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Cow Creek Tribe Announces Creekside Development Plans



Panoramic view of Seven Feathers' Truck and Travel Center, with Jordan Creek Valley in background.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe has announced the phasing of Creekside Development, a decade-long development plan. Creekside's phasing includes: three reservoirs for storing fresh water and wastewater, a water treatment plant, a wastewater treatment plant, a 194-space RV park, an expansion to the Seven Feathers Hotel, a visitors' interpretive center, a riverside development, and possibly a golf course. The Tribe is also working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) as ODOT plans a possible new freeway rest stop just north of Canyonville.

According to Wayne Shammel, Tribal Attorney, the U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and ODOT have been consulted about Cow Creek development plans and all have responded positively.

Phase I of the project, the clearing of land for the construction of the water storage project, has begun. One reservoir will be filled

by fresh winter groundwater runoff. The other two will hold treated wastewater from Cow Creek business and lands that will be used for irrigation. The Tribe has left open the possibility of accepting the City of Canyonville's treated wastewater that, if it became part of the project, would also be used for irrigation.

The new water treatment and wastewater treatment plants will provide for projected Cow Creek needs for the next twenty years. The existing plants are too small to handle upcoming demands imposed by Creekside Development.

The project's initial phases as well as the 194-space RV park will be located in the valley west of Seven Feathers Truck and Travel Center's Creekside Restaurant, along Jordan Creek. This phase also includes the construction of a 60' wide street that will back into Jordan Creek Valley. The street would become the access to the possible visitors' interpretive center.

Creation of the RV park will open up Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort's south parking lot, allowing the hotel enough space to build a 250-room expansion. The new RV park will also allow the RV spaces north of the convention center to close, providing additional parking for automobiles.

Other potential plans over the next 5-7 years include the creation of a visitors' interpretive center, a visitors' botanical garden, and a greenhouse/nursery to provide Tribal business' landscaping needs.

An improved exit 99 and the potential new rest stop will assist in the handling of additional traffic that would occur as a result of Creekside Development. Should the new rest stop become reality, the Cow Creek history highway plaque, currently located at the south bound Rice Hill rest stop and dedicated in the summer of 2001, would be moved south.



COW CREEK HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER HOURS

Hours for the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center are:

Monday and Tuesday	9 a.m. – noon 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. – noon 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday and Friday	9 a.m. – noon 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Call 1.541.672.8533 or 1.800.935.2649 to schedule an appointment.

INFORMATION & HAPPENINGS

TELE-HEALTH SCHEDULE

The Tele-Health teleconference call focuses on a different health topic each month. Calls occur on the second Thursday at noon and 7 p.m. Each call lasts one half hour and there is ample time for questions. Any Tribal member with an interest in the Tele-Health topic may call in and become part of the teleconference.

Tele-Health Topics for upcoming months are listed below. For information on how to participate in a Tele-Health call, contact the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center at 1.541.672.8533 or 1.800.935.2649.

• May 8, 2003

Topic: First Aid

Provider: Noreen Thompson

Throughout the world, injuries are the leading cause of death during the first half of human life. Few escape having a serious injury occur to a relative or friend. Most people eventually find themselves in a situation requiring giving or receiving first aid.

The American Heart Association offers Heartsaver (CPR/AED) Automated External Defibrillator and First Aid courses which are held on a quarterly or as needed basis at the Cow Creek Health & Wellness Center.

Depending upon which course is taken, classes last from 3 to 8 hours. There is no charge for these classes.

June 12, 2003

Topic: Basic Foot Care

Provider: Dr. Ross Leonard

July 10, 2003

Topic: Children's Immunizations

Provider: Carol Follett

May – National Hepatitis Month

May is National Hepatitis Month. Hepatitis, an inflammation of the liver from any cause, is the major reason for serious liver disease and the leading reason for liver transplants in the U.S.

The liver is a passageway, a transformer, a warehouse, and a filtering station. It's a passageway for substances moving from the stomach to the intestines and then to the bloodstream. The liver transforms foods and sometimes medicine into chemical parts for body usage. Sugar and vitamins are stored in the liver so the body can tap into this warehouse when necessary. The liver removes wastes and poisons so it also serves as a filtering device.

Since hepatitis occurs commonly throughout the world, it isn't always easy to avoid contracting a hepatitis virus (Hepatitis A,B,C,D & E). The major nonviral cause of hepatitis is alcohol and drugs. It is considerably easier to prevent contracting nonviral hepatitis. Every time a person takes a drink of alcohol or uses a drug such as cocaine, the liver begins to filter these substances out of the body. The more alcohol or drugs in a person's system, the more difficult it is for the liver to get back to normal functioning.

