

Register early for COCC spring term

The first of April marks the start of spring term for Central Oregon Community College classes here on the reservation, and on the Bend main campus.

The tight financial climate has caused all colleges and universities in the state to make the menu of courses they typically offer as lean as possible, and COCC is no exception.

For prospective or continuing student (those who are currently taking winter term classes) the critical message is very simple – register for the upcoming spring quarter as early as possible.

Failure to act this quickly means there is a very strong possibility you will be denied the classes or program you want because they are already fully enrolled.

Specific timing details are as follows:

March 4 – for continuing students only – first chance to register.

March 21 – for new students – first chance to register.

April 2 – GED students – first chance to register – must sign up in person with Instructor.

Class meets Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Note: eligible tribal members seeking tribal scholarship support for the first time to continue to study after High School graduation or GED completion required course Student Success Strategies.

Begins April 1, meets one night each week. Monday 6–8:30 p.m.. Class continues for seven weeks, concludes May 13.

Anyone may attend but class is mandatory for eligible students seeking tribal financial support.

Tribal Higher Education Department is providing tuition scholarships but enrollment will be limited.

Visiting professor – offering WR 121 – English Composition (first year college writing class – almost universal requirement in Oregon colleges/universities and in many other states).

Begins April 4 – meets one night each week (Thursday) here on the reservation.

Yes, the college approved instructor comes to you – 6-9 p.m. Class lasts for eleven weeks.

Tuition \$135 – books also must be purchased at cost still to be determined.

Questions? Call 553-1428.

Tribal housing services discussed at upcoming meeting

There will be a Warm Springs Housing Department public meeting on Wednesday, March 27.

The meeting will be at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse.

Meal planned for 5:30 p.m., meeting immediately afterward.

This meeting is for the public to voice their concerns and be heard. Housing officials will also be providing information to tribal

members regarding what services are available to them.

Various departments have a housing program available to tribal members.

This meeting is to inform the public on the services available through the WEDD Program, Construction Department and Credit Enterprise.

Demo Home Project and Warm Springs Housing Department, Mutual Help Housing Program.

Tribal Council Resolutions

Tribes' water rights quantified

On November 17, 1997, the Confederated Tribes, the United States, and the State of Oregon entered into an agreement quantifying the Treaty reserved water rights of the Tribes.

The Parties recently recognized an ambiguity in the agreement regarding the legal relationship between certain Tribal and State water rights. It was determined that the ambiguity could be removed through an amendment to the agreement. Resolution No. 10126 authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the intent under the agreement to protect the fish and other aquatic resources of the Deschutes Basin.

The Tribal Council believes that the proposed amendment to the agreement and the MOU are consistent with the original intent of the Parties to the Agreement and do not constitute a renegotiation of the terms of the Agreement.

Land purchases

Resolution No. 10130 authorizes the purchase of an undivided 1/432 interest in Warm Springs Allotment No. 263, Cree or Skitus deceased, at the negotiated consideration of \$150.46. The consideration to be paid from programmed land purchase funds.

The Tribes purchased an undivided 1/5 interest in Warm Springs Allotment No. 282, Oliver Kalama, deceased, at the negotiated consideration of \$16,400.00. Resolution No. 10131 authorized the action. The consideration to be paid from programmed land purchase funds.

Pelton purchase given approval

On April 12, 2000, the Tribes and Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") entered into a Long-Term Global Settlement and Compensation Agreement ("GSA") pursuant to which the Tribes would initially acquire from PGE an undivided one-third share of PGE's interest in the Project.

Resolution No. 10125 authorized the action, transferring one-third of PGE's interest in the Project to the Tribe on January 1, 2002.

The Project will operate under the direction of an Operating Committee comprised of one representative from PGE and one from the Tribes. The resolution authorized Jim Manion, Warm Springs Power Enterprise General Manager, to be the Tribes' representative on the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project Operating Committee.

Funds OK'd for forestry

The Forest Management Deduction Budget from timber sales available for the Intensive Forest Management Program is estimated at \$1,741,461 for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2002.

Because stumpage income has decreased in recent years, there is a need for Forestry and Natural Resources to search out other funding sources to maintain the Tribal Forestry program at its current level.

With Resolution No. 10128, the Tribal Council approved \$1,741,461 for the funding of the Warm Springs Intensive Forest Management Program for 2002.

The funds shall be reimbursed from timber sales no later than quarterly to the Confederated Tribes from Forest Management Deduction fees. The Tribal Council supports Forestry and Natural Resources efforts to secure outside funding and will allow these outside funds to be used by the respective program to maintain their programs at current levels.

Grant will benefit elders

Resolution No. 10127 authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to apply for a grant from Title VI of the Older American Act and other sources to provide services to Tribal elders. Indian elders over the age of sixty, who reside on the reservation, would benefit from nutrition and supportive services provided by the Senior Services Department through March 31, 2005.

Manion named forest manager

With Resolution No. 10138, the Tribal Council announced their support for an IPA agreement between the Bureau and CTWS to promote Douglas Manion, an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes, to the Forest Manager position.

Program helps fight tooth decay

Tooth decay is the most common serious health problem of Warm Springs children.

Research shows that early childhood carries results from infectious bacteria known as Mutans streptococci.

An antiseptic agent called chlorhexidine is highly effective against Mutans streptococci. The Tribe has the opportunity to be one of three sites in the U.S. to participate in an FDA efficacy trial to prove the effectiveness of chlorhexidine varnish when applied to the teeth of the mothers of young children for prevention of tooth decay.

