

Tribal employment

By Duran Bobb

At recent meetings it was mentioned that there are no jobs on the reservation.

Some of the latest estimates put the unemployment rate on the reservation near 69 percent.

On page 10, you'll find many tribal jobs, some of which have

been advertised in multiple issues as "open until filled."

For those interested in obtaining employment with the new casino, keep in mind that there will be an information open house at the Agency Longhouse today (November 2) beginning at 1 p.m.

When the casino opens early next year, a total of 280 employees will be needed. That means 200 local job openings.

At the longhouse today, you can learn about what jobs will become available to tribal members. You'll learn about the training that you'll need to complete in order to qualify for the jobs. You'll learn how long you have to complete the training before the jobs open.

The new casino will need cashiers, floor staff, security. It will need tribal members to work in the restaurant, gift shop, maintenance, janitorial and other areas.

It's crunch-time. Workforce Development, KNT, and Human Resources will be working together to meet the demand of training tribal members.

The new casino will have 500 slot machines. The restaurant will seat 120 people, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The snack bar will seat 30. The casino will be open 24 hours a day.

This means a steady paycheck for tribal members. Jobs. A sense of purpose.

Spread the word.

More birthday wishes...

Happy birthday to Val Squiemphen from Rose, Allan, Demus, JoDe, and the rest!

Happy birthday to Amy Bobb (11-8)! Love, Mom, Bobbi, FredNed, Travis, Nicky, Michael, Kendall, Ron and babies.

Happy birthday to Ginger Smith (11/4). Love, Candice..

Happy Birthday Lsionx Danzuka! Love, Luanne, Loretta, Jessie Lu and the family!

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Letters to the Editor

To veterans

On 11-11-11, To All Veterans on this day and always, for you all will always be our Heroes. Thanks for your sacrifices – we will always remember, the Comrats that are no longer here, but will always be in our hearts also the families of the Veterans.

Thanks with Love & Prayers,
Eliza Brown-Jim and the VanPelt families

Towing

The number of applications and the activity happening with salvage towing prompted this notice of important information, of which tribal and community members should know.

Salvage towing started only a few years ago, started by a clean-up campaign involving Warm Springs Housing and other tribal departments.

Since then it evolved into more than a clean-up campaign, as there were many factors involved in taking dead vehicles off the reservation. People just can't come on the Warm Springs Reservation with their business as they can off the reservation.

Procedures and requirements were developed and handled by the Land Services office within the tribal Planning Department. Permits are required, and these are issued by the Land Use Planning Committee.

Presently, those with permits are: Levi "Tiger" Van Pelt; and William Katchia with Juan and Vicki Alvarez. All permits issued to non-tribal members must have a Warm Springs tribal member affiliate. This tribal member must accompany the salvage towing owner and truck as they conduct vehicle removal from the private homes on the reservation.

As they conduct business they are required to carry the permit issued by Land Use Planning Committee, plus a certificate of liability insurance and the business fee permit from Vital Statistics called the "privilege tax permit." Only these towing companies that carry the permits are allowed to haul from the reservation. Permits are good for one year.

Correction

In the previous Spilyay, the Jingle Dance teacher at the Social Dance Class was Norene Sampson. The Spilyay apologizes for the mistake.

Also the salvage towing owners are not allowed to crush vehicles on the property, because of the possible drainage of oil, gas or other chemicals directly into the ground. This is an environment violation and violation of the tribal code.

Salvage towing owners are not allowed to the closed areas on the reservation, unless they have written authorization by the vehicle owner, if the vehicle is in a closed area.

The salvage towing owners must call the Warm Springs Police to let them know they will be on the reservation. The owner must provide the date and location of the salvage operation. And they should not be operating after 8 p.m.

Tribal members who wish to be compensated for their vehicles must be paid the signed, agreed-upon price before hauling. Value can be negotiated dependent on condition and age of vehicle.

