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## Budget cuts to continue next year

### Possible new revenue source also considered

The Tribal Council on September 15 approved a proposed 2004 budget for posting. During the first two weeks of September, tribal government and enterprise managers and committees reviewed their programs before the Tribal Council and discussed community needs to be addressed next year.

The 2004 budget reviews began with a financial overview from the tribes' secretary-treasurer Charles Jackson.

He reported that overall revenues will continue to trend downward and that log markets are not expected to recover for several more years.

Total revenue for 2004 is expected to be \$23.3 million, down from \$27.4 million estimated for 2003.

However, Jackson said that Warm Springs Power Enterprises is confident that power revenues have stabilized.

Due to the erosion of other revenues, the tribes must continue the gradual, multi-year budget reduction plan approved several years ago by the Tribal Council.

This will require a budget reduction of \$975,000 for 2004, if no new revenue sources are found, Jackson reported. The reduction is similar to the \$900,000 reduction required in the current budget.

In making significant reductions for the current year, departments were able to eliminate job positions that were vacant. Vacant positions are increasingly rare, meaning the cuts could be harder for 2004.

As in the current year, the budget situation next year may require the use of additional funds from the tribes' revenue reserve. Jackson outlined two potential 2004 budget scenarios for the Tribal Council. One scenario would generate new revenues next year through additional contracting of BIA and IHS services.

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## Tribes hire Andersen to build new casino

### Company built Museum at Warm Springs

By Dave McMechan  
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The Confederated Tribes have selected Andersen Construction, based in Portland, as the building contractor for the casino at the Columbia River.

"Andersen has a proven, successful relationship with the Confederated Tribes," said tribal gaming spokesman Rudy Clements. "They have demonstrated great compas-

sion when working for the tribes."

In the region, Andersen Construction built the Museum at Warm Springs, and Bend's High Desert Museum.

When working for the tribes, said Clements, Andersen makes every effort to hire tribal members and tribal subcontractors.

Clements and others on the gaming expansion point team chose Andersen as the casino construction general contractor after reviewing proposals from

several building firms.

The field of candidates was narrowed to six companies. Representatives of these firms then made their presentations recently at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"All of the contractors that submitted bids were outstanding. They were all well qualified and very capable," said Clements.

"They all had demonstrated success in large construction projects."

That the tribes are familiar with Andersen, through the museum project,

The new casino is expected to cost over \$100 million to construct.

was a factor in the final decision, said Clements. Another important factor was that Andersen is an Oregon company, he said.

Other contractors were from out of state, which would increase construction cost due to travel expenses.

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## High Lookee turns 3



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High Lookee Lodge last week celebrated its third anniversary. The anniversary was celebrated with a lunch at the park area by the lodge. Above, Kit Gonzales prepares the hamburgers and hotdogs, and at left, Dorothy Simtustus checks the salmon. High Lookee wishes to thank the volunteers who helped with the anniversary lunch.



## Business ideas wanted for old station

The Shell service station by the Rainbow Market has been out of business for the past year and a half.

The Warm Springs Small Business Development Center is hoping to change this unfortunate situation.

The center is asking community members to submit any ideas they may have regarding the future use of the Shell property.

The tribes own the station and adjacent land, and the hope is to make a productive use of the property.

Anyone with an idea is asked write out proposal, maximum length two pages. Then submit the idea to the Small Business Development Center by Sept. 30.

The center's goal is to have the station property up and operational again by no later than the spring of 2004. Priority questions to be resolved are:

Should the property continue as a service station? Should there be a gas station there, plus some other additional products and services?

Or is there some other use that would be best suited for this particular property?

For information call the Small Business Development Center at 553-3592, and ask for Trudy or Gerald. The fax number is 553-3593. You can e-mail them at either [tbrunoe@wstribes.org](mailto:tbrunoe@wstribes.org), or at [gdanzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:gdanzuka@wstribes.org).

## Rare tribute to Council chairman

It is not every day that the President of the United States mentions your name during a speech.

