

Ballots arriving soon in the mail

There are about 550 registered voters on the Warm Springs Reservation, representing an important component in local elections.

The upcoming November 5 election includes a number of issues of significance to voters of the reservation.

The issues range from the governor's race to a Central Oregon Community College construction bond proposal. The Jefferson County Commission races are the most impor-

tant local political items on the Nov. 5 ballot.

There are two positions open on the commission board, and there are two candidates for each position. Warm Springs people will likely recognize the candidates. In one of these races, Mike Ahern, incumbent Democrat, is running against challenger Mary Zemke, Republican.

In the other race Walter Ponsford, Democrat, is running against Mike Goss, Republican. (See story below.)

The county and the tribal governments often work together on issues. The two sides do not always agree, as the Confederated Tribes have, for instance, challenged a county ordinance regulating development on property zoned for agriculture.

More often than not, though, the two sides try to cooperate, as happened during the transition in ownership of the Pelton-Round Butte hydroelectric facility. The voter participation rate

among people of the reservation is about the same as that of people in Jefferson County who live off the reservation.

In the election of November 2000, for example, the reservation saw a voter participation rate of just over 40 percent. In the county as a whole, there are close to 8,500 voters. Ballots for the Nov. 5 election will be in the mail on Friday, Oct. 18, or Monday, Oct. 21. As usual, there will be a drop box at the Tribal Administration building.

COCC seeks building bond

A measure on the Nov. 5 ballot would fund construction of a Central Oregon Community College campus in Madras.

On the ballot, the COCC District is seeking a \$32.25 million for the Madras campus, as well as other construction projects. This is measure 9-17 on the ballot.

The bonds would be repaid through taxes on property in the district off the reservation.

The COCC district is seek-

ing approval of this measure to finance capital construction projects as described in the 2002-12 COCC master plan.

COCC serves 43 percent more students than the school served in 1994, the last time a general obligation bond measure was approved by the district voters.

The district also served three times more students than were being served 25 years ago, the ballot measure states.

County commission candidates discuss reservation issues

The four candidates for the two open county commission seats are Mike Ahern and Mary Zemke, and Mike Goss and Walt Ponsford.

Zemke, Republican, is a medical transcriptionist. She has lived in the area since 1989. Her husband Ron Zemke worked at the Warm Springs mill for 16 years.

County land-use is an issue that Zemke feels strongly about. As an example, when the Confederated Tribes appealed the county agriculture zoning ordinance, Zemke joined the lawsuit on the side of the tribes.

"I feel the county commission has been trying to erode the protection of farm and range land," said Zemke.

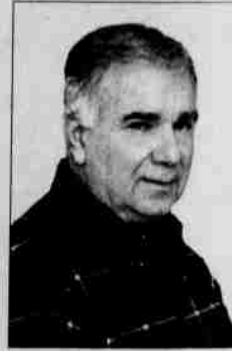
Zemke is the founder of



Mike Ahern



Mary Zemke



Walt Ponsford



Mike Goss

Stop Cogentrix, the group that opposed a gas-powered generation plant proposed for eastern Jefferson County. Cogentrix recently withdrew its proposal, because of the weak market for power.

Her opponent in the race is incumbent County Commissioner Mike Ahern, Democrat.

Many local residents may recognize Ahern as the long-time owner and operator of Ahern's Market in Madras.

"I grew up with Warm Springs people," said Ahern, whose parents moved to the area - Warm Springs in fact - in 1948.

Ahern explained his philoso-

phy in working with the Confederated Tribes as follows:

"I have strong respect for the sovereignty of the Warm Springs nation. As a commissioner, I would never try to tell the reservation what to do. At the same time I'm committed to working together for the common good of both of us."

The other commission race is between Mike Goss, of Farmer's Insurance in Madras, and Walt Ponsford, retired Madras High School teacher.

Goss, Republican, knows many Warm Springs people through his insurance business. "They're some of our best customers," said Goss, "and some of my favorites. I look forward to seeing people like Harrison Davis and Claude Smith, because of the stories they tell."

In working with the Confederated Tribes as county commissioner, Goss said, "The tribes can expect that I'm going to be supportive of any improvements they want to make on the reservation."

Many tribal members know

Walt Ponsford, Democrat, because he was a teacher at Madras High School for over 30 years.

"I'm on a friendly basis with quite a few Warm Springs residents," he said.

As commissioner in working with the tribes, Ponsford said, "I'm absolutely convinced that the tribes and the county need to work together, because anything else is not productive."

As an example, he mentioned the recent disagreement between the tribes and the county over land-use zoning.

"From what I understand of it, the tribes are simply asking that the law be obeyed," said Ponsford.

Resort awards scholarships

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino this year implemented a scholarship program, to assist tribal members enrolled in higher education. Scholarships of \$250 were

awarded Shilo R. Shaw, a seventh-year graduate student of Clinic Psychology at Oklahoma State University, and Floyd J. Calica, studying law at Central Oregon Community College.

