

Calica returns to Resources

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After three years as Chief of Operations Officer, Jody Calica is returning to the General Manager position at Natural Resources, which he held between 1989 and 1998 when he was appointed by the Tribal Council as the Chief of Operations Officer.

Calica aspires for the Natural Resources Department to be like that of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, which was able to restore the Coho salmon run that had not been there for over 70 years.

Calica sees many health problems among tribal members like diabetes and high cholesterol counts, and says the Confederated Tribes, as a people, need to make the traditional foods a staple part of their diet. "It (traditional food) has a continuing value for us and our children," said Calica.

And as GM, Calica plans to, "protect and preserve our cultural and traditional resources."

He says his major challenge will be in management.

"I would say my major challenge is to get tribal members, especially young tribal members to take over this program. All aspects of this program," said Calica.

Calica wants to expose kids at a young age to outdoor education and provide internships during the summer for the working-age students. He hopes students will take advantage of programs like Science Math Investigative Learning Experiences (S.M.I.L.E.) from Oregon State University and American Indian Science Engineering Society (AISES).

After high school he hopes they'll further their education and the tribes will be able to support them financially.

He cites Mark Jackson, who earned a master's degree in rangeland resources, and Mavis Shaw who received a Bachelors of Science in general studies and is currently a Fisheries Biologist, as people the youth should emulate, "We need to take and expand those kind of successes," said Calica.

Managers moving on

Two key members of the BIA Forestry staff have accepted positions off the reservation. Forest Manager Mark Jackson has already left to take a new job and Assistant Forest Manager Bodie Shaw will be leaving at the end of August. Both are Warm Springs tribal members.

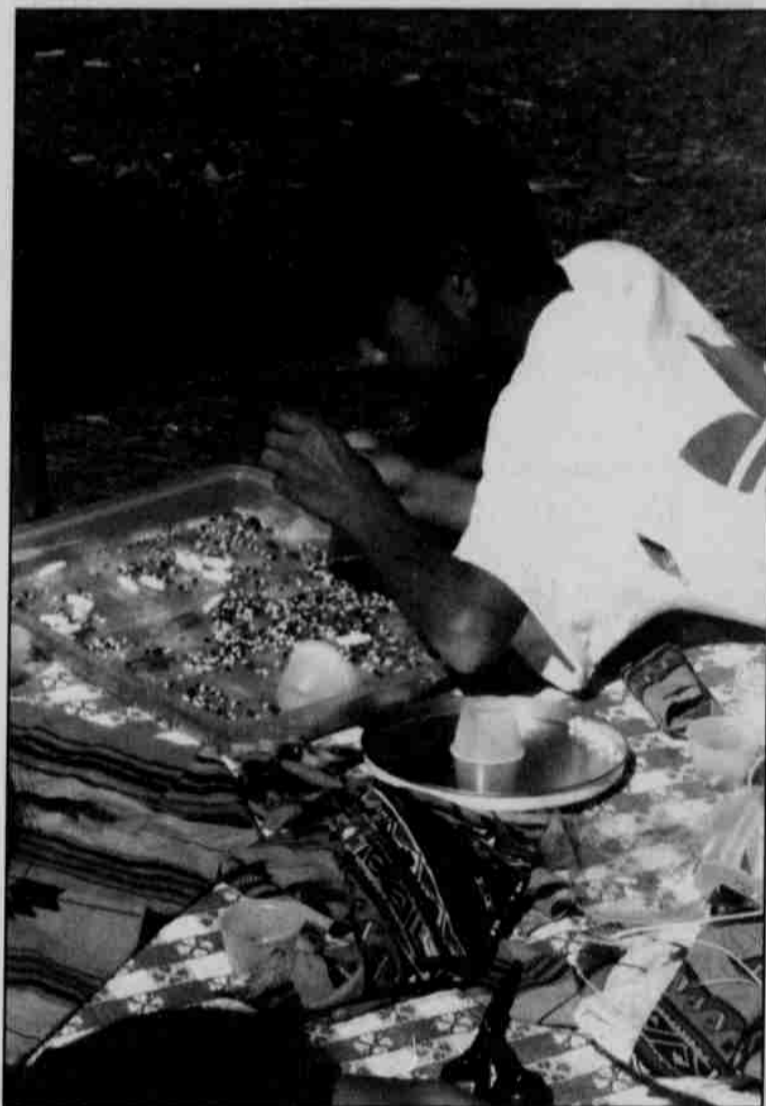
The BIA Regional Office in Portland has named Rich Lohman as acting forest manager. Lohman, who has been acting forest manager twice, previously will temporarily replace Jackson, who has moved to Boise, Idaho.

Jackson had been the BIA forest manager in Warm Springs since March 2000. He has accepted a position in Boise at the National Interagency Fire Center, where he will be a fire ecologist.

Jackson's promotion places him in his field of study. He has a master's degree from Oregon State University in rangeland resources, concentrating on fire ecology.

Shaw, whose contract with the BIA expires soon, will return to Corvallis and Oregon State University, where he will be a natural resources extension agent. He will also be doing course work on his Ph.D. in environmental science.

Lohman's appointment as acting forest manager is effective for 120 days. The BIA is hoping to hire a new forest manager as soon as possible.



Culture camp ...

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With the larger number of students in recent years, the camp was relocated to Peters Pasture.

The move has given the camp space to accommodate all the children who want to participate. Peters Pasture was once a summer range for livestock. It was a ranger station, and during the depression it became a CCC camp. Then Peters Pasture became a boy's summer youth camp, and afterward it sat idle for several years until the 4-H camp moved in.

