

Balanced Letters to the Editor Budget

By Duran Bobb

The tribes recently learned of a shortfall in the WSPWE dividend payment for the 2011 budget, now projected to be 6.5 million dollars less than what was expected.

"An effort to rebalance the budget in three weeks is impractical, unadvisable and unfair to the memberships' concerns," ST Jody Calica said.

"We need more time to consult with the Council and the membership. We will work to reduce major expenditures, new initiatives, reschedule some financial obligations and force savings from the 2010 budget."

Jody said the tribes may recommend a reduced bottom line that represents a balanced budget by the end of November.

"We would then work through the month of December to bring forward a list of options to reduce spending."

As hiring and travel restrictions are imposed, long-term vacancies are a source of reductions. Retirements and severance may be another feature of an option, as well as a reduction in force. Other options are being considered.

"We want to exhaust those possible remedies before we put any stresses on family wages and curtailing medical/health care benefits."

But our people have endured many hardships and challenges over the past several generations, Jody said. "We keep bouncing back. We have our land, our spirituality and our sovereignty. We haven't sold our souls, culture, traditions or kinship ties for more power, money and prestige."

This is our present opportunity to be creative with the economic development initiative, Jody said. We need to stop talking and stop building plans that sit on the shelf as more good intentions.

"We need action and results."

TOE NESS...

Spilyay was trying to find a turkey big enough to feed the whole family. He didn't see one, so he tracked down a stockboy.

"Do these birds get any bigger?" he asked loudly.

"No, Sir," the boy told him. "They'll stay that size because they're dead!"

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Teacher: Where do pilgrims come from?

Spilyay: From their parents, I suppose!

Spilyay
Speaks

Our Journey

Dear tribal members of Warm Springs,

The Museum at Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have been on a journey preserving, advancing, and sharing our culture, traditions, and artistic heritage with visitors from around the world.

The Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization; in the business of caring for and sharing our culture in a way to contribute positively to the community and the surrounding region.

In appreciation and in support of our mission, visitors from around the world help the Museum by becoming members. We, as tribal members, should have an even stronger and vested interest in the organization as it houses our history and living traditions. In partnership with elders, current and past tribal leaders, and the community, we have progressed on this remarkable Journey to educate the world of our existence and prosperity.

Many of us don't know this, but the museum is an award-winning facility in need of maintenance to remain in beautiful condition.

We are offering tribal members a special membership introductory rate to help in caring for this tribal member owned facility. The extended benefits of a museum Membership include:

Monthly electronic updates; Recognition on our world wide website;

Special invitations to museum events and opening receptions;

10 percent discount on all museum shop purchases.

Like many entities, we too have cut our already lean operating expense budget by approximately 20 percent (staff doing more for less while stretching every dollar as far as possible), and seeking donations from generous associates, contributors, and friends for assistance in this important journey.

As a tribal member, please consider "Our Journey" and become a generous member of the museum today at this special introductory rate of \$25. And remember, because we are a non-profit, you get a generous tax break back during tax season. It's Easy! And together, we can continue this journey of sharing, serving, and educating visitors from around the world.

We are digging deep to con-

tribute what we can with less than ever before, and we are asking you to join us in this important effort.

In spite of difficult economic times, we are pleased to share positive developments and news. We have:

1. Obtained adequate funding for exhibits and continue providing a world-class experience for members and visitors.

2. A new master plan for the permanent exhibit we are working on.

3. The outdoor Twanat Trail in development, a collective vision of friends and supporters of the museum.

4. The Warm Springs Canoe Project and Family, now titled N'chi Wanapum (Big River People), has received regional praises for the its success and positive outreach efforts.

5. The expanded marketing efforts of the museum have grown tremendously to include online social networking, community interaction, promotions, graphical presentation, and expanded online presence.

6. Made improvements to our website:

www.museumatwarmsprings.org and development systems to better serve our members.

