

Some serious questions

The tribal budget process this year could prove to be one of the more challenging in recent years. The proposed budget, posted by Council on Sept. 28, includes a deficit of \$1.64 million. This means more cuts or revenue are needed before the final posting.

Some have already met on the 2012 budget situation, with about 45 members attending the "Our People's Meeting" last week at the Agency Longhouse.

Spilyay Speaks

Members from each district organized the meeting. Some budgetary topics discussed were:

Travel expenses, the Senior Citizens Pension Fund, the temporary casino, the hiring of non-Indians in certain positions not affected by the current hiring freeze, and spending from the rainy day fund.

Council members likely will hear about these matters at the district meetings coming up this month.

At the "Our People's Meeting," other subjects came up as well, including the Early Childhood Education Center, Childrens Protective Services, and a recent petition calling for the tribes to do away with the inclusion of chiefs as political figures on Tribal Council...

Serious questions in these serious times.

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Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging of how great their fathers are. The first one says:

"Well, my father runs the fastest. He can fire an arrow, and start to run, I tell you, he gets there before the arrow."

The second one says, "Ha! You think that's fast! My father is a hunter. He can shoot his gun and be there before the bullet."

The third one listens to the other two and shakes his head. He then says: "You two know nothing about fast. My father is a civil servant. He stops working at 4:30 and he is home by 3:45!"

Why does it take five Irishmen to change a lightbulb?

One to change the bulb; four to remark about how grand the old bulb was.

Did you ever wonder why the person who invests all your money is called a broker?

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Letters to the Editor

B&G Club

We truly appreciate the parents, various individuals, volunteers and community partners who have been working with us throughout the school year and summer. Because of you, our program has remained successful in serving over 50 youth on a daily basis.

At this time we would like to personally thank Warm Springs Fire Management for thinking of the Boys & Girls Club kids.

Also thank you to the individuals who delivered all the items. Your donation of the left over fire camp items (food, drinks, plastic bottles and tables) has helped us tremendously. It means a lot to the kids and staff.

We are continuously struggling like many, and every little bit helps. We are very grateful to have people like you in our community.

Sincerely,

June A. Smith, club manager.

Recent fire

I heard and know of the terrible fire in September on the reservation. I really thank all the tribal members of Warm Springs for volunteering to help put out and get in control of the terrible fire. I heard there were many volunteers who helped put it out.

Prayers are very helpful and powerful. Amen.

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Wishes...

Happy birthday to Shannon! I hope you have a good one on your day, and be good! BOE always S.h.m.i.l.y?

Happy birthday on Halloween to June and Juliane Smith! From Sue and KWSO!

Happy birthday to Jaden! Love from Uncle Dave.

Happy anniversary to Cheryl—Ten years is not so long a time! Love, Dave.

Team 'No Fear'



Team members are (top row from left) Cheryl Lohman, Melissa Benson, Pam Keo-Oakes, RaNeve Dowty, Carol Sahme and Shawna Jackson; (middle row) Linda Porter, Earlynne Squiemphen, LeeAnn Wermey, Oliva Sanchez and Juanita Simpson; and (kneeling) Lynn Graybael.

The 2011 Portland to Coast Walk Relay was held in conjunction with the annual Hood to Coast run on August 26-27, 2011.

The overall finish time for our team, Team No Fear: 32:27:15—Compliments to the team!

I would like to personally say, these ladies did an awesome job during this walk despite a few blisters along the way—They all deserve a big round of applause for giving it their all. Especially the newbies who didn't know what to expect, but can you believe it, after the race was done they came to the conclusion, "It was fun." And this is what it's all about: Fun and adventure all the way to

Seaside. Great team spirit and camaraderie!

A very special thank you goes out to:

Brunoe Logging, DE Composite Products, and the Museum at Warm Springs for your donations in helping our team. Also, Kah-Nee-Ta for the gift certificates and pool passes—the ladies will enjoy them.

