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### WSFPI truck burns

In a freak fire Sept. 23, a Warm Springs Forest Products Truck and its load of shavings were destroyed two miles from the mill. The loss in equipment and shavings was estimated at about \$17,000.

### Fire Prevention Week

The Warm Springs Community is gearing up in observance of National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9. National Fire Prevention Week is organized each year to create and renew awareness of fire safety measures, fire hazards in the home, and to urge community involvement in fire prevention programs.

## Concert to benefit Tun-Mi house

Dorothy "Pebbles" George was born in Warm Springs, Oregon. Pebbles became an "Elvis" fan at the tender age of 4-years-old. Even though she never met "The King" (who passed away in 1977), she listened to all of his music, collected souvenirs and watched all of his movies.

In 1998 Pebbles made a beaded purse out of cut beads of the "Elvis" stamp. She sent the purse to Graceland and they awarded her First Place "Elvis Artist of the Year". January 2000, The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs flew her to Graceland. She opened up a store in Warm Springs called "Pebbles Teepee Palace". Unfortunately two (2) months later in March, Pebbles was forced to close the store after being diagnosed with cancer.

With six months of driving to Bend, OR for chemotherapy, Pebbles noticed that several other cancer patients from Warm Springs and surrounding areas were driving the 120 miles (or more) round trip, sometimes five (5) times a week. It was during this time that Pebbles and her friend John "Sam" Wahsise came up with the idea of purchasing a "Cancer house" called "Tun-Mi Cancer House" in Bend, close to the hospital and treatment center. After opening this house cancer patients from Warm Springs and the surrounding tri-counties could have a place to stay during their weekly chemotherapy/radiation treatments.

July 2001, Pebbles contacted Jaime's Rock & Roll Legends about performing a fundraiser at the Madras High School.

Since Elvis is Pebbles' favorite, Jamie is bringing the top two rated Elvises in Las Vegas. Steven Ray Sogura will appear to perform the '70's Elvis and Justin Shandor from the "Elvis-A-Rama" in Las Vegas to do the young '50's Elvis.

All the proceeds from the show go to "The Tun-Mi Cancer House" in Bend, Oregon.

On September 8 Jaime's Legends did a show at the Bend High School Auditorium with four (4) local high schools. That night a total of \$69,000 was raised for the local Family Access Network. There will be two (2) shows at the Madras High School Gymnasium. The first show begins at 3:00 and the last show at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Trudy at the Confederated Tribes Small Business Development Center (541) 553-3592.

Ticket prices are: General admission \$12, children (12 & under) \$6, and VIP \$16.

Warm Springs ticket outlets: Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center (Indian Health Services), 553-1196; Small Business Development Center 553-3592; Warm Springs Museum 553-3331;

Madras Outlets: Ahern's Market 475-3106, Pepe's Restaurant 475-3286 Madras Chamber of Commerce 475-2350, El Surtidor Tienda Mexicana 475-7471.

## Simnasho parents' request denied

The 509-J School District Board of Directors voted 3-2 to deny a request by parents in the Simnasho area to allow their children to attend school in Maupin.

Voting in dissent were school board members Jeff Sanders and Jim Manion, who are tribal members.

"The bottom line is that our responsibility is the education of our youth," said Sanders. "Other board members put more weight on finances than on our responsibility to educate."

Sanders also said, "I think the students from Simnasho would have come back to 509-J anyway, because they would have found that we have more to offer than Maupin."

The parents live within the 509-J district boundary, and therefore

would need the school board to agree to allow their children to attend school in Maupin.

Allowing the dozen students to transfer to the Maupin district would involve a transfer of approximately \$4,600 per student from 509-J to Maupin.

Chesley Q. Yahtin Sr., whose grandchildren were part of the transfer request, said he was very upset by the decision. "I don't know why we have to bend over backwards for 509-J," Yahtin said.

The Maupin district would have been willing to accept the Simnasho students, if 509-J had agreed to transfer the funds.

One reason why the transfer was requested is distance: the students live a good deal closer - half an hour or more closer by bus - to Maupin than they do to Madras.