Changes in juvenile prosecutions under way

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Tribal Prosecutor Gene Smith recently made some significant changes in the way the Prosecutor's Office handles cases of juvenile delinquency and victim crimes.

The changes were made to bring continuity to the tribes' effort to prosecute all criminal activity that occurs within the boundaries of the reservation, said Smith, who became tribal prosecutor about a month ago.

One of the changes that Smith has made is the transfer of responsibility for prosecuting juveniles — those under the age of 18 — who are accused of violating tribal law.

Formerly, the tribes' juvenile coordinator Daisy Ike and her staff were responsible for prosecuting these cases. Smith has transferred this responsibility to the tribal prosecutor.

Also, Smith has transferred responsibility for prosecuting crimes involving victims to the

Prosecutor's Office. Formerly, these cases were prosecuted the Victims of Crimes Services.

The changes that Smith has implemented will make for more efficient prosecution of alleged violations of tribal law, Smith said. With the tribal prosecutor responsible for both adult and juvenile prosecutions, "We will have more continuity in the presentation of testimony and physical evidence in Tribal Court," said Smith.

The juvenile cases would remain under the jurisdiction and guidelines of the tribes' Juvenile Court, but the tribal prosecutor, rather than the juvenile coordinator, would represent the tribes.

The change in prosecution of juvenile delinquency will benefit the role of the juvenile coordinator, Smith and Ike agree. With the Prosecutor's Office handling the prosecution, the juvenile coordinator will have more time to work with youths and their family members in cases where the juvenile is

alleged to have committed only a status offense, such as truancy.

In more serious cases, the recent change would take the juvenile coordinator out of the position of having to work at times in two seemingly conflicting roles. On the one hand, the juvenile coordinator is trying to work with the families at resolving problems and potential problems. At the same time, the coordinator has had to act as prosecutor, a more adversarial role.

Removing this second, potentially conflicting role will allow the juvenile coordinator's office time to work more closely with families, said Ike.

Smith said, "She has been in a difficult position of trying to be a friend on the hand, and prosecutor on the other."

Having the tribal prosecutor responsible for the juvenile delinquency prosecutions, Ike said, would provide her staff with about 30 percent more time to spend working with families and youths.

Similar benefits will happen with the prosecutor's office taking responsibility for prosecution of crimes involving victims, formerly handled by the Victims of Crimes Services.

With the actual prosecutorial work now with the Prosecutor, the Victims of Crimes Services staff can devote more time toward working with and helping the victims, Smith said.

Also, the change will mean that prosecutorial procedure will be unified under the Prosecutor's Office, where the staff is trained in evidentiary and other court proceedings.

Off-reservation offenses
Under the recent changes, the juvenile coordinator would continue to be responsible for cases involving abuse and neglect of children. "And one of the biggest jobs during the school year will be truancy," said Smith.

Another juvenile-crime related project that Smith is considering

involves alleged juvenile offenses, by resident tribal members, that happen off of the reservation, in Madras for instance.

Currently, some of these cases are transferred from county juvenile jurisdiction to tribal juvenile jurisdiction.

Smith said that he will first be looking at background information as to how the county exercises jurisdiction over some of these cases.

Tribal law indicates that jurisdiction of juvenile offenses, allegedly committed off the reservation by tribal members who are residents of the reservation, are within the jurisdiction of tribal authorities, said Smith.

He said that his initial work on this matter will be research as to how the current arrangement came to exist.

As issues of tribal sovereignty may be involved, the Tribal Council may have to make final decision, Smith said.

Results of Huckleberry Feast Powwow

Drums:

Wawokya, Pine Grove Jr.'s, Spotted Eagle, Warm Springs Intertribal, North End, Dry Creek

Jr. Girls 7-12

1. Angie Anguiano - Wishram, WA
2. Angela Polk - Warm Springs, OR
3. Rosey "2-stars" Suppah - Warm Springs, OR

Jr. Boys 7-12

1. Trent Heath - Warm Springs, OR
2. George Clements - Warm Springs, OR
3. Matt Clements Jr. - Warm Springs, OR

Teen Girls

1. Valerie Suppah - Warm Springs, OR
2. CeCe Herrera - Warm Springs, OR
3. Mary Ann Brito - Warm Springs, OR

Teen Boys

1. Alex Henry - Warm Springs, OR
2. Dillon Begay - Celilo, OR
3. Red Sky Suppah

Women's

1. Charmaine Calica - Warm Springs, OR
2. Bernadette Smith - Warm Springs, OR
3. CeCe Walsey Begay - Warm Springs, OR

Adult Men

1. Gene Sampson - Warm Springs, OR
2. Big Rat Suppah

Clown Dance Contest

1. Dillon Begay - Celilo, OR
2. Spunky Arthur-Teeman - Milepost 2 Hwy 3
3. Jerome Spino

Farthest Traveler

Pam Johns Oneida - Tribe from Minnesota

Healthiest Indian Contest

(Huckleberry Feast version of the Fluffy Contest)

- Ricky Arthur
Spunky Arthur-Teeman
Jasper Spino

Big Rat

Dempsena Polk
Harvianne Tohet

Honoring of the two oldest Elders at the Huckleberry Feast

Lizzy Rhoan
Sanders "Tonto" Heath

Senior Recognition

Hilda Culpus
Nola Queahpama
Lizzy Rhoan
Winona Frank
Mary Ann Meanus
Freida Wallulatum
Viola Kalama
Jacob Frank
Hamilton Greeley
Tonto Heath