

Business owners plan for success

There are several people on the reservation who are looking at starting a new business, or improving or expanding an existing business.

One new business idea is Smokedawgs, a mobile tobacco outlet. This idea comes from Marceline and Robert Medina. A business that is planning to expand in 2005 is Berry Boyz Cattle, owned by Billy Joe Berry.

Other business owners who are planning for future success are Rena Suppah, whose business is Changing Seasons Thrift Shop; and Wanda Suppah VanPelt, whose business is Springers Traditional Treasures.

Billy Joe and Wanda Berry have also been making plans for their All Nations Fellowship and Support group, a non-profit business currently in operation.

The owners of these five businesses recently completed a three-month course offered by the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneur Network (ONABEN). The course was offered through the Warm Springs Small Business Center, and is called Starting a Small Business.

Successful completion of the class requires the business owner to develop a business plan.

"It was exciting to see so many people come in the center working on their plans," said Verleen Tom of the Small Business Center.

At the recent class graduation, ONABEN awarded six certificates of completion and three certificates of participation. The six certificates were for the five completed business plans mentioned above.

Others who are working on their plans are Lucelia Berry, Reforestation, a pre-commercial tree thinning venture; Residential Landscape operated by Beverly Arthur; Cultural Exchange, a non-profit business of Moses



Billy Joe Berry, A.J. Atencio, Wanda Suppah, Beverly Arthur, Rena Suppah and Jolene E. Atencio are pictured above. Business class students not pictured are Marceline and Robert Medina, Lucelia Berry, Wanda Berry, Sandra Clements, Moses Kalama and Verleen Tom.

Kalama; Ish-ta-ma-loot Computer Services, a computer aided drafting business by A.J. Atencio; and Sandra Clements' Food Catering and Concessions.

Two additional business plans are expected to be completed in the near future, bringing the total to seven, said Jolene Atencio, planner and course instructor. In noting the importance of the ONABEN program, Atencio mentioned these statistics:

Currently in Warm Springs 2 percent, or 22 individuals, reported being self-employed, and owning a small business in the 2000 Census. This is in comparison to the 5.5 percent, or 114 individuals in Madras.

With the downsizing of tribal government, small business development represents an untapped economic resource in Warm Springs, said Atencio.

Small businesses are not only

a source of employment, she said. They also provide services locally that many times are more efficiently delivered by a private business, rather than a government program.

Also, small businesses increase the flow of dollars into the community, rather than to neighboring communities. This helps to foster a healthy and essential entrepreneurial element in a community, said Atencio.

After the recent class, ONABEN instructor Aurolyn S. Watlamet, who also teaches business classes for Heritage University in Washington, said, "It is truly humbling to serve as an instructor to the individuals who have a vision and commitment to starting a business. The pride they expressed in completing the course and business plan was inspirational, especially considering the challenge for those

who have little or no experience with computers."

The next ONABEN Starting a Small Business Class is scheduled to begin in September, and will be held once a week for 10 weeks. All classes are held in the evening.

To sign up for the class contact the Warm Springs Small Business Center, 553-3592. The ONABEN tuition is \$100 to register, and is refundable by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs tribal members who successfully complete a business plan and the course requirements.

The instructors advise, "Plan on 30 hours of class time and at least 20 to 30 hours outside of class, to complete a full business plan."

Museum to host tribal member exhibit

The Museum at Warm Springs is announcing the Eleventh Annual Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Exhibit. All adult tribal members are invited to participate by submitting their art.

Artwork can range from traditional to non-traditional, from basketry to poetry, photography, beadwork, paintings and other forms of art.

Applications are available at the museum. The deadline to submit art is Thursday, Sept. 2. The opening reception for this exhibit will be on September 30.

If you have any questions, contact Natalie Kirk at 553-3331, ext. 412, during regular business hours.

Youth art exhibit at Lava Lands

The Deschutes National Forest is hosting the Warm Springs Tribal Youth Art Exhibit, "Celebrating Imagination," through October 12, at the Lava Lands Visitor Center. The exhibit features arts and crafts from youths ages 18 months to 18 years, and represents an array of talent and perceptions of culture in youth in the reservation.