Participation in this study is voluntary and has been designed to ensure that mothers and children will benefit from participation in the study. Resolution No. 10137 endorses the participation of the Warm Springs IHS Service Unit in the FDA efficacy study, and asks that the Warm Springs Service Unit staff provide all relevant information to the community about the study.

Wyam Board appointments

The Tribal Council named Nelson Wallulatum as the Wyam Board appointee and Bernice Mitchell as the alternate when it passed Resolution No. 10140.

Blackjack item

Representatives of the State of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes negotiated an Amendment to the Compact that authorizes house-banked blackjack.

The action, approved through Resolution No. 10136, extends the authorization for blackjack through December 31, 2002.

Tribes may sue over trust funds

A number of Tribes have brought suit against the United States of America, for mismanagement of their trust funds and resources.

The possibility exists that

the United States, as defendants in suits brought by Tribes, will seek to rely upon the presentation to Tribes of a report prepared by the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson and Company, detailing potential claims against the United States, as commencing the running of the Statute of Limitations as to any such claims.

Resolution No. 10141 directed the Tribal Attorneys to take such actions as they deem appropriate, including filing suit against the United States for damages as a result of mismanagement of the trust assets of the Tribes, to protect the Confederated Tribes from a claim that the Statute of Limitations has run.

Enrollments

With the passage of Resolution No. 10129, the following are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

Tyler Sequoia Buck, age 1 year old

Calayla Shirelle Heath, age 1

Cara Isabelle James, 1

Topaz Sammi O'Reilly, 1

Aramus Zephariah Rubio, age 1

Gabriel Luis Rubio, 1

Kiandra Destiny Smith, 1

William James Sohappyy-Wyngarden, age 1

With the passage of Resolution No. 10139, the following are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

Samiakin Red Bear Allen, age 1

Robert Elmer Charley III, age 1

Michael Thomas Gary Heath, age 3 months

Autum Kaanohi Laloi-Danzuka, age 1 year

Timothy David Meyers, age 3 months

Samantha Louise Starr, age 1 year

Dorian Antone Tappo Jr., age 1 year

Jocene Leda Alexi Tufti, 3 months

With the passage of Resolution No. 10146, the following are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes.

Elizabeth Betty Becarra, 3 months

Alex Kobi Smith-Morales, 3 months

Chance Charlene Billie Marie Starr, 3 months

Kendall Allen Thompson, 3 months

Delberta Priscelia Williams, 3 months

\$10 million OK'd for Pelton

Resolution No. 10144 authorized an investment of funds from the Warm Springs Revenue Reserve Fund to facilitate the acquisition of a portion of the Pelton Project, in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000). The Tribal Council believes it is appropriate to authorize investment of a portion of the Revenue Reserve Fund in the Pelton Project in order to obtain higher earnings for the Fund, to avoid payment of higher interest rates pursuant to the PGE loan, and to enhance the financial position of the Tribes' interest in the Project to facilitate issuance of revenue bonds.

Leases approved

Shana Johnson received a five-year grazing lease on Tribal land, located in the Seekseequa area, with the passage of Resolution No. 10132.

Property survey

The Confederated Tribes and the Heirs of Warm Springs Allotment No. 615, also known as McKay, McKie, Suppah, deceased have agreed to a retracement survey of the allotment.

The payment will be drawn from the Tribal Real Property Management Land Purchase Funds. With the passage of Resolution No. 10142, the Tribal Council granted the funding for a retracement survey of Allotment No. 615.

Sahme named to regional board

An Ad Hoc Committee for Advanced Telecommunications representing the Mid-Columbia region, calling itself Gorge Teleconsortium, has been formed.

It is made up of representatives of local governments, community organizations, community interests, and service providers. The Tribal Council supported the new organization by passing Resolution No. 10147.

Council recognizes the consortium's responsibility to provide a forum for sharing information, coordinating efforts with possible recommendations to local government, tribal council, and service providers on regional telecommu-

nication issues.

The Tribal Council appointed Sylvester Sahme Sr. to serve as the Tribes' representative to the Gorge Teleconsortium.

Bighorn reintroduction

The Tribal Council approved the proposed "Intergovernmental Agreement between the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon" regarding reintroduction of big horn sheep to the Mutton Mountains area of the Reservation, by passing Resolution No. 10124.

BIA appointment

Stating that they wanted to express their preference on the new Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent, Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 10135, urging the appointment of Gerald Henrickson as Superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency.

New utility line

Resolution No. 10134 approved the underground electric service line extension across Tribal Tract T3770 for the proposed electric distribution line to serve the residence of Marena Florez.

The resolution also approved the construction, placement and maintenance of the line.

Fishing permits

Resolution No. 10143 authorized the 2002 fishing permits and regulations for non-tribal member fishing on lakes and streams on and bordering the Reservation.

Timber salvage project approved

The Tribal Council agreed with the recommendations of the Biddle Pass Project Assessment and approved Alternative C from the Biddle Pass Project Assessment which will include salvage and sanitation harvest on over 2300 acres in the Biddle Pass area and also includes the harvest of some green lodgepole pine stands that are susceptible to the mountain pine beetle.

The timber salvaged from commercial forest ground will be charged to the annual allowable cut, and timber salvaged from conditional use ground will not be charged to the annual allowable cut. The Biddle Pass Salvage and Sanitation Action Plan and timber sale contract, authorized by Resolution No. 10145, will follow procedures established in the revised IRMP, 2001.

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