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This is the first of a detailed newsletter that will be sent to tribal members. The intent is to send this type of newsletter once each quarter with special bulletins sent out as needed for updating. This newsletter will probably be longer than usual due to the number of various informational items that we wish to address.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-CREDIT APPROVAL

The most significant thing in this newsletter is the fact that approval has been received on the credit package from the Bureau for the Evergreen Entertainment Center on September 16, 1991. The first phase of the operation will be the opening of the Bingo Hall. The approval of the funding was the culmination of countless hours of work by many different people.

A bingo operation was first considered about 6 years ago. Then, upon completion of the Business Plan which found it to be the most viable option the tribe had, it was accelerated and for over three years the tribe has worked with

British American Bingo who assisted with the necessary statistical figures on anticipated income. Of prime importance was the fact that the 28 acre tract was in reservation status. Getting this status was a long, drawn-out, complicated procedure but, without it, the tribe would not have been prepared to enter into the gaming business. As you know, the tribe has no natural resource reservation, so income and the future of the tribe has to come from what is developed on the property. build for the future financial success of the tribe has been the continuing goal of the Board of Directors. Good, sound planning and iustifiable projected income

is what proved to the Bureau that this was a project they could feel comfortable funding. Putting the package together was a very complex work effort which was accelerated over the past six months, when it became apparent that commercial banks were not interested in funding the project. All phases had to be justified to the Credit Board, including a gaming ordinance to be in compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the management contract. As a result of this funding approval, it is anticipated that groundbreaking and construction of the building will begin soon. Appreciation is extended to the people in the Central Office, ?

the Area Office. and the Agency Office, who have assisted in the preparation of the necessary documents. Members of the tribal economic development corporation and the office staff as well as city, county and state officials have given their time and expertise in bringing all of this together. Tribal members need to understand that everything that has been accomplished for this tribe has been hard fought and hard won. A bulletin will be sent to tribal members announcing the groundbreaking ceremony. Please make every effort to attend this most momentous occasion.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors have formally accepted the Constitution that was approved by Dr. Eddie R. Brown on July 17, 1991. They also re-affirmed past actions of the Board pursuant to the authority vested in them by

the constitution. The Board passed a resolution to develop a Tribal Gaming Ordinance as mandated by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Authority and to develop a tribal/state compact. The Board passed the necessary resolution to develop an Election Ordinance as provided for in the Constitution. The Board accepted the 38 applications that had been reviewed since October 26, 1987, for the supplemental roll also 3 more applications were submitted in the September meeting. The Official roll was published in the Federal Register, January 10, 1991.

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

"Buster Rondeau and "Tooter"
Ansures, who serve as resource persons for the above activities, have been exceptionally busy working with both the Tiller and Prospect Ranger Districts on (1) review of salmon habitat, (2)

medicine tree evaluation/ inventory including map and (3) proposed mining permit in the vicinity of the Huckleberry Patch.

## TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAM CONTRACT HEALTH

The Contract Health Program has been in operation since August 5. Since that time 190 calls have been authorized and 37 vendors have been paid. We are still operating the program and bookkeeping manually and are waiting for the computer to be programmed by Indian Health Service, Portland Area Office. As soon as they receive the software for the computer from the manufacturer, they will program it and install it in the office. Linda and June have received extensive training from Indian Health Service on the Contract Health Program, in the form of on-site visits and training at the Portland Area Office. They will

receive an additional week of training when the computer is installed. They have been doing a great job of operating the Contract Health Program. There were alot of regulations to be learned and a great deal of paperwork to be done in running the program without the computer. They have made an exceptional effort to run an efficient program and to assist Tribal members in getting bills paid in a timely manner. If you have questions regarding the Tribal Health Program, please feel free to give me a call at the Tribal Office. Bobby Dumont, Health Director

### COMMUNITY HEALTH NOTES

Cooler weather is here and it's a great time to begin a walking club! For that reason, REAP (Results through Exercising Away Pound) is forming. You will be given a walking journal to keep track of

the distance you have walked. This can be done in your own area of residence. Those completing 50 miles will receive a beautiful Tshirt with REAP slogan on it. Walking has many benefits, among which are: losing weight, decreasing cholesterol and decreasing anxiety and stress. It costs nothing and can be done with a friend. As with any exercise program, please check with your doctor before beginning. I will be here to encourage you and answer any questions you may have. Those wishing to sign up for REAP, please call me at 672-9405 or 1-800-835-8229. I'm looking forward to looking and feeling I hope better. you are too!

Karen Offutt Rivera R.N.

## HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Higher
Education Program
will be assisting
15 tribal members
with full-time
status, and one
tribal member with

part-time status for the 1991/1992 school year. These students will be pursuing degrees in Nursing, Physics, Law and Society, Psychology, Social Science, History, Art, Architecture, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Science, Law Enforcement, and Geography. These Degrees are Being obtained at the Following Institutions: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Umpqua Community College, Rogue Community College, Western Washington University, Weber State University, Western Nevada Community College, Lane Community College, and University of California, Santa Barbara.

The education department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduates of the 1990/1991 school year: Robin Huddleston, Utah State University, Bachelors Degree in Sociology; Pamela Culbertson, Umpqua Community College, Assoc. Degree in Nursing; Pamela Wright,

Brue Mountain Community College, Assoc. Degree in Accounting. These students should be commended for their consistency in maintaining high academic standards for themselves. We are very proud of you.

Yvonne Dumont Higher Education Coordinator

## PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

On August 16th Chairman Shaffer lectured on Cow Creek history and contemporary Indian issues for the BLM at the Susan Creek Campground.

On September 14, the Chairman was a presenter for the Oregon River Watershed Conference.

On August 19, the Chairman met with Congressman Les AuCoin for discussion of appropriations for the tribe.

Cow Creek Asst.
Planner, Mike
Rondeau, serves as
the tribal
representative and
has been active in
the Douglas County

Historic Resource Review Committee.

## PRESIDENT BUSH ISSUES INDIAN POLICY STATEMENT

On June 14,
1991, President
George Bush issued
an Indian Policy
statement
reaffirming a
government-togovernment
relationship
between Indian
tribes and the
Federal
Government.

"I take great pride in acknowledging and reaffirming the existence and durability of our unique government-to-government relationship," he said.

And the President said the concepts of forced termination and excessive dependency on the Federal Government must now be relegated, once and for all, to the history books.

"Today we move forward toward a permanent relationship of understanding and trust, a relationship in which the tribes of the nation sit in positions of dependent sovereignty along with the other governments that compose the family that is America, "he stated.

#### REMINDER

- (1) Continuing need to keep your address current. Whenever there is a change of address, the office needs to be advised so you will continue to receive important tribal correspondence.
- (2) It is
  Important that all
  of those eligible
  to enroll request
  an enrollment
  application so
  that it may be
  processed. You
  may call Dorothy
  Yeust (503) 8373679 to obtain an
  enrollment form.

#### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have questions and concerns regarding the newsletter, please refer them to the News Committee in care of the tribal office. The Committee will endeavor to answer as many letters as possible or address them in a future newsletter.

In the future a personal column will be included. Any items pertaining to personal affairs such as births, weddings, anniversaries, trips, etc., will be welcomed. This is the tribal newsletter and an effort is being made to include and distribute news to all tribal members.

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