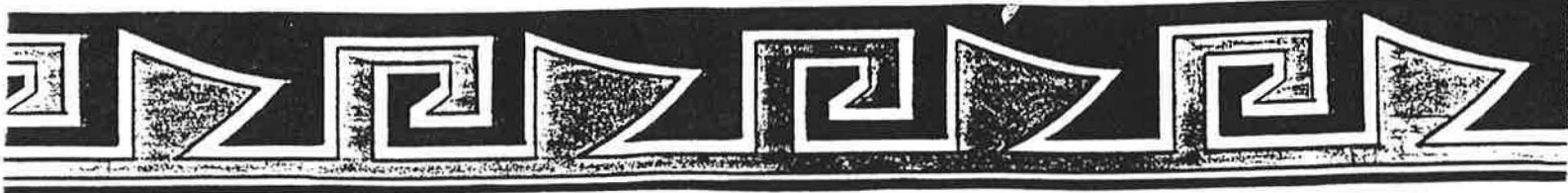




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UPDATE ON COW CREEK INDIAN BINGO CENTER

Earlier this month tribal members were mailed a detailed report on tribal economic development, articulating events from the purchase of the Evergreen property until the present time. For your information, here is a briefing on further developments. The Bingo Center building is on schedule. A "Press Party" is tentatively scheduled for April 28th, with the actual opening to be shortly thereafter, probably the first week in May. The Grand Opening event will be set at about a month later. This time frame allows for the operation to be running smoothly before the ceremonies.

During the executive session of the National Congress of American Indians the chairman and tribal administrator met with various members of Congress, the Department of the Interior and BIA gaming officials in the Central Office. The tribal/state compact negotiations continue with all efforts being put forth to insure the rights of the Tribe under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. At the same time we are attempting to reach decisions that will allow the Tribe to participate in future gaming expansions that are agreeable to the state compact team as well.

In the national picture, since the National Indian Gaming Commission does not yet have their regulations in place, Secretary Manuel Lujan on March 5, 1992, issued a directive for the BIA to put in place a departmental Task Force on Indian Gaming to ensure that tribes in the gaming business are in compliance with the law. This Task Force will continue to operate until NIGC has their guidelines in place. Indian Gaming is recognized as a viable economic development enterprise, but tribes must operate within the confines of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

COW CREEK INDIAN BINGO

We are scheduled for a May 1st opening. We have the following 29 positions available.

First preference will be given to enrolled Cow Creek Tribal Members. Second preference will be given to persons contributing to the support of a tribal household. Third preference will be given to other Native Americans.

- 8 Bingo Clerk Positions
- 5 Pull Tab Clerk Positions
- 1 Bingo Caller Position
- 4 Snack Bar Positions
- 4 Janitorial Positions
- 4 Back-Office Positions
- 1 Paymaster Position
- 2 Security Positions

All positions require the applicant to have a pleasant and outgoing personality. Most positions require cash handling experience.

All employees of this facility will be licensed as mandated by federal and tribal law.

All applicants will be subject to a background check by the Oregon State Police.

Interviews will be held April 6th and 7th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at: Garden Villa Motel Conference Room
760 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd.
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Applications will be available on site with interviews to follow immediately.

REGISTRATION / NOMINATIONS ALERT

REGISTRATION:

The following information was furnished to tribal members in a tribal bulletin dated December 31, 1991. It is being reprinted here to remind those who at the present time are eligible but have not yet registered to vote.

"Registration for the 1992 election will close on May 15, 1992. Registration will resume on August 10, 1992. When your registration has been accepted, it will go in the permanent file and you will not be required to register again. Sign your name

carefully on the form so that it will not be questioned by the Election Board. After this initial registration period, registration forms will automatically be mailed only to those persons who will reach the age of 18 by the next election. This procedure will continue each year. However, if you are eligible to register and for some reason have not done so, you may request a registration form from the tribal office. Registration is each individuals' personal responsibility."

As provided for in the tribal Election Ordinance, voter registration forms must be received in the tribal office the Friday before the nominations meeting, which is the third Sunday in May. For the 1992 election, that date is Friday, May 15, 1992. Registration will resume the day after the election, which is August 10, 1992.

