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ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

Board of Directors elected at the Annual Election of the Tribe on August 8, 1993 were:

JAMES ESTABROOK SHIRLEY ROANE ROBERT VAN NORMAN DAN COURTNEY

The Official Election Board of the Tribe were:

Sara Botts, Roxy Guenther, Jane Heussner, Steve Jackson, and Mike Rondeau, Chairman.

Dave and Mary Bartels, representing the Siletz Agency, provided technical assistance and acted as observers. Their work with our Election Board is most important. These people are to be commended for their willingness to serve the Tribe in this capacity.

Your vote is important to the continued strong, progressive forward movement of the Tribe. We look forward to an exceedingly busy year ahead where many critical decisions will be made. Planning for the future of tribal businesses is ongoing. Many long range decisions will be made in the coming year.

APPROVAL OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAND ACQUISITION

After three years of effort, the Cow Creeks were approved for \$180,000.00 in Congressional Appropriations for land acquisition. This money will be available after the national budget is accepted by Congress, possibly in late fall. The beginning of the federal fiscal year is Oct. 1, however, most usually it is necessary to operate on a continuing resolution until Congress has voted for the budget. As soon as the money becomes available it will be used to pay off the 17 acre Block property and the balance will be retained for future land purchase.

GAMING ISSUES

The tribe is monitoring the national situation on gaming and working with the gaming association, as well as both the House and Senate on the issues. We are still the only Oregon tribe to have an approved Class III gaming compact, although two other tribes that we have assisted are moving right along with their compacts. Our tribe lead the way, breaking new ground with the State of Oregon. Senator Inouye is continuing negotiations on proposed amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. A final draft is expected by the end of August. Congressman Torricelli of New Jersey and Senator Reid of Nevada are leading the opposition to the tribes' gaming businesses with unwarranted charges of "unregulated gambling", Mafia infiltration and money laundering. The Dept. of Justice has investigated these charges and found them to be simply not true. The Seattle Post Intelligencer ran a five day sequence on Indian Gaming. Included were comments on the Cow

Creeks, using us as a positive example. We were able to give assistance on a national level with support letters from the local community and on up, including one from our Congressman. Quoting Rita Keshena, an Indian Attorney from Wisconsin: "Make no mistake. It is not some finite principal, some moral judgement or something that organized crime is going to be infiltrating us. It's money. I can tell you if Pow-Wows made as much money as rock concerts, there would be a National Indian Pow-Wow Act, and a Pow-Wow Committee, and a chairman, and they would be regulating it because money would be coming to the tribes."

Quoting from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 30, 1993 issue:

"Just south of Roseburg, an economic rose is growing among the thorns of a timber depression.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians run a 9,600-square-foot bingo hall and casino in the little town of Canyonville. The casino, which offers video poker and blackjack, employs 40 people and has been one of the region's few bits of good economic news, says Sue Shaffer, Cow Creek Chairman.

Not all Oregon tribes are as satisfied. The Siletz Tribe in rural Lincoln County has sued to overturn an Interior Department ruling that blocks it from building an \$8 million casino in Salem.

Manuel Lujan, then-interior secretary, had approved the Siletz plan, but reversed himself when Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts objected. And the tribe sued, even though most legal experts and federal officials agree that a governor has veto power over putting land in trust for gambling."

ADA DEER CONFIRMATION

The confirmation of Ada Deer, (Menominee), on Aug. 7, 1993 as the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs was greeted with enthusiasm by tribal leadership. She has been a long time Indian activist and advocate for tribal rights. Ada has been a force in Indian Country since the 1970's when she fought for Menominee Restoration after termination. We feel that Ada, with her strong beliefs and strength of character, will not be inundated by the huge bureauacy of the BIA.

INVESTMENTS AND TAX CREDITS

The Cow Creeks assisted in the effort to secure investment and employment tax credits in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. Indian language was inserted in the Budget. This language will serve as an incentive to invest on reservations and can be of real assistance to all tribes. The House has already passed the budget.

16th ANNUAL POW-WOW REPORT

"A great success", "The best ever" were comments on the 16th Annual Cow Creek Pow-Wow held July 16, 17 & 18, 1993 at South Umpqua Falls. Drummers and dancers and members of several tribes came to celebrate this annual event. Many tribes were represented.

