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## MEDFORD CASINO THREATENS SEVEN FEATHERS

Surprising headlines last week regarding the purchase of land in Jackson County by our coastal neighbor, the Coquille Indian Tribe have caused grave concerns to Cow Creek Tribal leaders. Media reports indicate that the Coquille Tribe intends to enter the “land into trust” process on property they acquired in Medford and operate a Class II Casino. These reports were confirmed in a private meeting between Cow Creek Umpqua and Coquille Tribal leadership last Friday, September 7, 2012.

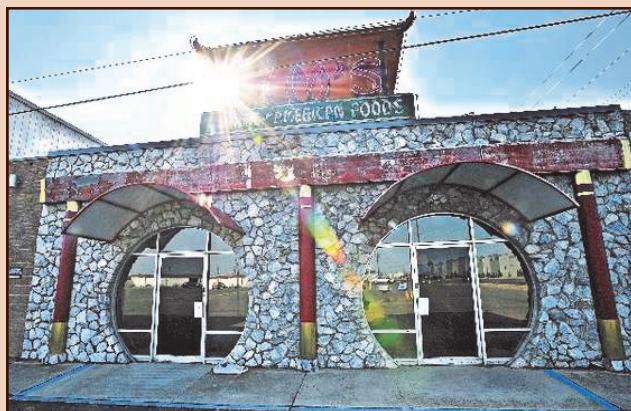
Growing population, health and social needs and additional job opportunities for Coquille tribal members were cited by the Coquille’s as justification for their egregious actions and flagrant disregard for the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe.

The purchase of land in Jackson County by the Coquilles is a direct assault on Cow Creek and Seven Feathers. Jackson County is an extremely important market for the Seven Feathers Casino Resort and represents a significant percentage of the Tribe’s revenue used to fund tribal economic development, health, education, and housing programs. Should they be successful in operating a casino in Medford, Cow Creek revenues will be severely diminished.

Cow Creek Umpqua is the primary tribe for Jackson County. Not only do we have a strong modern day presence throughout the area, we have extensive documentation that supports our aboriginal claim to the Rogue and Bear Creek Valley’s. The Coquilles have no historical tie to the Medford area which is nearly 175 miles from their home base in Coos Bay, Oregon.

We have expressed to Coquille leadership, in no uncertain terms, that Cow Creek will aggressively fight any attempt by their Tribe to place land into trust in Jackson County or to operate any gaming facility that will threaten the wellbeing of the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe.

Tribal Officials are working with the Oregon Political Delegation as well as representatives from the Department of Interior to immobilize Coquilles efforts.



### Schedules:

#### Government Office

##### Hrs:

Mon-Thurs 8 AM–5 PM  
Fri 8 AM–4 PM

#### Roseburg Clinic Hrs:

Mon-Thurs 8 AM–5 PM  
Fri 8 AM–4 PM  
Walk in 8–9 AM  
Same Day Appt. 1–2 PM

#### Canyonville Clinic Hrs:

Mon-Wed 8 AM–5 PM  
Thurs 8 AM–4 PM  
Walk in 8–9 AM  
Same Day Appt. 1–2 PM  
Education only on Fri.

## Tribal Housing Programs Get a New Look



The Tribe is proud of the growth and development within the Tribal Housing program. You will notice that the name has changed and there is a new logo.

The Tribal Housing Program will now be referred to as Wi'it Housing. You can pronounce it as (We-lee), it is the word for Housing in our traditional Takelma language. With the growth of our low to moderate income housing and development of new programs, the Tribe felt it was time to adopt a formal name for the program. There are now housing units available for Tribal members to rent in Tri-City, Myrtle Creek and Winchester. Additional areas for housing units are being looked at near larger area employers, schools, hospitals and public transportation routes.

The Wi'it Housing Program is still accepting applications for the Tribes Low to Moderate Income Rental homes. This program is federally funded through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indian Housing Block Grant and is administered by the Tribe.

This program can assist eligible tribal members who are currently living or are willing to relocate to the seven county service area with Low to Moderate Income rental units. Priority is given to families with the greatest needs in relation to income, family size, age, disabilities, etc.

Applications are available by calling the Government office or can be printed from the Tribal Website. If you have any questions Please contact the Wi'it Housing program at 1-800-929-8229 or 1-541-677-5575.

## Contract Health News

September is here and your, 2013 CHS applications will be arriving in the mail, one for each family member. If you live in the seven county service area (Coos, Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Lane) it is a requirement that you fill out an application every year for each member to be eligible for CHS benefits by 1/1/2013. If CHS has not received your application by 01/01/2013 you will not be able to get a purchase order number until your application has been received.

