to State and BLM regulations for the

Deschutes River.

Although the signs have been posted not all the details of enforcement have been worked out. Collection agency for the \$5.00 overnight camping fee has not yet been determined. Removal of the signs during winter months has also been suggested to avoid vandalism. These questions will be answered by the beginning of the next season, according to Warm Springs tribal assistant planner, Dale Parker.

WEATHER

SEPT.	HI	LOW
26	89	39
27	70	48
28	64	34
29	70	50
30	71	40
OCT.		
1	66	35
2	78	48
3	74	49
4	76	38
5	80	40
6	71	50
7	52	40
8	40	12