Sometimes substance abuse has been so hard on the liver, it cannot heal. Widespread scarring occurs. The filtering function the liver performs is then compromised. This condition is known as cirrhosis of the liver. Twenty percent of patients with cirrhosis eventually develop liver cancer. Cirrhosis of the liver can be prevented or stopped.

Prevention is the key. Avoid alcohol as it causes damage to the liver. Don't ever combine alcohol and Tylenol as this combination may be toxic to the liver.

Education is the answer to reducing the number of nonviral hepatitis deaths that occur annually in the U.S.

- * Over 26,000 people in the U.S. die each year from chronic liver disease and cirrhosis.
- * Cirrhosis, a chronic liver disease, is the seventh leading disease-related cause of death in the U.S.
- * 75% to 80% of cases of cirrhosis could be prevented by eliminating alcohol abuse.
- * From the National Center for Health Statistics, American Liver Foundation, and UNOS



Prevention is Focus of National Child Abuse Month

Society is becoming increasingly aware of child abuse and the damage it causes. Although

any of the forms of maltreatment may be found separately, they often occur together. Maltreatment causes great damage to children, not only at the time it occurs but because it leaves an imprint, a shadow, over all the developmental years that lasts into adulthood. It's important that adults recognize that instances of child abuse must be addressed. An explanation of the four types of child maltreatment: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse, are listed below:

Neglect is the failure to provide for a child's basic needs. Neglect may be physical, educational, or emotional. Physical neglect may involve the failure to provide food or shelter. Educational neglect may involve failure to educate a child. Inattention to a child's emotional needs or exposure to domestic violence constitute emotional neglect. A neglected child may be abandoned or homeless.

Signs of neglect may include:

1. Hunger, failure to thrive, and obesity

2. Developmental delays
3. Lack of attention to personal cleanliness
4. Delay or failure to get health care
5. Pattern of tardiness or missing school
6. Inappropriate dress for season or weather,

Some examples of physical abuse are:

1. Bruising may indicate the use of corporal punishment.
2. About ten percent of cases of physical abuse involve burns. Cigarette burns cause circular burns of uniform size. Scalding burns occur when a child is placed in hot water.
3. Fractures occur when twisting or pulling an arm or leg causes a fracture. Shaking a child so hard that the arms or legs flail about can cause injury on the end of the long bones.
4. Punching or kicking a child may cause fractures of the ribs, scapula, or sternum.
5. Most abuse deaths are caused by injuries to the brain. Shaking or hitting a child's head is always dangerous.
6. A severe blow to the abdomen with the fist or foot may cause damage to internal organs. A ruptured spleen or liver, a hole or cut in the intestines, a large blood clot or bowel obstruction may occur when abuse involves the abdomen.

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BIA Regional Director, Stan Speaks, Tours Cow Creek Country

Tuesday, April 22, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director, Stan Speaks, and his wife, Lois, toured the properties and businesses that are owned by the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Chairman Sue Shaffer, Mike Rondeau, and Wayne Shammel accompanied the Speaks on their tour. At the conclusion of the day, Speaks reported he was impressed and overwhelmed by what Cow Creek has accomplished.

Mr. Speaks last visited Cow Creek properties in July of 2002 when he and his wife attended Seven Feathers Truck & Travel Center's Grand Opening reception. Of particular interest to Speaks was the Tribe's design and publication business, Creative Images (with its two divisions, ciPrinting and ciMediaGroup). The Bureau of Indian Affairs has needs for printing and design and this is a great opportunity for both BIA and the Tribe.



BIA's Stan Speaks with his wife, Lois, and Chairman Sue Shaffer in front of Cow Creek Government Office.

Oregon Tourism Commission Reports Southern Oregon Had a Solid 2002 — Seven Feathers' Business Increased by 20%



Front Entrance of Seven Feather Hotel & Casino Resort

Oregon Tourism Commission's March edition of Oregon Travel News reported on how tourism fared in Oregon in 2002 in the face of some of the most challenging times the industry has ever seen. With the aftermath of 9-11, the Iraqi War, high Oregon gas prices, a decrease in business travel, and serious economic difficulties, travel marketers and destination locations have had to think creatively. The Travel Industry Association of America (TIA) recently reported that consumer confidence continues to decline, falling 4.5% in the last quarter of 2002.

