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News from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

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Adoption election scheduled for Oct. 16

The Confederated Tribes will conduct an adoption election from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the community center. A total of 76 adoption candidates are on the Oct. 16 ballot.

For the upcoming election, there are 2,155 tribal members eligible to vote. A turnout of at least 50 percent is needed for the election to be valid.

The Spilyay had planned a special section on the election to be included in this issue but experienced difficulty due to power outage that fell in the middle of the need to meet press deadline.

District meetings called on 2002 budget

District meetings are scheduled for the first part of next week on the proposed 2002 tribal budget.

The meetings provide a chance for tribal members to comment on the 2002 budget proposal, which was posted last week.

After considering public comments, the Tribal Council will adopt a final budget to be posted no later than Dec. 1.

In developing the 2002 budget the Tribal Council and membership are facing difficult choices, because the base budget for next year must be cut by approximately \$800,000 from the current year level.

The challenge for the Confederated Tribes in developing next year's budget is determining how best to implement the cuts.

The district meetings on the proposed budget are slated for 7 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 8, 9, and 10.

The Seekseequa District meeting is Monday, Oct. 8, at the Agency Longhouse. The Simnasho District meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Simnasho Longhouse. The Agency District meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Agency

"Low timber harvest levels combined with low log prices will return stumpage revenues to 1960's levels."

Charles Jackson
Secretary-Treasurer

Longhouse.

Reduction in revenue

The reduction in the 2002 budget follows a trend that began with the current year budget, and will likely continue for the next five years, said Charles Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer.

The reductions are needed to bring the annual budget in line with projected revenue, said Jackson.

Declining timber revenue is a main reason why the tribes are facing budget restrictions, he said. The 2002 allowable timber cut on the reservation will be the lowest in 40 years.

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Tribes face challenges in gaming expansion

Casino location point of contention

*By Dave McMechan
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In the spring tribal members likely will face one of the most important referendums in the recent history of the Confederated Tribes.

Expansion of gaming has the potential to change profoundly the direction of the reservation

economy for decades to come.

Tribal officials currently are planning in the spring to conduct a referendum on gaming expansion. Tens of millions of dollars in future tribal revenue will be at stake in the referendum.

With this new revenue the Confederated Tribes could diversify the local economy, and create many good-paying jobs and new businesses, tribal officials agree.

Because of the great importance of the planned spring vote, the

Council is trying to share with tribal members as much information as possible on gaming expansion. In the months leading up to the vote, the Tribal Council will hold district and general council meetings on the gaming question, said Olney Patt Jr., chairman of the Council.

Individual officials may also visit with members on a more informal basis, such as at family gatherings, Patt said.

For tribal members and non-

tribal members alike, the single most important aspect of the gaming question is location. Off the reservation people have focused on the contentious issue of the Hood River site versus nearby Cascade Locks.

Meanwhile among tribal members, the discussion regarding location has focused on gaming expansion on the reservation versus expansion in the Columbia River Gorge.

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Dave McMechan/The Spilyay

Ron Kalama was among the paint crew working recently on the Simnasho Longhouse, and then at the water treatment plant.

Former mill workers busy with the brushes

Buildings receive much-needed repainting

The employee cutback at the Warm Springs mill earlier this year was a bad thing for the people who suddenly found themselves without work.

Every cloud has a silver lining, though, and some good has even come from the worker layoff at the mill.

Early this year, when the mill went from one shift to two, the Tribal Council allocated \$250,000 for a re-painting program. The purpose of this was to provide some of the former mill workers with a chance for employment, and also to improve some of the buildings on the reservation.

During the summer, a crew of six former mill workers, under supervision of Austin Smith from the Warm Springs Utility Department, completely refurbished and repainted the Simnasho Longhouse.

They completed this job just recently, and then moved on to the water treatment plant. Next up will be the floor of the gymnasium at the community center.

People who have seen the Simnasho Longhouse in recent weeks have commented that the new paint job is excellent.

"I'd like to commend the paint crew for making that building look as good as it does," said Ron Suppah, who manages the nearby Three Warriors Market.

Councilman Suppah added, "I'm also glad the tribes have made an effort to create jobs for people who were laid off. This gives them a chance to continue to earn a living."

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Dancers brighten Lake Billy Chinook Day



The Confederated Tribes recently helped in the annual Lake Billy Chinook Day celebration.

The tribes have been cosponsors of the event - with PGE and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department - for the past eight years.

Lake Billy Chinook Day includes a group clean-up effort, on both the reservation and off-reservation shores of the lake.

For many, the highlight of the day is the performance by the Quartz Creek Dance and Drummers of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Before the performance, tribal relations director Rudy Clements gave a brief history of the life of Billy Chinook, and of the Confederated Tribes.

Volunteers picked up litter along the lakeshore and were then treated to an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments. Crews did clean-up work on tribal, state and federal lands.

Birney Greene Boise (in the photo at left) and Jermaine Tukta perform at the recent Lake Billy Chinook Day, co-sponsored by the tribes. *More Lake Billy Chinook Day photos inside.*



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