Please note, the towing of vehicles for mechanical or body repair is allowed without a permit, as the vehicle is still under the ownership of the person requesting a tow.

Also, two permits were issued but were canceled, these listed below no longer have a permit to haul salvage vehicles from the reservation:

Cyle Richardson with Fred Sanders, Leo Washington, Lawrence Caldera III, Isaac Santos and Ford Fuiava; and Jerry Clements and Ira's Towing (Bobby McDonald).

Any questions or need for salvage towing, call Randy Scott in tribal Planning office. 541-553-3314.

Evaline Patt

At Maupin

I want to share with you a little about our recent mini powwow at South Wasco High in Maupin.

We had a great turnout from the community of Maupin. The principal said, "This was great, I don't get this many people for awards night."

The school district came up with funding to sponsor BlackLodge, a portion of the meal and to send a bus out to Simnasho. Both communities joined efforts, and a great meal was provided to all that came.

Our Simnasho people were represented plus others from Warm Springs and Sidwaller Flat but we were clearly the minority. We also had people from Celilo and Pendleton in attendance. We had our Miss Warm Springs Tamera there, but she wasn't alone as the Luk a Meen Queen Cassie Rhoads was representing as well.

We weren't sure how receptive the Maupin community would be to a powwow but a lot of the kids and some of the parents were really active by taking part in the round dances and inter-tribals. They even owl-danced, and of course, "Captain Says."

We were trying to do exhibitions of the different styles and when I asked for the 7-17 year-olds to come out on the floor about 40 of the Maupin students came on to the floor and danced or at least tried.

We received questions on why and how come Maupin was doing this, and I honestly can say it wasn't my idea, it was T.J. Andrews' (Chico Holliday's stepson) and the principal Mr. Ryan Wrought. Mr. Wrought has been

to Simnasho for our Grad's Night Out and we've discussed doing this for some time but the energy nor the will weren't present until T.J. inspired us all.

In closing, I did learn one thing during this past month and I don't want it to be a spoiler to the good but it makes on think, "hmmmm." Mr. Wrought and I have discussed over the years the fact that our Indian students have monies provided for them to help offset costs for their education and that Maupin should be entitled to it. This week he shared that the money is not coming to Maupin as 509-J has figured out a way to keep it in their hands. We have been a part of South Wasco for 10 years now and it bugs the heck out of me that 509-J would be accepting money intended for my children's benefit in order to pad their own pocketbook.

So when you look at one community and see how our children are treated on one side of the reservation and then you look at another on the other side, I wonder why we choose to continue to try and be a good neighbor.

In closing, we would like to send thanks to KWSO. Willman Robbins and Delson Suppah were both present and interviewed a great number of people during the event. Have a good day.

Captain Moody.

Canoe Family

Last month, we went to Grand Ronde because they were hosting for us something very sacred and beautiful.

We left on October 15, a Saturday. We went to Grand Ronde because they invited us to their first anniversary for their plankhouse. On our way there, I was thinking to myself: "Will this be like Canoe Journey? Will we have protocol?"

It was a long ride there, but we all had fun, I thought. On our way, around noon time, lunch time, we took a break and stopped at Taco Bell to grab a quick bite before we continued our journey.

In The Museum at Warm Springs van we were singing Washut and other songs, and trying to figure out what songs to sing for protocol. We passed a small carnival, pumpkin patch, corn mazes, and a museum with models of planes they used in wars.

As we entered Grand Ronde I saw all the cars at their plankhouse, and from there on, I knew it was going to be like Canoe Journey. I was so happy because it was bringing us all back together. It reminded me of Canoe Journey in Suquamish because we had our own jam session there with two other tribes. Also that night we got to stay at the Spirit Mountain Casino. I thought that was fun.

I think all together it was an amazing experience. I think we all had a good time and loved the jam session afterwards. The next morning we got to have Sunday Services at their plankhouse. I thought it was a blessing to have Grand Ronde host us, and then letting us have services at their plankhouse just as we do at home.

