

Back on Council



Family and friends were on hand when Bernice Mitchell (front and middle on the left) rejoined the Tribal Council. Mitchell has been on the Council for many years, seeing the tribes through many changes and developments. She rejoined the Council after former councilman

Garland Brunoe resigned to take the job of general manager of Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino. Councilwoman Mitchell was the next runner-up in the Council election earlier this year. She represents the Agency District.

Subdivision plan at Seekseequa

The Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team has released a draft project assessment for the Seekseequa Subdivision. The document was prepared by the Project Interdisciplinary Team to provide options for the development of a 127-acre subdivision site in the southeast portion of the reservation.

The project assessment contains sections that describe the purpose and need for action, alternatives for implementation, tables to compare the alternatives, the Project Interdisciplinary Team's recommended alternative, maps of the project area, and mitigation to offset potential impacts.

The tribal public has been involved in the planning process for the

Seekseequa Subdivision over the course of several months. Tribal Council approved the site in 1993 and the area falls within boundaries for rural housing outline in IRMP.

A scoping meeting was held on May 24 at the Forestry Office and another was held June 10 at Agency Longhouse to solicit tribal member input on the proposed project. Comments received during the scoping process are used to identify issues that are relevant to the plan. A summary of the comments is on file in the Natural Resources administration office.

For more information or copies of the documents contact Kip Burdick at 553-3221. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed plan.

American Indian group to put poll watchers at voting precincts

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A national American Indian group plans to put poll watchers at voting precincts with a high percentage of American Indian voters in Oregon and 12 other states on Nov. 2.

The Native Vote 2004: Election Protection Project is an initiative to ensure that every Indian voter who is eligible to vote does, and that each vote is counted fairly, said national coordinator Heather Dawn Thompson.

"This has never been done in Indian Country before with the exception of South Dakota. So we're pretty excited about it," said Thompson, who is also president of the Native American Bar Association in Washington,

D.C. Other states included in the project are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Washington and Wisconsin.

Thompson said problems in South Dakota illustrate the importance of voter's access and education.

During one South Dakota election, partisan poll watchers stood in front of heavily Indian precincts and told voters to go home if they didn't have an ID, Thompson said.

But Thompson said South Dakota law allows people who have no ID to vote by signing an affidavit attesting to their identity.

Activities to raise domestic violence awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The following events are planned at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center to raise awareness:

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, "The Incredible Years: Parental Assistance for Challenging Kids," by Portland Morrison Center Mental Health, at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 5: Walk for Peace, contact Montel Elliott for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 6: Parenting class at the Community Counseling Center.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7-8: Community alcohol and drug aware-

ness with Dr. Bob Ryan at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 13: Parenting class at the Community Counseling Center.

Also on Oct. 13: Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Carnival, contact Montel Elliott for more information.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 19-20: Rez violence and anger resolution with Arlie Neskahi at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 20: Parenting class at the Community Counseling Center.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21-22: "Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse," put on by the Kids Center of

Bend at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Tribal Court alcohol and drug class will present domestic violence/child abuse prevention.

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Parenting class at the Community Counseling Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Cancer 101 community workshop on breast and cervical cancer. Contact the CHET Program for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 28: Methamphetamine conference and the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

The week of October 25: Red Ribbon week activities at the Community Wellness Center.

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