The Pow-Wow opened on Friday night with the traditional family dinner where salmon and fry bread were served to tribal members and friends. The Traditional Salmon Ceremony, were bones from the fish are given

back to the river, was performed by Tribal Elder Emily Rose Krantz.

Early Saturday, the Blessing of the Ceremonial Grounds was held followed by the Grand Entry. Later on Saturday the Tribal elders were honored with an elders dance and were presented with gifts.

Chairman Shaffer, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presented the Pow-Wow Committee with gifts as a token of appreciation for the long hours and tireless efforts to ensure the evident success of this years Pow-Wow.

Bob Thom, Master of Ceremonies, was pleased with the outcome of this event and plans to return next year. The tribe honored the Drummers and Dancers by hosting a dinner for them on Saturday evening.

Several vendors were located throughout the Pow-Wow grounds, displaying a wide array of Native American crafts.

"COATS FOR KIDS"

The Health Office is getting involved in the "Coats for Kids" program sponsored by the Salvation Army. If you or someone you know have any coats that your children have outgrown or no longer use, you can donate them to this program and help a disadvantaged youngster get through the coming winter. You can bring the coats to the Health Office or someone can pick them up when they are in your area. The coats will then be cleaned and mended if needed and distributed through the schools to needy children. Distribution takes place in the schools because teachers are usually more aware of an individuals unspoken needs.

Another program sponsored by the Salvation Army is "Dress a Child". Donations of money are designated to go to this program and each child is allotted \$90.00. The number of children served is dependant upon the amount of money received. ALL monies received in this program go directly to clothe a child. NONE is used for administrative cost. The child must be in desperate need to be considered for this program. The shopping is done in November at Fred Meyer. In the past, some parents have returned the child's clothing for a monetary refund, so Fred Meyer and the Salvation Army have devised a way to mark the clothing so it can only be exchanged due to incorrect size or if the child wants something different. Exchanges are only made in the childs' size.

If you would like more information about either of these worthy programs, you may contact Roma Jackson at the Health Office or Marguerite Graham at 673-5144. Drop boxes for the coats are located at the Health Office, Bi-Mart, Douglas National Bank, or the Bureau of Land Management offices on Garden Valley Blvd.

C.P.R. CLASS HELD FOR YOUTHS

On July 21, 1993, Donna Hardesty, C.H.R., presented a C.P.R. class for several youths. Gabriel Stratton, Corrisa Caldwell, Jesse Jackson, and Jessica Jackson attended the class and everyone passed the written and physical parts of the test and are now certified to perform C.P.R. on anyone in The class was a first time endeavor for Donna, since she has always taught adults. Donna appreciated that the kids all paid attention and were interested. One student, Jesse Jackson, passed with 100%. Good effort, Jesse! The kids had to meet certain requirements, such as being strong enough to do the chest compressions. The students were treated to pizza and pop at Stewart Park at noon, sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley program. We are very proud of our Tribal youth and hope to see more kids take advantage of the programs that are offered by the tribe. For more information, you may contact Donna at the Health Office at 672-8533 or 1-800-935-2649.

CLOTHING NEEDED

We still need donations of clothing for childrens sizes 6 - 14. If you would like to donate or are in need of clothing, please contact Rhonda at the Tribal Administrative Office at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

TRIBAL I.D. CARDS

Tribal Identification Cards are now available to any tribal member upon request. If you would like one, all you need to do is call Carol Ferguson at the Tribal Administrative Office, 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229. She will send you an application with an I.D. card attached for your signature. Just simply fill out the application, sign the I.D. card, enclose an appropriately sized photo and mail back to the Administrative Office 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 Chairmans signature, laminated and then mailed back to you.

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TEACHING CHILDREN RESPONSIBILITY

Parents, have you ever thought of hiring your own children or the neighbor kids to do odd jobs around your home? Kids would be great to perform the odd jobs no one else wants to take the time to do. For example: walking the dog, yard work, taking care of animals, raking gravel or leaves, cleaning the garage or the kitchen cupboards, stacking wood, or washing the car. The list could go on and on... odd jobs seem to never end! This would be a chance for a young person to learn about responsibility, earn some money and build self-respect!

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.