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GAMING CENTER UPDATE

In the January 24th newsletter you were given an update on the Tribal Gaming Center. The opening date is nearing. This facility is going to be a showplace. The Grand Opening for the public will be on April 30, 1994. Prior to the general Grand Opening, Tribal members may view their operation at a special private showing for Tribal members and those involved in the project on Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. A buffet will be served. You will be receiving an invitation for the private showing. **THIS INVITATION MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE DOOR.** The Board of Directors felt strongly that tribal members should have the opportunity to view their newest business before anyone else.

ANNUAL NOMINATIONS MEETING NOTICE

Once again the Annual Board of Directors Nominations meeting will be:

DATE: May 15, 1994
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: I.W.A. HALL
1523 NE Vine St.
Roseburg, Oregon

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN...

BUREAU REORGANIZATION

The Tribe has taken an active role in the Bureau of Indian Affairs reorganization process. We have joined other tribes in the Siletz Agency in protesting the slashing of positions at the Agency, which would drastically reduce services being provided for the tribes. The local paper, the News Review of Roseburg, in reporting the action

recommended by the Bureau, was misleading and people were concerned that the cuts were tribal, whereas in reality the cuts were in Bureau Agency personnel which would cut services to the tribes. In protesting the cuts to our Agency, the Tribe found it unequal in that larger agencies within the Portland Area received no cuts. We have been supported in our concerns by Senator Mark Hatfield, who wrote to Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ada Deer, as did House members Peter Defazio, Mike Kopetski and Elizabeth Furse. I have submitted testimony to House Appropriations conveying our opposition to the Agency cuts. The President's budget cuts do affect all tribes, but we could not justify targeting the Agency for such severe cuts.

The Oregonian, on Mar. 21, featured an article by Jack Anderson in which he was critical of the administration's budget cuts in Indian Health Service. He pointed out that although the Dept. of Health & Human Services received a \$23 billion budget boost, Indian Health Service was facing a reduction of \$247 million. We are monitoring these national issues which so directly affect the Tribe.

HUCKLEBERRY PATCH

It is a critical time in the ongoing effort to prevent test drilling at the Huckleberry Patch. The mining company, through the Prospect Ranger District, has advertised their intent to do the drilling. The Tribe continues to oppose, and has gained the active participation of the Native American Free Exercise of Religion Act (NAFERA) Coordinator. During the comment period, he made the request to be considered a party to the process, which will be of great assistance to us. Hearings are due on NAFERA in the near future. This is Senate Bill S.1021 and strengthens the protection of Indian sites. The Native American Rights Fund has also endorsed the Cow Creek opposition to mining activity.

BLOCK PROPERTY RECEIVES "FULL RESERVATION STATUS" AND IS PAID OFF

The Block Property has received full reservation status and has been paid off with funds awarded to the tribe through Congressional appropriations. As announced in the August 19, 1993 Tribal Newsletter, Congressional appropriations for debt retirement and land acquisition were approved for \$180,000.00 and would be available after the national budget was accepted by Congress. The budget was approved in late fall 1993, and the appropriations were transferred to the Tribe on February 16, 1994. The Block Property has been paid off and the balance of the appropriations money has been set aside for tribal land acquisition.

On February 10, 1994, the tribe was notified by Siletz Agency Superintendent, T.O. Traversie, that the long "fee to trust" process was completed and that the Block Property was taken into trust for the Tribe by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

CANYONVILLE WATER PROJECT

The Tribe is continuing to assist on the Canyonville water project. This project will benefit the Tribe, as well as other local businesses and residential areas in north Canyonville. Other organizations involved in this project are the South Umpqua Valley Economic Development group, the City of Canyonville, and the Coos, Curry, Douglas Development Board.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now available to tribal members in the service area. The program is designed to assist eligible applicants with energy costs (oil, propane, electric, wood and gas).

There are two parts to the program: Heating Assistance and Crisis Assistance. Each of these are a one time payment.

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

JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM

If your child is having difficulty in school and may be in need of some tutoring, the Johnson O'Malley Program has funds available for tutoring. These funds are targeted for the 3-18 yrs age group. For more information on this and other programs through Johnson O'Malley, contact Roma Jackson at the Tribal Administrative Office.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Housing Improvement Program (HIP) applications for the next funding year are currently being accepted. Priority is given to families with the greatest need in relation to income, family size, etc. Even if you believe you might not qualify for the HIP program, other options may be available. If you currently live in the seven (7) county service area, and are interested in applying for Housing Assistance or have any questions, please contact Carol Ferguson, Housing Coordinator at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

C.P.R. CLASSES

If you are interested in obtaining or updating your CPR card, call the Tribal Office, please specify whether you prefer an evening or Saturday class.

CONTRACT HEALTH

Health related billing questions should be directed to Linda Rondeau or June Horn at the Tribal Health Office. They are authorized to answer any questions you may have regarding billing procedures, payment procedures, etc. regarding the Contract Health Program. Please inform your provider of this when attending an appointment.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is now accepting applications for 1994-95 scholarship cycle for the three scholarship programs authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (PL 94-437) and its amendments.

For more information, or to request an application packet, please contact:

Darlene B. Marcellay
Scholarship Coordinator
Portland Area Indian Health Service
1220 S.W. Third Ave., Room 315
Portland, Oregon 97204
(503) 326-2019

Applications must be submitted to the above address by the deadline date of **April 15, 1994.** **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

"COW CREEK ELDER TURNS 95"

Rondeau family members are inviting friends and family of Wallace Rondeau, Sr. to come and honor him for his 95th birthday, at an open house potluck at the Old Depot Building in Glendale, Oregon, on Saturday, April 23, 1994 from 1-4 p.m.

REMINDERS

1) Please continue to keep your address current. Whenever there is a change of address, the Administrative 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.

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