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Healthy agenda for prevention coordinator

Quitting smoking is one of the hardest things a person can do, and also one of the healthiest. A study shows that 75 percent of people who smoke would like to quit. But tobacco is an addiction, so quitting is not easy.

Scott Kalama is the tribes' Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, and his job can be a hard one for several reasons. For instance, some smokers feel that it is no one's business whether they smoke or not.

On the other hand, tobacco smoke can harm other people, through second-hand smoke. Third-hand smoke refers to the chemicals that are left in a room or on clothing after a person has been smoking.

So some regulation of smoking is necessary. For years now smoking has been prohibited in public buildings. State regulation requires people, when they smoke, to stand at least 10 feet away from an entrance or window of a public building.



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Scott Kalama and Tara Weston, from the Oregon Health Authority, at Community Counseling.

Pageant coming up on Friday

The 2014 Miss Warm Springs Pageant is scheduled for this Friday, Dec. 27 at the Agency Longhouse.

The dinner and giveaway will start at 6 p.m., hosted by 2013 Miss Warm Springs Noreen Sampson and family. The pageant starts at 7 p.m.

The pageant is open to applicants between 18 and 24 years of age. Applicants may be picked up at the Tribal Council office.

For information, contact the Tribal Council office at 541-553-3257. Ask for Minnie Yahtin or Emily Yazzie.

Departments prepare for 2014 changes

By Patti Tanewasha
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(The New Year is near, and changes in the tribal organization are at hand. Many departments are facing the same situation: budget cuts. This is the second in a series of articles looking at how different departments are affected by the budget situation.)

Summer time in past years would provide a new experience for some youth of the community. At the age of 14, they were excited to have their first job.

Every summer the tribes would host the summer youth program for about 150 youth. Between 80 and 90 would successfully complete the program. When participating in the youth program, students selected a department of interest to work in. They gained essential job skills, inspiration and motivation.

The year 2014 brings necessary budget cuts. Job Creation and Development is among the many departments included in these cuts.

Job Creation and Development has been home to the summer youth program, and other programs which serve all demographics within our community, from ages 14 years old to adults.

Tribal leaders this year had to take a serious look at all services of the tribes, determining which are truly "essential services." Police, fire and utilities are essential services. Some aspects of the organization, such as Tribal Council, are required by the Tribal Constitution, and are therefore essential.

Many other programs are not essential to the absolute safety and welfare of the membership, and had to be cut. The decisions were difficult, but necessary for the time being.

Budget, repatriation were notable events this year

The year 2013 was a memorable time for the tribes. This was the year when the budget situation became a reality for everyone.

The approved budget for 2014 includes an appropriation of \$13.138 million, a reduction of more than \$10.5 million from the current year budget. There has never been a cut of this size in the current era of the tribes.

Departments have been reorganized, per capita and the senior pension were cut, and people have lost their jobs. All of this is necessary in order to avoid a financial calamity as soon as next year.

There is a serious need for new

revenue, as the current enterprises are no longer able to maintain the tribal budget at its previous level.

On a brighter note, Tribal Council is exploring some potential revenue generating projects. One of these, called carbon sequestration, is on the January Council agenda *(more on this in the next Spilyay)*.

Repatriation

The Confederated Tribes in 2013 repatriated the 272 ancestral remains. This was a unique and historic event.

These were Memaloose Island, Wasco and Wishxam ancestral remains.

The Peabody Museum of Natural History, in Connecticut, had been in possession of the remains, explained Roberta Kirk, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Coordinator.

The tribes made the claim to the Peabody Museum in 2010. The remains had been the subject of a dental study that had been published in a 2005 edition of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology. This publication made the tribes aware of the remains.

"In 2006 a site visit was conducted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Cultural Resources staff," Kirk said.

"From there, we started consultation with the Anthropology Division, Peabody Museum of Natural History. We found that there were many ancestral remains that were at the Peabody Yale Museum that originated from The Dalles area."

Further investigation revealed that the museum had a total of 272 remains and funerary objects originating in the 1870s from Memaloose Island and The Dalles.

After diligent work of the Cultural Resources staff, the tribes conducted the repatriation on June 27, 2013.

School Progress

The Warm Springs K-8 Academy is taking shape, as construction work through the winter weather.

The project remains on schedule. There was a slight delay in early December, during the brief sub-zero weather. The block mortar cannot set up properly when the weather is too cold. So the masons had to wait out the cold snap. Otherwise, they have been able to complete the walls of the new gymnasium.

Crews work on the roofs of the middle school area of the school.



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