

Tribal police apprehends weapons and suspects



Weapons and stolen property confiscated.

Tribal police were led on a vehicle pursuit following information on a suspect vehicle that was alleged to have been involved in several burglaries in the Jefferson County area. Suspected was that the vehicle was believed to be located here on the reservation.

Officers then began looking for the vehicle after suspicion that the vehicle could also be involved with the breaking & entering cases here on the reservation.

After seeing and running a license plate matching a description of the vehicle given, it returned signed stolen out of Wasco County. Officers were then led on a vehicle chase that resulted in the vehicle being abandoned. A foot pursuit then followed. Several subjects were later arrested off of a different vehicle that police believe was connected to the stolen vehicle incident.

On effecting a felony traffic stop, officers found a semi-automatic weapon on the driver, the 30 round

magazine clip in the weapon was found loaded with 32 rounds in it, who was identified as 24-year old, Curtis Brown. Further follow-up additionally led to the discovery of marijuana. Pending charges against Brown include the violation for drugs, and carrying a concealed weapon.

The passenger identified as 19-year old, Cankuna Smith, was taken into custody who was wanted on escape.

Smith was convicted last year on several incidents involving weapon violations, a stolen vehicle and other related charges. After being ordered to serve five years in jail, the sentence was appealed and affirmed. Escape charges were then filed with the Tribal Prosecutor's office after Smith failed to return to jail after being out on a work pass.

Smith is additionally a suspect in several additional shooting incidents since his escape. Follow-up investigation into these matters is continuing.

Spilyay I'nawa Mishk'aau— (Spilyay asks "What's Up?") What are your feelings regarding Sky Box events?



Jabbar Davis, "My feelings about the Rose Garden Sky Box events are that when the tribes first purchased the Sky Box, I really thought the tribes were doing something good for all tribal members and tribal employees. I felt that community tribal members as well as the tribes employees would get a chance to travel to Portland and attend a special event sponsored by our tribes. At first, it started out that names were being picked randomly and things were going well. Now, it's who you are and where you work that counts. I feel that the people who are selecting names are selecting the ones who they feel should attend these events. I was selected once from the left over tickets, but unfortunately I was unable to attend. According to the rules, now I'm unable to qualify again because my name has been picked once already. What I'm getting at is, whether your name was selected randomly or if you asked to add your names for a popular event, your chances of attending are one out of one hundred. The bigger the event,

the less chance you have to attend. The way names are being selected are unfair. What I'm trying to say is that who ever is selecting names, just remember, there are others who have not had the chance at any of the events since the start."



Rose Kirk, "I think that the Sky Box events are a fun activity to be involved with. The first time I attended an event a few years ago was to watch Portland play against Orlando and we had a lot of fun. The only problem about the Sky Box Suite is that it's kind of hard to watch the events from so high up. To keep track of what's going on, a person has to watch that big monitor TV. The other problem I see is that the same people get picked over and over for all the popular events. I think the names should be picked differently so others can have a chance to attend."



Carol Steven, "My son has been selected to attend twice to Rose Garden events while my daughter has not ever been selected nor have I. It would be nice to see everyone get a fair chance to attend one event. I think it is a great chance for families to attend events they might not otherwise be able to afford. I know that's the case for our family. Entertainment must be budgeted and sometimes it gets the veto over higher priority expenses in our family. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend these events for basically the cost of gas and a snack."



Rick Stradley, "I feel the money used for the Sky Box Events could have been used more wisely. The money could have been used on education, public safety or even a recreation center for all the kids. A live indoor/outdoor entertainment center in Warm Springs would have been nicer. The whole community would have a choice to attend an event instead of only a chosen few that get pick now. I feel there might be a little favoritism on how names are being selected. As far as the events go, my family and I have never attended or have ever been picked to attend."

Dan Martinez, "The Rose Garden provides a good incentive for the people of Warm Springs. I'm sure it was the intent of founders of the Rose Garden to provide the best for the tribes. The tribal management team of our tribes provide an incentive with an investment in mind for the people of our tribes. However, I've never been selected and feel others may have greater need. On a personal note I feel it is expensive and feel the amount of money that we pay annual could go toward our elders, and employee's throughout the tribal nation as a incentive program, or invest the money for an Employee's Credit Union."

Suzi Macy, "I think the Rose Garden is a waste of time. There are other issues that need to be focused on other than spending money on the Rose Garden. The amount of money spent, I believe is \$155,000 per year. I think that money could be used in a more productive manner. Also, it appears that some people have been chosen for Rose Garden events more than once. To my understanding it is a random choice, but I wonder why some people have never been chosen. I feel that the money should be spent in a more constructive way, for instance expand the community center so the community and particularly the young people would have activities that are wholesome and healthy. Other areas to be considered would be helping our elders live a more comfortable lifestyle, a better retirement fund. Also increase wages and staff for public safety, because they provide the protection for life and property."



