

## New owner takes over The Deschutes Crossing Restaurant and Coffeeshop

By Leslie Mitts  
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"Uh oh."  
James Halliday utters the words with a casual laugh.

The cash register is at it again — ringing up a mysterious total of \$5,505. Halliday can only hit a couple buttons and hope for the best.

The cash register is the only thing at the Deschutes Crossing Restaurant that hasn't adjusted yet to the new ownership, as evident by its occasional malfunction.

Halliday is the new man behind the register after taking over as the owner May 11, and he treats the machine in the same way that he treats everything else: with a relaxed sense of humor and jovial smile.

Born in Seattle, Halliday is a tribal member who has done it all: Though he started out at a young age in the restaurant business as a dishwasher, Halliday moved on to work at everything from apple packing to car sales.

After moving to Warm Springs, he began working at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino and later as a plumber for the Utilities Department.

When he heard the Deschutes Crossing Restaurant was for sale, Halliday ap-

proached the owners. "They told me to get my paperwork in order," he said.

The restaurant has gone through several owners since its opening, the latest being Jason and Snuffie Smith, whose parents, Buck and Suzy Smith, owned the restaurant before that.

Now, with a pencil tucked behind one ear, Halliday trades jokes with employees, as he still has to stop occasionally to check a price on the menu.

A Warm Springs resident since 1992, Halliday said his main concern is to improve the commercial corridor in order to boost the economy. In Halliday's opinion, it is important for everyone to become economically self-sufficient.

His concern for fellow tribal members is evident, as Halliday discusses his desire to see the economy improve.

One of the things he's most proud of is that out of his 15 employees, eight are tribal members or have married into the tribe.

Of those employees, Halliday said, "All of them have been reliable and hard-working. I could not have asked them to prepare better food."

Halliday has three children, but, "Unfortunately they haven't been able to share this happy

experience with me," he said.

The experience of owning the restaurant is a bittersweet one for Halliday, because of the death of his mother. He said, "If it weren't for my mother, I wouldn't have been able to get the restaurant."

"Her dream was for our family to have our own successful business," Halliday added — a dream that has come true after her death.

He credits several people for his success, but especially the Smiths for all of their advice about the restaurant business.

Others like tribal chief financial officer Ray Potter, finance officer Jamie Burleigh and his former employer Utilities manager Herb Grayveal have only added to the amount of support that Halliday has received. In addition, the tribal elders have taken time to wish him well.

"The amazing outpouring of support that I have received from the community has been overwhelming," Halliday said.

The support is obvious in the number of customers that pack the restaurant during busy times.

As customers leave with full stomachs, Halliday offers a farewell: "Come back soon. Bring the whole tribe."

## Summer work program undergoes changes

Budget cuts have prompted changes in the summer work program this year.

The program, led by the Workforce Development Program, helps students find summer work. However, not all students who applied have been placed in a job this summer, and it's all based on a lottery that the program conducted.

Different deadlines were set for applications because boarding school students begin school earlier than pub-

lic school students, and names were drawn for students to be selected for employment.

Pending a drug screen, students were placed in a position that deals with their interests and future career goals.

Thirty students were placed on a waiting list after the lottery.

But those students shouldn't worry, said Verleen Kalama, administrator of the Youth Development Program. "They won't be left out of a job," she said.

Kalama added that some students who weren't selected in the lottery have been hired by

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort or by the Department of Natural Resources.

The program does more than job placement, Kalama said. They also help students when it comes to interviews, filling out forms, or starting a checking account.

Students are encouraged to attend leadership and awareness conferences, and can sometimes earn high school credit for the work that they complete during the summer.

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## Vandalism takes toll on Utilities Department

By Selena Boise  
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After a fun weekend for all who attended Pi-Ume-Sha, the clean up after the event brings more than should be expected of Warm Springs Utilities employees.

As they arrive at the public restrooms at the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds, and Elmer Quinn Park

they see vandalism that has taken place during the weekend added to the daily vandalism from community members.

The result of this vandalism is spray painted walls, toilets and urinals. There were also rocks used to break a toilet seat. This kind of vandalism and other vandalism that takes place throughout the community cre-

ates repair work for the Utilities Department, taking them away from their normal daily duties.

"It's possible we might have to close down these restrooms," stated Reva Johnson, employee of the Utilities Department.

The damage and repair is too frequent for proper and timely maintenance, she said.



James Halliday (right) stands with employee John Sconowah.

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