Congratulations to the other teams who participated either in the Portland to Coast Walk or the Hood to Coast Run. Great job everyone!

Again, thank you to everyone for helping to support our team.

Earlynne Squiemphen, team captain.

Indian Business Talk

The power of positive thinking—I can and I will

By Bruce Engle

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A couple weeks ago many of the nationally known economists were acknowledging a 50-50 chance of going into a double dip recession. Now, some of the same economists are saying we are in one.

So what's new for us? Much of Indian Country hasn't come out of the last one.

What can we do now to get through this one—More of the same or something new? What works?

Moving in with relatives or friends is often a first option. The key is that the combined incomes of the "new" household must cover necessary expenses better than the previous separate household incomes covered necessary expenses at the separate home locations.

Compatibility of occupants is also a consideration. That is a social and economic solution.

A strictly financial solution is to have a job, hunker down, don't take on new debt, pay down old debt, put some savings away for emergencies, and keep on building your retirement account.

Sounds simple? It is! But, it isn't easy.

A living wage job is a must. Two jobs can help even more, unless all the income from the second job goes to travel, professional clothing and child care.

Moving elsewhere for a job works if jobs are available there and you can get one that will pay well enough to make the move worthwhile. Being hired before

moving is wonderful.

Sometimes the solution is to stay at home and start a new business. That isn't easy in the best of times. Most new businesses fail in the first year. Good planning can help to avoid that calamity.

There are a lot of questions you would have to ask and answer about yourself as a potential businessperson, about the business you want to open, about the local economy and about your ability to finance the business.

You will need a business plan. The Community Action Team can help that.

They are set up to do the same kind of business planning and counseling as was available at the previous Small Business Development Center. Their number is 541 553-3148. Ask for Lonnie. He knows business.

Will the local economy support you, as an employee, or as a businessperson?

W.S. economy

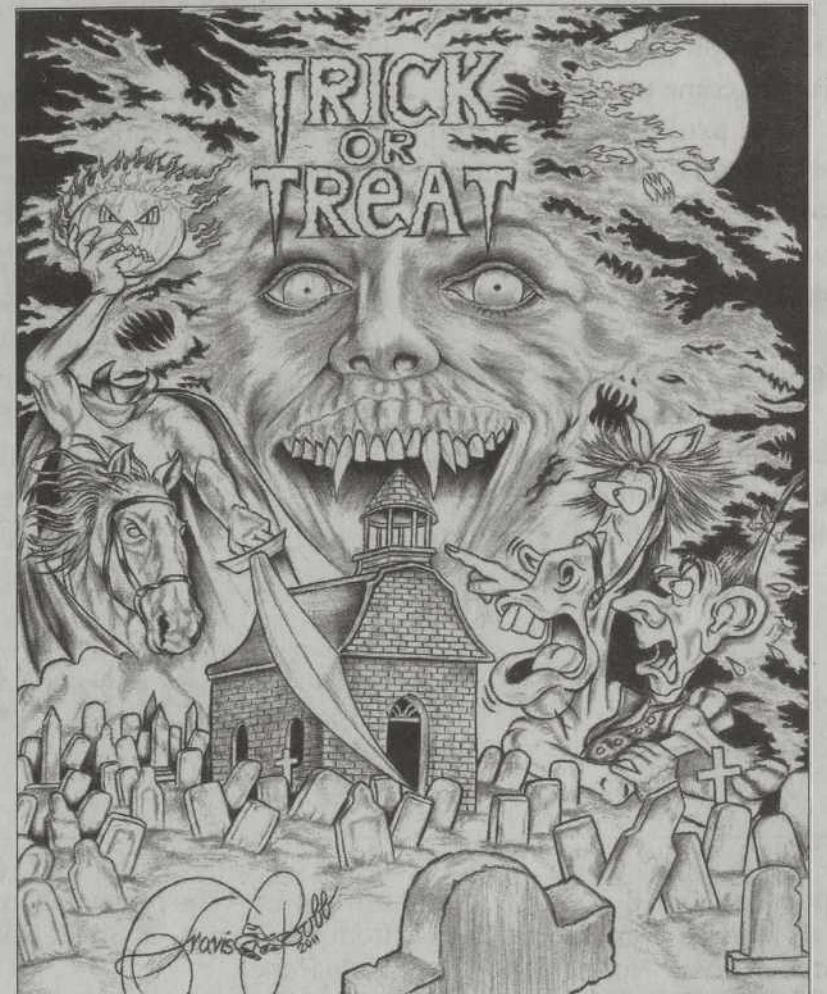
Developing and maintaining a vibrant local economy isn't easy. Many elements have to be brought to the task.