This happened recently, though, to Tribal Council Chairman Garland Brunoe, when Pres. Bush was in Central Oregon.

"I appreciate Garland Brunoe, who is chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs," said the president, during a speech in Redmond.

The speech came at a time when the B and B Complex fires were burning out of control in the region.

A main point of Bush's speech was forest management, particularly his proposed Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, HR 1904, and the Senate will consider it in the near future.

Congressman Greg Walden, who represents the Warm Springs Reservation as part of Oregon's Second Congressional District, is lead sponsor of HR 1904.

After hearing the president's speech, Council Chairman Brunoe said, "I was impressed with his remark, 'This is not about politics, this is about savings our forests.' There is a balance for everything in this world, and I believe that is what President Bush is seeking to achieve."

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## Teaching with heart

### Students are first for Esther Kalama-Culpus

By D. "Bing" Bingham  
Spilyay Tymoo

"I think I was born to teach," is what second-grade teacher Esther Kalama-Culpus said to Warm Springs Elementary School Principal Dawn Smith during her employment interview.

Anyone who was around Kalama-Culpus when she was young could hardly escape being taught something. Her dolls and dog were always available when no one else would cooperate.

Even her younger sisters learned more about numbers earlier than any kid that age needs to know.

It always came back to teaching. When she was older, she tried cultural beading. Next thing she knew someone asked her to teach a beading class. After that Esther jumped into portrait photography. Before long, she'd been asked to teach photography.

"No matter what I did, it always came back to teaching," she said. "So I figured - hmmm - there's got to be something to teaching."

Esther got serious and headed to Eastern Oregon State College in La Grand to get her teaching degree. She admits it wasn't always easy with her sons dividing time between her and her husband, who was living on

the reservation. Once she even considered quitting.

However, that changed when she came back to the reservation and her student teaching kids came running to give her big hugs because they were so glad to see her.

It was pretty hard to look into the smiling eyes of those happy faces and seriously consider quitting teaching.

Esther finished her degree.

*"It makes me feel good when the parents say, 'Ya know, they never came home and talked about school. Now they come home every day and talk about all the things they're doing in school.'"*

About the time she was ready to graduate, a professor walked up to her and said something to the effect that now that she had her degree, she could do anything she wanted.

"I'm going back to the reservation," she proudly told him.

He didn't understand. He wondered why she would return to the reservation when she could go anywhere in the world.

"Because that's my home, that's

where I want to be," she told him.

This year is Esther Kalama-Culpus' third year teaching at Warm Springs Elementary. She does what's called looping in the teaching business. She starts with a class of first graders and follows them through second grade.

After that she returns to pick up another class of first grade students.

This year she gets a new room. She's excited and nervous. She's excited because she'll see all the familiar happy faces she remembers from last year.

And she's nervous because she's trying to decide where to put everything in her new room.

"If I move this [teaching tool] here I can grab it quicker, or I can't put that so low or the kids are probably going to be messing with it," she continues.

"There are just little things involved in moving to a new room. I know I'm probably going to be doing some tweaking, changing things a little bit."

School buildings look different before the start of the school year. The freshly waxed floors gleam in late summer window light.

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## Simnasho Shindig is next Friday

The Simnasho community will be hosting the September Shindig next Friday evening, Sept. 26. The Shindig will be at the Simnasho powwow arbor near the rodeo grounds.

The barbeque dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and social dancing and good times start at 7 p.m. A rodeo is set for Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Simnasho Rodeo Grounds.

Shindig specials include the Clown Dance contest, and giveaway in honor of Miz Hucks, with prize money for three places.

There will also be a "49 drumming contest," plus the "Sweep your teepee" championships.

Bring your own lawn chair, warm coat and good feelings. Everyone is welcome to come and dance the night away.

The rodeo on Sunday, Sept. 28, begins at 1 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per carload of people.

This is a jackpot rodeo open to all comers. Books are open till noon. Livestock provided by Alps Livestock and the Suppah family.

These events are sponsored by the Simnasho community.

For more information, or if you want to volunteer, call Captain at 553-7014 (h), or 553-2249 (w).