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations will occur at the regular tribal meeting held on the third Sunday of May each year.

Notice of the nominations meeting will be published at least 30 days in advance of the time of nominations (Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution). The notice shall contain the following information of the meeting: (1) time, (2) date, (3) place and (4) procedures.

1:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 15, 1992
IWA Hall, 1523 N.E. Vine, Roseburg, Oregon

PROCEDURES:

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. Candidates names will be placed on the ballot in the order the nominations are made.

THE ABOVE ALERT ON REGISTRATION/NOMINATIONS CONSTITUTE THE FORMAL NOTICE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TRIBAL ELECTION ORDINANCE WHICH WAS DEVELOPED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND REQUIRES AT LEAST A 30 DAY NOTICE.

ELECTION PROCEDURES WILL FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE.

CULTURAL RESOURCE NEWS

On March 13th, tribal cultural resource representatives, Buster Rondeau and Tooter Ansures, along with the chairman, met with the Forest Service personnel from the Rogue River and Umpqua National Forests on matters relating to the Huckleberry Patch. One of the topics discussed was the proposed mining operation. The Tribe continues to oppose any activity in this matter. Two timber sales in the area were discussed: one for over-story removal and the other for seed tree harvest. Discussion of the long term effects of logging vs. mining followed, determining that when an area is logged it is renewable but with mining it is destructive and non-renewable. The possibility of the listing of the Huckleberry Patch on the National Register followed. An ethnological survey on the area will be done by Rogue River National Forest who already have the funding for it. Tribal members insisted that the necessary Environmental Impact Statement be completed. Monitoring of this matter will continue.

INVITATION

The annual dedication and picnic for the Tiller Ranger District will be on June 27th. This year the theme will be the Butler Butte Aircraft Warning Service Structures and the people who served there.

Honorees will be: Laura and Clarence Hartley, Eva Poole, Claire Schneider, Bruce and Wilma Ferguson and Bob Harris. Ira Poole and Charlie Collins, now deceased, also supported the Butler Butte operation. An invitation has been extended to all tribal members.

IN MEMORY

Harriet Duncan Munnick, known to many tribal members, died on February 7, 1992, after a long illness. Mrs. Munnick was a retired teacher who had taught for 46 years. She translated and published records of the early Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest with a particular emphasis on the French-Canadian employees of the Hudson Bay Company who married Indian women. She proved a friend to Cow Creeks who relied on her expertise in the field of history. Even in her last years when her eyesight was failing she served as a resource person to many. The kindness of this good friend will be missed by many.

CHAIRMAN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

This has been an exceedingly busy time with the interest of the public in the development of the "Cow Creek Indian Bingo Center". In the past few weeks Chairman Shaffer has made presentations (upon

invitation) to the Umpqua National Forest, The Roseburg Rotary and will be the speaker for Canyonville's "Citizen of the Year" banquet. On the 31st she will address the Roseburg Kiwanis Club. People have been very supportive of the project, realizing the ripple effect it will have on the local economy and are depending on future development on the reservation property to be part of the solution to the unemployment in Douglas County (the highest in the state).

President Bush has declared 1992 as the "Year of the American Indian" (see March 2nd copy of declaration attached). At the Commission on Indian Services Meeting our tribal chairman was appointed to chair a committee on goals and objectives for the year. Focus will be on Sovereignty, Education and Economic Development. (In observance of the presidential statement).

At the Douglas County Parks Advisory Board Meeting, Sue stressed the need for an archaeological inventory to be made on Douglas County parks and roads as provided for in Goal 5 of Land Conservation and Development Commission. This will be presented to the Douglas County Commissioners.

POW WOW NEWS

The tribal Pow Wow Committee: Buster Rondeau, Tooter Ansures, Dorothy Yeust and Tom Rondeau have met with interested tribal members to coordinate plans for the 1992 Pow Wow in an effort to be

unified in the undertaking. Plans are underway and more meetings will be called by the committee. Tribal members are encouraged to make any items they wish to sell. Raffle contributions are also needed. The raffle has proved to be a good fund raiser to off-set Pow Wow expenses.

TRIBAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Adult Education Department will be sponsoring a "Self-Esteem" workshop by Sharon Coates who is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, and the Gestalt Institute of Toronto, Canada. Sharon has led groups and done individual counseling since 1978.