Oregon Travel News included 2002 regional summary reports from the Portland Area, the Oregon Coast, the Willamette Valley, Mt. Hood/Columbia Gorge, Central Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and Southern Oregon.

Southern Oregon reported a solid visitor year for 2002. The fires of summer 2002 actually helped fill local lodging establishments with fire control personnel.

However, Crater Lake National Park showed no increase in numbers in 2002, its 100th Anniversary Year. Wildlife Safari showed no increase in visitor numbers from 2001. Oregon Caves National Monument was engulfed with smoky skies in August of 2002 but was only down 3% in visitor numbers.

Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort's visitor numbers for 2001 were 1,026,000 while 2002 numbers were 1,231,196, an increase of 20%.

Of the other casinos listed in Oregon Travel News, the next highest number increase occurred at the Old Camp Casino where a 9% increase in visitor numbers from 2001 was reported. Indian casino activity increased generally in Oregon in 2002. However, many attractions in Oregon suffered.



South-facing photo of Seven Feathers Resort Hotel.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

EPA PRAISES TRIBE

Over the past 2 1/2 years, the Tribe has worked to clean up a contaminated site at Seven Feathers Truck & Travel Center. The localized site was discovered when the Tribe began to construct tank installation at the truck stop. Recently the Tribe received a "letter of closure" from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicating no further clean-up action was necessary. Clarence Ortman, EPA's Tribal Coordinator, let the Cow Creek know he considered the "letter of closure" to be a real pat on the back, an unusually positive letter to have received from the EPA.

TRUST UPDATE

On February 23, 2003, the Tribe received notice from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the Creekside I property, a parcel of 543.74 acres, had been placed in trust.

CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY

Douglas County Building Department issued the Tribe a Certification of Occupancy for the casino addition, the new poker room, and the new gift gallery.

Interior Department Continues To Mishandle Responsibilities

Interior Department Begins Reorganization Without Being Told To

Once again, the Congressional Native American Caucus has had to point out the Interior Department's questionable actions regarding the Individual Indian Money (IIM) trust reform. The Interior Department had begun to move ahead to reorganize the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the name of trust reform.

In 2001, in the early phases of the Cobell v Norton case, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth asked the Interior Department to file a "plan" for reorganization that he would review at a later date. His order did not ask the Interior Dept. to begin reorganization of the BIA without court review.

Interior Department Found in Breach of Trust

Later, in 2002, Judge Lamberth found the Department of the Interior in breach of its duties to the 300,000 individual Indian trust beneficiaries. Judge Lamberth stated in his September 17, 2002, decision, "The agency [Dept. of Interior] has indisputably proven to the Court, Congress, and the individual Indian beneficiaries that it is either unwilling or unable to administer competently the IIM trust. Worse yet the Department has now undeniably shown that it can no longer be trusted to state accurately the status of its trust reform efforts. In short, there is no longer any doubt that the Secretary of Interior has been and continues to be an unfit trustee delegate for the United States."

The Judge then took stronger action and ordered the Interior Department to file a

plan with the court that would provide for a historical accounting of the trust accounts. Judge Lamberth also asked the Department to detail how it intends to administer trust accounts. Plaintiffs were also asked to file any competing plan/s to manage the accounts. May 1, 2003, was the date set for the trial to review all plans filed.

Norton Held In Contempt Of Court

Judge Lamberth found the Interior Department's progress on the reporting of the administration of the trusts disappointing. He found Sec. of the Interior Dept., Gail Norton, and a senior deputy on Indian affairs, Neal McCaleb (who has since resigned), guilty of five civil changes of lida-gation misconduct and contempt of court.

Both Secretary Norton and McCaleb have challenged their convictions of last September, which were: (1) engaging in litigation misconduct by failing to comply with the Court's Order of December 21, 1999, to initiate a Historical Accounting Project; (2) committing a fraud on the Court by concealing the Department's true actions regarding the Historical Accounting Project during the period from March 2000, until January, 2001; (3) committing a fraud on the Court by failing to disclose the true status of the TAAMS subproject between September, 1999 and December 21, 1999; (4) committing a fraud on the Court by filing false and misleading quarterly reports starting in March of 2000 regarding TAAMS and BIA Data Cleanup; and (5) committing a fraud on the Court by making false and misleading reports starting in March of 2000 regarding computer security of IIM trust documents.

