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## Budget discussion at General Council

By Yvonne Iverson  
Spilyay Tymoo

Over 80 Tribal Members attended the General Council meeting Monday night at the Agency Longhouse to discuss the 2013 tribal budget.

Secretary-Treasurer Jody Calica reviewed the posted budget for 2013. He explained that part of the reason there is such a reduced budget is the reduction in dividends from tribal enterprises.

Before opening the floor for comments, Calica posed the question, "How do we bridge the shortfall?"

He also shared options that Tribal Council has been discussing, including tribal employee furlough days and new service fees.

Throughout the meeting a powerpoint presentation flashed on a screen explaining what a 20-percent budget reduction to the Utilities Department would mean.



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

Members meet Monday evening at the Agency Longhouse to discuss the 2013 tribal budget.

Listed were: Twelve Public Utility positions being cut; no curbside garbage pick-up; reduced custodial service for 22 tribal buildings; and water fee implementation at a flat rate

of \$15 per month per service connection.

The slides went on to breakdown the RIF (reduction in force) by position title.

Under the proposal, longhouses will be responsible for their own cleaning, as would some offices. Dumpsters will be placed in specific residential areas; but they are considering having residents continue garbage service at a monthly cost that has not yet been determined.

A hot topic at this and previous budget meetings has been Tribal Council budget and travel expense.

Each Council member present was able to respond. Each response gave more clarity on the reasons for travel such as delegations to committees, IHS issues, and IRS taxation issues that require tribal representation.

Mentioning they were in favor of a Tribal Council budget reduction were Councilmen Austin Greene and Scott Moses.

## Holiday celebration starting Thursday

The Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration is this Thursday evening, November 29.

There will be a holiday parade, a tree-lighting, food and craft booths at the Community Center.

There is a challenge for donations of gift baskets or gift basket items. Donations of items can be taken to the Prevention Coalition, next to Legal Aid, or to Community Counseling.

As a part of this event, Jaylene Suppah will have a booth for a food drive; so community members are encouraged to bring donations for the local food bank.

### Lights Parade

The Car Light Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting are this Thursday, Nov. 29, sponsored by the Tribes, the Community Center and Recreation Department, and the Prevention Coalition.

The Car Light Parade line-up is at the Warm Springs Elementary School at 6 p.m. Judging is at 6:30, and the parade is at 7. The Christmas Tree Lighting and caroling will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

### Family Fun Night

Native Aspirations will present the Family Fun Night. Bring the family and make some Christmas crafts together.

This will be from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Community Center gym. For more information, contact either the Community Center at 541-553-3243; or the Warm Springs Prevention Coalition, 553-3205.

### Holiday bazaar

The Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday, Dec. 8. The bazaar, offering unique hand-crafted gifts, will be from 10 a.m. til 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center.

For more information call 541-553-3243.

### Trees on sale; Angel Bear

Christmas trees will be on sale starting Saturday, Dec. 1, in the lot across from the Warm Springs Market.

Trees will also be on sale on Saturday, Dec. 8, in the parking lot of the community center, as part of the Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar.

The trees, noble firs, are \$25 each. Free delivery in the Agency area. For information, call Gladys at 541-325-2650.

The Business Office at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has put together an Angel Bear Tree (see page 5).

The tree is located out by the

## Recruiting for k-8 school jobs

The Warm Springs Job Creation and Development Program is now recruiting and accepting applications for the Warm Springs K-8 construction project.

There will be applications available at the community forum meeting on Monday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

Or stop by the office, located on campus in the white house at 1100 Wasco Street.

On your application, please be sure to include a current phone number, so program manager Laurie Danzuka can contact you for training opportunities in preparation for the construction phase.

Office hours at Job Creation and Development are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 541-553-3324 if you have any questions.

For the community forum on December 3, there will be a light dinner at 6 and meeting to follow.

This meeting is hosted by the school design guidance team, the tribes, school district, and construction project manager.

### 14-month construction

The new Warm Springs school is currently in the architectural design, planning and financing phase.

Construction is expected to start in the spring, and will last about 14 months. During that time, as many as 200 jobs will be created, of varying durations.

The \$20 million Warm Springs k-8 school is scheduled to open at the start of the 2014 school year.

The school will be on 20 acres at the East Tenino-Chukar roads. The acreage will accommodate the school buildings, sports facilities, parking and so forth. The main school building will be 80,000 square feet, or about the size of the Jefferson County Middle School.

## Travel center, appeals court among Council agenda items

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

Tribal Council on Monday discussed tribal member employment, the tribal appellate court, and the proposal to develop a Highway 26 travel center, among other matters.

Councilman Raymond Tsumpti said the tribal employment policy is not being followed in regard to the tribal member preference and reduction in workforce.

Secretary-treasurer Jody Calica said management is in the process of updating the personnel policy manual. During this process, the member preference and other employment issues can be addressed.

He said that for 2013 the plan is that no tribal member will lose

his or her job as a result of workforce reduction. Some vacant positions are being eliminated. Council agreed to review the matter during the morning session on December 19.

Councilman Austin Greene Sr. said the issue of the tribal appellate court needs to be discussed. The court was eliminated earlier this year, with a plan to develop an alternative court similar to a family court. Council agreed to discuss this on the morning session of Dec. 17.

Councilman Greene said the future of the tribal senior pension fund needs to be addressed. Some have mentioned they would take a smaller monthly payment, if this would extend the duration of the fund, he said.

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## At the Museum Art Market

Mary Miller Smith (below) displays her crafts at the recent Art Market at the Museum at Warm Springs; right is Kayla Tewee, 9, who had a crafts display with her mom Aurolyn Swyer.



Dora Goudy visits with vendors at the Art Market.

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