Among them are investment capital and human capital—and humans with capital. We call those last ones "buyers."

The investment capital can come from savings, loans, or investing "partners."

The human capital includes an "I can and I will" mind set; the energy and drive to succeed; and the skills and abilities that are developed at home with the family, in schools, at trainings, and in the business community.

Getting ready for Halloween



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb reminds us that Halloween is fast approaching!

The Community Wellness Center and Recreation Department will present the Employee Halloween Costume Contest on Monday, Oct. 31, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Community Center social hall.

There will be a light lunch. Costume categories are:

Most original/best homemade costume; scariest witch character; spookiest Dracula character; and the strangest Halloween character.

Community Wellness and Recreation will also present

the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 31. Booth set-up starts at 3:30 p.m. Fun and games begin at 7 p.m. There will be Bingo and door prizes.

There will be a costume contest for adults and children, judging begins at 7:30. Categories:

Most original, best homemade, scariest scarecrow, wickedest witch. For more information, call 541-553-3243.

Community Wellness Center and Recreation Department

Access to capital depends upon a favorable analysis of the business applicants "human capital," his or her proven ability to successfully run the business. This is the way it works in the real business world.

The assessment of the business person's human capital always comes before the decision about the feasibility and fundability of the deal.

Investors and lenders think of the process as putting the horse before the cart—both pointed in the same direction.

Helpful mind sets

If stores and shops that are not now in Warm Springs are to be here and are to succeed, it is important for tribal members to make a personal and a community commitment to shop in Warm Springs as much as possible when the stores are here.

Think of that commitment as part of the necessary infrastructure for businesses to succeed in Warm Springs.

Infrastructure always comes before stores open. It includes more than land, sewer, water, power, communications, and buildings; it includes a customer base—the buyers.

But know this, most member-owned retail stores that might be started at Warm Springs will be small and, being small, will not be able to buy in sufficient volume from suppliers to get the best discounts. Therefore, their prices will have to be somewhat higher than what you will see at Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart or any of the other big-box stores.

Hopefully, the savings in travel costs to Madras,

Redmond, Bend, and the Portland area will offset the higher per unit prices for the same purchases in Warm Springs.

The tribal population is small and spread around the reservation. Therefore, a fair amount of driving for some members is necessary just to get to Warm Springs.

Getting to Madras ups the cost of everything by the cost of fuel, tires, maintenance, repairs, etc.

Also, the tribal-member-owned store will be trying to make its living from a population that is much smaller than the Madras-plus-tribal, or Redmond-plus-Madras-plus-tribal populations, or the Bend-plus-Redmond-plus-Madras-plus-tribal population.

The tribal store owner will have to consider that when he does his pricing.

He will have to do that well if he is to stay in business for himself, his family, and his customers.

That's okay when jobs are created and everybody is doing better at home.

More mind-sets sayings

Many years ago a world class athlete was known to respond to tough situations by saying, "I can and I will."

The "can" referred to ability that had come from years of vigorous and focused training to develop his game and a thorough study and understanding of both his and his opponents' games. The "will" was his determination to succeed.

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