Overall this was probably one of the greatest trips I ever went on with the Canoe Family. I, myself, felt like it was the right thing to do because I love coming together, and it also gives us more memories to keep.

Happy Birthday wishes...



Anthony Jay VanPelt "Tiger", Happy Happy Birthday on this 11-11-11. We all want you to know we're proud of you-wishing you many more:

Your wife Tates & Family, your daughter Baby Ann & Family "cooks", you Mother & Dad Eliza & Harvey Jim, Levi & Pearl VanPelt & Family, Marella & Robert Sam, Chet Jr. & Boys & Family, Lillie Patt VanPelt & Family, Loving Memory "Baby VanPelt" Jewell Leah, Wolfman Suppah & Family, Loving memory your father Chet VanPelt Sr.



On 11-11-11, a big Happy Birthday to my Dad Tiger Van Pelt. I love you and miss you, from your baby Van Pelt and your grandkids.

Happy birthday, 11-11-11, to my baby brother Tiger Van Pelt. Love you. From your sister Marella Sam and family.



Happy 2nd Birthday Leandra Hart! Love you lots and lots, more than lupatots! ~

From Grandma Mel, Grandma Lela, Auntie Dee, and sisters Adilia, Mersayus & Kadence!

I think we all had a good time and enjoyed every little bit of it. I'm so glad that Grand Ronde invited us for the first anniversary for their plankhouse.

Marjorie Smith, 15; October 16th, 2011.

Our tribes

Words for our People and Leaders at the District Budget Meetings.

Prayer: Almighty Creator, please bring our people together in this time of need. Guide our works, so we may not be disrespectful to our traditional and historical teaching and instead, be helpful to our leadership. In our teaching, the people would always be supportive of those they selected for leadership roles, so Creator, bring that teaching back alive, so we can accomplish things together as Tribes as our Elders did in our past. Remove ugly and negative thoughts and replace them with words of encouragement for the sake of our children and those yet to be born and to honor the great leaders and elders of our past who contributed to all we have today. May we sacrifice as they sacrificed for the benefit of all the people and our future generations to come.

Words for our People:

It is easy to be critical and it is easy to point fingers in haste and in anger, but that is not in our traditional teaching. In our teaching, we would decide as a People what needed to be done and sacrificed to progress forward. Leaders would be embraced and cherished, not ridiculed and embarrassed with scathing words and hateful ridicule. So with all this said, what are we willing to sacrifice as a people, so our tribal government can flourish? What are we willing to sacrifice as a people so our grandchildren's children will have a competent tribal government?

The per capita, senior pension per capita, and bonus per capita

– are we willing to reduce or eliminate these monies for a period of time this so we may save our tribal government and save for our future membership? Education scholarships can be suspended for awhile. Our past leaders and employees successfully ran our tribal government with very little education. It costs no money to utilize our common sense.

These are tough questions, but they are necessary questions. Today, we have many single income families supporting a household or even two households not out of obligation, but out of love for family. Family was sacred, not a burden. If we spread this practice back to the people, we wouldn't be burdened with homeless, domestic violence, or other community issues that take money out of the mouths of our future children.

Words for our Leadership:

Now our respected leaders, what are you willing to do to save our tribe? Are you willing to give up your positions to save our tribe from despair? Are you willing to consider reducing our council to our Chiefs and 1 elected official per district until we regain our financial footing? Travel is necessary to stay engaged in national political issues that affect our people and our sovereignty – are you willing to travel by delegation to save money for our future generations? Are you willing to make difficult decisions like merging departments and eliminate layers of supervisors? Are you willing to make tough decisions for the benefit of our future?

Council and Honorable Chiefs, in our traditional and historical teaching, leaders always protected the welfare of their people and our tribal future. This teaching is reflected in our past government documents like our treaty, our constitution and our existing tribal policies. It is our traditional historical teaching that will save our Tribe.

Leona A. Ike (Mi'Twi'), Agency District.

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