Holly Anna D. Spino, "I think the money being spent for the Rose Garden could be better utilized for other projects such as after school programs for our children to benefit their education; Education (college students, cultural and language community programs). Adding "manpower" to departments lacking sufficient employees. I don't think enough people benefit from the amount of money being spent for the Rose Garden Events."

Misunderstanding regarding Public Safety services addressed

By Charles V. Jackson

As officers of the Tribal Council, we are publishing this letter to inform the membership of, and to resolve any misunderstandings about, the actions the Tribal Council and Tribal Management have taken to resolve concerns about public safety services. Recently, articles and letters published in local newspapers allege these actions were "against the wishes of the people" because they failed to respond to the memberships' concerns about public safety services. Further, allegations have been made that these actions have violated the Tribal Constitution. Those allegations are absolutely false.

Article VI of the Tribal Constitution states that once a referendum is duly adopted by a majority of voters, it shall be the law. Referendum No. 9659, the Public Safety Referendum, stated that "... expenditure of only those funds in the amount of \$2,313,404 appropriated for the Public Safety Department by Resolution No. 9647 be suspended, effective upon approval of this Resolution No. 9659 by popular referendum, until further action by the Tribal Council." On January 27, 1999, the results of the Public Safety Referendum were certified by the Tribal Council. After considerable deliberation, the Tribal Council then determined that the immediate suspension of all funds for public safety services would threaten the safety and security of Tribal members and would further threaten the integrity and sovereignty of the Confederated Tribes. Accordingly, on January 27, the Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 9674 which provided temporary

funding, from the Tribes' emergency fund, for public safety services through the month of February, 1999.

In addition, the Tribal Council was determined to see that the concerns of the community were adequately addressed before the public safety budget would be reinstated. Thus, the Tribal Council directed that the following four (4) additional measures be completed by the end of February, 1999:

1. the Secretary-Treasurer, the Chief Operations Officer, and district representatives arrange for district meetings to advise the membership of changes in public safety programs and to hear community concerns about public safety services;

2. the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Operations Officer meet with the representatives of the petitioners to hear their concerns and recommendations;

3. the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Operations Officer report the results of the meetings and changes to the Tribal Council; and,

4. the Public Safety Review Team complete and present its final report and recommendations to Tribal Council.

During the month of February, district meetings were held with the membership to hear concerns and to get their recommendations about improving public safety services. By the end of February, all of the four directives were completed. Thus, on February 26, 1999 and only after hearing reports on the aforementioned directives did the Tribal Council vote to resume expenditure of the 1999 Tribal Budget appropriated for public safety

services. The Tribal Council was satisfied that significant progress had been made to resolve problems and that other improvements were underway in public safety programs and that it was in the best interests of the membership to fully restore funding to those programs. This is entirely consistent with the Public Safety Referendum and the provisions of the Tribal Constitution.

The 'spokesmen for the people' continue to claim that passage of the Public Safety Referendum demands that certain public safety employees be terminated from their positions. Again, this is absolutely untrue. Nothing in the Referendum addressed employment issues or specific employees. In fact, we have received complaints from Tribal members that the original petition was misrepresented in the first place when the petitioners assured community members that the petition had nothing to do with personnel matters. Further, the Tribal Constitution does not contemplate the hiring or firing of employees by vote of the membership. Only Tribal Council representatives are so elected.

The Tribal Council has continually advised these spokesmen and the community that the Tribal Council delegated employment issues to Management. Further, Tribal laws, regulations, rules and policies would be violated if the Tribal Council attempted to remove individual employees from their positions, even if it were inclined to do so.

Upon passage of the Public Safety Referendum, several tribal members exercised their right to object to the manner by which the Referendum election was conducted, in

accordance with Ordinance 44, the Tribes' election ordinance. These objections were filed with the BIA Superintendent and he has not yet made a ruling on them.

The Tribal Council voted to support a restructuring of the Public Safety Branch to expedite the improvement of services. This temporary restructuring splits the Branch into three departments: Public Safety, Prosecution and Legal Services. The Chief Operations Officer has responsibility to ensure these departments provide adequate services to the community and therefore must assure the department managers have the necessary skills to do that. Under the Management Plan and the Personnel Policy Manual the Chief Operations Officer has the authority and necessary latitude to fill those positions with the appropriate personnel. The Tribal Council was informed of his selections prior to the reinstatement of spending authority of the 1999 public safety budgets.

