

Tribal budget process begins early this year

By Yvonne Iverson

Making the most of what you have, that is what Native people have done for generations.

If the tribal membership is expected to get by on food stamps and commodities, what should tribal government be expected to do? In a report presented to Tribal Council titled "The Waterfall Plan," is a proposed realigning of financial resources, restructuring, and setting priorities.

This is nothing new for a government undergoing annual budget cuts for nearly a decade.

The tribal membership usually hears about what cuts are being made in annual budget meetings held in the fall, after the initial decisions have been made and are now being reported to the people.

The Waterfall Plan suggests that the Tribal Council and management "actively engage tribal members earlier in the Annual Budget formulation, (suggestions have included as early as May)."

Tribal members are an invaluable resource to the tribe and should be treated as such. Your comments and ideas could be useful in the problem solving process, rather than having complaints after the fact.

The report states, "Without new revenue and/or decreased expenditures, the waterfall will dry up."

Tribal members have been dealing with their own personal budget crises for quite some time, so I am sure there are some imaginative solutions out there.

A team is being developed to meet regularly, and a report back to Council will happen in March; so we will keep our eyes and ears open for "waterfall" updates.

Little League

Upcoming Important Dates:

This week - Registration begins.

Saturday, Feb. 23 - Ball field work day.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Coaches meeting, 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

March 12 to March 15 - Tryouts.

Letters to the editor

Jurisdiction

Warm Springs has always been very protective of our unique sovereignty, being only one of two Public Law 280 exempt tribes in the United States is a testament to that commitment! Previous Tribal Council leaders understood how critical it was for us to maintain "sole jurisdiction" over law enforcement.

My point, are we still exempt from Public Law 280 or not? Did the cross-deputizing of Warm Springs tribal employees cede some legal aspects of our Reserved Treaty Rights?

The reason I ask this question is because our tribal employees, the Warm Springs Police Department, seem a bit zealous in checking for warrants outside their normal area of responsibility. Did the cross deputizing agreement contain language that overrides Tribal Law and Order Statutes, which have been in place for at least 40 years!

Did the cross deputizing agreement contain language specific enough to cede our Public Law 280 exempt status, or does it simply allow tribal employees working as tribal police to disregard Tribal Law and Order regulations? At what point in our history did we start allowing tribal employees to interpret the extent of our Public Law 280 Exempt status. When we entered into this agreement with the state of Oregon was the language specific enough that is compromised our Reserved Treaty Rights and Public Law 280 exempt status. I believe not!

I am no expert on Federal Indian Law, but knowledgeable enough to understand that any termination of a Federal Reserved Right has a rigorous legal format to adhere to before any cessation of Treaty Rights occurs and/or is recognized by the U.S. Government! Our Tribal Constitution and By-Laws also contain legal mandates to be followed. "All matters of great importance," be brought to the enrolled members for discussion. I don't recall of any such meetings ever taking place.

Our Trustee Agent, the BIA Superintendent, is also mandated with federal statutes/regulations ensure legal compliance before he signs off on all matters under his oversight and administration. Can someone please show me this legal paperwork, the gov-

ernment always makes at least a minimum of three copies!

Thank you.
Randy Smith

Raffle winners

Jake Frank will be traveling to Europe this summer with other students. He has been hosting fundraising events in order to earn the money needed for the trip. Here are the winners of a recent raffle fundraiser for Jake. He can be reached at 541-553-1245. Items can be picked up, or delivered. Winners and items won:

Shirley Heath, Pendleton bag. Millie Colwash, fringed shawl. Taralee Suppah, throw and stuck gift set. Rupert Bellanger, vest. Jessie Wahnetah, gift bag-pillow. Adrian Tulee, gift bag. Becky Sampson, gift bag. Flint Scott, halter and lead rope.

Sal Sahme, small hot-cold bag. Darrell Winishet, small furry blanket. Norene Greene, shell dress. Mona Holliday, Pyrex set. Mona Newman, Pyrex set. Geri Jim, yarn bag. Aiyana, rug set. Char Herkshan, twine bag. Anita Jackson, beaded medalion. Mike Holyan, gift bag.

Jaurissa Bellanger, beaded hair pin. Brenda Scott, beaded belt. Jaylyn Suppah, beaded necklace. Aurolyn Stwyer, necklace, small cedar basket. Emhoolah Trucking, necklace and earrings. Mona Newman, watch. Lovey Colwash, silver hair clip. Thelma Alsups, dentalium necklace. Derek Winishut, beaded bolo tie.

