

## Tribal Council

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The Council Chairman then polled the full group, asking each member to state the areas he or she felt were most important to address.

Voicing the sentiment of many, one member raised up the survey report and pointed to the table of membership priorities. "Here's our direction right here," she said. "Let's get 'em done!"

The full list of priorities from the brainstorming session included over 70 individual items, some of them very specific and others much more general.

Upon analysis, the initial list sorted out into four fundamental goals embraced by the Council: to provide better opportunity to the people, to provide better support to the people, to serve the people through a more effective and accountable government, and to maintain and advance the people's sovereign status.

Each of these four goals in turn includes a series of explicit priority areas. Better opportunity, for instance, covers economic development, education, and modernization of technology and infrastructure. Support of the people addresses areas such as healthcare, substance abuse, housing, and public safety. Improvements in government will mean better communications, better focus on policy, long-term direction, and strategy, setting and following up on benchmarks, and reducing administrative bureaucracy.

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Finally, maintaining and advancing sovereignty covers land use and the environment, treaty protection and legal interests, and tribal culture, traditions, values, and beliefs.

After further discussion and consideration, which took up most of Wednesday morning's session, the Council unanimously passed a Proclamation (the chairman not voting) setting forth its fundamental goals and a list of six specific priorities that will guide the actions of tribal government over the next three years. The six priorities are:

Adoption and active implementation of a long-term strategic plan for the economy that will generate significant on-reservation jobs and revenues needed to fund other tribal priorities;

Better healthcare, including programs to reduce substance abuse on the reservation;

Improvement in education, vocational training, internships, and youth development;

More effective and accountable government and enterprises;

Improvement in the reservation's facilities and infrastructure, including construction of tribal member housing;

and Preservation and enhancement of the Tribe's natural, cultural, and sovereign endowments.

### Bear Springs and other business

With its main business of setting priorities complete, Council turned to other topics. Principal among these was the potential real estate development near Bear Springs. Clyde Hamstreet, CEO of Warm Springs Ventures, presented an overview and timeline for the project.

Council members were very sensitive of the need to hear from the people before committing significant funds to Bear Springs.

At the same time, they recognized that more information must be gathered before anyone could make an informed decision. Hamstreet outlined the required research and said that Council could aim for a November referendum.

The Secretary-Treasurer concluded with an overview of the many items on Council's plate.

Afterwards Calica said, "I was pleased with the retreat. The Council has given us their priorities and now it's up to us to set action plans and start working on them. It's good to get this kind of direction early in the term, so we can all work together in advancing the interests of the membership."



Photo by Urbana Ross for the Spilyay

The area has since been cleaned up.

## Homeless camp

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The Warm Springs Police Department has received hundreds of calls about the Rainbow boat launch area over the past two years. Jefferson County was receiving five to six complaints a day about the area.

The situation was creating a bad image of the Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs, said Ross. "People

were wondering why something wasn't being done," she said, "and they looked to the tribes and the county for solutions."

Part of the solution, she said, is to conduct outreach and intervention with the people who were living at the boat launch.

Ross, Fire Chief Dan Martinez, counselor Char Herkshan, Sheriff Jack Jones and others brought the concerns to the homeless people at the

launch last month. A public notice was then posted saying that living at the area is not permitted.

Long term solutions include planning a transitional home and a homeless shelter. The more immediate response would be to cite for trespassing, and exclude from the property any person who attempts to live at the boat launch area, said Ross.



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Alvis Smith Sr. inspects the burnt remains of a trailer that was destroyed by a suspicious fire. The trailer belonged to Vernon Smith Sr. A reward of \$200 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who started the fire.

## Committees

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Land Use Planning Committee: Lyle Katchia, Erland Suppah, Antoinette Pamperien and Jimmy Tohet Sr.

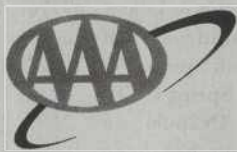
Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee: Reuben Henry, Jacob Frank Sr., Carmela Scott and Eugene Austin Greene Jr.

Timber Committee: Grant

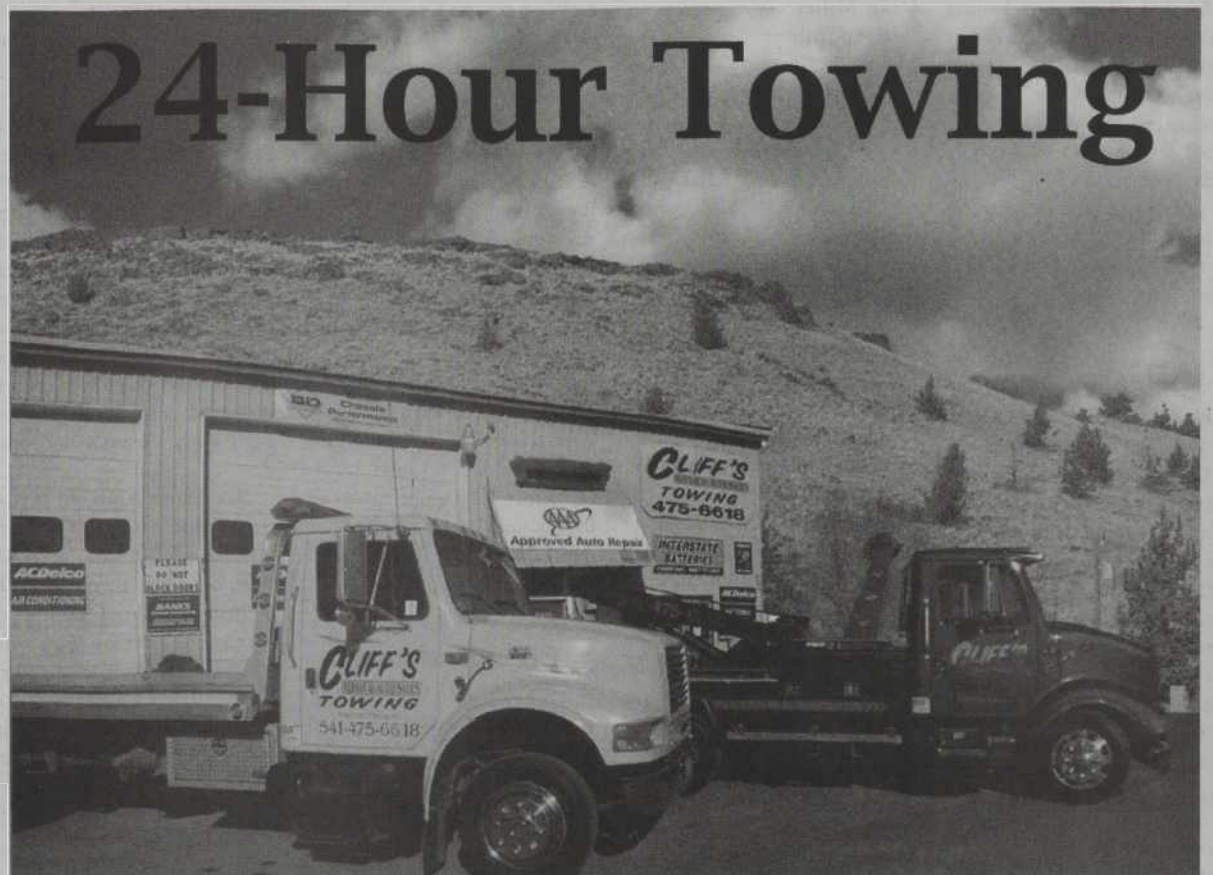
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