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- Spaces are still available for Cow Creek elders interested in attending the Jacksonville Museum trip.

## Commissioners

### At Odds With Tribal Development

During the August 17, 2005 Douglas County Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Dan Van Slyke presented a letter submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) opposing the transfer of the tribally owned land in downtown Roseburg to trust status. The Van Slyke letter was in response to a routine form letter sent by the BIA to all taxing districts within the area requesting public comment. His letter, signed by fellow commissioner Marilyn Kittelman, stated that it is unfair to saddle the county and other local governments and taxing districts with the loss of \$16,000 of property taxes that would be removed from the tax rolls.

Commissioner Doug Robertson refused to sign the letter stating that the economic benefits from tribal development of the downtown

Roseburg area would provide money and jobs to the area and would far outweigh the tax loss. Robertson also disagreed with his fellow commissioners forcing the County's will upon other taxing authorities like the city of Roseburg and the Roseburg School Districts which are supportive of the Tribe's Plan.

Douglas County had never opposed trust transfers by the Cow Creek Tribe until Commissioner Van Slyke was elected three years ago. The letter of concern was sent by the County Commissioners in December of 2004 with regard to the Douglas County Farmers Co-Op property that the Tribe purchased in 2002.

On August 22, 2005 the Roseburg News Review ran an editorial entitled "Tribal Land:

Cow Creek's economic benefit outweighs loss of tax revenue." The editorial sided with the Cow Creeks and the City of Roseburg against Douglas County.



*Commissioners Marilyn Kittelman and Dan Van Slyke.*

## Commissioners At Odds With Tribal Development *continued...*

The editorial pointed out, among other things, that “the tribe has a good track record, growing to the fourth-largest employer in the county, with more than 900 employees” and also stated that “The city of Roseburg and the Cow Creeks can work together for their mutual benefit.”

On August 25, 2005 tribal representatives attended the D.C. Commissioners meeting along with scores of other community members who support the tribe. Tribal representative Wayne Shammel accused Commissioners Van Slyke and Kittelman of trying to inflame public sentiment against the Tribe and had unfairly criticized the Tribe for seeking tax exempt status for the downtown properties.

Kittelman accused the Tribe of not competing on an equal footing with other businesses. Van Slyke claimed to have made several attempts to meet with tribal leaders, “The Tribe refused to meet with me.” However, tribal leaders have never had any official request from Van Slyke to meet with them.

On August 29, 2005 the Roseburg News-Review published another editorial supporting the tribe stating that “One could hardly blame the tribe for responding in such a fashion. They have felt under attack by Commissioner Dan Van Slyke,

who is strongly supported by Commissioner Kittelman.” The editorial ended with the following “If commissioners [Van Slyke and Kittelman] truly have the interests of the majority of residents in mind – not a small group of obstructionists – they would work with the Tribe to improve the county, not throw up roadblocks.”

Tribal representatives attended another weekly meeting of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners along with dozens of community members that support the tribe on August 31, 2005. However, unlike the previous meeting there were five people who came to oppose the tribe. One was Van Slyke’s campaign manager, Kittelman’s campaign manager and her daughter, another was a citizen from Camas Valley and finally the last was a former Douglas County Sheriff, all of whom are staunch supporters of the two commissioners.

Van Slyke began his public campaign against the Tribe in April of 2004 when he was the featured guest on Community Comment, a local radio call-in program. Van Slyke gave his reasons for wanting the tribes to pay “their fair share”, but most offensive were his comments comparing the Tribe, as an organization, to the Nazi regime and laughing when a caller suggested that he and Van Slyke treat the situation like “their ancestor’s did” and return to the practices of the

1850’s which were related to genocide of the Indians.

In the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the County Commissioners, when confronted with the “Nazi regime” comparison, Van Slyke denied having made the statement. After several people in the audience said they had heard the audio tape of the radio program, Van Slyke admitted he had compared the tribe to the Nazi regime but it was a bad choice of words. He further agreed that he meant to compare the tribe with other “despicable organizations.”

The Tribe is continuing to work with Commissioner Robertson and move forward with the project, however, if complications continue with regard to transferring the property into trust status, alternatives for the property are under consideration.



Wayne Shammel, Cow Creek Legal Representation, at the Douglas County Commissioners meeting.



## Congressional Visits to Cow Creek

### Patrick Kennedy



US Congressman Patrick Kennedy, a six-term congressman from Rhode Island, took time during a recent visit to Cow Creek Indian Country to be a featured speaker for two local fundraising events, a luncheon in Roseburg and an honor dinner at the Seven

Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort. Kennedy spent the morning touring the Tribe's Creekside Project in Canyonville and other tribal properties throughout the county.

The luncheon, organized by the Democratic Women of Douglas County, was well attended by nearly 100 people from throughout Douglas County. Kennedy spoke on a variety of issues including the need for insurance companies to treat mental health issues in the same manner as medical issues and he has introduced legislation to address this need. "The mind is part of the body and should be treated like other illnesses of the body" he said.

