

Many suggestions at jobs creation forum

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Forty-five individuals, ages 12 to 80, took part in the Job Creation and Economic Development Forum held at Kah-Nee-Ta on March 23.

"It's amazing to see this many people come together, from the youth to the elders," Jolene Estimo, tribal grants coordinator, said at the forum. "It shows that this is a great concern to our people today."

Each individual was asked for input and ideas on how the tribes could create more jobs and successful businesses in Warm Springs.

Employment situation

According to data presented at the forum, as of August of last year 31 percent of jobs in the tribal organization were held by non-tribal members, and 69 percent by tribal members.

Forty percent of jobs in the organization were held by tribal member females, and 29 percent were held by tribal member males. A total of 444 tribal members were employed within the organization, including enterprises.

Also as of last August, there were a total of 2,459 resident tribal members who were of working age.

Of that number, 2,233 resident tribal members were available for work, while 226 were not available for various reasons (higher education, military service, etc.).

Eight hundred thirty-seven resident tribal members were working.

According to the data, 1,622 resident tribal members were unemployed.

Those figures mean that 37 percent of resident tribal mem-

Suggestions included building a truck stop, turning Kah-Nee-Ta into an Indian university, or developing at water park at the resort...

bers have jobs, while 63 percent were unemployed.

Of that 63 percent (or 1,622 resident tribal members), 135 individuals had applied for work in the tribal organization.

In February 2009, the tribal master report showed 4,760 tribal members.

The highest concentrations for any age group were those 30 to 59 years old. They made up 1,604 tribal members, or 34 percent.

Some suggestions

Some of the suggestions made at the forum included:

- Developing businesses along Highway 26, and constructing a mini water park at Kah-Nee-Ta

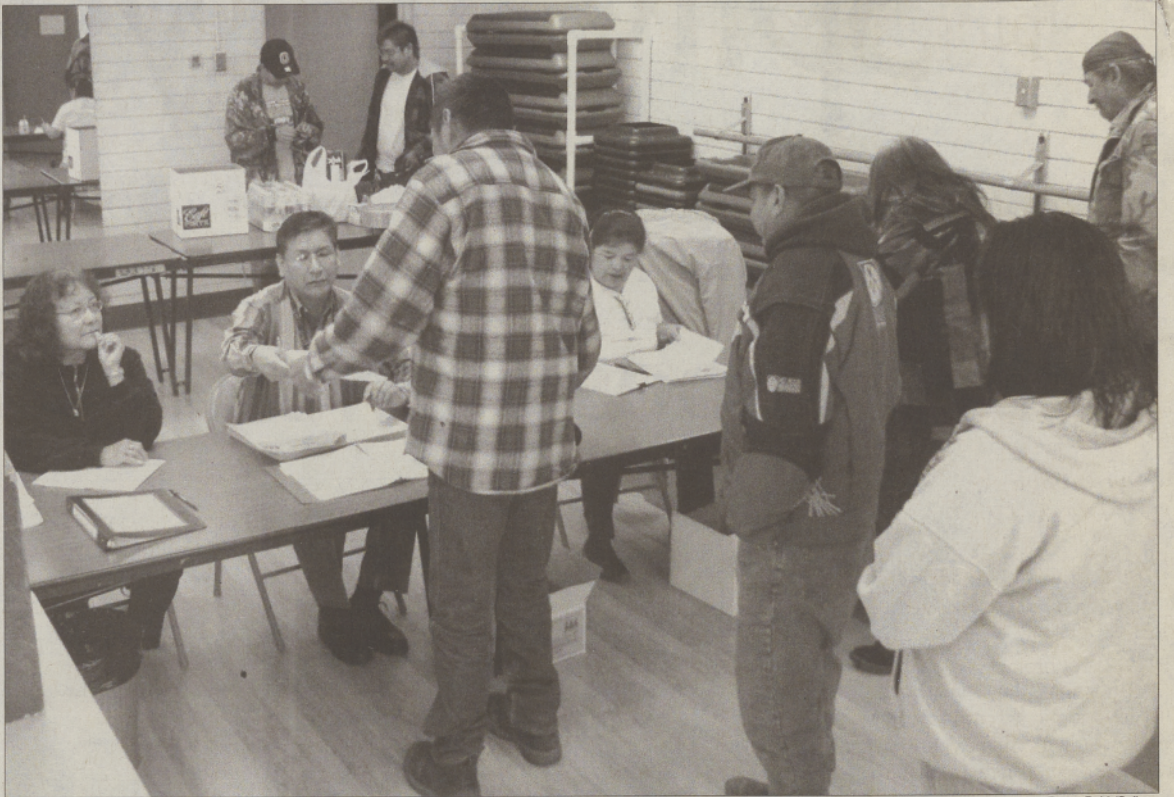
- Making improvements at existing enterprises, improving customer service, and recreation to address the alcohol and drug issues;

- Promoting agriculture on the reservation, making use of artwork, and installing toll-bridges;

- Building a truck stop, turning Kah-Nee-Ta into an Indian university, and utilizing abandoned vehicles for a you-pull salvage yard.

Youth at the forum were especially encouraged to give input.

Suggestions and ideas presented by participants will be given to Tribal Council in a special report, said Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham, facilitator.



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At the polls

Presenting ballots at the polling place last week were Beulah Tsumpti, William Rhoan and Shirley Sanders (at the table from left). During the election, a total of 1,554 tribal members cast their ballots at the polls. The polling place at the Community Center was open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., and the counting went on into the night. The results were then certified by Council the following morning. In addition to the ballots cast at the polls, another 366 absentee ballots were submitted.

Census question and answer centers open

People with questions about their Census forms can direct these inquiries to the question and answer centers in Warm Springs through April.

The question and answer centers are available as follows: Monday and Tuesday: Ad-

ministration building, conference room three, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday: Family Resource Center conference room, 1-8 p.m.

Thursday and Friday: Housing Department conference room, 8 a.m.-noon.

The Be Counted sites also are opened now. Pick up a replacement Census form at these locations:

- The Tribal Administration Building has a box at the front desk on the counter and can be

accessed 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays.

- The TeePee Deli box is on the counter and accessible 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

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