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Tribal Meeting Set in Sacramento

The Tribal Board of Directors has rescheduled the California informational meeting in Sacramento, CA for Sunday, May 3, 1998 at 10 a.m. in the Mallard Room of the Fountain Suites Hotel, 321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA. The phone number for the Hotel is 1-916-444-2347.

Directions to the Fountain Suites Hotel:

From Interstate 5 South:

Take interstate 5 south to Sacramento. Get off at the Richards Blvd. Exit. Make a left turn at the light onto Richards Blvd. Go under the Freeway and through first light. Make first left after light onto Bercut Dr. The Fountain Suites Hotel is one block down on the right side of the street.

From Interstate 5 North:

Take interstate 5 north to Sacramento. Get off at the Richards Blvd exit. Make a right turn at the light onto Richards Blvd. Make immediate left onto Bercut Drive. The Fountain Suites Hotel is one block down on the right side of the street.

For more information, please contact the Tribal Office at 1-800-929-8229.

Tribe Hosts Town Meeting for Oregon Congressman DeFazio

On April 8th, Congressman DeFazio held a town meeting at Seven Feathers Convention Center for members of the 4th Congressional District. DeFazio commonly uses congressional recess time to hold town meetings throughout his district. The meeting at Seven Feathers was one of several throughout the 4th district.

The congressman spoke on issues related to the national budget, natural resource and responded to questions and comments from constituents.

Congressman DeFazio clearly recognizes the importance of the economic impact of Cow Creek/ Seven Feathers on Douglas County and the State of Oregon.

Congressman DeFazio continues to be a strong supporter of the Cow Creeks.

Tribal Chairperson Testifies at Senate Hearing

Tribal Leaders from the Northwest gathered together in Seattle, WA on April 7, 1998 to express their opposition to SB 1691 in testimony presented to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs which was chaired by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Denver, Co.

Cow Creek Tribal Chairperson Sue Shaffer gave testimony that sited the support for Indian rights and tribal sovereignty by the last five Presidents of the United States and quoted from former Senator Mark O. Hatfield's comments at the dedication of Chief Miwaleta Park in 1987. An excerpt of Senator Hatfield's comments is as follows:

".... there has been justice denied for many generations; stains on the history books of our nation, which relate to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe. but the wonderful thing is, even though we cannot remove those stains on our history, we can rewrite history. And we have the freedom, and the privilege, and the responsibility to rewrite history to correct the wrongs of the past, to compensate through restitution and other methods that are open to us for things that have happened to our history for which we are not very proud".

Senator Campbell, a member of Montana's Northern Cheyenne Tribe, chaired the hearings on the bill introduced by Senator Slade Gorton of Washington, that would eliminate sovereign immunity and allow taxation of tribal governments.

As reported in the past, this issue of diminishing tribal sovereign immunity continues to be the gravest concerns of Tribe's across the nation.

REMINDERS.....

Quarterly General Council Meeting and Tribal Office Grand Opening

The Quarterly General Council Meeting and Grand Opening Celebration for the Tribal Government Office will be held on Sunday,

May 17, 1998 at the Tribal Government Office in Roseburg. The meeting will come to order at 1 p.m. in the Boardroom of the new offices. Nominations for the 1998 Board of Directors Election will be taken at this meeting. Following the General Council meeting, a buffet prepared by the Seven Feathers Culinary Staff will be served and Tribal Staff will be on hand to provide tours throughout the entire facility.

The procedures for the nominations for the Tribal Board of Directors Election are as follows:

Any registered voter of the Tribe present at the May meeting each year may nominate. Each person may nominate one individual for the election. When the nominations are closed, no other nominations will be accepted.

A nomination will be considered complete when the nominee has accepted the nomination in writing. Nomination acceptance forms will be furnished to all candidates present at the meeting. For those nominees not present, forms will be mailed to them no later than three (3) days following the nominations meeting and must be received in the tribal office no later than June 10th of each year. Candidate acceptance forms will be placed in the election file. Candidate's names will be placed on the ballot in the order the nominations are made.

Tribal Identification Cards

Tribal Identification Cards are available to any tribal member upon request. If you would like one, contact Carol Ferguson at the Cow Creek Government Offices. You will be sent an application with an I.D. card attached for your signature. Just simply fill out the application, sign the ID card, enclose an appropriately sized photo and mail back to the Administrative Offices for processing. PLEASE DO NOT FILL IN ANYTHING ON THE CARD EXCEPT YOUR SIGNATURE. In order for

cards to be uniform, this procedure must be followed. The card will then be processed with the Chairman's signature, laminated and then mailed back to you.

Over-the-Counter Program

The Cow Creek Tribe established the Over-the-Counter Health Program in 1997 for tribal members living in the seven county services area. This program enables each tribal member to \$100.00 of pharmaceutical supplies, such as Advil, Tylenol, cold and flu medicines, cough syrup, thermometers, vitamins etc. The funding for the 1997 program was from federal Indian Health Service funds.

For the 1998 year, the Tribal Board of Directors approved tribal funds for this program that will make this program available to <u>all</u> enrolled tribal members.

To enroll in this program, you must notify Linda Rondeau at 1-800-935-2649 with the name of the pharmacy you normally use. Once the account information is established with your pharmacy, you can call Linda, at least 24 hours in advance, for pre-approval of your pharmaceutical needs.

Tribal Jobs Line

Tribal members interested in employment opportunities at Seven Feathers Casino Resort, the Cow Creek Gaming Commission or the Tribal Government Offices, please call the Tribal Jobs Line at 1-800-676-0854 for a prerecorded listing of all job openings. The Tribal Jobs Line is updated on a weekly basis and provides instructions as to where and how to apply.

Update your Address

Tribal members are encouraged to maintain a current address at the Tribal Office. Several newsletters have been returned for lack of proper address. Tribal members who have minor children not living in their household should update the child's address for current information on the trust funds. 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: Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices, 2371 NE Stephens Street, Suite 100, Roseburg, OR 97470 to update their address.

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