Quilters

We are seeking quilters to participate in designing a quilt for the Jefferson County Community Read display this year at Art Adventure Gallery.

If you are interested, please call 541-325-3996. Thank you!

Mary Hawes

Modoc War

I am a descendant of a United States government veteran scout Winishut. I'm writing to our federal lawmakers for Medals of Honor for all our Indian scouts, because they served for the safe migration of settlers to live in our tribes' ter-

ritories, making a safe living environment.

I want to thank you, too! A song, Warrior Song, is when you dance, and war hoop all in unison to honor our veterans and bow down to the floor. I wanted great grandpa's War Bonnet for a keepsake, hearing two different stories, it was stolen, or burned up.

The scouts made it safe for the Warm Springs people, too! For all people are important.

Martinez Charles

With love

Nelina Rivera Padilla passed on January 6, 2013 in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

I never got to say good bye. Your grandchildren will all miss your hugs and kind words. Your wish came true, Mom! All your children are a family again. One day I will be by your side fishing with George and pappy, and all relatives in Heaven. My heart aches for you but I know you will never suffer again!

Love,
Melayseto Martinez Chase

Appreciated

Howdy Springers, with all due respect your assistance and hard work are greatly appreciated, not only by me, also by my children of the Warm Springs community. The Spring Into Action Family Fun Event that took place on July 16, 2011 was truly a success.

A special thanks goes out to the:

List of volunteers who set up the panels:

Daniel Gilbert, Carlo Wallulatum, Joe Culps, Buster Isadore, Eric Miller, supervisor Ricky Graybael!

List of volunteers who assisted with the EAGALA/EQUINE:

Michaela Adams, Vivian Yazzie, Shania Scott, Devin Rodriguez, Edmund Frances.

Healthy Interaction put a smile on the children's faces you can't replace!

Special thanks to: Grandparents, aunties, uncles, ya'ya's, na'na's, and community member involvement!

Respectfully,
Mona Cochran.

The next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, March 1. Thank you for writing!

Indian Head Casino

Employee of the Month

Ella Mininger

Ella Mininger was selected as the Indian Head Casino Employee of the Month for January. She works in the Custodial Department.

"She always has a smile on her face," said Margie Tuckta, casino Human Resources director.

"She is very courteous and nice to all



customers, and a hard worker!"

Congratulations, Ella!

Wishes...

Happy Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day to Lisa Marie, from your sons Tristan, Tyns and Jaden, and all the family.

Happy (belated) Valentine's Day to my family and friends. For always, Delores 'Baby Girl' Picard.

Birth

Doris Ann Hunt-Anson

Jimmy Anson and Sharda Anson of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Doris Ann Hunt-Anson, born on February 5, 2013.

Doris joins sisters Delleena, 10, Dalayna, 6, CaitLynn, 4, and Debra, 2.

Grandparents on the father's side are James Ross Anson Sr. and Suzi Anson.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Debra Plouffe and Javier Hinojosa.

Baseball/Softball Clinics

Saturday March 9th
Boys Baseball
Sunday March 10th
Girls Softball
At the Community Center Ballfields
Satch: 541-553-3243

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Indian Business Talk

When it comes to infrastructure, we are all playing in the same band

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Let's name the band Infrastructure—with apologies to Herman's Hermits.

We usually think of infrastructure for a building as the land, water, sewer, and power.

It's easy to forget about land use codes, building codes, architects, engineers, contractors, building materials and equipment suppliers—or a lender.

The infrastructure for a business includes a place to do business, customers, cus-

tomers access routes, employees, wholesale suppliers, commercial laws, attorneys, accountants, etc.—and sometimes a lender.

All of the above are infrastructure to their community, and communities are often infrastructure to each other. Warm Springs, Madras, Redmond, Bend and Gresham could be examples.

We sometimes shop in them and their people often stop at our casino, gas station, restaurant and shops as they travel between Central Oregon and the Valley.

Where am I going with this? It's really all about

people and what they do.

People are infrastructure for all of the above, as all of the above are infrastructure for people.

People make an economy strong when their contributions are positive. Our ability to make those positive contributions is a function of our upbringing, our education, training and experience.

What we have made of our economy is what we turn over to the next generations.

What they make of it and how well they do will be partly a function of what we have made of them; how we have raised them.

Our goal is for them to be the best they can be.

We help them get there by setting standards of behavior and accomplishment and by monitoring their performance and their progress at school and at play—as well as at home.

"For want of a nail" comes to mind.

For want of a nail the shoe was lost,

For want of a shoe the horse was lost,

For want of a horse the Knight was lost,

For want of a Knight the battle was lost.