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MAY 16, 1993 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the May 16 General Council Meeting, Siletz Agency Superintendent T.L. Traversie was present to answer questions and explain the enrollment requirements for those persons who do not have a direct lineal ancestor on the base roll.

The May General Council meeting is the Board of Directors nominating meeting each year. Seven people were nominated for four positions. Nomination acceptance forms were passed out to those present, and mailed to those who were nominated and not present. They have until June 10, 1993 to submit their acceptance of the nomination.

Mr. John O'Neill, Executive Director of British American Bingo, was present to review the tribe's gaming enterprise and give an update to those present. He explained the cyclical nature of gaming, and the need for prudent management of gaming resources, meaning "there are peaks and valleys in the industry. Right now gaming is at a peak. However, there is no assurance that it will continue indefinitely and we must prepare for that time." He touched lightly on future planning, expansion and other business ventures.

ROAD WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SOON

Road work on the property is scheduled to begin in the near future. It will entail an access road from Gazley Road, across the back of the Evergreen property and the Block property. In keeping with tribal history, the names for the roads were selected from treaty signers. The main road will be Wartahoo Lane, and the part of the road leading off to the Block property field will be named Quintiousa Drive.

GOOD NEWS FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

There is good news to Indian Country is the selecting of Ada Deer, Menominee Indian activist, to the position of Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs. Ada is a long-time friend to Indian people, having led her own tribe to restoration. In the words of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt: "She was very highly recommended for the position by numerous tribes and tribal councils across America. She is an outstanding advocate with an impressive record of success and accomplishment."

SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, is fighting for survival. This committee introduces legislation on Indian issues and monitors all bills introduced in Congress relating to Indian issues. On May 4, both Senator Inouye and vice-chair, Senator John McCain, made appeals to the Joint Committee on Organization of Congress to preserve the committee. Senator Inouye, a strong leader in Congress and an out-spoken champion of tribal sovereignty, reminded that "the responsibility for Indian affairs has its origins in the Constitution." A decision will be made by the end of the year. To lose the committee ould be a sad blow to tribes who look to that committee as the real protector of tribal rights in Washington, D.C. Presently, Indian gaming is a much disputed issue, with many states and tribes in controversy over Class III gaming compacts. Outside gaming interests are putting forth strong efforts to curb Indian gaming. The Cow Creeks are one of 59 tribes in 16 states who do have an approved tribal/state compact. We are monitoring gaming issues very carefully. In Oregon, the Grand Ronde Tribe is currently pursuing a gaming compact with the state, similar to the Cow Creeks. Chairman Mark Mercier is quoted as "hopeful that his tribe could mimic the Cow Creeks success."

NORTHWEST YOUTH CORP

Ready for a challenge? Want to work outside? Would you like to travel to projects all over Oregon? Does the idea of being a part of a team, living in a tent, and cooking over a campfire excite you? If you find yourself answering yes to these question, a summer job with the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) may be exactly what you're looking for.

NYC offers teenage youth the opportunity to spend part of their summer as a member of a hard working team: making friends, surmounting challenges, widening horizons, and discovering the meaning of responsibility. NYC's education program examines the natural environment, investigates the objectives of each work project, and teaches participants basic job skills.

If you are between the ages of 16 and 19, and if you are in good physical condition and want to work outside, you may apply. There is no previous experience required and the pay is \$4.75 per hour. The average work day is 7 - 8 hours long and weekends are for having fun.

Each session is five weeks long and there are three sessions per year: June 12 - July 25, July 31 - September 5, and mid September through October.

If you would like more information, please contact Rhonda at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

OREGON APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

There is information available at the Administrative Office regarding the Oregon Apprenticeship Program.

If qualified for the program, you would be trained in a particular field of work. The apprenticeship jobs range from automotive trades, baker, cook, and drywall to forest worker or truck driver and many more.

If you are interested in viewing the material, please stop by the Tribal Administrative Office and see Rhonda, or call 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

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SUMMER YOUTH JOBS

Umpqua Training and Employment program is currently accepting application for Summer Youth Jobs. The program will serve, approximately 164 youth between the ages of 14 and 21. The type of work varies in different geographical areas. An example of work is custodial, electronics and clerical. The program starts on June 28 and ends August 20th and the pay is \$4.75 per hour.

Additional youth are needed in the outlying areas of Douglas County: Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Days Creek and the Northern County area.

Youth are chosen according to family size and income.

For more information, call Rhonda at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

The following Red Cross classes will be offered at the Administrative Office:

Adult CPR Class - Tuesday, June 8 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Children-Infant CPR- Thursday, June 10 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

First Aid Class - Thursday, June 17 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending any of these classes, please contact Donna Hardesty at 672-8533 or 1-800-935-2649.

REMINDERS:

- 1) Please 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 Administrative Office at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.