Kennedy, along with two members of his congressional staff took time between events to float a 4 mile stretch of the North Umpqua River, guided by members of the tribal government staff.

During the evening event, Congressman Kennedy spoke to a crowd of nearly 200 Douglas County residents and two other Oregon tribes. Tribal leaders and representative from the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Suiislaw Tribe and the Coquille Indian Tribe were able to meet briefly with Congressman Kennedy to discuss their own tribal issues.

Kennedy, a long time advocate of tribal rights, is the co-founder and current co-vice-chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Native American Caucus. Although the Caucus was founded as a non-partisan caucus, there are 81 democrats to 29 republicans.

The purpose of the caucus is to improve coordination among Senators for whom Native American issues are a priority.

### Peter DeFazio



US Congressman Peter DeFazio set aside an afternoon to tour Cow Creek Tribal Properties during a recent visit to southern Oregon. The Congressman made a stop in Canyonville prior to his scheduled meetings that evening in Grants Pass and Roseburg.

During the tour, tribal representatives were able to provide the congressman with an overall idea of how the Creekside Development Project plays into the long range planning and goals of the Tribe. Completion of the dams and sewage lagoon as well as the waste water treatment facilities will bring more jobs and more opportunity for further business expansion.

The Congressman was most surprised and impressed with the Creekside Development Project that will provide long range infrastructure for the area for years to come.

## Education Corner

### Cow Creek Higher Education Program and Title 7 Hosting College Night

The Cow Creek Higher Education Program and the Title 7 Indian Education Program are hosting a College Night, October 25, 2005. College Night will be held at the Cow Creek Government Office from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Various universities and community colleges will be in attendance to share information about their schools and degree programs. Financial aid information will also be shared to educate parents and students on this process.

Cow Creek high school junior and senior students attending College Night will learn how to apply for college, financial aid and learn about degree programs offered. There will also be scholarship information featuring Native American scholarships available.

Non traditional Cow Creek students (students over 25) are urged to attend College Night. The universities and colleges in attendance will have information to share that will showcase Native American services and programs for non-traditional students.

The Cow Creek Education Di-

rector will have Higher Education Applications and Cow Creek Education Program information available for Cow Creek tribal members.

For further information or to attend, contact Kelly LaChance, Education Director, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

### Cow Creek Higher Education Guidelines

Cow Creek Higher Education deadlines for each quarter/semester are:

*Fall*—August 1, 2005

*Winter*—December 1, 2005

*Spring*—March 1, 2006

*Summer*—June 1, 2006

The following documentation must be completed and/or submitted prior to the deadline dates to qualify for the Cow Creek Higher Education Program:

- Higher Education application
- Written statement of educational goals and plans
- High school diploma/GED
- College transcript (if previously attended)
- Financial Aid award

To learn more about the Cow Creek Higher Education Program and deadlines, call Kelly LaChance, Education Director, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

### Congratulations To Another Cow Creek High School Graduate

Congratulations to another high school graduate for 2005, George O'Dell. George graduated from Seward High School in Seward, Alaska.

## Contract Health Services Available to Cow Creek Members

Cow Creek Contract Health Service (CHS) eligibility is based on the following requirements:

- Be a enrolled member of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.
- Live within the 7 county service area: Douglas, Deschutes, Klamath, Lane, Josephine, Jackson, and Coos counties.
- Provide health insurance/alternative resource information or submit over-income data if the family is not covered by other insurance.
- Complete a current Contract Health Service application.
- Obtain a purchase order number and authorization prior to appointments, even referred out of the Health & Wellness clinic for other services.

The most common reason for denial of CHS benefits is not calling in prior to a doctor visit. All physician visits must be pre-authorized and have a purchase order number assigned before CHS can consider physician bills for payment. In case of emergency room visits or emergency admissions, an eligible enrollee has 3 days to notify the CHS office of an emergency room visit.

If an appointment is cancelled in which a purchase order number has already been assigned, call the CHS office and obtain a new purchase order number and cancel the old one. The purchase orders are processed by date and the doctor's name. They both must match. If another doctor's appointment is scheduled and an updated purchase order number has not been received, the claim may be denied, leaving the patient responsible for the payment.

Procedures for category III and IV must be approved through the Resource Committee; the committee meets weekly. The CHS office does not pay for category III and IV procedures without approval from the committee. Category III and IV include: CT scans, MRI, sleep studies, physical therapy, durable goods or prosthetics appliances, home

health visits, high cost medications or travel medications and non emergent surgery. This list is not all-inclusive. Call at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled appointments for a CHS purchase order.

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The Tribal Dental Health Plan (TDHP) has been helpful to many tribal members, ensuring high quality dental care to those in need. So far this year, TDHP has served 262 enrollees. This plan provides up to \$1,500 toward the cost of dental care for a tribal member who lives within the 7 county service area. The only other requirement is that a purchase order is obtained prior to the dentist appointment. The program will run through December 2005.

