



Awareness urged on apportionment problem

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A gathering of around 75-100 people displayed mixed feelings about the proposed supermarket complex but the employment of tribal members was a main concern.

Rangila introduced the meeting by stating that discussion of a shopping center dates back to the sixties.

The purpose of this council, he said, was to present the findings of the 1976 shopping center survey along with the three alternative site suggestions for review by the public.

Varying opinions and a number of suggestions were offered at a General Council meeting regarding Apportionment.

The purpose of the meeting was to gain input from tribal members regarding the Justice Department's apportionment order to comply with the equal rights protection clause under the Indian Civil Rights Act.

Nelson Wallulatam explained that the reason the Council is bringing the matter to the people at this time is to inform tribal members of the seriousness of the situation.

If the Justice Department receives just one complaint regarding apportionment for example, then the next election could be declared null and void.

Wallulatam continued by saying, "To avoid problems of this kind we must be aware in order to protect ourselves."

The Feb. 4, 1977 edition of the Spilyay also included an annual report by Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. The report states in part:

From a very modest beginning in 1967, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries has grown into a complex with a value in the area of \$8 million to \$10 million.

It is said to be the most successful capital-structured Tribal Enterprise on any reservation.

And it did not just happen.

The tribal leadership during the formation of the enterprise, together with their extraordinarily capable counsel and advisors, developed a concept and prepared the documents that are a major factor in the success to date.

It will be Simnasho's turn to host a powwow on the weekend of Feb. 11-13.

Traditionally known as the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow, the three-day event will feature dance contests for individuals of all ages and from all over the Northwest.

Fund-raising for the powwow has been going on for some time.

A bake sale coordinated by Eileen Squiemphen and Lillie Heath was held Jan. 25 and the annual auction took place at the Simnasho Longhouse on Jan. 30.

Four "hostesses" have also been selling raffle tickets.

These girls, who will receive Lincoln's Birthday Powwow patches for their shawls as well as other gifts, are:

Marla Patt, Ellen Gilbert, Celia Berry and Julie Seelatsee.

Tribes invest \$10 million in Pelton Project

Investment will yield 8.5 percent interest

As a means of generating revenue from interest payments, the Confederated Tribes have invested \$10 million in the Pelton Project.

Tribal Council passed a resolution authorizing the investment last week, following a presentation by Jim Manion, General Manager of Warm Springs Power Enterprises.

Secretary-Treasurer Charles Jackson also answered questions that Tribal Council members had in regard to the investment.

Investment by the Confederated Tribes in the Pelton Project will generate interest payments to the tribes of approximately 8.5 percent.

If the \$10 million remains



Power Enterprises is the tribes' most profitable enterprise.

in the tribes' "rainy day fund," then the interest payments are at approximately 4.5 percent, quite a bit lower than amount to be paid through the investment.

Also, the \$10 million remains as secure in the Pelton Project as it would be in the rainy day fund.

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than we currently receive (with the money in the rainy day fund)," said Jackson.

The tribes last year purchased a one-third ownership interest in the Pelton Project from Portland General Electric.

Cost of the purchase is approximately \$25 million. The sale agreement between the Confederated Tribes and PGE is for a term of five years.

The \$10 million investment approved by Council last week will be used to bring down the \$25 million figure.

At the end of the agreed upon term, the \$10 million will be returned to the rainy fund, and in the meantime the tribes will receive interest payments at 8.5 percent.

The Council voted 5-0 in favor of the proposal.

Warm Springs Ventures opens new office

Warm Springs Ventures is now housed in the remodeled office area at the north end of the Warm Springs Plaza.

Warm Springs Ventures is the business name of the Warm Springs Economic Development Corp., formed last year by the Tribal Council.

The goal of Warm Springs Ventures is to develop business projects for the Confederated Tribes, creating jobs for tribal members and generating revenue for the tribes.

In the near future Warm Springs Ventures will host a grand opening and open house at its new business offices at the Plaza, said Tom Henderson, corporation chief executive

officer. Office manager of Warm Springs Ventures is Sandra Danzuka.

Tom Henderson commented that the corporation is currently pursuing a number of interesting and exciting business possibilities for the Confederated Tribes.

Suggestions for potentially profitable business ideas for the tribes have come from a very diverse range of sources, said Henderson.

Anyone interested in learning more about Warm Springs

Ventures, or anyone who has an interesting business idea, is encouraged to stop by the offices, located at 3240 Walsey Lane, at the Plaza across the street from The Museum at Warm Springs.

Tribes awarded for finance reporting

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recently received prestigious recognition for its government accounting and financial reporting.

"The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in this area, and its

attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

The statement is from a report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA).

The GFOA, with offices in Chicago and Washington D.C., is a nonprofit association serving 14,000 government finance professionals.

The recent Certificate of Achievement was awarded to the Confederated Tribes for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The certificate was

awarded following judging by an impartial panel of the GFOA.

In arriving at its decision, the panel applied standards including a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" by the government entity (the Confederated Tribes financial department) to "clearly communicate its financial story."

Another standard was the government entity's motivation for potential users and user groups to read its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Heart Smart Dinner 2002

The Warm Springs Diabetes Program would like to invite everyone to the annual "Heart Smart" dinner.

It will be held at the Agency Longhouse on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 5 till 8 p.m.

We will be serving Indian Tacos this year. Come and

Join us for nutrition/diabetes education, skits, free door prizes, healthy food and fun. Heart Smart is sponsored by the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center, Diabetes Program and the Warm Springs Senior Center. For further information, call 553-2478.

Deadlines

The next issue publishes February 21, with a February 15 deadline for all letters, stories and advertising.

The March 7 issue has a February March 1 deadline.

The March 21 issue has a March 15 deadline.

Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events of interest to the Warm Springs community.

The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribe.org - this saves staff members from having to re-type something you've already printed up, thus allowing us additional time for reporting, photography and other tasks.

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