### Things to know about Cow Creek Contract Health Services:

- ◆ It is important to read **Contract Health News** monthly so you know if there has been any change to the program.
- ◆ It is the patient's responsibility to call for Purchase orders 2-3 days in advance.
- ◆ If it is a new facility or doctor call 7 days in advance so CHS can get them set up in the system. Have the facility name and their phone number available.
- ◆ If you go to the doctor be sure to remind them that you have Cow Creek Contract Health as a payor of last resort. **Payor of last resort means Insurances, State Medicaid, and Medicare always pay first.**

If you receive a statement, call the vendor and be sure they have billed Cow Creek Contract Health Services. If you send us the statement a lot of the time the vendors will not talk to us because of HIPPA laws and it makes it very hard for CHS to get the needed paperwork to cover your out of pocket expenses.

The number one reason for Denials is, no Prior Authorization. Always call for a purchase order and remember a purchase order is date sensitive and if the date changes or you have to go back, it requires a new purchase order.



## IHBG Down Payment Assistance



This is a new program that is administered through the Wilt Housing Program and is funded with IHBG HUD funding. This program has just been approved by the Tribal Board of Directors and can assist income eligible Tribal Members with additional funding when purchasing a home. This program is limited to the Seven County Service Area and is designed to assist Cow Creek Tribal Members with down payment and or closing cost towards the purchase of a home. The maximum amount of money available for each tribal member through this program is \$5,000.00. To be eligible Tribal Members are required to attend a financial competency class prior to applying for the program. The candidates will be screened and assessed for the need prior to any award of funding is distributed. There is a limited amount of funding for this program on an annual basis and Tribal Members will be assisted on a first come first serve basis. This grant can also be used in conjunction with the existing Down Payment Program that is offered by the Tribal Board of Directors.

## Tribal Housing

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This program can assist eligible tribal members who are currently living or are willing to relocate to the seven county service area with low-income rental units. Priority is given to families with the greatest needs in relation to income, family size, age, disabilities, etc.

### Reminder

If you are currently on the waiting list for a house please make sure that your address and phone number are up to date. If your name is coming up on the list and we cannot get ahold of you, we will be forced to pass you by until we hear from you. Also remember that if you are on the waiting list your application needs to be updated on an annual basis.



## Tribal Hunt Lottery

Congratulations to this year hunters, we had over a hundred applicants put in for the Elk and Deer tags. The lottery selection was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Government office. The seasons run from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**This year hunters for elk are :**

**Elder:** Wesley Larson

**Ceremonial:** Kyle Kennington

**General:** Cheyenne Mellin

**Youth:** Taylor Young.

**Deer tag holders are:**

**Elder:** Art Parazoo

**General:** Jennifer Bryant and Patti Wilcox

**Youth:** Levi Rondeau.

Good luck to all the hunters!! Scott Van Norman, Wildlife Specialist, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians  
Office phone 541-839-4247.

## Nesika News

There are some services that are performed for the Nesika Health Group members that needs to be prior authorized before the services are performed in order to avoid a possible penalty.

**The services that need to be prior authorized are:**

**Hospital Admission-** prior to any Hospital admission which is not a Medical Emergency, the covered person's attending Physician must (or the Covered Person may) contact the Utilization Management Organization for authorization. In the case of Urgent or emergency admissions, the Utilization Management Organization must be contacted within 72 hours after admission.

**Home Health Care-** prior to beginning a program of home health care

**Hospice Care –** prior to beginning a hospice program

**Outpatient Surgical procedures –** prior to any elective (i.e., non-emergency) surgery that is performed on an outpatient basis.

**MRI, CT and PET Scans-** prior to having the MRI, CT or PET Scan, unless it is after hours and the scan is done on an emergent basis.

If the preauthorization requirements are not completed, the Plan's normal benefit percentage will instead be "50%". This reduced percentage will apply to all services and supplies that are provided to the member and that are related to the confinement or procedure.

Nesika will not reduce or deny a claim for failure to obtain a prior approval under circumstances that would make obtaining such prior approval impossible or where application of the prior approval process could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient. (e.g., the patient is unconscious and is in need of immediate care at the time medical treatment is required.) However, again remember that you, your physician, or the facility can call to Innovative Care Management within 72 hours of the incident to obtain the prior approval/authorization.

Prior authorization is not a guarantee of coverage. The utilization Management Program is designed only to determine whether or not a proposed setting and course of treatment is medically necessary and appropriate. Benefits under the Plan will depend upon the person's eligibility for coverage and the Plan's limitations and exclusions.

