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Council okays bond settlement

By Dave McMechan
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Tribal Council this week approved a settlement regarding bonds the tribes issued in 2003.

The tribes issued the bonds in order to pay for the purchase of one-third of the Pelton-Round Butte hydroelectric facilities.

The potential for litigation over the bonds arose in 2008-09, during the recession.

The circumstances are complicated, and details of the settlement agreement are subject to confidentiality. Members can speak with their Council representatives for more information.

Through the settlement, the tribes avoid a potential lengthy litigation, which would have been expensive.

Tribal Council, management and attorneys have been working on the resolving the Pelton bonds dispute for about two years. In other budget news:

Tribal department managers met last week with the secretary-treasurer, chief operations officer and finance staff regarding the 2012 budget.

According to a draft of the budget, substantial reductions—about \$3.5 million—would be needed to balance the expenditures with revenue.

One of the reasons for the reduced revenue for 2012 is a result of the U.S. economic situation.

The tribes in the past have earned revenue from investments. For the current year budget, for instance, the estimated investment revenue is \$1.9 million, although the amount the tribes have actually realized is substantially

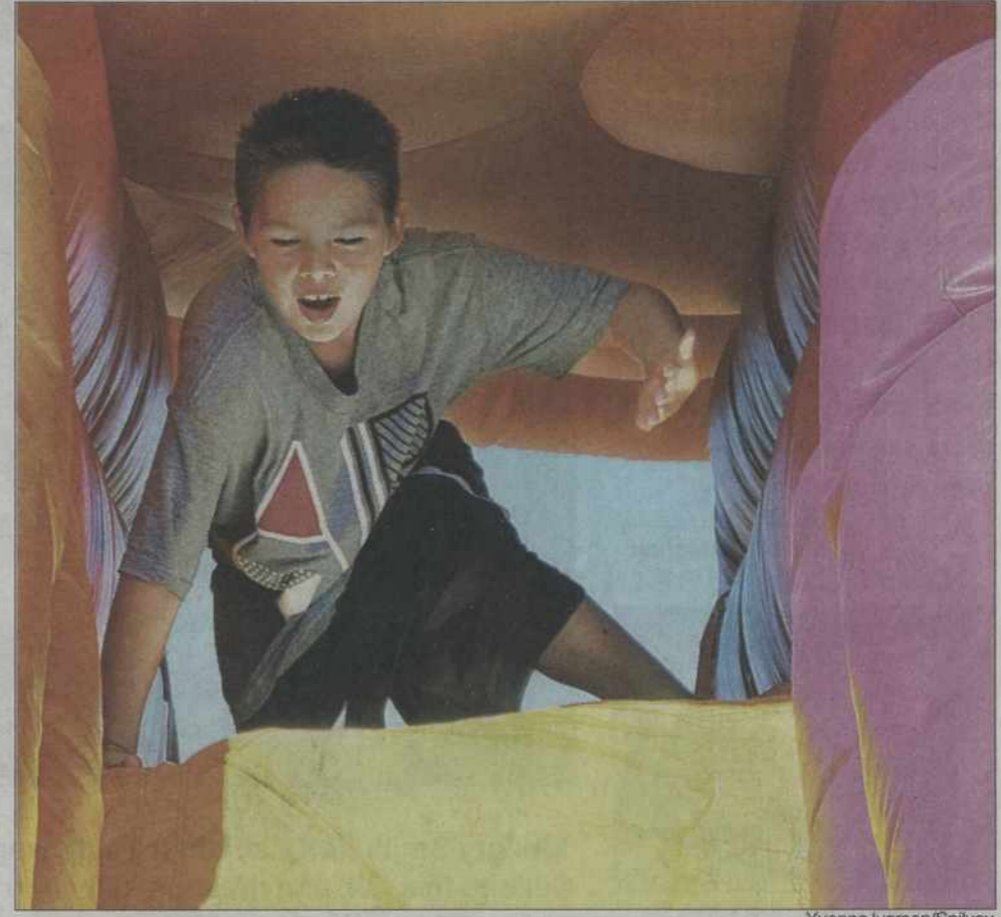
less. So for 2012, and the two subsequent years, the projected revenue from investments is estimated at \$0. That is the more realistic figure in this economy, said Mike Collins, chief finance officer.

On a better note, the gaming dividend is expected to go up over the next few years, from \$1.16 this year to \$2 million next year and then \$4 in 2013.

For the past few months tribal departments have been following budget restrictions to avoid adding to the 2012 budget shortfall. For instance, there have been no travel requests since the restrictions were implemented.

Tribal members can comment on the budget during the district and general Council meetings in October.

Summer Jamboree



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Del Ray Johnson prepares to plunge down the 15 foot inflatable slide at the Family Jamboree Day held at the Community Center.

Tribal leadership considers officer authority law

By Duran Bobb
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Tribal Council has given the nod to a recommendation by the tribal legal team to move forward with the next step in participation to Senate Bill 412.