In this workshop we will participate in exercises that can help us increase our good feelings about ourselves and raise our level of self-esteem.

This workshop in two parts will be held at the Tribal Administrative Office Conference Room on April 15th and April 22nd from 2-4 p.m. Please call the Tribal Office at 672-9405 or 1-800-835-8229 to sign up.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The government surplus food we had available to Tribal members from Operation Desert Storm has helped a great number of people. The food was available for four weeks with the elderly and needy helped first. General Tribal members followed. Most people were able to pick up their food from the office. For those who weren't able to pick

up the food, it was delivered to them. Thanks to Donna Hardesty for doing the majority of the "home deliveries"!

The efforts of all who helped unload the freight truck are greatly appreciated! "Thanks" to Tom Rondeau, Jimmy Estabrook, Buster Rondeau, Don Utley and the office staff!!! You helped to make it possible to provide food for 106 families with a total of 328 men, women and children!!!

If you need help with employment I currently have job announcements from the County (Douglas) and the Oregon State Employment Division. I also receive announcements from Mercy Hospital. If you have any questions, please give Rhonda a call at 672-9405 or 1-800-835-8229.

The chairman has appointed Naomi Gould as a special Investigative Task Force to gather information relative to supplemental health insurance which would be available for Tribal members to purchase where spouses and other individuals comprising a tribal household could participate. Development of a plan for group rates will prove much less expensive than individual rate purchase. Naomi has had extensive experience in the medical field, having worked for Sacred Heart Hospital for many years. She has accepted the assignment and during the course of the next few months will be pursuing several different alternatives that

will be presented for Board review.

REMINDERS

1) Continue 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 the Tribal Office at (503) 672-9405 to obtain an enrollment form.

3) The Tribal Health and Social Services Department has made the move to 2245 Stewart Parkway. Their new phone numbers are (503) 672-8533 and 1-800-348-2649. The Tribal Office has a new toll free number as well. It is 1-800-835-8229.

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PRESIDENT BUSH ISSUES PROCLAMATION: YEAR OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, 1992

President Bush issued the following proclamation March 2 designating 1992 as the Year of the American Indian.

Half a millennium ago, when European explorers amazed their compatriots with stories of a New World, what they actually described was a land that had long been home to America's native peoples. In the Northeast part of this country and long the Northwest coast, generations of tribes fished and hunted; others farmed the rich soils of the Southeast and Great Plains, while nomadic tribes roamed and foraged across the Great Basin. In the arid Southwest, native peoples irrigated the desert, cultivating what land they could. Each tribe formed a thriving community with its own customs, traditions, and system of social order.

The contributions that Native Americans have made to our Nation's history and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves. Over the years, they have added to their ancient wealth of art and folklore a rich legacy of service and achievement. Today we gratefully recall Native Americans who helped the early European settlers to survive in a strange new land; we salute the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II and all those Native Americans who have distinguished themselves in service to our country; and we remember those men and women of Indian descent -- such as the great athlete, Jim Thorpe and our 31st Vice President, Charles Curtis -- who have instilled pride in others by reaching the heights of their respective fields. We also celebrate, with special admiration and gratitude, another enduring legacy of Native Americans: their close attachment to the land and their exemplary stewardship of its natural resources. In virtually every realm of our national life, the contributions of America's original inhabitants and their descendants continue.

During 1992, we will honor this country's native peoples as vital participants in the history of the United States. This year gives us the opportunity to recognize the special place that Native Americans hold in our society, to affirm the right of Indian tribes to exist as sovereign entities, and to seek greater mutual understanding and trust. Therefore, we gratefully salute all American Indians, expressing our support for tribal self-determina-

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tion and assisting with efforts to celebrate and preserve each tribe's unique cultural heritage.

The Congress, by Public Law 102-188, has designated as the "Year of the American Indian" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this year.

Now, therefore, I George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1992 as the Year of the American Indian. I encourage Federal, State, and local government officials, interested groups and organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

(signed) GEORGE BUSH

Editor's Note: The Bureau of Indian Affairs plans to issue a series of four-color posters to commemorate the Year of the American Indian, 1992.