

A rock and a hard place

By Duran Bobb

The recent crisis at the mill brings to the attention one solid truth on the reservation: with a 69 percent unemployment rate, we need jobs now.

According to some leaders, we are now cutting timber five generations into the future.

That is, the timber we are cutting now was meant to be cut by tribal members 100 years from now.

Tribal leaders have heard ideas and suggestions for new businesses. Some of these have been brought to the people for input.

Several years ago, the idea of building a ski resort on Mt. Jefferson was suggested.

"There were studies that told us the ski resort could bring in a million dollars a year," Chief Delvis Heath said. "But a lot of people didn't agree. No, that's our hunting area. Or we said, No that's our berry-picking area. Or that's where our water comes from. So it fell through the cracks."

There was also an idea for a golf resort at Bear Springs that fell through the cracks.

There was an idea for a manufactured home assembly plant. A truck stop. A biomass power plant. A horse-rendering plant.

"We have a lot of good ideas," Chief Heath said. "We need to put the ideas to work on the reservation. The tribes have a lot of land, and right now that land is sitting idle."

Chairman Smith agreed.

"The answer is revenue. When our people come up with something that has the potential to produce revenue, we as tribal members should support it. Everything else is going to run out. We have to look around now and see what's going on. Get some enterprises operating on our land."

At a recent meeting, a mill worker said, "If you shut us down, are you going to find me another job?"

Tribal Council is in a tough place. Their burden is to create jobs for tribal members, but new enterprises can generate opposition.

"If you take it to the people, it's turned down," Chairman Smith said. "But the future is right here. It's now."

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Spilyay: Ow! IHS said I broke my leg in two places!

Kasa: Well, did they tell you to quit going to those places? YIKES!

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Spilyay Speaks

Letters to the Editor

Seniors trip

We as a class would like to thank all of our sponsors for our trip to California. Without you our Senior Trip would not have been possible.

For our Senior Trip, we went to California and had a blast! We enjoyed Disney Land "Grad Nite" and Knott's Berry Farm Adventure Park, as well as sightseeing, shopping, many laughs and smiles together.

First, we would like to thank Warm Springs Composite Products, the Credit Enterprise and board, Warm Springs Ventures, and Secretary-Treasurer Jody Calica for the donations. It is very much appreciated.

We would also like to thank Kristina Sampson for the fish to be able to do our Salmon Bake and John Platt's Winery. Thank you, John, for allowing us to use your winery and a place to stay while attending.

Thank you Austin Greene for donating hamburgers and fries, as well as the use of the Community Center kitchen. Big thanks to Evaline Patt and Chelsie Patt for inventory toward helping our fundraisers.

Thanks to Dayle Tufti and Tasheena George for all the help you have given us toward the fundraising. We are all very grateful for all your help and time you have given us. You all made such a great impact for helping us with fundraising.

We would also like to give big thanks to Donnie Bagley for taking us down to Amtrack, and Jerry Sampson for picking us up after the trip. Thank you so much for the transportation.

And we can't forget the chaperones! Thank you Krysta Rhoan, Sandra Greene and Angie Spino. Without you guys watching over us, who knows what the outcome might have been. Aze. Thank you all so very much for making our trip unforgettable!

Greatest thanks to Sandra—without you, who would make our fry bread and be our planner? You're the best and you made a ton of possibilities happen for this trip. You put in a lot of time and effort, and we will always be thankful.

Thanks to all of you, our sponsors and supporters. Thanks to all for buying raffle tickets! You have supported us all very much. (Raffle results are on page 6.)

Thanks to everyone! We will all have priceless and fun memories together as a Senior Class.

Thank you all so much from the Class of 2011!

Justin Queahpama, Mallory Smith, Triston

Boise, Rosey Suppah, Cyrus Conner, Mysti Spino, Tyrone Lawrence, Lucy Suppah, Larry Spino, Norene Sampson, Wes Smith, Jessica Simpson, Amanda Yazzie and Cheyenne Wahnetah.

