

Rescue: snowmobilers arrive in time

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It was Saturday, Jan. 3. The men waited the rest of that day and that night. They waited all day Sunday and all of Sunday night. They had no way to keep warm, as the Cat, the grader and the skidder are open vehicles.

At one point a helicopter flew over. It was a tribal Natural Resources helicopter on a

wildlife survey.

The helicopter team – Joel Santos and Terry Luther – learned that two men had been reported missing, and that a search was under way. On a search mission now, they were joined by Fish and Wildlife officer Larry Holliday.

They directed Wissie Smith, who employs Thompson and

Yahtin, to the area where the men were trapped. Smith went in on a snowmobile and located Yahtin. They used the helicopter to transport him to the hospital.

A short time later Jason Smith, his father Buck Smith, and Ray Roba arrived with their snowmobiles. They drove in and found Thompson. He also made

it to the hospital.

Thompson and Yahtin had numb hands and feet for a few days but they had no frostbite.

Thompson said he used to be against the use of snowmobiles on some of the off-road areas of the reservation.

He said he feels differently now.

Gathering for healing

There will be a Gathering for Spiritual Healing at the Simmasho Longhouse on Saturday, Jan. 31. The agenda is as follows:

8:30 a.m.: Registration and Continental breakfast. 9:15 Washat. 10 a.m.: Shaker Church, 10:15, Full Gospel Church. 10:30 a.m.: Introduction,

speaker Tom Ball, PhD, Klamath. 11:00 a.m.: Trauma and grief Discussion

Noon, lunch. 1 p.m.: Lighting and brushing, Shaker and all denominations.

2:30 p.m. Sharing/talking time in groups. 4:30: Washing the tears, Rosebush. 5 p.m.: dinner.

Youth summit in February

The Youth Community Action Team, along with the Madras Community Action Team, is hosting a youth summit Feb. 28.

The Summit is open to all Jefferson County students grades 8-12, including Warm Springs. The summit will include

four sets of workshops, a talent show and a dance. Lunch and dinner are provided.

For further information contact Angie or Jamasa at 475-0301. Keynote speaker is Arnold Williams. There is a \$10 registration fee. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Culver school.

Tourism: six principles to guide plan

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The March 25 meeting will be a chance for tribal members to suggest means of meeting the goal of sustainable tourism on the reservation.

Satch Miller, of Business and Economic Development, said an important part of this project is ensuring that the ideas for sustainable tourism benefit the tribal members. The question, he said, is how will the individual entrepreneurs benefit. "This is not a tribal operation. It's for the individuals," he said.

RDI has listed six principles

for sustainable tourism that will help guide the development of the action plan. The principles are:

Sustainable tourism serves a target market that is profitable, with promising long-term viability.

Sustainable tourism is integrated with and respectful of the culture, homeland, heritage and people of a place.

Sustainable tourism generates localized economic development benefits.

The development that sustainable tourism generates has

a balanced and beneficial impact on the environment and community.

Revenue from the target market for sustainable tourism is invested in conserving and enhancing the unique features of the community.

Diverse parties work together to achieve synergy in cultivating sustainable tourism and in addressing challenges that emerge.

These principles will serve as "filters" for evaluating, enhancing and prioritizing potential tourism projects. Many people

are optimistic about the potential for developing local sustainable tourism. "The reservation has great potential, because of the culture and the diverse terrain," said Miller.

Smith: oversees tribal member program

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All of the employees there are very hospitality oriented, always smiling and very friendly, which is a good thing, she said.

In her new job Smith oversees the Kah-Nee-Ta Tribal

Member Development program, a new program for the hiring and retention of tribal members at the resort. She also oversees the program of customer service training and development of the staff, with the

goal being 100 percent of employees trained.

During the peak time of year there are 330 people working at Kah-Nee-Ta. The number drops to about 230 between October and February.

Truancy: volunteers are needed

The board makes recommendations, and a case manager follows how the family is progressing, and whether the student's attendance has improved.

"You do see improvement among the families that go before the board," said David.

The board members include Perthina White, Lois Squiemphen, Wendell Cook, Agnes Wolfe, Marcella Hall and Tom Dyer. The school district would like to see more volunteers serving on the board, so more families can be served, said David.

Serving on the Truancy Board is not like serving on jury duty, he said. Instead, it's a way to be involved with making the community better by helping improve student attendance.

The reason why the Truancy Board works is that the board members are community members like the families and students who appear at the board hearings.

To learn more about becoming involved call Butch David at the middle school, at 475-7253; or e-mail at bdavid@509j.net.

The following statements from the board policy documents are helpful in explaining the importance of the Truancy Board.

Truancy is one of the most common indicators of a student's lack of success in school. In most cases it is a signal of impending academic failure, dysfunction in the family, alcohol or drug abuse and a va-

riety of other problems that may occur with today's students.

The harsh reality is the fact that the truant is at very high risk of being a school dropout, runaway, pregnant teen, or involved in some serious criminal offense.

The ability of the community and its schools to provide timely intervention can help identify, address and remedy these issues for students.

The Truancy Board has been adopted as an interim step prior to the Juvenile Coordinator Department petitions.

The board has the mission of working with parents and students to assist with attendance compliance, recognizing that all students are required by tribal law to attend school.

Credit: course teaches management

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So, they say they have to compensate for the problems they say they have on the reservation by charging higher than normal interest rates to all our buyers who don't have perfect credit.

How can tribal members protect themselves? One possibility would be for the tribe to rewrite the laws.

Another would be for the members to take it upon themselves to fix their own personal credit problems, so they can qualify for lower rates and better deals. A third choice would be to learn to be better negotiators.

The second and third choices are what this article is really about, though tribal members might be encouraged to know that the tribe has a very active committee working on a commercial code for the reservation. This code should eliminate most of the lenders justifications for these high-cost credit deals.

We suggest tribal members

can fix their own bad credit – if they are willing to put in the time and effort. It's a personal problem that can be solved by the person affected. The process is simple, though doing it is not easy. The payoff is in real dollars saved that can be better used for other needs.

Now, the commercial: A new Financial Skills for Families course starts Monday, Feb. 2 at the Community Action Team office in the Plaza, and meets once a week for eight weeks.

Subjects to be covered include: Building a Healthy Economy; Goal Setting; Tracking Spending; Developing a Spending Plan; Understanding Credit and Your Credit Report; Accessing Affordable Credit; and How To Get The Best Deal on a Vehicle Purchase.

Forty-five tribal members have taken the course so far and we are hearing good things about how the classes have helped them. If this is something you want, you can sign up by

calling Jack Quinn at 553-2542 or Shawnelle Surplus at 553-3148.

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