

Budget: discussion of bonus

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 Clements said he supports the \$350,000 initiative for a Cost Of Living Adjustment. He said tribal department managers recently have come up with cuts of about \$1.2 million. At the district meeting some members expressed concern over the possible loss of the annual bonus. This subject was discussed particularly after tribal chief financial officer Ray Potter distributed a bar graph showing the tribes' general fund monies dwindling down to nothing by 2011, if current

spending levels continue without a new source of revenue. Potter explained that the eventual effect the graph depicted would remain the same, bonus or no bonus. "Regardless of the bonus, the shape of the graph stays the same," he said. Potter said that at current spending the tribes' working capital would fall to about \$10 million by 2009 and under \$5 million by 2010. "We need \$6 million to run on a smooth basis, to make payroll," he said. "2009 will be a critical year, if we don't do something differently." The Simnasho District was scheduled to meet on Thursday evening of this week. This was after the print deadline for this

newspaper. A General Council meeting on the 2006 budget is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, dinner at 6 p.m., discussion at 7. The budget is expected to be finalized by the end of November. Total expenditures in the 2006 posted budget amount to \$31.1 million. At the same time revenue to the tribes in 2006 is expected to be \$26.4 million, resulting in the deficit. Most revenue - \$12.5 million - is from enterprise dividends. The largest tribal enterprise is Power Enterprises, with a projected dividend of \$10 million.

Members needed for Johnson-O'Malley Committee

Anyone interested in serving on the Johnson-O'Malley Committee of the tribes should contact Jo Ann Smith, of the Education Committee, at 480-8016 (cell) or 553-1511 (home). The Johnson-O'Malley program is federally funded, and designed to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of Indian students attending public schools. Committee members should be parents or guardians of students, said Smith. Training will be provided to anyone wishing to serve on the committee.

Healing: hope offered to victims

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 When programs and/or families can understand and accept this fact, then the criticism and victim blaming will decrease. Knowledge is power.

of Crime did a "Meth and Domestic Violence" radio presentation on the "My people and mother earth" radio show. Meth addiction increases the amount of violence in homes. It is common for abusers to use addiction as another way to control the abused. "If you call the police, I'll call CPS and you'll lose the kids."

nator Charles Tailfeathers, Senior and Disabled advocate. Martha Winishut, advocate. Rachel Smith, advocate. Viola Govenor, limited duration advocate. Pearl VanPelt, limited duration advocate.

How can we change this learned behavior?

First of all, we have to accept it within ourselves. When we believe that it is wrong for a man to beat a woman, then we can teach this to our children and others that look up to us for direction. If domestic violence is within our families we need to seek help to make appropriate changes. Men were made stronger than women to protect, not hurt them.

Ways that we can support addicted victims is to first set up a safety plan then work immediately towards treatment. Working hand in hand with other community programs is extremely important to stop violence and addiction. Understanding that people often use alcohol and/or drugs to self-medicate is extremely important. Abusers and the abused often have unresolved grief and/or trauma that must be dealt with to help stop domestic violence. Healing our wounded hearts can prevent relapse.

Encourage people in leadership (at work and home) to set the example. Allow your own family members to be held accountable when domestic violence has reached a stage of violence. Many family members hinder their own children's ability to receive correction by covering up the crime, or blaming the abused person.

We encourage your recommendations to help our program reach our goal: Promote and provide safety and justice for all victims of crime: *To empower women affected by domestic violence to live healthier lifestyles and to strengthen family structures.*

No one deserves to be beaten, no one. We must each take responsibility for our actions. We must learn self-control and seek help to stop the violence within our homes.

Present VOC's staff:
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