Raffle winners

Congratulations to the following winners in the 2011 walking team Wading 2 Exhale raffle:

Darlene Benson: \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Scott Fluhr: \$50 Starbucks gift card.

Val Squiemphen: Pendleton purse.

Marella Sam: Beaded (red) earrings.

Reicie Chavez: Corn husk earrings.

Darlene Benson: Beaded (purple) earrings.

Renso Rodriguez: Beaded (red) earrings.

Topaz O'Reilly: Beaded (pink) earrings.

Birdie Wermey: Museum at Warm Springs gift basket.

Adam Haas: \$50 Safeway gift card.

Sissy Smith: \$50 Safeway gift card.

Melissa Benson: \$30 cash.

Marella Sam: \$30 cash.
Wahnetah: picture frame.
Bez Wermey: picture frame.
Earl Squiemphen: picture frame.

A. Mgr: Adidas cap.
Tami G.: windbreaker.

Aaron Fluhr: blanket.
Reicie Chavez: cordless telephone.

Topaz O'Reilly: 3-piece bath set.

Rita Squiemphen: jumper cables.

Lillian Dick: Armor All car kit.

Barbara Devore: Sunbeam iron.

Topaz O'Reilly: cell mate.

LeMinnie Smith: beaded necklace.

Tom O'Reilly: beaded watch band.

I wish to thank everyone who purchased tickets to help support our team.

The funds will be used to help off-set travel cost for our team in participating in the 2011 Portland to Coast relay walk, which is held August 26-27, 2011.

A special thanks to a super group of gals on the great job of selling tickets and for your donations to the raffle.

Again, thank you community

of Warm Springs.

Earlyne Squiemphen, team captain.

Wishes...

There are two members in my close family that I wish and want to know, Have a safe and happy birthday this year!

They are my brother Howard L. Patt, who will had his 44th birthday this year on August 4.

I'd also love to hear that my youngest son Avery Frank will have a safe but happy birthday on the 25th of August this year!

I'm your sister Howie, and Avery I'm your mother. I love to see both of you guys getting older every year. I love you boys very much. Have a happy and great birthday this year!

Love,
Evette Patt.

Your love within

Julia Dablana Ortiz, it's hard to be apart from you, when all I want to do is feel your touch and see your loving smile. When we met I was afraid to talk to you, but I did talk to you I was afraid to know you. And when I got to know you I was afraid to kiss you. But when

I kissed you I was afraid to love you. And now that I love you I'm afraid of losing you baby girl. I keep thinking that it won't always be like this. Because someday we'll be able to hold each other and then I'll know it's not just your touch and loving smile that I've always missed in my life. Papa siempre, tu esposo. Matthew Ortiz.

Missing home

I spend a lot of nights laying in my bed thinking about the day I finally will be able to come home. In a way I'm happy things happened the way they did. I truly believe coming to prison saved my life. I have no bad feelings toward anyone and I hope nobody has any toward me. I apologize to my family and community and would like to know I'm walking on the Red Road. If you would like to get in contact with me, you can write. All my relations.

Jarrod Allen, sid no. 15101284

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Next deadline to submit items to the Spilyay is Friday, August 19.

TeleCo Corner

People who made Warm Springs Telecom a reality

by **Marsha Spellman**
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As mentioned in a previous article, telecommunications planning for the Warm Springs Reservation began more than 10 years ago.

At that time tribal leaders realized there were serious problems with telecommunications on the reservation.

They decided to take steps to rectify the problems and bring Warm Springs up to the needed levels to be competitive with the rest of the world.

Who were those visionary leaders who took those early steps? Who are the people that have continued to work on these plans?

This has not only been a long-term project, but it has only been possible because of the many people who have contributed to the effort over the years.

This article will introduce your telecom gurus and leaders who have worked on this project to bring new telecommunications here to all corners of the Warm Springs Reservation.

The visionaries

At the start of this project the visionaries were Rudy Clements, Sal Sahme and Lloyd Phillips.

In order to have any project take shape—whether it is the tribal teleco or a major corporation like Microsoft—there has to be a person, or few people, who have an idea and then follow through to make it happen.

