

Resolutions recognize issues of employment and governance

By Leslie Mitts
Spilyay Tymoo

Tribal Council will host a public meeting for the Agency District during the third week of this month. Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum encouraged Agency District members to watch for a notice announcing the date and attend the meeting.

Wallulatum said the meeting is to address concerns voiced by tribal members in a survey conducted by Warm Springs Ventures last fall.

"The main subject of it will be to revise the tribal Constitution and bylaws," he said.

Tribal Council officials will also be reviewing the Constitution in regards to compensation and excess money.

In their response to the survey, tribal members expressed concern that some government officials are abusing expense and travel reimbursements—something that Wallulatum said they hope to be able to resolve.

"We want the people to respond as to how they would like to fix the Constitution," Wallulatum said.

No supper will be served at the meeting.

In addition, Tribal Council has recently approved two resolutions, Wallulatum said.

Resolution number 10,668 aims to take specific action to provide a significant increase in tribal income and the number and variety of on-reservation jobs. Currently tribal members under the age of 25 account for

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Resolution number 10,669 recognizes the concerns of tribal members regarding the operation of tribal government. The resolution aims to take actions to restore trust in tribal council

by improving the council's leadership, performance, stability and integrity.

Through this resolution, tribal council officials hope to work toward establishing a strong relationship between the community and tribal government for the future.

In part they plan to do so by fully informing tribal members about their activities and reasoning.

Wallulatum hopes that can start now, by informing community members about the recently passed resolutions. He said, "We will do our best to try to explain these two resolutions."

Copies of both resolutions are currently available for public review at Tribal Council.

Rodgers launches real estate career after many years with tribes

Gayle Rodgers is now working as a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker Dick Dodson Realty in Madras. Rodgers is a well-known person to many people of the Warm Springs community.

He worked for the tribes as director of Social Services for nearly 28 years. The position was one of a dozen or so that was cut during the 2006 tribal budget reductions.

Rather than seek grant money to continue in the position, "It was time to try something new," Rodgers said recently.

He obtained his real estate license over last summer. He encourages any tribal members, or other community members who are interested in buying a home to contact him.

"An important thing to remember in looking off the reservation to buy property," Rodgers said, "is the re-sale value of the property later on down the road."

Rodgers is a member of the Quapaw tribe of Oklahoma. He went to college at Eastern Oregon University,



Gayle Rodgers

where he met many people from Warm Springs. One of his roommates in college, for instance, was Benson Heath.

After graduating he learned of an opening with the tribes social services program. He took the job, and eventually became director of Social Services, which has included programs such as vocational rehabilitation, commodities, energy assistance, the senior program, recreation, the Boys and Girls Club, and High Lookee, among others.

To contact Rodgers call 475-6137 (business); or his cell at 325-3164.

— by Dave McMechan

9-ball tourney set for February

The Eleventh Annual Sweetheart 9-ball tournament is scheduled for February 18 at City Slickers in Redmond. Sign up will start at 10 a.m. and tournament play will begin at 12 noon. This will be race to five with \$25 stick fee, which includes \$2.50 greens fees. First place will receive jackets, trophy and cash; second and third will receive trophy and cash. For information about this tournament contact Glenda at 923-2231, or Karen at 923-1054. You may also call City Slickers at 548-3731.

Correction

In the previous Spilyay the grandparents of Kevin Lee Gadberry should have read Lucy Gadberry, Lee Gadberry, and Iris Smith. The Spilyay apologizes for the error.

Youth basketball at Toppenish

The Youth Pot of Gold All-Indian Basketball Tournament will be March 16-18 at the Toppenish Community Center. Pre-entry only.

Entry needed by March 14, no exceptions. Mail entry to: CRIRA, 6470 S. Ahtanum, Yakima, WA 98903. Cashiers

check or money order only. Boys and girls (9-12 grade), entry fee \$150. Boys and girls (5-8 grade), entry fee \$150. Co-ed (4th grade and under), entry fee \$125.

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