Nesika Health Group is contracted with Innovative Care Management to provide a Utilization Management Program. The phone number for ICM is 800-862-3338. This number can also be found on the back of your Nesika Health Group medical card.

If you do not have a current card or have lost or misplaced your card, please contact the Nesika office at 800-284-9917 to order a replacement card.

## Medicare Part B Reimbursement

If at any time during the 2012 calendar year **Medicare Part B** premiums were withheld from you or your spouse's Social Security benefit, you may qualify for reimbursement from the Tribe. Tribal members aged 65 or those receiving disability payments are eligible for Medicare Part B insurance.

At the end of each calendar year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) sends recipients a **SSA-1099** form for tax purposes that details social security benefits. According to the Social Security Administration the **SSA-1099 forms for year 2012**, will be mailed to recipients by the last week of January 2013. In order to expedite annual premium reimbursement, please mail a **copy** of the **SSA-1099**. For your **monthly reimbursement** a **detailed Statement letter** which is also sent from SSA by January 2013 is required. Checks will be distributed upon receipt at the beginning of the New Year. Please write how you would like your reimbursement either monthly or annually. Members with a spouse please make sure you include the spouses name and a copy of your marriage certificate (if you haven't sent it already) to request an **SSA-1099 or Statement letter**. Please contact your local Social Security Administration office by dialing **1-800-772-1213**.

If Medicare Part B premiums were paid for you through a retirement account, pension fund, or by some other means, you may still be eligible for reimbursement. Please provide proof in which payment was made.

*Please be aware if you have been receiving your monthly premium reimbursement from the tribe you must turn in the New Year's 2013 statement letter in order for your payments to continue uninterrupted. If you would like more information regarding this program or have questions, please contact Andrea Davis at (541) 672-8533.*

## Tribe a Cooperating Agency to BLM's New Land Management Planning Process

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua (Tribe) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the new Resource Management Planning process for western Oregon BLM lands. Cooperating Agency status is only awarded to governments or entities that have legal jurisdiction over the lands included in the planning process. The last time the Tribe participated as a cooperating agency was during the designation process of the Huckleberry Patch Special Interest Area on forest service lands. Natural Resources Director, Amy Amoroso, will represent the Tribe on the committee and provide feedback and review documents in association with this new lands planning process. The entire process is expected to take 3 years and will result in a new management plan for western Oregon BLM lands and an Environmental Impact Statement for the management objectives.

## Free Basket Making Class

Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 5-7 PM at the Cow Creek Tribal Government Office in the Boardroom. **Bringsnacks and get ready for some fun.**

We are very excited about this opportunity to share one of our many traditions with you. Supplies are included. Hope to see you there!

To RSVP, or if you have any questions Contact Cindy Delay at 541-677-5575



## Drum Group Class Times Scheduled

The **Thundering Water Drum Group** has set dates for September, October and November. The classes will all be held at the Block House in Canyonville from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. All will be potluck, so bring something delicious to share. The dates are: Sept. 22, October 13, October 27, November 10

**Tribe Urges “Vote No on Oregon Measures 82 and 83”****It's a BAD deal.**

When it comes to opening a privately owned casino in Portland, history seems to be repeating itself.

A Foreign owned casino conglomerate is funding a campaign to convince Oregon voters to pass Measures 82 and 83 and authorize Oregon's first private casino at the deserted dog track at Wood Village. This substantially funded initiative, advertised as the “The Grange” is being promoted as a family entertainment center complete with shopping malls, restaurants, waterslides and a farmers market that will supposedly bring thousands of jobs to Portland and millions of dollars to Oregon.

But what is cleverly missing, or is buried in a sea of fantastic photos and other exciting amenities, is any prominent mention of a casino. As you may recall, Oregon voters handily defeated a similar measure in 2010 by a 2 to 1 margin. That measure was clearly advertised as a private casino.

The current “Grange” advertisements are distributed throughout Oregon and include a barrage of television commercials in dozens of markets, a slick foldout brochure to registered voters, community meetings throughout Oregon and an attractive website that also solicits vendors and suppliers.

This may sound good, but it is bad for Oregon! Oregon will lose millions of dollars. The majority owners of this venture are Canadian and the profits will be funneled out of Oregon.

Currently, for every dollar of revenue from Video Lottery Terminals, about 65 cents goes to the State Lottery. Under measure 82, for every dollar produced by “The Grange Casino” and other private casinos, only 25 cents would go to the State Lottery. It's important to understand that the top 50 Lottery outlets generating the most profits are located within a 5 mile radius of the proposed Grange Casino, which will destroy these businesses.

**Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review Panel**

In 2011, the Oregon Legislature approved a bill creating the Citizens' Initiative Review panel. Each election, a group of citizens are selected by using a random sampling procedure that reflects Oregon's demographics as a whole. The purpose of this panel is to evaluate ballot measures so voters have easy access to clear, useful, and trustworthy information at election time. This year the panel met for 5 days on Measures 82 and 83 and heard testimony from proponents, opponents, lottery officials and law enforcement.

The Citizens Initiative Review panel overwhelmingly voted against these two measures by a vote of 17 to 7. Their opinion statements will be placed in the Oregon Voters Pamphlet.

**The following is a list of their findings:**

- Measure 82 changes the Oregon constitution. If this measure passes it will allow more outside influence on gambling within the state. The backers who wrote this measure stand to gain significant profits by changing the Oregon constitution.
- Changing the Oregon state constitution, with no clear economic benefit to Oregonians, is not worth the possible negative effects to our citizens.
- Measure 82 will negatively impact the revenue generated by tribal casinos traditionally used to support tribal communities, nearby rural areas, non-profits and charitable organizations throughout Oregon.



## Vote “NO” (continued from previous page)

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- Small businesses near private casinos could stand to lose up to 46% of Video Lottery Terminal revenue on average. We believe this loss would have a substantial impact on businesses.

**Also please note this excerpt from the Willamette Week Article, “Cropping Out”, September 12, 2012**

.....“Fun for you,” the casino backers say. “Good for Oregon.”

*But supporters of Measures 82 and 83, which would authorize the casino, probably won’t be talking about one financial analysis that sinks their arguments.*

*The analysis, obtained by WW, was written by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office and takes into account all the impacts—positive and negative—from a huge casino in east Multnomah County.*

*The bottom line: The casino would probably cost state and local governments money and, on a broader basis, actually shrink the Oregon economy.*

*“In most of these scenarios, they are claiming a negative result for both the private sector and the public sector,” says University of Oregon economics professor Tim Duy, who reviewed the analysis at WW’s request.....*

*..... But the broader rub is the Oregon Lottery, the state’s second-largest source of revenue after the income tax. Lottery officials believe people who might otherwise spend their money on video poker would gamble instead at the proposed casino, which backers have dubbed “The Grange.” They say the state would end up a loser.*

Another important piece of information is that Tribal Casinos must have compacts with the state of Oregon and must fund 100% of state regulatory costs, such as background investigations on key employees and vendors. There is no provision for private casinos to have to pay for regulatory costs, that burden will fall on the taxpayers.

## Tribal Employment Opportunity

The Cow Creek Government Office is pleased to announce the addition of a new position. **Tribal Workforce Development Manager.** If you are passionate about tribal development and want to help tribal members succeed at finding employment within the organization this position may be for you. This new position will be in charge of recruiting potential Tribal Members for current job openings within the organization, and also assisting with coordination of career and enrichment activities. To view a complete job description and qualifications, log onto the Cow Creek website at [www.cowcreek.com](http://www.cowcreek.com) and click on the Employment tab then, click on the position title to view the job description. If you would like to apply for this position, click on the application link, once you have completed the application click the submit button on the top right hand corner of the first page of the application.

If you have any questions regarding this position please contact Lonnie Rainville at 541-677-5575

For questions regarding the position please contact the Tribal Operations Officer, Lonnie Rainville at 541-677-5575.

## Over the Counter Deadlines Coming Soon

All requests for the Over-the-Counter Program (OTC) must be received by November 15, 2012. The only exceptions to this date will be for members enrolled after November 15 and members requesting reimbursement for self-pay. OTC receipts for 2012 reimbursement must be received by December 31, 2012.

**Please send OTC receipts to:**

Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center Annex-OTC  
270 Gazley Bridge Rd  
Canyonville OR 97417

**It has been our privilege to assist each of you this year in obtaining your OTC preventative products.**

Enrolled Tribal Members will be able to access the Over-the-Counter Program again on January 2, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Robinson at CCHWC 541.839.1347 or [trobinson@cowcreek.com](mailto:trobinson@cowcreek.com).

For additional information regarding this program and many others, please visit our website at [www.cowcreek.com](http://www.cowcreek.com)

## Over the Counter Self Pay

**For self-pay reimbursement, please include the following to prevent payment delay:**

- ▶ Name(s) of tribal member(s), phone number and mailing address
- ▶ Legible receipts showing the date
- ▶ If highlighting, use yellow only; it is better to bullet an item rather than highlight it
- ▶ Separate OTC items from regular grocery items i.e., subtotal or obtain separate receipt
- ▶ Self-pay reimbursement receipts may be submitted at any time for the current year. The cut-off date does not apply. However, receipts must be received by December 31st of the current year. When faxing or emailing, please call the program coordinator, Tamara Robinson, at 541.839.1347 to confirm the information was received.