The exhibit was first at the Museum at Warm Springs, then at the High Desert Museum in Bend, and now it's at the Lava Lands Visitor Center at the Newberry National Volcanic Monument.

Huckleberry Harvest set for August 27-28

The Ninth Annual Huckleberry Harvest of the Museum at Warm Springs will be August 27-28. The Huckleberry Harvest builds support for and increases awareness of the museum's educational mission.

This year the theme of the two-day harvest is, "Take Time to Visit - The Ninth Annual Huckleberry Harvest."

The event features educational presentations, including the science of archival records, the preservation techniques for tribal artifacts, traditional songs and dances.

There will also be viewing of indigenous art from the Pacific Rim displayed in the Changing Exhibits Gallery, and viewing of the nationally acclaimed permanent exhibit.

Guests will enjoy gourmet dining, live flute music, live contemporary music, and auctions of selected art and other items. The Huckleberry Harvest provides financial support for the Museum at Warm Springs. The museum must raise two-thirds of its annual operating budget to stay open to the public through the year.

Between 250 and 300 guests converge upon the museum during the weekend of the harvest. On Saturday evening the event moves to Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. A special lodging rate has been provided by Kah-Nee-Ta. Call 1-800-554-4786 and mention the Huckleberry Harvest for the special rate. The event costs are \$175 per person, or \$300 for a corporate table for eight; or \$1,500 as a co-sponsor. Event registration is available immediately by calling the museum at (541) 553-3331.

Redmond hosting Native American Festival this weekend

The Second Annual Native American Festival will be this weekend, July 23-25, at the Sam Johnson Park in Redmond.

There will be vendors, and family fun.

Anyone wanting more information, including vendors, should call 504-0193.

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Twenty-five years ago

From the July 27, 1979 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo.

Commercial salmon trollers in the 200-mile zone off the coast of Oregon and Washington were shut down for nine days and face an early season closure in September as the result of a federal court decision.

U.S. District Judge William Schwarzer imposed the two closures totaling 17 days after reviewing written testimony from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Columbia River treaty tribes.

The Commerce Department was ordered to shut down trollers north of Cape Falcon to the Canadian border. In other news:

Yakama Indian fish dealer Mary Settler, 47, feeling that she couldn't get a fair trial in state court, pleaded guilty in Multnomah County Circuit Court to felony counts of illegally processing, transporting and selling salmon and steelhead out of season. Settler has waived a trial and awaits sentencing in the matter.

The fish dealer, who admitted to selling over 12 tons of fish between April 1 and Aug. 15, 1978, faces a possible penalty of 75 years in prison and a \$37,000 fine. Elsewhere:

While a name for the commissioner's job stalls in the White House, a turnover in the acting deputy commissioner's office is causing people to wonder if the BIA post will be filled permanently this term.

Martin Seneca has resigned as acting deputy commissioner, to be replaced by Sidney Mills, head of the Albuquerque Area Office. And this:

As the mercury climbed to 108 degrees for the third day in a row, Shitike Creek became the most popular spot in town. All ages congregated in the cool waters of the swimming hole, some displaying a great deal of energy and enthusiasm as they sought refuge from the summer heat wave in central Oregon. In other news:

Delbert Frank, Tribal Council vice-chairman, cut the ribbon at ceremonies dedicating the new PATH-Foster Care Home here.

The Path program was previously located at the Residential Group Home, but is now comfortable in their new location just a few yards away. Elsewhere:

Somewhere out on the range north of the Warm Springs River Canyon there are an estimated 500 wild horses eluding a handful of humans and a helicopter.

The humans want the horses in trap corrals and the horses want only the freedom to continue grazing on depleted range grasses.

"It's like a coyote and road-runner cartoon," said crew boss Jacob Frank Sr. "We spend hours coming up with new schemes that usually explode in our faces."

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