7. Introduced a new online newsletter to keep you better informed about museum activities via email.

8. Updated our lighting and sound throughout the permanent exhibit and gallery.

9. A board of directors who approved and finalized a strategic plan that was supplemented by new business and development plans.

These actions have helped to ensure that the Museum at Warm Springs is able to address future needs and sustain the organization for generations to come—the essence of our mission.

Oregon is fortunate to have the high quality, moving experience provided by the Museum at Warm Springs.

We are more than a museum: We are a living history and a repository for the culture that once spanned across our state from the crest of the Cascade Mountains east to the Blue Mountains, and from the Columbia River south beyond present day Bend.

In honor of your gift, youth of Warm Springs have created a hand-made token, representing the spirit of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that we will send to you in appreciation of your beautiful gift.

Please feel welcome revisiting the Museum at Warm Springs, calling us at 541-553-3331. Or emailing: jgreene@wstribes.org

On behalf of us all as tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, whose past we honor and preserve, and whose future we dream,

thank you for your kind generosity.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Greene, development director, the Museum at Warm Springs.

P.S. For information on business memberships, please visit our website at:

www.museumatwarmsprings.org. Any donation amount will help us meet our current needs, and we look forward to sharing membership benefits with you at any level you choose. Thank you.

Creek work

Come join us for the Seekseequa Creek Restoration Day.

The Branch of Natural Resources will be completing the work on Seekseequa Creek, and we are inviting the community of Warm Springs to volunteer and join us for a fun filled day of planting willows, cottonwoods, pines and other native vegetation.

Time and date of this event is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19.

The barbecue will be at the project site from 12 noon to 1 p.m. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs with the works as a thank-you for your help and effort with this restoration project

The project site is located at the junction of the M-300 and the M-310 along Seekseequa Creek.

People interested in coming along and getting dirty can either arrive at the site on your own or we can schedule a ride for you.

A vehicle will be at the administration building and will depart at 9:30 a.m. sharp. You must call to reserve a seat, 541-553-2020.

Wear clothes to get dirty in and close-toed shoes. This is an all weather event, so please bring appropriate gear for hot, wet or cold weather.

Please call to schedule a ride or if you have questions.

Brenda Sanchez, tribal environmental office, 553-2020.

Mama

I've never thanked you enough for all you've done. If I had to thank someone for showing me the way, you would be the only one. I hope you'll one day realize enough to hear my cries, Mama. You'll always be a queen in my eyes. I've never known a soul so true. No matter how bad the things people would do, you kept a pure heart and made it through like there's a secret to it that only you knew. You would basically just say to let people be their own way, because the day they have to pay is the day we'll be okay. In my heart your words

will forever stay. I'm grateful it was you God chose to send me: You gave me the sight to see how strong we've got to be. I'm sorry for the times I made you mad, I hate the pain you were caused. I take back anything I said bad. I promise to cherish every close moment we had. The warmth from being by your side brings comfort every time I cry. There's so much inside I hide, the painful memory of when aunty Hut dawg died. Remembering back to when I was that lil girl in tears it was you who gave me love for all those years. You heard my cries no one else hears. Gave me strength to hide those fears. My hate was forced to grow. I was a scared lil girl who never wanted to let you go. When they teased me and you would never know, all that pain I had but refused to show they probably would have treated me better as a kid if you hit and yelled at me as much as they did. The love you gave me they couldn't bounce, to them it was "unfair" to me you were the only one who cared. I was blessed with the moments we shared. "MaMa" you are my air! I wouldn't wish on anyone the things I've seen, I never wanted to become this mean. A hateful teen. My reason why poetry is my only way out, my stories of what I am about, my every pain and doubt the things I want to shout, your angel in my hell, dusted me off each time I fell, the meaningful memories of yours you used to tell, about the pain you know too well helped me come out of my shell. When I was blinded you gave back my sight, taught me wrong from right in my darkest days you give me light, I'd grow weak and you give me strength to fight. You're more than my best friend, you're my guiding light, showing me that your always right there waiting in the end, without you, a broken heart can not mend. Our time together I choose to wisely spend. Now you know that you are my earth. Thanks for giving this daughter of yours birth, I love you now and forever until my very end. It was you God chose to send. **Brandi Jo Stwyer**. For my MaMa...Laura L. Kelly.