Judge Royce C. Lamberth is the only judge in history to hold a Cabinet officer in contempt of court. He's done so two other times, both also involving this case.

Government Gains Significant Victory

The hearing to reverse the contempt of court charges began April 24, 2003 and the D.C. circuit court handed the government a significant victory when it ordered the court-appointed special master to cease work. The special master's harsh evaluations of the Dept. of Interior's reform efforts created the basis for the contempt findings.

Judge Lamberth Upholds Trust Relationships

On April 28, in a fifteen-page decision, Judge Lamberth upheld the federal government's ongoing trust relationship with more than 300,000 account holders whose funds have been mismanaged for more than a century. Lamberth rejected a motion for summary judgment that would have limited the accounting from 1984 to the present. A trial, set by Judge Lamberth, to address the accounting issues began May 1.

Weariness May Cause Trials To Be Labeled A Nuisance

In the "Indian" Enron case, as it's being called, the U.S. Government has mismanaged the trust funds of up to half a million people for more than 100 years. Media and politicians have loudly and righteously demanded accountability and reform. However, there is almost a total lack of outrage by American citizens, the U.S. Congress, and the White House toward the culprit in the trust fund case, the Interior Department. Roughly eleven million acres of Indian land is held in trust by the Interior Department. It's estimated that more than \$100 billion in royalties may be due individual accounts. The trial begins at a time when congress is weary of the multi-year battle. Some members of the Senate and the House are moving to call the trial a "nuisance."

Cow Creek Elders Travel to Siletz' Annual Gathering

7:30 a.m. on April 8, fifteen Cow Creek elders traveled to Lincoln City to attend the Confederated Tribes of Siletz' Annual "Circle of Wisdom" Elders Gathering. Approximately three hundred fifty elders from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho were welcomed at noon by Shirley Walker, the Siletz' elders chairman.

The Honor Guard, posting of the flags, and lunch followed Shirley Walker's remarks. Events of the afternoon included talent presentations by Maria Westervelt, The Downey Sisters, "The Circle" Jane Archer Dancers, William Winuint, and Snoball Butler. More than 300 door prizes were awarded.



Shirley Roane and Polly Rondeau "hang out" at the beach.

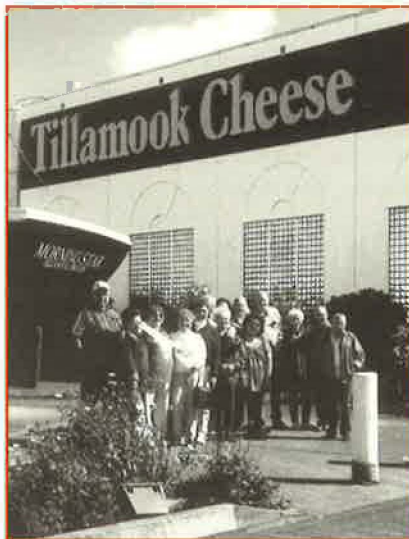
UPCOMING ELDERS' ACTIVITIES

May 8 and 9 – Warm Springs Honor Elders Day at Kah-Nee-Tah.

(Thursday & Friday, returning Saturday, May 10)

June 27 – (Friday) Elders Picnic, more details in the next issue of KIUYUM-ID.

July 19 – (Saturday) Elders Potluck at South Umpqua Falls.



Cow Creek elders pose for a photo before their tour of the Tillamook Cheese Factory.

During the two-hour afternoon break, elders toured the Chinook Winds Gaming Center and some tried their luck. At 6 p.m., everyone convened for dinner, music by the Rick Bartow Band, and the awarding of more door prizes!

Cow Creek elders spent the night at the Lincoln City Inn and on Sunday drove to Tillamook where they toured the Tillamook Cheese Factory and stopped by the Air Museum.

Rhonda Malone, Cow Creek elders' program coordinator reported, "We were so well treated by the Siletz. What's more, the weather was spectacular. We had a great time!"

EDUCATION NEWS

GRADUATION GATHERING

The Cow Creek Higher Education Program is hosting an "Education Gathering" on Thursday, June 26, from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Seven Feathers Convention Center. Tribal members who have graduated from college in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 will be honored. Students currently enrolled in the Higher Education Program are also welcome to attend.

For reservations, higher education graduates and current enrollees should call Kelly Strickler, Education Director, by May 20. Kelly can be reached at 1.541.672.9405 or 1.800.929.8229.

"STRENGTHENING THE NEXT GENERATION"

No one would argue that caring for and raising young people is easy. Everyone involved in this task, this important work, feels the challenge!