## Three injured in wreck

Following a single-vehicle accident, which happened after a high-speed chase, three tribal members were hospitalized. The accident happened early Monday morning at milepost 100 on the reservation. Injured in the wreck were Silas

Poitra, 25, Lamar Jackson, 25, and Willard White, 18, all of whom live in Warm Springs. Poitra and Jackson were transported by ambulance to Mountain View Hospital. White was Air-Lifted to St. Charles, where he was listed in stable con-

## 2002 Budget...

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"To make things worse, log and lumber markets are depressed globally and may never return to the levels seen just five years ago," said Jackson. "Low harvest levels combined with low log prices will return stumpage revenues to 1960's levels."

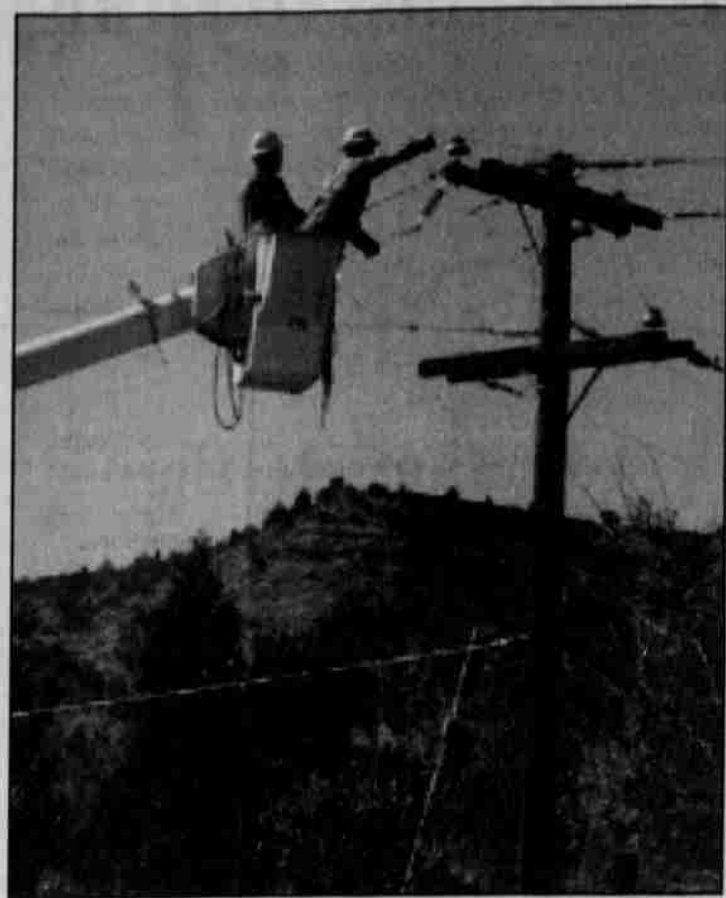
Other sources of revenue for the tribes - mainly Warm Springs Power Enterprises, and gaming at

Kah-Nee-Ta - cannot make up the difference in the budget.

Power Enterprises is expected to bring in about \$15 million in 2002. Gaming revenue is expected to peak at \$2 million, until a new casino is brought on line perhaps in 2007, said Jackson.

In the meantime, it is imperative that the Confederated Tribes find new sources of revenue. The Tribal Council this year established and funded the Warm

## Power outage



Power was knocked out Wednesday afternoon for more than an hour in the campus area of the reservation. Cause of the outage was a limb that fell on a power line near the Texaco station.

dition early this week.

The wreck happened after a chase that began south of the reservation. The chase was initiated

by a sheriff's deputy, and was picked up by Warm Springs Police.

The accident happened at 1:15 a.m., Monday, Oct. 1.

Springs Economic Development Corporation to invest in ventures creating new tribal revenue and local jobs, Jackson said.

Even the best investments, though, probably will not return a dividend to the tribes for 18 months to two years, he said.

### Need for budget cuts

Making a substantial reduction in the tribes' annual budget will be hard, but also necessary, said Jackson.

"The easy way out of next year's budget dilemma would be to simply postpone the cuts needed and

draw down even more on the working capital reserves," he said.

However, Jackson said, "if the recommended budget reductions are not made or if they are delayed for even one year, the tribes' financial reserves will be drawn down at a much faster and reckless pace." Postponing the cuts would only make the problem more acute in 2003, he said.

The Confederated Tribes are fiscally sound, but to remain secure, "we must be innovative and creative while making the hard decisions required to improve government efficiency and effectiveness."

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**Title IX committee to meet**  
 The Title IX Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. Title IX meetings are open to all members of the public. The committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements. Questions? Call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

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