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Committees discuss 2003 goals

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Tribal government committee members gathered last week at the Simnasho Longhouse. They presented their accomplishments of the last two months and their goals for the coming year.

Raymond "Captain" Moody, representing the Timber Committee, opened the meeting.

In the last few months, and with the Christmas season approaching, the Timber Committee has been focusing on proper regulation of bough cutting, explained Moody.

There has been a meeting, he said, with bough cutters and tribal forest manager Doug Manion.

At the meeting, guidelines for bough prices were established. A package was also put together for noble fir and white pine, the goal being to reduce the impact of bough cutting.

Cedar bough is going for about 2.5 cents per pound, said Moody. Access to tribal forests will be limited to non-tribal members, who will not be allowed to cut on weekends.

"We understand it won't be a resource forever," said Moody, "and cutting needs to be reduced."

The timber committee is creating a six year plan for the management of juniper. The plan will begin in 2003.

A popular Christmas bough, juniper cutting is only allowed with a permit. Permits are not allowed for the yew tree.

Also, the Timber Committee, recipient of a Bush Administration grant effort to curb wildfires, received its first \$90,000 from the Wild Land Interface Grant program.

The grant targets areas that are at high-risk for wildfires and are at least one mile from a home.

The first area to be targeted on the reservation will be the Schoolie Flat. Moody expressed his hope that the grant will be successful, and that the program can be used on other parts of the reservation.

Another issue that the forestry branch has been addressing is the idea of a 638 Contract.

Essentially, a 638 Contract turns a federal government job into a tribal job. The government then pays the tribe the appropriate funding for the position.

In turn, the Confederated Tribes will profit between \$400,000 and \$800,00 annually. Moody said a 638 Contract "won't change much but would bring in additional needed funds."

The idea of a 638 Contract has been controversial, as some tribal members feel it would breach the Confederated Tribes' sovereignty.

For the coming year, among other things, said Moody, we'd like to continue doing timber tours.

"Timber tours are a good way to make our position known," he said.

At the meeting last week, plans for 2003 were also presented by the Range and Agriculture Committee, Culture and Heritage, Education, and Fish and Wildlife.

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Nettie Shawaway at her 102nd birthday.

Elder turns 102

By Dave McMechan
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Greatly respected for her generosity and wisdom, Nettie Shawaway has been a mentor to many tribal members.

Over the years she has shared with friends and relatives her knowledge of traditional Indian language, religion, food and cooking, songs, dance and traditional crafts.

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Workshop focuses on unresolved anger

By Selena Boise
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In your anger do you skip to brief relief, and appease your anger with alcohol or some sort of justification?

In doing that, a person continues to travel in a circle of anger, and does not satisfy what is needed at the moment of an anger outburst.

This person may feel the need to be trusted, or to feel some self worth or respect. And when this need is not fulfilled, anger will set in.

Anger management and conflict resolution were addressed at the workshop held Nov. 7-8, at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Artie Neskahi of Rainbow Walker Consulting led this workshop, sponsored by Community Counseling.

The aim of the workshop was to help at identifying anger levels and feelings associated with anger.

Originally from the Four Corners area, Neskahi lives in Seattle, where

he works with people who are dealing with their anger. This work includes training teachers, counselors and families. Before this career, he was employed as a counselor for children and families.

Neskahi says his goals are to get to the roots of a person's family communication, determine how they carry their anger, provide answers and address the emotions involved in their anger cycle.

When that understanding is accomplished, people can identify what they need in life. They can become stronger, and make clear choices to bring balance back into their lives.

One necessary part of this resolution process is emotional literacy. This is thought to be very crucial, for when an angry person gains this ability, they are on the verge of identifying their unmet needs.

This is absolutely necessary for anger resolution to occur.

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Plan calls for river permit system

By Bill Rhoades
For Spilyay Tymoo

The controversy over whether or not to impose a boater permit system on the Lower Deschutes River will reach a head on November 18, when tribal, state and federal representatives meet to discuss the issue. If tribal representatives have their way, a group will vote to implement a permit system on a trial basis beginning in 2004.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has led a battle to limit boater use on the Deschutes for a number of years, citing resource and social issues as their primary concerns. Boater numbers have long exceeded target levels during the peak season of use, but com-

mmercial outfitters and recreational floaters have thus far managed to ward off a permit system.

"The agreement (regarding use levels) was signed by all the parties," said Natural Resources General Manager Robert Brunoe. "The agreement was negotiated and the numbers were a compromise. Everyone signed the agreement."

Brunoe is referring to the Lower Deschutes River Management plan, adopted in 1993 by the managing agencies. Officials from the tribes, Bureau of Land Management (lead agency), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Oregon Marine Board, adjacent county governments, the city of Maupin, noncommercial boaters, private outfitters, sport anglers

Casino decision is still pending

By Dave McMechan
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Ted Kulongoski in the past has made it clear that he supports economic development for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Tribal officials expect in the future that Kulongoski, now governor-elect of Oregon, will maintain this policy of support.

"Our understanding is that he is in favor of our right to economic self-sufficiency," said Olney Patt Jr., chairman of the Tribal Council.

The single biggest issue that Kulongoski faces in regard to economic development of the Confederated Tribes is the location of the tribes' new casino.

The casino will be built at the Columbia River Gorge, but Kulongoski will play the key role in determining the exact location - whether near the town of Hood River, or in the town of Cascade Locks.

After Kulongoski won the race for governor, state Sen. Rick Metsger, D-Welches, released a letter to the media indicating that Gov. Kitzhaber, during his remaining weeks in office, would consider negotiating with the Confederated Tribes toward a Cascade Locks casino.

However, Kitzhaber said he would do this only on the condition that his

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successor, Kulongoski, indicates his support for the Cascade Locks site.

This announcement raised the hopes of people in Hood River County, who overwhelmingly favor development of the casino at Cascade Locks, which is much better suited for such a project in comparison with the tribal trust property near the town of Hood River.

Tribal leaders also favor Cascade Locks for the new casino. But at the same time they are determined to build at the Hood River trust property, if that is the only option available at the Gorge.

So for now the tribes are in the position of waiting, but at the same time planning.

They are waiting for Kulongoski to state his position on the site of the new casino; meanwhile, the tribes are planning to build at the Hood River site.

Most recently, for instance, tribal representatives have been studying the different architectural proposals for the Gorge casino.

Honoring veterans



Kenny VanPelt was among the Veterans Day Parade participants in Warm Springs on Monday of this week, Nov. 11. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Warm Springs VFW post and Ladies Auxiliary. The anniversary was commemorated at the Agency Longhouse following the parade.

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