"Strengthening the Next Generation" meetings, opportunities for adult Tribal and non Tribal members and Cow Creek staff to learn, grow, and discuss issues on raising children will take place this summer. The schedule of meetings will be determined by response. If you would be interested in participating, please call Rhonda Malone at 1.541.672.9405 or 1.800.929.8229.

CLASS INFO

CULTURE CAMP 2003 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1, 2, AND 3

The Cow Creek Tribe is hosting Culture Camp 2003 at the Bare Ranch Park on August 1, 2, and 3 (Friday – Sunday).

Culture Camp is open to all Cow Creek families. Bare Ranch Park has shower and restroom facilities as well as a limited number of tent slots. Individual campfires will not be permitted.

Additional information on classes and events to be held at Culture Camp 2003 will be published in upcoming issues of KIUYUM-ID. Reservations for tent space and

attendance at Culture Camp should be made by calling Kelly Strickler at 1.541.672.93405 or 1.800.929.8229.

REGALIA CLASSES TO BE HELD MAY 17 AND JUNE 7

Two regalia classes to assist Cow Creek Tribal members prepare for the Cow Creek Pow Wow on July 18 – 20 are scheduled for Saturday, May 17 and Saturday, June 7. All classes will be held at the Cow Creek Government Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each regalia class day will offer:

moccasin making, necklace making, traditional women and girls, fancy women and girls, jingle dresses for women and girls, traditional men and boys, fancy men and boys, and grass men and boys.

Reservations are important as if there aren't adequate enrollees for any one class, it won't be offered. To make your reservation for any of these classes, contact Kelly Strickler or Rhonda Malone immediately at 1.541.672.9405 or 1.800.929.8229

POW WOW PROTOCOL CLASS

A pow-wow protocol class will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cow Creek Government Office. Craig Whitehead, a Whip man from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, will be the guest speaker. Craig will speak on proper pow-wow protocol, dance styles, and coming out ceremonies for new dancers.

Craig Whitehead is the son of the late Paul Whitehead, former recognized Whip man of the Siletz Tribe. Reservations for attendance at this class need to be made by June 12 by calling Kelly Strickler at 1.541.672.9405 or 1.800.929.8229.

U.S. Forest Service Golden Age Passport Provides Free Entry

For people over age 62, the U.S. Forest Service provides a lifetime card, the Golden Age Passport, that provides free entry for the holder of the card as well as everyone in their vehicle to national parks, monuments, and landmarks. The card also allows a 50% reduction in federal

campground fees. To obtain a Golden Age Passport, contact your local U.S. Forest Service office and ask to be sent an application form. Upon receiving the completed form with a \$10 fee, the Forest Service will issue and mail out your Golden Age Passport.

Child Abuse Prevention is Focus

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Sexual abuse includes activities by an adult such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and commercial exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials. Certain signs may suggest a child has been sexually abused:

1. Bruises, scars, chafing, or bite marks in the genital area
2. Discharge from the penis or vagina
3. Rectal or genital bleeding
4. Anal tears or dilation
5. Development of a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

Emotional abuse is any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense

of self worth. This may include constant criticism, threats, rejection, as well as withholding love, support, or guidance.

Suspected child abuse should be reported to the local child protective services or law enforcement agency. If a child is in physical danger, a report should be made immediately to local law enforcement officers. If a person isn't sure of their suspicions, they should be discussed with a social service or health care professional. Many of the trained staff at the Cowcreek Health & Wellness Center (1.541.672.8533 or 1.800.935.2649) have been educated to discuss these issues in absolute confidentiality.

Miss Native American "Oregon" Scholarship Program

The Native American "Oregon" Scholarship Program is offering young women the opportunity to compete for scholarship monies. Young women between the ages of 17 to 23 who have never been married, are enrolled in a Federally recognized tribe, are enrolled in a college or university or plan to continue a secondary education path, are a resident of Oregon, have never been convicted of a criminal offense, and have no criminal charges presently pending against them are eligible to enter this pageant. By winning, a young woman automatically becomes eligible to compete for the title of Miss Oregon 2004 in Seaside in July, 2004.

To learn more about the Miss Native American Program, Chinook Winds Casino will be hosting informational workshops from May 15 – 18. The Miss Native American Competition for 2003 will be held from August 16 – 18, 2003.

For more information, contact Kelly Strickler at 1.541.672.9405 or 1.800.929.8229.