For more information about Contract Health Services or the Tribal Dental Health Plan, call Cynthia Galaktionoff, CHS Specialist, at (541) 672-8355 or (800) 935-2649.

### Deadline For Over-The-Counter Services

All requests for the Over-The-Counter Program must be received by November 15, 2005. The only exceptions to this date are for Sonicare toothbrushes, members enrolled after November 15, 2005 and members requesting reimbursement for self-pay.

Enrolled tribal members will be able to access the Over-the-Counter Program again on January 2, 2006.

For more information about the Over-The-Counter services, contact Tamara Robinson at the Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center, at (541) 672-8533 or (800) 935-2649



## Applications Are Being Accepted For The Child Care Program

The Cow Creek Tribal Child Care Program is accepting applications for childcare services.

Eligibility is determined by the following:

- The child must be enrolled with the Cow Creek Band of

Umpqua Tribe of Indians

- The child must be living in the Cow Creek seven county service area of: Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Deschutes, and Coos Counties in Oregon.

- The child's parents must be

working, going to college or attending a training program.

For more information or to request an application, contact Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

## Well Nations Magazine Free Subscriptions

Free Well Nations Magazine subscriptions are available to Cow Creek Tribal Members.

Magazine provides current health information in Native American Communities.

at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

The quarterly, Well Nations

To subscribe, call Missey Steele,



## Introducing New Health And Wellness Staff

**Bob Dunas**

**Health Educator**

Bob's work at the Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center, as the Health Educator, will focus on lifestyle changes and diabetes prevention. Bob served four years as an emergency room CNA in a New York city hospital. He also has experience as an educator, an educational consultant, a general contractor, and home inspector.

Bob is, "... passionate about helping people improve their health, which in turn will improve their lives, their children's live and the lives of future generations." Bob lives in the Kellogg area with his wife, Diane, and their four children.

**Lee VanBeuzekom**

**Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)**

Lee is the Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center's Behavioral Health Therapist. Lee is interested in helping families, couples, and individuals improve their day-to-day communications and family interactions. She is also interested in helping parents increase their effectiveness as they raise their children.

She has the capability of working with clients from ages four to ninety-four. Lee understands life cycle states and issues. She comes to the Health and Wellness Center with a strong background in numerous mental health areas. She has lived in Roseburg since 1989. Joseph and Lee live in Garden Valley with their "baby," seven-month-old Samuel, a yellow lab. Their children and grandchildren live nearby.

## Upcoming Elder Events

### Horseshoe Tournament & Potluck

The Elders Horseshoe Tournament & Pot Luck is set for Sunday, September 25, 2005, from 12:00 pm till 4:00 pm, at Bare Park.

Tribal families are invited to attend. Each horseshoe team must have an elder on their team.

To RSVP (by September 22nd) or for further information, call Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

### Jacksonville Museum

Cow Creek tribal elders are invited to attend the Jacksonville Museum trip Saturday, October

15, 2005. Transportation, museum fees, and lunch will be provided.

Participants will meet at the Cow Creek Government Office October 12, 2005 at 9:30 am and leave by 9:45 am.

To reserve your space, call Rhonda Malone by October 12<sup>th</sup>, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.

## Business Office Telephone Numbers:

### Government Offices:

(541) 672-9405

(800)929-8229

### Health & Wellness Center:

(541) 672-8533

(800) 935-2649

### Nesika Health Insurance:

(541) 677-5508

(800) 284-9917

## Cow Creek Jackets and Caps



Black zip, lined jacket.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians jackets and caps are available for sale:

◆ *Black zip, lined jackets with the logo on the front left, for \$50.00 + shipping & handling.*

◆ *Fleece jackets with the logo on the front left, for \$20.00 + shipping & handling.*

◆ *Baseball caps with the logo centered, for \$15.00 + shipping and handling.*

◆ *Beanie caps with the logo centered, for \$12.00 + shipping and handling.*

Various colors and sizes are available. For more information or to order, contact Rhonda Malone, at (541) 672-9405 or (800) 929-8229.



Fleece jacket.



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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Tribal Identification Cards are available to all enrolled tribal members upon request. To obtain an I.D. card, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices at 1-800-929-8229. You will be sent an application which you should fill out and sign. Enclose a photo and mail the material back to the Tribal

Government Offices for processing.

Properly filled out applications will be processed with the Tribal Chairman's signature and mailed back to you.

### TRIBAL JOBS LINE

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at any of the tribal businesses can call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1-800-676-0854 to hear a pre-recorded listing of openings. The Tribal Jobs Line is updated on a weekly basis and provides

instruction as to where and how to apply.

### ADDRESS UPDATES

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices. Those who have minor children who are not living in their households also should make sure their children's updated addresses are on file with the Tribal Government Offices.

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) or write to the Cow Creek Tribal Government Office, 2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100, Roseburg, Oregon 97470.

### REMINDER

*All Johnson O'Malley functions are smoke free.*

