

Sahme joins FCC advisory group

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Spilyay Tymoo

Sal Sahme has been appointed to the committee that advises the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on inter-governmental issues.

Sahme, enterprise development director for the Confederated Tribes, will represent tribal and rural perspectives on the FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

Sahme served for three years on the Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council. Recently, he and others in the tribal organization, through a \$30,000 Central Oregon Regional Investment Board grant, worked on an assessment of telecommunications needs of the reservation.

This effort then led to the awarding of a telecommunications development grant to the tribes in the amount of \$700,000. The funding will enable the tribes to bring broadband telecommunications access onto the reservation. Another key element of the project is the creation of a telecommunications community center, hous-



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ing 24 desktop computer stations connected to high speed Internet.

There are other telecommunications projects the tribes are considering, including the possibility of a closed-circuit television station on the reservation. Together there are about \$20 million in telecommunications projects the tribes would like to pursue.

So gaining access to funding

is important. Sahme's appointment to the FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee should help in that area. The appointment requires Sahme to travel to meetings four times a year in Washington, D.C. The Lower John Day Regional Investment Board will provide funding for this travel, so tribal money is not required, said Sahme.

The meetings in Washington

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will provide Sahme the opportunity to represent the tribes' interests in telecommunications, and also to learn of potential funding sources.

In his statement of interest to serve on the FCC Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, Sahme said, "I believe future rural interests in telecommunication depend on a shared vision. This includes our ability to attract and retain industry, and our capacity to work together."

The statement continues, "The U.S. began with trade and commerce built on a collaborative and government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations. We share a history of economic adaptation and strategic partnerships. Today tribal governments play a significant role in their respective regions' economies. We all want access to affordable high-speed broadband telecommunications services and infrastructure."

Two positions open on Housing Authority

The Tribal Council is announcing two vacancies on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. A commissioner may be a member or a non-member of the tribes, and may be a member or non-member of the Tribal Council.

The term of office is four years. The board shall have authority to exercise, by majority vote of those present and voting, any and all powers delegated to the Authority by the Housing Code. The meetings of the board are at regular intervals as designated by the chairman of the board. Emergency meetings may be

held up 24 hours actual notice and business transacted, provided that four or more members concur in the proposed action.

Anyone interested, please submit a resume and a letter of interest before Feb. 27 to the Tribal Council office: attention Doris J. Miller, P.O. Box 1299, Warm Springs, OR 97761. The resume should include information on background, such as education, work, training, etc. The letter of interest should state you are interested in serving and which board you are interested in. It is important you provide this information.

Dental program available

Here is advice, plus some good news, for new mothers of the Warm Springs community.

Cavities in your child's teeth start as infections passed from your mouth to your baby's, because of the close contact you have with your baby.

Your health care center is treating new moms with a new dental coating to try to prevent your mouth germs from infecting the baby, and to try to

avoid cavities in your child. Call Lila Martinez to learn more about this program, 553-2462.

Costs will be paid for those participating. Reimbursement will be made after finishing the first phase.

All appointments will be scheduled at a time convenient to you.

This is a message of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Twenty-five years ago this week

From the February 16, 1979 edition of Spilyay Tymoo.

Police Dept. gets its positions

Four positions requested by the tribal police department in their 1979 budget were "released" Feb. 5, after being held in abeyance by Tribal Council for four months.

The key that unlocked the positions was the formulation of a joint patrol plan by the police and the natural resources department. As a result, one patrolman has been assigned to cover Simnasho, Schoolie, Sidwalter, McQuinn Strip area with the added responsibility of range and game protection.

A concern of the Tribal Council throughout the budget negotiations has been the interface of the police department with other programs, particularly social services and natural resources.

Smith withdraws from running

After meeting with assistant Interior Secretary Forrest Gerard, the tribes' general manager Ken Smith "reluctantly"

had his name taken off the list of candidates for the post of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In so doing, Smith closed the door he had left open since November, when Gerard first approached him with the job.

Smith offered several reasons for his decision to withdraw from the running. The new job would have meant "taking a whack in my personal finances," he noted. But more importantly, Smith questioned the effectiveness of a commissioner coming aboard halfway through the administration.

Housing officials get 60-day extension

The U.S. District Court of Oregon granted a 60-day extension to HUD and the local housing authority to respond to a complaint filed by Marshall N. Dana Construction Inc. in mid January.

That gives attorneys and housing officials until the first week of April to prepare their defense.

Marshall N. Dana was terminated as the general contractor for the 50-unit HUD project in September, 1978, more than

three months after the project was scheduled to be completed.

Students take weekly jaunt to church

Every Monday afternoon, over 100 Warm Springs grade school children trek to the Presbyterian Church for the "Good News Club," sponsored by the Child Evangelism Fellowship program. Several volunteer teachers travel weekly to all Central Oregon grade schools to teach the "good news" to nearly 1,600 children in the area who are enthusiastically attending the sessions with parental permission.

Social workers focus on attendance, program improvement

Poor communication and coordination among the schools has prompted the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee to hire two social workers to help program be more effective.

The social workers are Papo Cruz, who works primarily with junior high students, and Sammy Colwash, who works with senior high school students. Both social workers also work with elementary students.

Young Achiever

Prenencia Van Pelt

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Seventeen-years-old Prenencia Van Pelt is the proud daughter of Levi and Pearl Van Pelt.

As it is her last year in school, Prenencia has found her niche in Leadership, which also happens to be her favorite class. And she has grown closer to George Talman, a teacher favored by many students. For fun, at school that is, she likes to get involved in school activities such as Homecoming, Spring Fling and sports.

The main reason for Van Pelt's assertiveness is she simply wants to be successful. With a shout out to all those listening Van Pelt says, "If you try your hardest, you're not a failure."

After Van Pelt is finished with high school, she plans on attending college. She is considering Portland State University, Haskell, Arizona State or the University of Oregon.

She is thinking about majoring in criminal justice or biology. When asked what

Prenencia Van Pelt

she plans on doing in the future Van Pelt stated, "I want to be successful in whatever I become."

Help needed with study

The tribal Fish and Wildlife On-Reservation Committee is seeking the assistance of any and all tribal member fishermen/women. The assistance is needed in conducting the food comparison study, traditional and non-traditional foods.

Please contact Chris Gannon, tribal environment office, 553-2020, or Nancy Collins, IHS sanitation, 553-4943, to give them the following information: Your name and contact number. Name of areas you fish, such as, mouth of the Columbia, Warm Springs River,

Sherars Bridge, etc. Species of fish/eels that you catch, amount of fish you catch at each site, percentage eaten, regularly, seasonally.

This information will be for tribal membership only. Any types of cancer or any other illnesses caused by various foods will be a comparative factor to this study. The Fish and Wildlife On-Reservation Committee is happy to answer questions you may have. Committee meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Contact number if 553-3257.

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