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2015 budget proposal sees revenue increase

Fund transfers would help senior pension, reserve

Tribal Council last week posted a proposed tribal budget for 2015. The district meetings on the proposal are coming up next week.

The posted budget projects an increase in revenue from the current year. This is a welcome change from recent years of budget reductions.

For the 2015 budget, Tribal Council is proposing to transfer \$450,000 to the senior pension fund, and \$450,000 to the revenue reserve fund.

The 2015 proposal is posted around the community: at administration, Warm Springs Market, the Post Office, the clinic, the Agency and Simnasho longhouses, the Seekseequa Fire Hall, and the Three Warriors Market.

The increase in projected revenue is due in part to Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

Power and Water for the current year was able to provide a \$1 million dividend, while the projection for 2015 is \$4.5 million.

Power and Water is seeing added value to power sales through "ramping," said Jim Manion, director of the enterprise.

Ramping is the ability to sell

power at a specific time, by drawing down the reservoir at certain times, like at peak-usage times.

This flexibility is possible with hydro-power, but not with other kinds of power, such as wind, Manion said. And this adds value to the hydro power, he said.

Indian Head Casino is projecting a dividend of \$1.5 million. Last year the casino could not provide a dividend, as the enterprise was paying off construction loans.

For the 2015 proposal, timber revenue is projected at \$2,565,000, and increase from the \$1.8 million this year.

Investment income is projected at more than \$540,000, up from \$80,000 for the current year.

Composite Products is holding steady with a projected dividend of \$750,000.

Overall, the proposed 2015 budget is about \$16.48 million, compared to this year's \$13.1 million.

The district meetings on the proposal are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 20 at Simnasho; Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Agency; and Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Seekseequa.

The date for the General Council meeting has not yet been set. Council will not finalize the 2015 budget until after the meetings with the membership.

Member art show opening at museum

The Twenty-First Annual Tribal Member Art Show will open this week at the Museum at Warm Springs.

The opening reception for the exhibit, *Creative Natives*, is this Thursday evening, Oct. 16 at 5:30.

Winner this year of the Judges Choice Award in the Traditional category is Barbara Starr for her beaded tapstry, "Wolf." Winner of the Judges Choice Award Contemporary is Owen Wallulatum for his graphite drawing, "Chief Wallulatum."

Honorable Mentions go to Marge Kalama, Terry Stradley and Charles Littleleaf.



Warm Springs Recreation last week hosted a trip to Liepold Farms at Boring. The kids liked the corn maze (above), and had many pumpkins, and activities to choose from (right).



Fall Fun Trip



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Some great community events are coming up this Halloween season in Warm Springs.

The Great Pumpkin Party is on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Community Center social hall. Carving begins at 5:30 p.m., judging starts at 7:15. The Great Pumpkin Party is hosted by Warm Springs Recreation.

Bring carving tools and a pumpkin. Categories include: most original, spookiest, best Jack and Sally, silliest pumpkin, and best Indian pumpkin. There will be NDN burgers, mummy dogs, homemade chili and fry bread.

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1-mile radius issue at k-8 Academy

There is no school bus service within the one-mile radius around the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

It is a 509-J district-wide policy, based on the state standard, that school buses serve the students living outside of the one-mile radius.

This has led to concern by parents in the Greeley Heights area who live within the one-mile radius of the k-8 academy.

There are about 60 students who live within that area and attend the academy, said Laurie Danzuka, school district board member.

Some of the students are kindergartners or first-graders, walking without an older sibling.

There are no sidewalks, and no dog control. These are serious safety issues, Danzuka said.

The situation is not good, and there is no easy solution.

An ideal approach would be to have a bus pick up the kids and bring them to school, said Rick Molitor, district superintendent.

But this would present a budgeting issue, as the service would not be compensated by the state.

And if the district were to provide bussing at the academy within the one-mile radius, then fairness would mean this standard would apply to all the schools in the district.

School district and tribal officials are meeting to work out a solution. Superintendent Molitor met with

the tribal Education Committee and management on Tuesday afternoon of this week (after print time for this paper).

Besides bussing, there are other options that would make for a better walk to school.

Construction of sidewalks would be great, but again the funding question comes up.

The roadways could be kept clear of brush, and maybe closed to automobile traffic during the times when students are walking to and from school.

There could be community help, such as adults who would serve as crossing guards. The dogs could be kept inside or tied up.

There is talk of installing a gate on the west side of the fence of

the academy, but this opens on to private property.

Together the tribes and school district will work to come up with the best solutions, Danzuka said.

Another student safety issue regarding the k-8 Academy is along East Tenino Road.

Earlier this year the tribes installed the new sidewalk from the school down to the intersection at Hollywood Boulevard.

It would be a good idea to install a fence along the sidewalk to keep kids safe from the traffic, said Travis Wells, tribal engineer.

The speed limit on East Tenino from the school down to the intersection is 25 mph.

— Dave McMechan

WSFPI plan at Council

The Tribal Council met last week with the new board of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

The WSFPI team presented a preliminary plan of operation that could allow the mill to be profitable.

A key part of this will be the installation of a small log component, estimated cost of \$1.7 million.

A viable future for the mill would also include the acquisition of off-reservation logs, as the allowable cut on the reservation can no longer sustain the operation.

WSFPI this year made off-reservation log acquisitions, but would likely have to increase these acquisitions in coming years.

WSFPI is scheduled to meet again with Council on Oct. 21.

Land buy-back outreach

Some Warm Springs tribal members, or non-member residents of the Warm Springs Reservation, own interest in land on the Umatilla Reservation.

Highly fractioned ownership of these allotments is an obstacle toward reasonable use of the property.

To remedy this situation, the Umatilla tribes are pursuing a land buy-back program. This will assist in developing "a stronger land base for tribal use in farming, expansion of wildlife or riparian areas, tribal preservation, access to fee property, food resources, etc."

The Umatilla Land Buy-Back program will hold information meetings in Warm Springs early next week.

The outreach meetings are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 20, from 6-8 p.m. at Kah-Nee-Ta; and Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-1p.m. at the Credit enterprise. If you have questions, call toll free 1-855-359-7434.

(See page 9 for a full explanation of the program.)



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