

Tribes, state meet at summit

Tribal Council members met last month with other tribal and state officials at the Twelfth Annual Tribal-State Government to Government Summit.

Most years, one of the nine federally recognized Oregon tribes will host the annual gathering. This year, the state hosted the summit in Salem, in Cascade Hall at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

The theme of the summit this year was "Government Strategies in a Tough Economy."

Tribal Council Vice-Chairwoman Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham gave the Confeder-

ated Tribes' presentation on "Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Economic Times."

Warm Springs has some economic success stories, such as Composite Products, and other enterprises that face significant challenges, such as Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, said Stwyer-Pinkham.

Revenue to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs comes mainly from the tribal interest in the Pelton-Round Butte hydroelectric dams, she said.

The tribes, though, are pursuing other forms of energy generation, most notably wind generation in the Mutton Mountains, said Stwyer-Pinkham.

And the Columbia Gorge casino project is moving forward, she said.

"This would be an environmentally friendly and energy efficient casino," she said.

At the tribal-state summit, Tribal Councilman Austin Greene Jr. and the Star Horse drum group began the opening ceremonies.

Along with the local and state economies and economic development, topics of discussion included:

Native American remains and the law; and public health issues in rural areas such as reservations.

New local restaurant opens this weekend

By Terri Harber
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A new local business will open its doors when the Eagle Crossing Restaurant begins operating on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Residents are invited to attend the grand opening and blessing ceremony at 10 a.m. that day.

The business occupies the former Deschutes Crossing Restaurant site, which has been remodeled by owners Randy and Brenda Nathan, and Charles Nathan, all of Nathan's Business Services.

Offerings will be family diner-style but also look for traditional favorites, such as fry bread and Indian tacos, and elk and buffalo.

Randy Nathan expects the regional game meats — both types as burgers and as elk steaks — to be the highlights of the

menu because not too many eateries in the area offer this sort of fare.

It's a move they hope will make the business stand out and draw customers from throughout the region, as well as tourists and others passing through on Highway 26.

"There are a lot of things we want to do to make it successful," Nathan said of the restaurant.

For example, the Nathans plan to build an outdoor deck that faces the river so people can dine outside and enjoy a refreshing, natural view when the weather permits. This might begin next year, but largely depends on how well the restaurant does, he said.

Running a successful business is the primary goal. The Nathans plan to achieve this by serving food that people will enjoy and serving it to them in

a pleasurable way, so they'll want to return for more.

The business name came from a Warm Springs resident who wasn't interested in recognition or the offer of free meals for the best suggestion. Randy liked it because he has seen an eagle in the area before and thought naming it after the sacred, majestic bird of prey was right, he said.

The restaurant was "one of my mother's dreams before she passed," Nathan said of his mother, Yvonne, a local businesswoman who died in 2007.

Those who provided name suggestions earlier this year likely will receive a restaurant coupon for their efforts, he said.

Operating hours for will be Mondays through Saturdays from 6 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Telephone the restaurant at 553-3123 for details.

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For more information: OSU Extension Office, Warm Springs 5533-3238.

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