Police recover stolen property

Warm Springs police recovered \$380 worth of property stolen from a house on Kuckup. Otis Johnson is wanted for questioning regarding the case.

Police recovered \$1,685 worth of stolen property from a burglary on County Line Road. One arrest has been made. The case is under investigation.

Police recovered stolen property from Warm Springs Fire

Management. Roger Minthorn was issued a citation in connection to this case.

Warm Springs police wish to make the following reminder:

"Possessing stolen property is a violation of the Tribal Code. Please keep up the calls to Warm Springs Investigations if someone attempts to sell you property you think may have been stolen."

Fires investigated

Police are investigating a series of abandoned trailer fires. One was on Oitz Loop and the other Tommy Street. Over the past couple months.

Anyone with information should call Warm Springs Police at 553-3272.

Fisheries jobs

The Fishery Science Department of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland invites applications for up to three positions starting in January. The positions are as follows:

Quantitative fishery scientists. The commission is seeking biologists with a strong background in statistics and population dynamics to lead research efforts in the production and restoration of salmonids in the Columbia Basin. The incumbent will play a leading role in a program of several projects, mostly related to productivity and survival of salmonids in nature and the reproductive ecology of cultivated fish. The positions offer exceptional opportunities to develop, in collaboration with researchers from other agencies, integrative approaches to important fish restoration issues.

Job requirements: A PhD in fisheries or a related natural resource discipline or an MS degree and three years of experience leading research project; demonstrated ability to supervise staff and to manage both field and office-oriented projects; ability to manage and analyze

both quantitative and qualitative information, particularly using computer applications; a proven scientific record. Knowledge of computational approaches to analysis of large databases will be considered an asset.

The Fishery Science Department has relevant research strengths in several areas including evolutionary ecology, fisheries science, population genetics, habitat management and aquaculture.

The department has strong research ties with the University of Idaho, and its activities are partly based in the soon-to-be renovated and expanded Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station in Hagerman, Idaho. Collaborative research with the university scientists is strongly encouraged.

For additional information please call email Dr. Andre Talbot (503) 731-1250, tala@critfc.org. Applications should be sent to Janelle Anderson, Human Resources Coordinator, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, 729 NE Oregon St., suite 200, Portland, OR 97232. Email andj@critfc.org. Application deadline is Oct. 31.

Employment

Jobs at Kah-Nee-Ta:
Maintenance worker II, one full-time position, open until filled. Responsible for general maintenance and repair throughout the property. Long hours sometimes required. At least three years experience in areas of building maintenance, such as painting, electrical, welding, plumbing, mechanical and carpentry. Valid ODI.

Esthetician/nail/technician spa, Wanapine. Open until filled. Independent contractor with prior spa experience preferred. Facials, body treatment and natural nails. On-site training for certain treatments. Week and weekends. ODI and insurance.

Industrial mechanic, one full-time position. Maintain refrigeration and air conditioning equipment for entire property, including ice machines. Oregon State Refrigeration Certificate and three years working experience in field.

To apply or fax resume: Contact Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino Human Resources Department at 553-1112, ext. 3401.

Other local jobs:
Substitute teacher aid, Head Start teacher, secretary, CPS specialist, Voc Rehab secretary, receptionist, library assistant, nurse aid, helicopter manager, fuels planner, industrial mechanic, journeyman plumber, industrial mechanic.

For information contact the Employment Department in Madras at 475-2382.

Enterprise contributes \$250,000



Dave McMecham/Spiiyay

Tribal Council Vice Chairman Garland Brunoe (left) receives a check for \$250,000 from Louie Tewee of Warm Springs Composite Products. The money goes to the tribal general fund. Composite Products produces Tectonite cement. Tribal Council congratulated Composite Products on their success in recent years.

Powwow seeks royalty

The 2003 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee is seeking young girls for the junior/senior queen courts.

Junior court is for girls 12 and under. Senior Court is for girls 13-18 years of age.

All girls will receive a percentage of their sales of the 2003 raffle tickets along with other gifts of appreciation.

Interested candidates need to submit a letter of interest stating why they want to be a representative of the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow, age, traditional background, hobbies and interests. For information call 553-9230.

POW-WOW

Native American Celebration



Photograph Exhibit

October 26-November 30, 2002

The Museum at Warm Springs invites you to celebrate the tradition, humanity and pageantry of Native American and the spirit of the pow-wow through this traveling photo exhibit.

The Opening Reception will take place **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26** from 3 to 5 p.m. in the museum's lobby 2189 Highway 26, Warm Springs, OR

Join us for food, fun and traditional Native American dancing

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Photos courtesy of the artist Andrew Hogarth from the exhibition Pow-wow: Native American Celebration, toured by Exhibits USA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance

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