## Health Fairs coming soon...

Fall health fairs are just around the corner. Nursing, lab, behavior health, nutrition and our health educator will be participating in the Redmond fair on Oct. 20, 2012. Nursing, contract health and health education coordinator will be participating in the Washington fair on 10/27/12.

The one scheduled in years past at the Block House, now moved to the Grape Room at Seven Feathers, will have nursing, behavior health, nutrition, contract health and billing on Nov. 12, 2012.

Nursing will emphasize the eradication of diseases through immunizations.

Call the Health and Wellness Center for more information at 541-672-8533, or toll free 800-935-2649.





# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Pink Shawl Project 4-6 PM @ 7F Grape Rim  Financial Peace University Class @ Block House 5:30-7:30 PM	3	4  Financial Peace University Class @ Block House 5:30-7:30 PM	5 Elder's Honor Lunch 12 PM @ 7F	6
7 AA Mtg 6 PM Gov Office	8	9 Food Bank 9-12 PM	10	11 Beading Class Gov Boardroom 2-5 PM	12	13 JOM Family Fun Hike to Table Rocks  Drumming 12-3 PM @ Block house
14 AA Mtg 6 PM Gov Office	15	16 Financial Peace University Class @ Block House 5:30-7:30 PM	17	18 Financial Peace University Class @ Block House 5:30-7:30 PM	19	20 Redmond, OR Health Fair
21 AA Mtg 6 PM Gov Office	22	23 Food Bank 1-4 PM	24	25 Beading Class Gov Boardroom 2-5 PM	26	27 Washington Health Fair  Drumming 12-3 PM @ Block house  MCH Halloween Event @ Bare Park 11-2 PM
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## Announcements

### Births/New Enrollments

Melea Dee Ziegler, Caleb Joseph Rooney, Deacon Robert Bell and Cameron Joseph Bell

### Obituaries

No deaths were reported

## Upcoming Events

### Elders Honor Luncheon

Elders are encouraged to attend the first Friday of each Month in the Grape Room at Seven Feathers Casino Resort from 12-2pm for great stories, great food, and to be honored. Please call Cindy today for your reservations at 541-677-5575.

### Tribal Elder Beading Classes

There will be 2 classes a month in the Government Office Board room. Please call Cindy Delay at 541-677-5575 if you are interested. If you have something you would like to teach please contact Cindy as well. Limited beading supplies will be provided—Please bring your projects to share.

### Class Schedule

Sept. 27, 2-5 PM

Oct. 11, 2-5 PM

Oct. 25, 2-5 PM

### October

Oct. 2 Pink Shawl Project Resumes-Pink Shawl meetings will resume on the first Tuesday each month beginning on Oct 2, 2012. meetings are held in the grape room at Seven Feathers Casino Resort from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A light meal will be served at 5:00 pm. Reservations are required each month in order to have adequate food for everyone in attendance. Contact Cindy Delay to make your reservations 541-677-5575.

The MCH Halloween Event will be held on Oct. 27 at Bare Park from 11am-2pm. Get your costumes ready and join in the fun activities they have planned. Contact Elizabeth at 541-672-8533 (option 1) for details.

### November

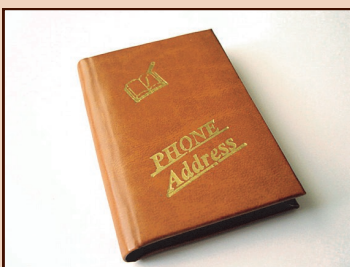
November 10, 2012 JOM POW WOW at Seven Feathers Casino Convention Center

## Tribal Identification Cards



Tribal Identification Cards are available to all Tribal members upon request. To obtain an I.D. card, contact Janet at the Cow Creek Government Office at 541-677-5575 or 800-929-8229. You will be sent an application to fill out and sign. You will be required to enclose a photo and mail the completed application back to the Government Office for processing. Properly filled out applications will be processed with the Tribal Chairman's signature and will be mailed back to you. **Tribal I.D. cards are legal documents and are accepted as legal proof of identity.**

## Address and Phone Number Updates



Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address and phone number at the Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices. Those who have minor children who are not living in their households should also make sure their children's updated addresses are on file at the Tribal Government Office. If you know of any Tribal members who have not been receiving correspondence from the Tribal Government Office, please recommend that they call the toll free number: 1-800-929-8229.



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