The tribal leadership for telecommunications more than 10 years ago was a small group that had a big influence on what is happening with both the telecom company, as well as the evolving improvements to the public safety radio network.

Atwai Rudy Clements and Sal Sahme both worked for the

tribes at this time. These two men recognized that telecommunications were lacking, and that without robust telecommunications the tribes would only lag further behind in economic development and education.

Rudy and Sal formed the first Telecom Steering Group (TSG), which is the telecom stakeholders group for the tribes that meets regularly to discuss problems, issues and successes with telecommunications on the reservation.

Lloyd Phillips worked for Warm Springs for more than 30 years as the information technology director. First for the tribes, and then for Warm Springs Ventures, which is the new IT venture charged with developing new technologies.

Without these three men, the telecom situation on the reservation would not be moving into the Twenty-First Century, as it is today.

Both Sal and Lloyd have retired from their positions with the tribes. Sal continues to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Warm Springs Telecom Company (WSTC).

Strategic planners

The drafters of the Strategic Telecommunications Plan were: Sal Sahme, Lloyd Phillips, Mike Clements, Ray Rangila, Herb Graybael, Rudy Clements, Paul Young and Sue Matters.

These individuals worked on the Telecommunications Strategic Plan originally published in March of 2006.

That plan has been an important road-map to improving telecommunications reservation-wide. The plan is now being revised by the TSG.

These individuals have shown initiative in helping the teleco along:

Community and Economic Development Planner Lonny Macy; Jeff Anspach, chief ex-

ecutive officer, Warm Springs Ventures and the Warm Springs Telecom Company; and Sandra Danzuka, Warm Springs Ventures administrative officer

While the visionaries were instrumental in getting things off the ground and providing the impetus for all that would follow, there are tribal staff that continue to make their dream a reality.

Lonny Macy has been the leader in making some of this possible. He chairs the TSG, and has been one of the people who brings to the Council the plans and grant requests to raise money for telecommunications.

He has been the inside guy, working with the Tribal Council and administration, and he also represents the tribes at the state level on the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council and the State Interoperable Executive Council.

Jeff Anspach is a Certified Public Accountant, and for the last five years has been the head of Warm Springs Ventures, the tribes' economic development company.

Once Lloyd left, after more than 30 years of service to Warm Springs, Jeff took up the charge by recognizing the potential of having a tribally owned telecom as an economic development engine for the tribes. As the telecom project became a part of Ventures, Jeff has been a leader helping to take the idea of a tribal telecom company to a reality. He was also instrumental in securing the \$5.4 million Broadband Stimulus award for the Tribal telco.

Sandra is the doer of everything that needs to be done. From helping Converge Communications with grant applications, to working on a marketing study for the ARRA stimulus grant, to basic computer assistance, and organizing kick-off events, Sandra has been a key member of the team.

Tribal leadership has come from Aurolyn Pinkham-Stwyer, Ken Smith, Wendell Jim and Jody Calica.

In order to transform a vision into a reality, these tribal leaders were the cheerleaders for the new company. They understood the critical need for improved telecommunications for economic development and job creation, educational opportunities and new telemedicine applications.

Both Aurolyn and Wendell served on the Tribal Council during the critical time when funding was being sought and helped the Council to understand why they needed to support this new company.

Wendell, as the Education Director, still is working to upgrade the telecom access for the education department.

Ken, who served in tribal leadership for many years, is on both the Warm Springs Ventures and the Warm Springs Telecommunication Company boards of directors, giving his time and expertise in directing the company.

Jody played a key role as a member of the Warm Springs Telecom Team, the group that established the Warm Springs Telecommunications Company and formed its first board of directors.

Aurolyn, Ken and Wendell were part of a trip to Washington, D.C., where a small group—including Jeff Anspach, Ken Smith, Adam Haas, the three tribal "cheerleaders" and myself—met with RUS, FCC and other government leaders to talk about the issues of telecommunications on tribal lands in general and Warm Springs specifically.

These meeting showed D.C. funders what Warm Springs was doing to improve telecommunications on the Warm Springs Reservation.

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