

# Commercial Code group gathering tribal member comments

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"Warm Springs needs a Commercial Code." It's a phrase heard by many in Warm Springs who are interested in economic development, banking, small business start-up and asset-building like homeownership and car purchasing.

A "Commercial Code" is the body of laws that covers commercial transactions like loans (auto, home, and business), bank deposits, sales and leases. All states and most countries all have some form of Commercial Code to make business transactions with other communities possible.

With the intention of increasing ac-

cess to lending and banking resources, Tribal Council has begun hearing information regarding a Warm Springs Commercial Code. In April of 2003, a group of people gathered to discuss issues surrounding a Commercial Code in Warm Springs. Out of that group came a smaller "Commercial Code Advisory Group."

The charge of that group is to research current Commercial Code practices and issues in Indian Country; bring information and answer questions pertaining to the Commercial Code to the community while gathering community feedback for consideration in the development of the code; and develop-

ing the Code for presentation and eventual adoption by Tribal Council.

In November, without adopting any new code, Tribal Council created a new section of the Warm Springs Code titled "Warm Springs Commercial Code." This section of code includes previously existing code as well as "place savers" for future sections of Commercial Code. Also at the November Council meeting, the Commercial Code Advisory Group requested direction as to the Council's priorities specifically in regard to the Commercial Code. While the Council is interested in all areas of impact of the Commercial Code, the first priority selected was

financial institution services. The group was commissioned to take the next six months to research and develop code related to financial services in Warm Springs. Specifically, the group will be developing code to allow banking or credit union services to exist in Warm Springs.

The development of a Commercial Code is not without controversy, and the group will invite the community to provide input after the first of the year. The group plans a series of community meetings to provide information on what the Commercial Code is and how the elements of the code being considered may have positive or nega-

tive impacts on the community. Also during these meetings, the group will solicit the community on their concerns regarding the potential code proposals, as well as invite input on what related issues in which the community is interested. For instance, the group will invite the community to discuss their interests with regard to banking and credit union options as that is their first priority.

For more information regarding this project, you can check the Warm Springs Community Action Team webpage at [www.copartnership.org/warmsprings](http://www.copartnership.org/warmsprings); or call Shawnele at 553-3148.

## Dinner honors Boileau

Arlene Boileau is retiring from the OSU Extension 4-H youth program at the end of this month. Through the program, Boileau has served the youth of the community for the past 18 years.

In her honor, a dinner is scheduled this Friday, Dec. 10, at the Agency Longhouse.

Washut services are at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6.

Starting at 7, co-workers, family and friends have an opportunity to share their stories.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and say thank you to Arlene for all she has done for the youth of Warm Springs these past 18 years.



Arlene Boileau

## Youth bowling party New Years Eve

The Youth Community Action Team is hosting a free drug- and alcohol-free New Years Eve party at Madras Bowl from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The doors are locked at 9:30 p.m., so kids should show up on time.

This event is for high school school students only.

There will be pizza and pop, bowling and a movie, all to ring in the new year.

This is a Drug Free Communities project.

For more information, call Angie Madden at 475-0301.

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## Indian Night Out Dec. 21

The Alcohol and Prevention Program and the Youth Development and Recreation Department sponsors the Fourth Annual Community Christmas Indian Night Out.

Indian Night Out is Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the powwow begins at 7 p.m.

All dancers and singers/drummers are welcome. This event promotes alcohol and drug prevention and preservation of our culture through powwow and sharing the gift of giving to our children.

Exhibition dances will be available for our children and adults in outfit, and both will be given prizes for their participation. Everyone in attendance at this event receives a free raffle ticket for random drawings for the gift giveaway throughout the evening, but winners must be present at the time of the drawing.

For more information on this event contact Sheilah Clements at the Prevention Office at 553-4914; or Austin Greene at the Community Wellness Center/Recreation Department at 553-3243.

The deadline to submit items for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday afternoon, Dec. 17. Thank you.

## Winter session teaches drumming, traditional songs

The winter session of *Singing at the Big Drum*, for any interested boys is scheduled for Tuesdays throughout the winter months.

The class is open to boys ages 6 and older, willing to sit at the big drum and learn songs that range from Intertribal, Flag, and victory songs, and the traditional songs, including Owl Dance, Round Dance, Chicken Dance, and more.

Participants will learn respect for the

drum and for themselves while in this session, and they will learn the importance of each song and their representation to the traditional powwow circle.

Classes are held at the Community Wellness Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Class size is limited, so registration is encouraged for all singers and volunteers are always appreciated.

For more information contact Austin Greene at the Recreation Department, 553-3243.

## Learn beginning loom beadwork


Beginning loom beadwork classes are set for Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center for boys 8 years and up.

Participants will learn to prepare their designs through artwork and bead

counts. They will learn stringing of the loom board and the application of the beads to their work.

Class size is limited. Registration is suggested. For more information contact Austin Greene at 553-3243.

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