Apologies

I am sorry I broke tribal law on Pi-Ume-Sha weekend. I am very sorry about my action at my grandma's house. And it won't happen again. I apologize to my grandmother, E.J. I am very sorry, grandma. **Melvin Tewee Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 2-25-09 by violating Warm Springs Tribal Code 305.110. I was under the influence of alcohol and not thinking clearly. I apologize to J.B. and family. I

will think of the consequences of my actions before doing them. **Leo Hellon.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law by committing DUI, recklessly endangering and false identification. This will not occur again. I will be entering treatment. I apologize to the Warm Springs community. I'm working to fix the matter. **Marsha Giveno.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on April 10, 2010 by consuming alcohol and getting a liquor violation. I am sorry and I have learned my lesson. **Tiffany Torkelson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law by fishing off reservation while the season was closed. I apologize to Fish and Game. I am sorry for this offense. **Curtis Thompson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 6-25-10 by disorderly conduct in public, being intoxicated at the ball field. This will not happen in the future. Sorry to the tribes. **Caleb Jim.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 9-23-10 by consuming alcohol while being under the age of 21. I apologize to C.M. and my parents. I hope to better myself and not drive while being under age. **Orlando Johnson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 8-13-10 by drinking in a public place. I am sorry for my wrongdoing and it won't happen again. **Tammy Robinson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 13, 2010 by committing disorderly conduct near the Warm Springs Market. I apologize to the market. I am sorry for the inconvenience and disruption. **Rhonda Robinson.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on June 11, 2010 by giving false identification and disorderly conduct. I apologize to the community for my mistake. I will try to change from my evil ways. I apologize to the officer who arrested me. **George Silver-smith.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law by reckless endangering and driving under the influence. I apologize to L.B. I will make better choices. **Harold Pennington.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 22, 2010 by A&B and domestic physical violence on my wife. And for being highly intoxicated. Sorry for the embarrassment I brought to my wife and family and my in-laws. Sadie you are the love of my life. I love you and it will never happen again. Please try to forgive me, Sadie and my in-laws. **Woodrow Picard Jr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 22 by aiding and abetting and concealing a fugitive. I'm apologizing to my family and the community for the damages that occurred at my home. I will never do this again. I apologize to C.A., G.P., A., mom and dad, R. and R.Jr. and R. **Kaliska Wallulatum.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on August 22, 2010 by unlawful use of a controlled substance on the reservation. I apologize to the community and the arresting officers. I apologize to R.M. **Shana Johnson.**



Happy birthday and other wishes...

On November 21, Happy Birthday! To my baby, my daughter, my friend. **LaVonne**. I'll always love you no matter what age you are, you'll always be my baby. Love you, Dad.

Happy belated birthday to my grandkids, Gary, Oct. 11, ten winters; Evalone, Nov. 1, eight winters; MahKiyah, Oct. 19, six winters; and Tommie, Nov. 15, two winters. Love you all, Grandpa.

Happy birthday Amy Bobb (Nov. 8)! Love,

Mom, Bobbi, Freddie, Ron, Travis, Michael, Kendall, and Baby Jessie Bobb.

Happy birthday to my partner in crime, Amy Bobb! Love, Nicky.

Happy birthday, Amy Bobb. From Ida Frank.

Happy Birthday to Trey Leonard! Love, your family.

Happy birthday to my niece **Holly Berry Noel Diaz**, Nov. 17. Eleven winters. Love you lots, Uncle.

Happy birthday to my nephew "Ted Man" Theodore Edmond Perez. Love you, nephew, always think of you. Nov. 18. Love, Uncle. Nineteen winters.

Happy 3rd birthday to my son, **Matthew R Suppab-Scott**, on Nov. 2. From Dad, Mom, and sisters **Sophia and MC.**

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