The bill was recently passed by Oregon legislature, providing tribal police with limited authority off reservations for two years, including power to continue pursuing suspects who leave tribal land, and to take action when a crime is committed in front of them.

"The bill is not simple," tribal attorney Howie Arnett said. "It doesn't say tribal officers are police officers. It says tribal officers will be regarded as officers under state law if certain requirements are met."

Some of the requirements mentioned in the bill are the result of op-

position from the Oregon Sheriff's Association.

"Some of the strongest opposition that we saw came from the president of the sheriffs association, who is from Clatsop County, which is strange, because there are no reservations in Clatsop County," Arnett said.

Attorney Lauren Lester said in her update to Tribal Council that many of the requirements mentioned in SB412 are currently met under branch policy.

"The requirements say that the tribes must comply with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training," she said "We already put all or most of our officers through the academy."

Another requirement deals with insurance. "The tribes would have to submit a declaration that it is self-insured or has insurance from a company that is licensed to sell insurance

in Oregon. We have insurance in excess, as it is," Lester said.

Other requirements deal with records, tort claims laws, deadly physical force plans, preservation of evidence, and a pretrial discovery policy.

"Throughout the legal process, the biggest complaint of the sheriffs association was that the bill did not provide reciprocity," Arnett said. "They thought, 'This bill is going to allow tribal officers to become just like any other anywhere in Oregon, against any non-Indian. If that's the case, we should be able to enforce state law on the reservation.'"

However, due to inherent sovereignty, the reservation is free from state criminal jurisdiction.

"That's a federal law as well, and we kept saying that," Arnett told Tribal Council.

SB 412 says the county can ask for

reciprocity, but the tribes can explain why it cannot happen.

"This becomes a non-issue by October 18," Arnett said: If reciprocity is not requested by that date, the issue goes away.

The sheriffs for Jefferson and Wasco counties work closely with reservation law enforcement, and as yet there is no reason to believe either of them will request reciprocity during that time.

"It seems like we're diluting our exempt 280 status," Tribal Councilman Ron Suppah said. "It sounds like the state is dictating what they want. They want us to do a hell of a lot. But what are we requiring of the state?"

In the 1950s, Congress passed Public Law 280, extending Oregon's criminal laws to most Indian lands in the state.

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Back to School BBQ next week

The Back to School Barbecue and school supply giveaway is at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the campus.

The first day of school is Wednesday, Sept. 7 for:

Warm Springs Elementary School (first through fifth); Jefferson County Middle School (sixth and new students); and Madras High School (ninth and new students).

For seventh- and eighth-graders at the middle school, and tenth- through twelfth-graders at the high school, the first day of school is Sept. 8.

Dedication, cooperation make Culture Camp happen

By Dave McMechan
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This year the camp at Peters Pasture hosted 31 young people who learned traditional languages, river life, bow and arrow use, beadwork, traditional foods, among many other activities.

The youth stay at the camp overnight, in tents. They make their own rules of conduct, such as no shaking of tents, no cussing, no kicking dust, etc.

During the day the adult supervisors and volunteers keep the young people busy and interested with outdoor lessons, hiking, the sweat lodge, fish cleaning and cooking, canning and many other activities.

It is amazing the amount of work that goes into the 4-H Culture Camp.

Arlene Boileau has been the organizer of the camp for over 20 years. It takes a full year to prepare for the camp, beginning with the fundraising, she said. "You have to secure the money before you can really start planning," she said.

This may be the last year that Boileau, who retired from her job a couple of years ago, coordinates the Culture Camp. And for that reason this may be the last year of the camp, as it would be hard to find someone who could replace her.



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Miss Warm Springs Tamera Moody spends an afternoon working with the 4-H campers on beading.

There are dozens of people who help with the camp, Boileau said. To name some of them:

Lana Leonard and her summer youth workers helped with the set-up, as did Workforce Development, and

Tiger VanPelt. Jason Smith from Natural Resources was a huge help, Boileau said. D

"We try hard to provide cultural teaching, and activities that are fun."

Arlene Boileau

Courtney and Utilities staff were very helpful, as was sanitarian Nancy Collins.

More help came from Liz Johnson and IHS, Diabetes Prevention, Les Schwab Tire Center, the Warm Springs Police Department, Fire Management, and Warm Springs Fire and Safety, tribal Natural Resources.

Terry Macy of Warm Springs Market, and the Vehicle Pool helped with transportation. Clifton Brunoe, traveling from Troutdale, helped with the bow and arrows, which were provided by OSU Extension. Extension staff also helped with camp activities.

Greatly appreciated are the contributions from Val Switzler and her staff at Culture and Heritage, Caroline Cruz and the Department of Human Services, and the Community Health Education Team (CHET).

"And I really thank the parents for trusting me with the children," Arlen said. "We try hard to provide cultural teaching, and activities that are fun."

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