

## Meeting on proposed power line

The Land Use Planning Committee is requesting the public to attend one of three scoping meetings at the Agency Long House regarding:

The proposed transmis-

sion line for the future Warm Springs Biomass LLC power plant, located at the Warm Springs Forest Products plant.

Contact the Land Use Planning Committee for more information 553-3258.

The first meeting will start at noon on Wednesday, June 6, at the Agency Longhouse. Lunch is provided.

Presenters are Rafael Queaphama, Jim Manion, and Deepak Sehgal.

## News from Indian Country

### Tribe banishes blogger from reservation

BELCOURT, N.D. (AP) — An American Indian tribe has banished a blogger who wrote a magazine article criticizing conditions on the reservation and calling for an end to "cradle-to-grave entitlements."

The resolution by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa says Rob Port's column was "injurious to the peace and seriously threatens the general welfare, health, safety, political security and prosperity" of the tribe and others in North Dakota.

Port is webmaster for SayAnythingBlog.com. The column ran in the January issue of The Dakota Beacon and appeared on the blog. He says he found out about the tribe's de-

cision from a fellow blogger. "How do you ban somebody from land without even telling them about it?" Port said. "It doesn't seem very straightforward, banning somebody for an opinion piece."

Port said he spent about 15 hours "going around neighborhoods and knocking on doors" on the reservation for his column, titled "The Appalling State of North Dakota Indian Reservations."

He wrote that people are "perfectly content to live there. Probably because they don't know any better. They were likely raised in housing projects by their parents, who in turn were probably raised in housing projects themselves."

Port's column also called for an end to reservations and "cradle-to-grave entitlements."

Tribal Vice Chairman Ted Henry said the column unfairly generalizes life on the reservation.

"It cut our people down," Henry said. "We do have a lot of good people here. The article doesn't say anything about that. A lot of our Indian people work hard."

The tribe adopted a banishment ordinance last year to fight illegal drugs. People who are not tribal members can be banished without warning if the tribe deems immediate removal necessary.



Miss Warm Springs Sallie Polk-Adams performs the Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language on Saturday at the Collage of Culture in Madras. Leslie Mitts/Splyay

### Project in limbo because of centuries-old law

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP) — A plan to put a Home Depot and other businesses on Coquille Tribal property is in limbo because of a law signed by President George Washington in 1790.

The Indian Nonintercourse Act shields tribes from being cheated out of their land by speculators.

But it also prevents tribes from selling or leasing land except through a treaty with the federal government as a party to the deal.

It is considered the last major hurdle to the Coquille Economic Development Corp.'s Ko Kwel Wharf project, a 50-acre retail and

entertainment project north of The Mill Casino-Hotel. Home Depot, which is paying for much of the infrastructure for the shopping center, worries the lease might not be legal.

"When it's our \$20 million going into a project, we want to make sure that there is no question about the validity of the lease that has been signed," said Brian Cannard, the real estate manager for Home Depot's Northwest Division.

But representatives from Home Depot and the business arm of the Coquille Indian Tribe say there is hope that Senate Bill 1286 introduced by Oregon's Republican Sen. Gordon Smith this month, will ex-

empt the tribe in current and future projects.

If passed, it would apply only to land purchased by the tribe that is not reservation land.

Brady Scott of the business wing of the tribe said the law came to his attention during negotiations with Home Depot.

He said Smith's bill must pass before Home Depot will sign a lease and begin building. He said the tribe would be willing to go ahead now if Home Depot had no issues with the law. He said plans are not on hold and that work on permits and designs continues.

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