The Tribal Council and the community will continue to struggle with these issues for some time. The Tribal Council is determined, however, to chart a course of positive change and improvement. In order for this to be successful, continued community involvement and dialogue is required. The Tribal Council will closely monitor the activities of the restructured programs and invites continued constructive dialogue with the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Tribal Council Officers:
(Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer)

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for our community, you can see the jeopardy it would place our community in."

With the budget restored, and with additional federal funding, Brunoe said the Tribal Council would continue to monitor the changes being implemented in Public Safety.

Changes recently made include R. David Malkin becoming the director of the Department of Public Safety. Malkin is a former city of Bend Police Chief and Director of Public Safety, with a long list of law enforcement accomplishments spanning 34 years. The mission of

Public Safety is to provide timely and effective law enforcement, as well as fire and medical responses to protect life, property and resources.

Jerry Kendrick, an attorney and the Tribe's former prosecutor, is overseeing Prosecution Services. Kendrick's department is charged with insuring proper case preparation, evaluation and presentation in the proper legal forum.

Anita Jackson administers the Department of Legal Services. She is a former Tribal judge who also has a law degree. Legal Services is responsible for ensuring client rights

and safety as well as restoring family life.

Jody Calica commented that the recent good work performed by joint enforcement personnel in apprehending perpetrators of two serious crimes "represents performance standards that we will continue to improve upon to meet the community's expectations."

An indication that these changes have improved services is the fact that the Police Department solved a homicide case with two arrests, and made an arrest in a felonious assault case, both in the span of one week.



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• Resolution NO. 9675 set March 10, 1999 as the date for a referendum on continuing gaming as a tribal enterprise. A vote was held on December 27, 1994 that authorized gaming by the Confederated Tribes for a period of five years unless there is another vote by the Tribal Member to continue gaming. Resolution 9675 addressed the issue of continuing gaming. On the first day of February

nine Tribal Council members were present, constituting a quorum. The resolution passed by the affirmative vote of 8 members, the Chairman not voting.

Three Resolutions were passed on February 16, 1999.

• Resolutions 9676 authorized the purchase of an interest in Allotment No. 691. The negotiated consideration of \$214.69 was approved.

Eight Tribal Council members

constituted a quorum. Seven members voted in the affirmative with the Chairman not voting.

• Resolution 9677 authorized the purchase of trust property interests in an estate. Included were interests in Warm Springs Allotment No. 431, Warm Springs Allotment No. 433, Warm Springs Allotment No. 641, The Dalles Allotment No. 48, and The Dalles Allotment No. 58. The total appraised value was \$18,429.00. Seven members constituted a

quorum. Six members voted in the affirmative with the Chairman not voting.

• Resolution 9678 authorized the tribal enrollment of Dever Ben Charley, Thyreicia Rowedan Chavez, Malia Laloni Collins, Kalista Rose Howtopat, and Kalan Mae Wolfe.

Nine members constituted a quorum, with seven members voting in the affirmative, one member abstaining, and the Chairman not voting.

Art exhibits and craft fair to be held

The Madras/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and Jefferson County Arts Association announces this year's Art Exhibit and Craft Fair Prospectus for the Collage of Culture being held May 15, 1999. Artist residing in Oregon are eligible to enter this juried show, which features five Judges Choice Awards. Attendance to this annual festival celebrating cultural diversity is expected to reach 15,000. Entrance to the festival is free. Craft booths will be juried by slides or good quality photograph (except for returning vendors), require a \$50 reservation fee upon acceptance, and will be used in a 7,580 sq. ft. tent along with the multimedia art exhibit.

Selection of artwork for this event will be made from 35mm slides (for return of slides or photographs, include a self-addressed stamped envelope) or from original artwork, and must be received at the Art Adventure Gallery in Madras no later than

April 1, 1999. The Gallery is located at 185 SE 5th Street (hand delivery) or mail to PO Box 376, Madras, OR 97741. Acceptance into the show will be announced by April 15, 1999.

To receive an entry form or ask questions, contact Coralee Popp (541-475-6317) or Camille Green (541-475-2864).

Spring carnival set for 3/26

Spring Carnival to be held at the Warm Springs Shaker Church in the dining room on Friday, March 26th, 1999 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Chili and fry bread in concessions; ring toss, duck pond, dime toss and basketball throw.

Rummage sale will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. will continue on Saturday until 1 p.m.

For more information call Pat Tanewasha 553-3209.



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